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Holiday closures set

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The *Leader* office will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of Thanksgiving. The Leader office will reopen at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1.

Clear Brook City MUD

Clear Brook City MUD will close at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, and will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1. For customer convenience, check or money orders may be left in the drop box on the drive-thru window side of the building. No cash may be accepted in the drop box.

Residents who have trash services Thursday will not have trash pickup on Thanksgiving. Service will resume Monday, Dec. 1. Residents who have trash services on Friday will not be affected. All trash must be curbside by 6 a.m. the day of pickup.

Friendsgiving event planned

A Friendsgiving event will take place at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road, Tuesday, Nov. 25, beginning at noon. This year's event will also include bingo.

Attendees may come alone or with others. Individual tickets are \$10, and to host a table is \$35 (up to seven people). Each attendee must bring a food item (turkey and ham will be provided). Suggestions include fruit/vegetable trays and side dishes and desserts.

All proceeds will go toward the *Leader*'s annual Christmas toy drive. See related story on this page. For additional information, call or text Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Winter Wonderland planned

The fourth annual Winter Wonderland event will take place Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Clear Brook City MUD building/property, located at 11911 Blackhawk near Scarsdale, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Hosted by the Clear Brook City MUD and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, this year's event will be one of many firsts, according to organizers. In addition to the fake snow, train rides and free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus featured in previous years, this year's event will offer a chance to meet Mr. and Mrs. Grinch, Lilo, Stitch, Bluey and H-E-Buddy; explore a fire engine; and play on a bouncy house. The family friendly event will also feature free hot cocoa and cookies while supplies last.

Winter Wonderland is free and open to the public. Guests are encouraged, however, to bring one nonperishable can of food per person (pet or human food). For additional information about this year's event, visit southbelt-chamber.com/winter-wonderland.

Kirkwood to meet Nov. 24

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held the last Monday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

City composts pumpkins

City of Houston residents are urged to compost their discarded pumpkins rather than just throwing them away. The city's fifth annual Pumpkin Compost Drop-Off Program, currently underway through Nov. 29, will reduce waste while also helping to make a greener Houston. Pumpkins may be dropped off at the city of Houston Reuse Warehouse, 9003 N. Main St., and at the Westpark Recycling Center, 5900 Westpark Drive in Kingwood. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

New Covenant feeds needy

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

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes Road at Beamer, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Beltway closures planned

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

Gulf Freeway closure 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/Brittan 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.

Paxton sues county over immigrant assistance

State says funding unconstitutional; county calls lawsuit "cheap political stunt"

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has filed a lawsuit against Harris County, alleging that its renewed funding of an immigration legal defense program violates the Texas Constitution.

The move has sparked a heated debate between state and local officials over the role of public funds in supporting undocumented immigrants.

The lawsuit, filed on Nov. 11, targets Harris County's Immigrant Legal Services Fund (ILSF), which was created in 2020 to provide legal representation to immigrants facing deportation. Last month, the Harris County Commissioners Court voted 4-1 to allocate \$1.3 million to continue the program, which contracts with five nonprofit organizations including Justice for All Immigrants, KIND and BakerRipley.

Paxton condemned the initiative in stark terms.

"We must stop the left-wing radicals who are robbing Texans to prevent illegals from being deported by the Trump Administration," Paxton said in a press release. "Beyond just being blatantly unconstitutional, this is evil and wicked. Millions upon millions of illegals invaded America during the last administration, and they must be sent back to where they came from."

In response, Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia issued a strong defense of the program.

"Assisting with the legal process for immigration courts ensures that persons who make our economy work are being served by our system," said Garcia. "We don't apologize for legally assisting people who contribute to our economic engine, especially people who have served in our military. As the former Harris County Sheriff, I support removing dangerous and violent people in this country illegally. Instead, we are seeing people with no criminal record, including U.S. citizens and legal residents, being nabbed on the street. I have heard from local residents how our local economy has been impacted by these masked enforcers to the point that some businesses are struggling to keep their doors open

because of a loss of labor and patrons."

Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee also weighed in, calling the lawsuit "a cheap political stunt" and vowing to defend the program in court.

"At a time when the president has unleashed ICE agents to terrorize immigrant neighborhoods, deport U.S. citizens and legal residents and separate families, this program is more important than ever," said Menefee.

The lawsuit names Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and all four commissioners as defendants. The lone dissenting vote on the funding came from Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey, the court's only Republican member.

Hughes/Sabo reopens to traffic



A lengthy Houston Public Works project to replace a force main at Beltway 8 and Hughes Road/Sabo was completed this past week, with all lanes reopening to through traffic. While city officials initially said the project – begun in March 2024 – would take only two to three months to complete, it actually took 20. A similar project on nearby Sageglen Drive was also completed. Work continues, however, on a similar Public Works project on Fuqua. See related photo on Page 2.

Photo by James Bolen

County promotes diabetes awareness

November marks American Diabetes Month; county offers help

ness.

Certain racial and ethnic groups, including black, Hispanic and Native American people, are at higher risk for developing diabetes.

Approximately 210,000 youth under 20 years old have been diagnosed with diabetes, with type 2 diabetes increasingly being diagnosed in children and adolescents.

Prevention strategies such as maintaining a healthy diet and engaging in regular physical activity are crucial in reducing the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The CDC emphasizes that lifestyle changes can significantly lower the risk of diabetes and improve overall health. Research shows that structured lifestyle intervention programs can lead to significant reductions in type 2 diabetes among at-risk populations.

As part of the organization's commitment to fighting diabetes, HCPH offers the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), designed to help individuals at risk make sustainable lifestyle changes. The DPP provides participants with education on healthy eating, physical activity and behavior changes to reduce their risk of developing

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Key facts about diabetes

The total estimated cost of diagnosed diabetes in the U.S. was \$327 billion in 2017, including medical expenses and lost productivity.

Nearly one in four people with diabetes is unaware they have the condition, highlighting the importance of regular screenings and aware-

Election results recap

Salinas edged out a victory during the Nov. 4 general election, defeating Boykins by less than 1 percentage point. Salinas received 21.9 percent of the vote to Boykins' 21 percent. Jordan Thomas came in third with just over 16 percent of the vote.

Salinas performed well in Harris County, winning 274 of its 600 precincts, while Boykins performed strongly in Fort Bend County, where he captured 54 percent of the vote. Salinas also bested Boykins in Montgomery County, where she received 15 percent of the vote to Boykins' 13 percent.

Boykins faces Salinas in contest to replace Plummer

Meet the candidates

Boykins is a lobbyist and former Houston City Council member who previously represented District D, which includes the South Belt community, as well as the Museum District, Third Ward and Sunnyside. He also ran for mayor in 2019. His campaign has emphasized experience and community ties.

"I've walked these streets, I've served these neighborhoods, and I know what it takes to get things done," Boykins said on election night.

Salinas is a Houston-based attorney and political newcomer. Her campaign has focused on improving delivery of city services, equity and democratic values.

"Houston deserves a council member who will fight for fairness and efficiency in every corner of the city," Salinas said in a statement following the election.

Prior to the Nov. 4 election, the priorities of the two candidates were almost indistinguishable – so much so that Salinas accused Boykins of plagiarizing from her website, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Both candidates have an impressive list of endorsements.

Boykins has been endorsed by a cross section of politicians representing both sides of the

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Leader begins annual toy, food drive

Donations benefit families in immediate South Belt area

High School.

Other past donors include Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia, Pasadena ISD Police Department, American Legion Post 490, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

Past recipients include single-parent families and families suffering from illness, unemployment or incarceration. Anyone who knows of local families who are experiencing special circumstances are asked to contact the *Leader* at 281-481-5656 or mynews@southbeltleader.com.

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Pct. 2 makes major drug bust



Acting on a tip from a concerned resident, members of Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit raided a suspected drug house Wednesday, Nov. 13, in the 8400 block of Major Blizzard Drive in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision, seizing large quantities of narcotics, six guns and around \$10,000 in U.S. currency. Three suspects were arrested, two of whom were targets of a lengthy investigation. See related photo on Page 2.

Drug house raided by Pct. 2 deputies

Acting on a tip, deputies seize narcotics; 3 suspects arrested



Mason Douglas



Kenneth Wysinger



Kashuan Pinson

Acting on a tip from a concerned resident, members of Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit executed a successful search warrant Wednesday, Nov. 13, on a known drug house located in the 8400 block of Major Blizzard Drive in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision near Blackhawk and Kirkfair.

The Special Operations Unit was aided with this warrant by members of the U.S. Marshals Service and the DEA-Galveston Regional Office.

The Special Operations Unit conducted the lengthy narcotics investigation on the residence located inside the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision several weeks prior to the raid after being alerted by a neighbor about possible drug activity at the house. The investigation was able to develop enough evidence to have a search warrant signed Tuesday, Nov. 12, and the following day, the search warrant was executed without incident. Investigators said law enforcement agents entered the residence through the home's

windows and conducted the raid at a time the suspects were believed to be sleeping.

During the operation, deputies discovered narcotics throughout the residence and were able to arrest two of the targets of the investigation. A third male who was inside the residence was also taken into custody for having an outstanding felony warrant for evading in motor vehicle.

The Special Operations Unit was able to recover approximately 350g Xanax, 1000g Aderol, 1800g hydrocodone, 850g ecstasy, 250g oxycodone M30, 250g fentanyl, 250g carisoprodol (Somas), 200g crystal methamphetamine and several other narcotics and items

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Meador celebrates Veterans Day with a performance



Meador Elementary's third-graders performed a program to honor veterans. Left to right, are Ashlynn Meza, Kashton Herrera, Judy Rivera, Camila Lopez and Tracie Nair (music teacher).

City runoff scheduled

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aisle, including Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Commissioner Tom Ramsey and Beto O'Rourke, as well as Houston Council members Martha Castex-Tatum, Willie Davis and Edward Pollard.

Salinas has gained endorsements from many of the area's top elected officials, like Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia, U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia and District Attorney Sean Teare. Among the Houston City Council members who have thrown their support behind Salinas are Sallie Alcorn, Mario Castillo and Joaquin Martinez.

Political experts said Boykins likely benefited during the November general election from the race to replace former Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner also being on the ballot — a luxury he likely won't be afforded in the runoff. While the TX-18 contest will also head to a runoff, it will prob-

ably be held on a separate day than the city contest.

Early voting for the Houston At-Large Position 4 runoff election will begin Monday, Dec. 1, and continue through Tuesday, Dec. 9.

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

For additional information, visit harrisvotes.org.

TX-18

Gov. Greg Abbott announced at press time that a runoff election to fill the state's 18th Congressional District seat vacated by the death of former Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner will take place Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026.

In that 16-candidate race, Amanda Edwards and Christian Menefee emerged as the top two vote earners in November's general election, with Edwards securing approximately 29 percent of the vote to Edwards' 26 percent.

Early voting will begin Wednesday, Jan. 21.



Alvin Combs, a resident of Country Place and member of New Hope Church, passed away on Nov. 8, 2025, at Creekside Alzheimer's Special Care Center due to a high-grade brain glioma and multiple pulmonary embolisms. He was 89.

Born on Jan. 24, 1936, in Royal Oak, Mich., Alvin was the son of Friel Combs and Edith Burgess. He grew up with an older brother, Charles (who is still living in Michigan), and a younger brother, Leon, who passed away in his 40s. Alvin was a hardworking youth, delivering papers and working on a dairy farm. He began his education in a one-room schoolhouse, which is now a museum. He graduated from Utica High School in 1953, where he excelled in football and baseball.

A few months after graduating, he enlisted in the Marine Corps.

From 1954 to 1957, his service with the Marine Corps detachment aboard the USS Curtiss involved classified participation in operations Redwing and Wigwam, guarding and handling 12 hydrogen bombs detonated in the Marshall Islands. For 49 years, the mission's details were held in strict confidence. With the recent declassification of his service record, he was finally able to offer a firsthand account of the hydrogen bomb tests in the 2020 documentary film, *Burning Sky*. Alvin's vital contributions to national security were formally acknowledged with the Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal.

His level Q security clearance enabled his participation in the 1969 Apollo Space Program (Flights 11-13) at Cape Canaveral, which included the first moon landing.

He began his career at Chrysler Corp., where he met his wife, Rita Livingston. They were married in 1958 and renewed their vows on their 65th anniversary.

The couple shared a love for bowling, dancing, golfing, playing cards, and traveling, visiting every U.S. state and locations including Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, the Panama Canal, and unreported.

Food donations will be accepted at the *Leader* office beginning Monday, Dec. 8.

There is a particular need for donations appropriate for older children and teens, such as clothing, sporting goods, makeup kits and gift cards.

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Sageglen Drive reopens



Water/road repairs on Sageglen Drive between Sagedowne and Hughes Road were recently completed, with city crews opening all lanes of traffic. Similar repairs are being planned for the Harris County portion of Sageglen Drive between Sagedowne and Scarsdale. A Houston Public Works project located at the nearby intersection of Beltway 8 and Hughes Road/Sabo was also completed this past week. See related photo on Page 1.

Photo by James Bolen

Leader begins Christmas drive Toy donations currently being accepted

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The drive began accepting toys Monday, Nov. 17, with donations being accepted at the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer between Kirkfair and Beltway 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Deputies raid drug house through windows



Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit raided a suspected drug house Wednesday, Nov. 13, in the 8400 block of Major Blizzard Drive, seizing narcotics, weapons and cash. Deputies gained entry to the residence through the home's windows at a time the two target suspects were believed to be asleep. See related story and photo on Page 1.

Stuchbery names October Stallions of the month



Stuchbery Elementary officials recently announced the Stallions of the month for October. Pictured, left to right are, (first row) Camila Arrieta, David "Trey" Brown, (second row) Andrew Ash, Kingsley Wysinger, Euliana Gomez, Elizabeth Elliott, Josiah Garza, Leonel Guzman, Sage Smith, Hailey Quiroz, Magnolia Adams, (third row) Ariana Arrieta, Ivan Rios, Elijah Garcia, Remmi Ortiz, Jayleen Martinez, Aliah Rosales, Kathy Vu, Elia Rivera, (fourth row) Jose Hernandez (principal), Madeline Jacuinde, Leslie Grooms, Mario Santiago, Bryson Boyd, Dixon Jodway, Nathaniel Guerrero, Alyssa Valdez (counselor), (fifth row) Christopher Castillo, Mario Tzintzun, Valeria Velasquez, Adilene Tovar and Camila Moreno. Not pictured, are David Borders, Karter Myers and Olivia Mendez.

Deaths

Alvin Combs

le and Ireland. His passion for sports led to impressive achievements as a semipro bowler and golfer, earning him a perfect 300 game and a hole-in-one. He was an avid fan of big band swing and jazz, and he and Rita enjoyed dancing the slow shoe or jitterbug for over 65 years. As a team, they were top-producing realtors in Pennsylvania from 1994 to 1997 and in Pearland, Texas, from 1997 to 2024. When New Hope Church was built in 1997, Alvin dedicated 28 years to serving as a greeter. Known as "The Flagman," he dedicated over two decades to crafting and installing flags and flags for residents of Country Place. He also honorably represented the Marine Corps at their annual Veterans Day flag-raising ceremony.

The day after Christmas in 2024 while walking his 75-pound dog, Alvin was pulled to the pavement when a passing car brushed his dog, Brandi. He was released from the hospital the next day with fractures to his collarbone, ribs, and sinuses; however, internal brain bleeding went undetected until a month later, when its discovery led to a rapid decline in his dementia. A high-grade brain glioma was found after the bleeds were stopped. He spent two months in hospice before moving to the Alzheimer's Special Care Center. A week after the move, multiple pulmonary embolisms were detected. He passed a few days later at the center.

Alvin is survived by his wife; and his children, Cheryl Combs Young and Becky Au of Pearland and Brian Combs of Pennsylvania. He leaves behind seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, who all lovingly called him "Poppi." He was preceded in death by his youngest daughter, Jennifer Michalak, in 2010. All of Alvin's daughters graduated from Dobie High School between 1977 and 1980 while the family lived in Sagemeadow. He was a devoted animal lover, treating all his dogs and cats like cherished family members.

"Mimi" Sandlin will be remembered for her dedication to her family, her commitment to her students, and her unwavering faith. Above all her warmth, wisdom, and love will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

The family would like to thank her amazing team of caregivers Irene Rodriguez, Alma Garcia, Lorraine Orosco and Veronica Guzman; and the entire staff of MD Anderson and Memorial Hermann Medical Center.

The service honoring Shirley's life was held Saturday, Nov. 15, at Forest Park Lawndale and was followed by the burial.



ily at the age of 80 following a short but courageous battle with leukemia.

Born July 16, 1945, to Jessie and Cecil Sterett, Shirley was a proud Houstonian who dedicated her life to education, faith and family. After attending Texas Tech University, she earned her education degree from the University of Houston, which launched her long and distinguished career as a mathematics teacher for 25 years.

Shirley was a devoted and active member of Sagemont Church for many years, where her faith was a guiding light in her life. Outside of the classroom and church, she was an avid Houston Astros fan and watched all kinds of sports. She cherished the time spent with her family, especially trips to Branson, Mo., creating lasting memories and attending just about every show they offered.

Shirley is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 56 years, William "Bill" Sandlin, and her mother and father.

She is survived by her son, Phil Sandlin (Nerissa); and daughter, Jennifer Kramer (Robert). Her legacy continues through her grandchildren, Blake Sandlin, Kelsie Shafer (Daniel), Rachel Smith, Ian Smith, Madison Kramer, Clayton Sandlin, Samantha Kramer, Amy Kramer and Morgan Worrell (Dustin). She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Alison Jo Shafer, who carries on their sweet Mimi's name; Maisy Worrell; and Harper Worrell.

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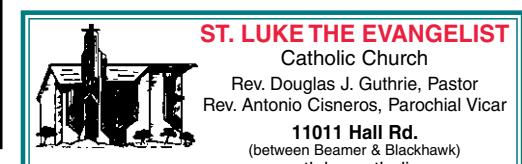
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Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. and 10 a.m.*
Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.	Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

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South Belt participates in PISD chess tournament



South Belt Elementary's chess team participated in Pasadena ISD's fall chess tournament on Nov. 8, at Thompson Intermediate School. With their medals and certificate are, left to right, Paxton Nhem, fourth in the fourth-grade division; Paris Guy, sixth in third-grade; and Eli Sutton, fourth in the third-grade division.

Photo by Anh Ton

Stacey attends Cattlelac Elite Livestock Show



Dobie FFA student Luke Stacey and his heifer, Princess, took home first place in both rings at Cattlelac Elite Livestock Show held at Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg on Oct. 25.

Drug house raided by Pct. 2 deputies

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found to be evidence for this case.

Deputies also seized six firearms and approximately \$10,000 in U.S. currency during the raid.

The target suspects in this case were identified as 36-year-old Kenneth Wysinger and 25-year-old Mason Douglas, both of whom were taken into custody without incident. The third male taken into custody during the execution of the search warrant was identified as 27-year-old Kashawn Pinson.

Wysinger later agreed to give up the remainder of his narcotics located at an apartment complex he was leasing. The narcotics recovered from the apartment included 100g Xanax, 100g Adderall, 350g Oxycodone M30, 50g Hydrocodone, 12g Carisoprodol (Somas), 150g cocaine, 20g crystal methamphetamine and

several other narcotics and items found to be evidence for this case.

Upon completion of this investigation, both Wysinger and Douglas were charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, with bonds being set at \$750,000 for Wysinger and \$220,000 for Douglas.

Garcia took to social media to celebrate the arrests.

"Constable Garcia wants to thank the assistance from U.S. Marshals office and DEA-Galveston Regional Office for assisting with this successful investigation, as well as all his deputies involved," a post on the constable's Facebook page read. "Constable Garcia will continue to target this type of illegal activity in an effort to make a difference in his neighborhoods with his precinct. Please stay safe and God Bless."

County promotes diabetes awareness

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type 2 diabetes. Through support and guidance from trained lifestyle coaches, community members can take proactive steps toward better health and wellbeing.

For more information about the program, visit HCPH's Diabetes Prevention and Management, visit the CDC's Diabetes page at www.cdc.gov/diabetes/index.html.

Divisions-Offices/Divisions/Health-Prevention-and-Coordinated-Care-Division/Chronic-Disease-Prevention/Diabetes-Prevention-Program.

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Christmas-Kelly reveal...

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Ashley Moore, who has for many years now served as an assistant coach for multiple sports at Dobie High School, first envisioned the idea to recognize Christmas-Kelly with the banner reveal.

Christmas-Kelly's jersey was officially retired several years ago and already has been framed on a wall in the gymnasium, but Moore and Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Rachel Flores decided it was time for a new tradition to begin with banner reveals.

Clearly, Christmas-Kelly has earned the right to be first on the list in terms of recognition. Moore, who graduated a year ahead of Christmas-Kelly in 2006, has had a front row seat to witness her friend's achievements over the decades and said she couldn't be any prouder of the young woman who came in as a freshman during the 2003-2004 season and instantly made a mark within a program that was already talented.

"She was always such a great person," Moore said. "We all saw the hard work that she put in on a daily basis. She was determined to become an elite basketball player and had a vision of playing collegiately at a high level."

"Karima showed up at Dobie with a tremendous work ethic, and you could tell that she was going to be a very, very good player within the program," Gibson said.

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JFD boys' basketball ready to go at MTI

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ing fans what we have."

Dobie was set to play at Katy Paetow Nov. 18 after press time, then will compete in the annual McDonald's Texas Invitational beginning Nov. 20 by hosting both Stratford and Klein Cain as part of pool play.

The Longhorns, part of the tournament's Division 2 field programs, will then turn to bracket play over the final two days of the event, which concludes Nov. 22.

"I think it's a great opportunity for not only our student base but the community to come out and be able to get a good look at what we have going within the program here," Jones said.

"I'm sure the guys will be excited to take the court at home in front of fans who will be rooting for them. At this time of the year, it's all about building cohesiveness and playing together as a group. I'm really excited about the potential."

"We understand the challenges that we have waiting on us in district play and so forth, but we are going to take the court on a nightly basis and give it everything we have to come out on the winning end."

"I appreciate the hard work that a lot of the guys have put in to get to this point, and now it's all about going out there and showing

which include hard work, dedication to your craft and a want-to that goes beyond what most players are willing to give. I'm thrilled for her to be able to have had this banner reveal. She is so well-deserving and has been such a tremendous asset to the community over the years. I can't think of anyone who deserves this honor more than Karima."

Doug Gibson is another close friend who had a front row seat to Christmas-Kelly's development at Dobie High School. Gibson, who made the trip to Dobie for Christmas-Kelly's banner reveal, was the Longhorns' varsity girls' basketball head coach when Christmas-Kelly arrived on campus all those years ago.

Make no mistake, the Dobie varsity basketball team was already in tremendous shape from a talent standpoint. The previous season to Christmas-Kelly's arrival, JFD had been highly rated as high as No. 1 in this city but suffered a first-round loss to Humble in the place in the playoffs.

Fast forward a year later as Gibson added Christmas-Kelly to the roster and the team, which included several athletes who went on to enjoy collegiate careers and either basketball or volleyball, advanced to the state tournament.

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Plenty of family and friends were on hand as the Dobie girls' basketball program celebrated the career of one of its all-time greats, Karima Christmas-Kelly. First a student at Beverly Hills Intermediate, Christmas-Kelly went on to play four varsity seasons at Dobie High School and enjoyed a solid career at Duke University before a decade-long career in the WNBA. She is currently an assistant coach along with her husband, Austin Kelly, with the Indiana Fever. Those at the special banner reveal included, left to right, (front

row) Alyta Harrell, Mo Hickman, Millicent Lewis, Kristy Christmas, Pete Simon, Shelly Tillman, Clayton Washington, Ashley Moore, Marlee Tillman, Karima Christmas-Kelly, Zayn Christmas Kelly, Kai Tillman, Jennita Christmas, Dawn Moore, Doug Gibson, Donna Branch (back row) Korey Munson, Warren Tillman, Tammy Simon, Maurice Pouillard, Shae Pddy, Tyler Giron, Horrace Kelly, Byron Christmas and Austin Kelly.

Photo by David Flickinger



A special banner honoring the career of varsity girls basketball standout Karima Christmas-Kelly will now forever hang in the rafters in the same gymnasium at Dobie High School where Christmas-Kelly put together a remarkable playing career with the Longhorns.



Karima Christmas-Kelly made a special appearance to speak to students at Beverly Hills Intermediate during a Nov. 14 visit to the campus. Christmas-Kelly was a standout athlete for the Bears before delivering

a remarkable four-year varsity basketball career at Dobie High School. Christmas-Kelly was in town to attend a banner reveal event in her honor at Dobie High School.

of the postseason with two more victories in addition to Pearland's win.

Manvel continued its roll with a sixth consecutive win, this one coming in the 6A Division 2 bracket as the Mavericks scored 70 points in cruising past an outmanned Hightower program 70-35.

Also in the Division 2 bracket, Shadow Creek continued its season with a 57-13 victory over Fort Bend Bush.

Dawson, which finished second in the 22-6A race, was eliminated by undefeated Ridge Point as the Panthers held on for a 21-16 victory.

Dickinson saw its 2024 season coming to an end after a high scoring loss to Atascocita, but this time it was the Gators who prevailed to qualify for the matchup against Pearland.

Running back Jayse Washington rushed for 195 yards and three touchdowns and also had four grabs for 86 yards and another touchdown.

Quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre threw for 341 yards and a pair of touchdowns and receiver at Braden Glover had six catches for 120 yards and a touchdown.

The Gators needed every bit of that offensive production to offset a huge night from Atascocita quarterback Cardae Mack, who threw for 300 yards and three touchdowns and also had 29 carries for 248 yards and three rushing scores.

In Division 2 action, Summer Creek simply cruised past Clear Springs as Braylon Causey rushed for three touchdowns and Noah Spinks threw for 227 yards and a pair of scores as the two undefeated programs look to advance.

Dickinson has now scored 589 points through 11 games. With nearly 520 yards of offense per game, the Gators feature one of the most explosive offensive attacks in the city.

Jordan Hernandez, a former standout at Thompson Intermediate, has had a terrific senior season with 566 yards receiving and five touchdowns. The one caveat? Pearland has an outstanding defense as the Oilers' unit led District 22-6A in fewest yards allowed per game at just under 179 per outing.

Other matchups include Manvel putting its six-game winning streak on the line against Summer Creek, which is looking to return to the Division 2 state final for a second consecutive season. Elsewhere, Shadow Creek will go up against C.E. King in another battle between teams that are playing their best football of the season at the most important time.



Dickinson vs. Pearland Challenger Columbia
Fri., Nov. 21, 7 p.m.

Shadow Creek at C.E. King Sheldon ISD Panther
Fri., Nov. 21, 7 p.m.

Manvel at Summer Creek Turner Stadium, Humble
Thurs., Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

Bidistrict 21-6A/22-6A
Manvel 70, Hightower 35
Ridge Point 21, Dawson 16
Shadow Creek 57, Bush 13

Pearland 59, Travis 27

Bidistrict 23-6A/24-6A
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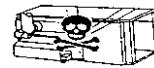


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Dobie, Brook girls seek victories

The Dobie and Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball teams continue to look to get their footing early on in the 2025-2026 schedule.

Dobie opened the season with losses to Baytown Sterling and Clear Lake but then rebounded

to take down Channelview at Phillips Field House at noon, then return to Dobie main to take on Klein Oak at 4:30 p.m.

The locals will also host Fort Bend Kempner Nov. 21 at 1:30 p.m. before preparing for Division 2 bracket play Nov. 22.

Brook girls 0-5

The graduation of one of the greatest senior classes and program history figured to be a challenge to bounce back from at least early in the season for the Clear Brook varsity girls, and the Wolverines have indeed found the schedule to be tough to this point.

The Wolverines opened the season with a 56-30 loss to Barbers Hill and also fell to Fulshear by an 86-34 count.

Competing in the Peggy Whitley Invitational within Clear Creek ISD Nov. 13-15, Clear Brook lost to Dulles 60-46 and also found itself on the wrong side of a 60-20 final against Tomas. In the bronze bracket, the Wolverines fell to Atascocita 32-20.

Clear Brook went up against Pearland Nov. 18 after press time and will play at South Houston Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. The District 24-6A race begins Dec. 16 as the Wolverines play at Clear Springs.

Dobie sophomore Makayla Mendez earned the JFD BallHer of the Game award after scoring 16 points and adding seven rebounds Nov. 14 as the Longhorns downed Channelview for their first win of the season.

Several Lutheran South Academy student-athletes made their collegiate choices official earlier this month as they gathered to announce their respective commitments beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Those who signed Nov. 12 included, left to right, (front row) Addi Smith (Wichita State softball), Aniston Collins (Stephen F. Austin vol-

Lutheran South athletes officially choose colleges



leyball), Emma Poffinbarger (Winthrop University golf), (back row) Jaylen Walker (University of Houston baseball), Sam Hergenrader (Concordia University-Nebraska cross-country), Cowboy Gilbert (Paris Junior College baseball), Marcus Cantu (Coastal Carolina baseball) and Wyatt Powell (McLennan baseball).

Giron playing at Prairie View



Dobie Class of 2023 graduate Jacque Giron has continued her women's basketball career at Prairie View A&M University in Houston, where she has been in the starting lineup for the Panthers. While the Panthers are out of the gate a bit slowly at 1-3, Giron leads the team in minutes played per game and has drained six of 15 3-point field goal attempts while averaging 6.3 points per game.

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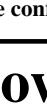
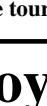
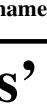
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Lamar volleyball advances to postseason



The Lamar University women's volleyball team, with Dobie graduate Lexie Gonzalez at setter, has advanced to the Southland Conference postseason tournament as the fifth seed and will take on No. 4 Incarnate Word Nov. 21 in Commerce. Lamar dropped its regular season finale to conference co-champion Stephen F. Austin Nov. 15 and finished the regular season at 17-14, including 10-6 in conference play. Gonzalez, a sophomore, has started 30 of Lamar's 31 overall matches this season and has 927 assists entering the conference tournament.

Cowboys' players are all-stars

The Bay Area Football League hosted its annual round of All-Star games Nov. 15 as several Sagemon Cowboys' players were selected to compete in the games.

In the Powder Puff game, the Cowboys were represented by Dee Park and Rachal Herrera.

The Cowboys' senior All-Star representatives included Brandon Ware, Marshon Martin and Omar Jimenez.

At the junior level, Dylan Goff, Leland Hollinquest and Jace Ramirez played in the game for the Cowboys, while the Sagemon sophomore game performers included Michael Williams, Ray Oliver Cooper and Bryson Hill.

In the freshman division, Jacob Gutierrez,

Area Football League Super bowl championship round, the league will compete at Rice Stadium Nov. 22 to cap what has

not have a team set to compete in the Bay season for the league.

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