

### CBCMUD to flush water

Clear Brook City MUD residents should be aware the district will be flushing waterlines Monday, Dec. 15, through Friday, Dec. 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily or until the last line has been flushed. Done by opening the district's fire hydrants, flushing the system will clear sediment that has accumulated in the waterlines. Residents may experience a drop in water pressure. If one has no water pressure, they should call the district at 281-484-1562. Residents may also experience discolored water coming from a faucet. If this happens, residents should not use water or do laundry for two hours. After one has waited for this amount of time, they should run the faucet for approximately five minutes to ensure water is clear. If the water does not become clear within two hours, they should contact the district. Clear Brook City MUD will not be responsible for damaged clothes. See related ad on Page 7.

### 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.

### No December PIP meeting

The Houston Police Department will not hold a Positive Interaction Program meeting this month due to the Christmas holidays. Typically held the third Monday of each month, the meetings will resume in 2026 at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway Classroom No. 103. Guest speaker to be announced.

Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. For additional information, contact Houston Police Department Officer C. Castillo at castillo@houstonpolice.org or 832-395-1777.

### 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.

### Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras.

The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org) or call 311.

### Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Spencer Highway to Greenshadow continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2026.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Pasadena Boulevard to Fairmont Parkway continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2026.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH-225 to Red Bluff Road continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2026.

Associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction, the closures are expected to cause significant delays over the next year.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one southbound inside main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH-610 to Scarsdale Boulevard nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 7.

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

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

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

## City Council runoff election slated for Dec. 13

### Boykins, Salinas compete for At-Large Position 4 seat vacated by Plummer

Houston voters will return to the polls Saturday, Dec. 13, for a runoff election to fill the city-wide At-Large Position 4 seat on the City Council – a contest triggered by the departure of Letitia Plummer, who stepped down to run for Harris County judge.

#### Background

Plummer announced in July that she would seek election as Harris County judge, a move that forced her resignation under Texas's resignation-to-run laws.

Her departure necessitated a special election on Nov. 4 to fill the vacancy for the remainder of her term – a term set to expire Jan. 1, 2028.

#### Special election

The Nov. 4 special election drew a large field of 15 contenders. But because no candidate secured a majority of 50 percent or more of the vote, the election was forced into a runoff.

The two candidates receiving the most votes in the contest were Alejandra Salinas and Dwight A. Boykins.

Salinas narrowly defeated Boykins, receiving just 311 more votes than her competitor. Salinas ended the night with a 38,127 total votes to Boykins' 37,816 votes.

#### Candidates

– **Salinas:** A trial attorney, Salinas is a first-

time candidate, who emphasizes improving infrastructure and city services and promoting equity across neighborhoods.

– **Boykins:** A former City Council member, representing South Belt's District D, and 2019 mayoral contender, Boykins is campaigning on his record in government service, infrastructure and public safety and also emphasizes the importance of equity across all communities.

During his tenure serving District D, Boykins worked closely with the *Leader* on multiple issues and projects.

#### Where to vote

Election Day polling locations near the South Belt community include the following sites:

- **Harris County Scarsdale Annex**, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.
- **El Franco Lee Community Center**, 9500 Hall Road.
- **Beverly Hills Community Center**, 10201 Kingspoint Road.
- **Fred Roberts Middle School**, 13402 Conklin Lane.

– **Genoa Staff Development Center**, 12900 Alameda Genoa Road.

– **Freeman Branch Library**, 16616 Diana Lane.

To see a complete list of Election Day polling locations or a sample ballot, visit [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org).

#### 18th Congressional District

A similar runoff election will take place Saturday, Jan. 31, to determine who will fill the unexpired term of the state's 18th Congressional District seat that was vacated by former Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, who died this past March shortly after taking his congressional office.

Vying for that position are Christian Menefee and Amanda Edwards. In November's general election, Menefee defeated Edwards, receiving 29 percent of the vote to his opponent's 26 percent in the crowded field of 16 candidates.

Early voting in that runoff election will begin Wednesday, Jan. 21, and continue through Tuesday, Jan. 27.

## Santa visits Winter Wonderland



South Belt youth Yesenia Villarreal is shown above visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus (portrayed by Precinct 2's Constable Jerry Garcia and Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado) at the annual Winter Wonderland event Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Clear Brook City MUD office. Villarreal's family shown above in the back row are, left to right, Maria Villarreal (grandmother), Miguel Villarreal (father) and Alejandra Villarreal (mother). See related photo on Page 2.

## Flight Museum holds Jet Setters Ball

### Annual gala raises \$700,000 for STEM-related programs

The Lone Star Flight Museum (LSFM) recently transformed into a glittering evening in Paris – complete with Eiffel Tower replicas and stunning centerpieces featuring red roses and poppies.

Nearly 500 guests attended the Jet Setters Ball 25: Destination, Paris, helping to raise \$700,000 to support the museum's STEM-related programs, educational mission, exhibits and a vast collection of military and commercial aircraft. Museum leaders and gala guests honored LSFM board member U.S. military veteran, business executive and philanthropist Ralph B. Thomas.

Thomas grew up in a family of pilots. He became a licensed pilot at the age of 19 and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Texas. In his 20s, he served in the Texas Air National Guard and was assigned to Ellington Airport. He served nearly 50 years as a business and financial strategist with Fayeze

Sarofim & Co., playing a key role in the organization's huge success.

Thomas has served as a member of the LSFM board of directors for nearly 10 years. He has been instrumental in helping the museum to expand its educational and community engagement programs, and he generously supported programs and events designed to inspire future generations of aviators.

Gala co-chairs Donna and Matthew Noll, Lone Star Flight Museum President and Chief Executive Officer Anna Hawley, and LSFM board members welcomed local- and state-elected officials, sponsors, supporters, volunteers, and media representatives to the gala. KPRC Channel 2 meteorologist Justin Stapleton served as Emcee.

Notable public officials included former U.S. Congressman and LSFM Board Chair Pete Olson and his wife, Nancy; Harris County Judge, Eric

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## Tunnels found during local drug bust

### Deputies seize meth, cocaine; 2 tunnels under residence

A pair of tunnels was discovered under a South Belt home during a recent drug raid in the 10600 block of Kirkdale.

During the bust, law enforcement officers seized drugs, guns and stolen vehicles, and four suspects were arrested.

According to officials with Harris County Precinct 8 Phil Sandlin's office, the raid followed a lengthy narcotics investigation conducted by the Precinct 8 Street Crimes Unit and Precinct

2 Special Operations Unit. After conducting surveillance on the suspected residence, the two units were able to obtain a search warrant on the home.

During the execution of the warrant, two of the subjects attempted to evade but were quickly apprehended without incident.

In all, four suspects were arrested, including two men and two women.

– One male was arrested and charged with the manufacturing or delivery of narcotics.

– Another male was apprehended for outstanding felony family violence warrants out of Brazoria County.

– One female was arrested for open warrants issued by the Harris County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance.

– Another female was arrested due to an outstanding parole warrant.

Three stolen vehicles were recovered, which included one car and two motorcycles.

Additionally, two tunnels were discovered underneath the house, which were believed to be used to hide people and narcotics. One female was found hiding in the tunnel area at the time the search warrant was executed.

The search warrant yielded 80 grams of methamphetamine, 0.5 grams of cocaine and three firearms.

At press time, additional charges of utility theft were pending.



Tunnel under home

## Cyclist injured in hit-and-run crash

A man riding an electric bike was injured during a hit-and-run accident around midnight Friday, Dec. 5 in the 11500 block of Beamer near Highland Meadow Village Drive.

According to officials with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, the victim was heading north on Beamer when he was struck from behind by a vehicle, causing him to be thrown from the bike.

The victim was hospitalized with three frac-

tured ribs and four fractured vertebrae.

A resident from a nearby apartment complex on Highland Meadow Village heard the crash, and while he didn't see the crash, he witnessed a Nissan Murano fleeing from the scene, heading north on Beamer.

Precinct 2 deputies utilized the neighborhood's FLOCK license plate-reading cameras to identify the vehicle and locate the residence of

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## County offers holiday fire safety tips

### Christmas lights, trees present possible fire hazards

The holiday season is a time to gather, deco-

rate and celebrate. As homes and neighborhoods across the area light up with holiday cheer, however, Harris County Public Health (HCPH) reminds residents to pause and keep safety in mind. A little mindfulness can help prevent accidents and keep the season joyful for everyone.

"As we celebrate with family and friends, a few small steps can make a big difference in keeping our homes and loved ones safe," said Alison Hare, director of HCPH's Public Health Preparedness and Response Division. "We encourage everyone to enjoy the holidays mindfully and safely."

Safely decorating, cooking and celebrating this joyous time can protect one's home and provide security for loved ones. Here are a few things to keep in mind as residents prepare for the holidays:

– **Check before hanging:** Take a moment to inspect holiday lights for broken bulbs, frayed wires or loose connections. Only use lights that have been tested for safety, such as those labeled by UL or ETL.

– **Use lights where they belong:** Outdoor lights are made to handle the weather, while indoor lights are not. Be sure to use them in the right places.

– **Keep trees fresh and fire-safe:** Real trees: Make sure trees are fresh and water them daily to prevent from drying out. Keep trees away from fireplaces, heaters and vents.

Artificial trees: Choose one that is labeled "fire resistant."

– **Keep paths clear:** Decorations, wrapping paper, and trees should never block exits. A clear path means a quick escape if an emergency hap-

pens.

– **Turn it off before bed:** Unplug lights and decorations before leaving home or going to sleep.

The holidays are also a good time to check other fire safety basics around one's home:

– **Test smoke alarms:** Make sure alarms work on every level of one's home and near all bedrooms. Test them monthly.

– **Practice escape plan:** Residents should talk with their family about what to do in case of a fire. Know two ways out of each room and a meeting spot outside.

– **Be careful with candles:** Keep candles at least a foot away from anything that can burn, and never leave them unattended. Battery-powered candles are a safe and festive alternative.

– **Cook with care:** Stay nearby while cooking. If one needs to step away, turn the burner off. Keep pot handles turned in, and if a small fire starts, smother it with a lid or baking soda. Never use water to put out a grease fire.

HCPH also reminds everyone that holiday injuries are preventable with a little extra care:

– Use a sturdy step stool instead of furniture when hanging decorations.

– Leave fireworks to professionals.

– Never use generators, grills or fuel-burning devices indoors; carbon monoxide poisoning is preventable.

HCPH wishes all community members a bright, safe and healthy holiday season. For more information about safety and preparedness, visit the Public Health Preparedness and Response Division's webpage at [www.publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Divisions-Offices/Divisions/Public-Health-Preparedness-Response-Division](http://www.publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Divisions-Offices/Divisions/Public-Health-Preparedness-Response-Division).

## Dobie principals past, present



Dobie principals past and present gathered this past week to celebrate the retirement of Pasadena ISD Associate Superintendent Troy McCarley (not shown). Principals shown above at the event are, left to right, Carey Sink (2024 until present), Steve Jamail (2003 until 2012), Franklin Moses (2012 until 2023) and Jorly Thomas (2023 until 2024).



# In My Opinion

## King on Harris County taxable roll increase

The Harris Central Appraisal District (HCAD) has finished adjudicating all but a handful of property accounts. As of today, the countywide taxable value of all properties stands at about \$684 billion. When HCAD finishes its last few accounts, the taxable roll will be about \$688 billion. That will be about a \$40 billion increase over last year's roll, approximately a 6% increase. According to HCAD, around a third of the increase in value comes from new construction, with the rest from increases in the value of existing properties.

The final tax roll will not be determined for years because after HCAD completes its administrative adjudication of any protests, the taxpayer can either file suit in District Court or, in some cases, file an arbitration with the State Comptroller's Office. According to HCAD, taxpayer appeals from last year resulted in just over \$9 billion in value reductions. HCAD has also said that appeals are increasing each year, and they expect the 2025 appeals to set a new record.

The growth in the tax roll has definitely slowed from the supercharged increases during the pandemic. In 2021 and 2022, the roll jumped by double digits. The last two years, however, it has returned to mid-single-digit growth.

However, the taxable value is just the first factor in the multiplication that determines your final bill. The other factor is, of

course, the tax rate set by the governing body of the taxing entities. Believe it or not, there are 626 active property tax collecting entities in Harris County. We'll have to save a discussion on the idiocy of having over 600 tax entities crammed into 1800 square miles for another day.

In 2025, just under 20% of taxing entities in Harris County increased their tax rates, while 40% reduced theirs. The remaining entities did not change their rates. You can look up what your taxing entities did with their rates on this HCAD report.

Each one of these taxing entities has its own unique circumstances. For example, Galena Park ISD raised its tax rate by a hefty 6.6%. However, its taxable roll as of HCAD's latest numbers is down by nearly 3%. And because that District is home to many industrial facilities, which are among the most active protesters of value, its tax roll could deteriorate even further.

Further complicating the calculation this year is that homeowners will benefit from the increased homestead exemption on their property taxes. When you factor all of these together, my guess is that most homeowners will see flat-to slightly lower taxes this year. For some homes with more modest valuations, the school reduction could be significant. Many lower-income seniors will pay no school taxes at all. In contrast, I suspect that most commercial property owners will see increases in their tax bills unless they aggressively protest their values.

But I would love to hear about your experience, so drop me a note about your tax bill this year.

Bill King

## Garza places in Bobcat Buckle Bash



Dobie High School sophomore Noah Garza showed his goat at the Cy-Fair FFA Booster club's "Bobcat Buckle Bash" in Cypress on Sunday, Nov. 23. Garza took home a fifth place win in Ring B in his first prospect show.

## All aboard to Winter Wonderland



Kenny Koncaba and his wife Kristi served as engineers at the annual Winter Wonderland event Sunday, Dec. 7. See related photo on Page 1.

## Pct. 2 promotes Jones



On Tuesday, Dec. 9, Harris County Precinct 2 Cpl. Chiqweda Jones was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia is shown above presenting Jones a plaque at the recent swearing-in ceremony.

## Crash injures cyclist

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its owner. Deputies have visited the residence in Friendswood but at press time, had not been able to locate the vehicle yet.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information on this incident or the whereabouts of the driver is urged to contact the Precinct 2 constable's office at 713-477-2766.

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# Deaths

## Racquel Torres Rosenbalm



Dr. Racquel Torres Rosenbalm entered into the Lord's embrace Nov. 12, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, devotion, and service that will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew her.

Racquel was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a cherished daughter and a loyal friend. She leaves behind her two young sons, Wyatt Archer Rosenbalm (9) and Jackson Juanito Rosenbalm (7) whom she adored with every ounce of her being; and her beloved husband, Howard John Rosenbalm, whose partnership and love were the foundation of her happiest days. She is also survived by her mother, Viola Torres; her father and his wife, Roy and Pat Torres; her brother, Daniel Torres; her in-laws, Howard and Kathy Rosenbalm; the Galvan family; and a wide community of friends, colleagues, and students who were blessed by her presence. She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Juanita and Luis Longoria; and her paternal grandparents, Daniel and Hortencia Torres, all of whom she loved dearly.

Fearless, confident and filled with joy, Racquel lived her life with a radiant spirit that inspired everyone around her. She was remarkably intelligent, hardworking, and endlessly giving — always ready to offer support, share her wisdom, or brighten a room with her smile. She also carried a passionate love for her hometown teams, as she was a fierce fan of the Houston Astros, Rockets and Texans — cheering them on with the same enthusiasm she brought to every part of her life.

Education was both her calling and ministry. Racquel earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston, main campus; a master's degree from Texas A & M; and a doctorate degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake, a testament to her passion for learning and her unwavering commitment to excellence.

She began her career in education at Peterson Elementary, where she served faithfully as a clerk before becoming certified to teach. Her dedication and talent quickly became evident, leading her to serve as a teacher specialist at De Chaux Elementary, an assistant principal at Navarro Middle School and ultimately a highly respected principal at Sherman Elementary, where she led with vision, innovation and deep compassion for her students and staff. For almost six years, she served as a principal whose impact was transformative and enduring.

Racquel lived her vocation with heart and purpose, believing deeply in the dignity and potential of every child. Her leadership shaped campuses, uplifted families and inspired countless educators. Her work will continue to bear fruit in the lives of all those she touched.

She embraced her Catholic faith with humility and joy, entrusting herself fully to God's mercy and grace. Those who mourn her now find comfort in knowing that she rests peacefully in his eternal light.

Though her time on earth feels far too short, Racquel's love remains woven into the hearts of her sons, her family, and all who had the blessing of knowing her. May her memory be a reminder of courage, compassion and

the profound beauty of a life lived for others.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

## Imogene "Jean" Ann Dusek



Imogene "Jean" Ann Dusek, beloved mother, "Nani," and friend, was called home by her heavenly father on Nov. 28, 2025, at the age of 89. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, generosity and unconditional love that touched everyone she met.

Jean was born on June 9, 1936, in St. John to Rudolph and Annie Besetzny. Raised on a farm in Schulenburg alongside her siblings, she learned early the values of hard work, faith and family. After completing her education, Jean pursued nursing in Hallettsville — a natural calling for someone with her compassionate spirit. She later moved to Houston with her sister Rina, where she worked in the labor and delivery ward at St. Joseph's Hospital until her marriage.

On April 13, 1958, Jean married the love of her life, Dennis L. Dusek, whom she first met at a local dance hall. Together, they shared 62 years of marriage filled with devotion and partnership. They raised four children and built a home centered on faith, family and service. Jean was a deeply loving and dedicated mother. She never missed a piano recital or baseball game and she stood steadfastly by her children through life's triumphs and challenges. As "Nani," she carried that same spirit of care and joy, embracing her role as a grandmother with boundless love and good humor.

Jean excelled as a homemaker. A gifted seamstress, she lovingly crafted clothes and blankets for her family and in the kitchen, she created meals so delicious that Dennis often joked there was no need to go out to eat. Her grandchildren treasure memories of baking sweet treats alongside her, churning butter with a cherished family heirloom to make those desserts even richer. Every gathering at Jean's home felt like stepping into a Norman Rockwell painting — a glimpse of a bygone Americana where worries faded, joy and laughter filled the air and a delicious meal was always waiting at the table.

Gardening was another of Jean's passions. Her backyard flourished with flowers, vegetables and fruit and she delighted in sharing oranges, canned pears, or pickles with family depending on the season. Jean's faith was the cornerstone of her life. A devout Catholic, she was a founding parishioner of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. With a servant's heart, she dedicated herself to ministries that cared for the sick, elderly and disabled. She sewed quilts for those in need, delivered the Eucharist to the homebound and was always among the first to bring a comforting meal in times of sorrow.

Jean is survived by her children Natalie (Charles) Giardina, Neil (Travecca) Dusek, Keith Dusek and Ken Dusek; her sister Rina Besetzny Hanel; eight grandchildren, Brittney (Chris) Legorreta, Kacey (Chris) Rojas, Jennifer (Tim) Lienhard, Kristina McDonald, Matthew

(Moe Moe) Giardina, Jordan (Stephanie) Dusek, John Vincent (fiancée Lindsay Fields) Giardina and Hunter Dusek; and 15 great-grandchildren. A large extended family of cousins, nieces, nephews and cherished friends also remember her. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother Ivan Besetzny, nephew Doyle Hanel and niece Bridget Manuel.

Jean's life was a beautiful reflection of unwavering faith and devotion to family. As matriarch, she provided strength and unity, guiding her loved ones with grace and compassion. Though her absence leaves an immeasurable void, comfort is found in knowing she is reunited with Dennis — sharing once again in the joys of companionship, perhaps even the simple pleasure of splitting a beer together.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation, recitation of the rosary and the funeral Mass on Friday, Dec. 12, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., the rosary at 10:30 a.m. and the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Entombment will follow at South Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jean's name may be made to St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church's Capital Campaign at <https://stlukesatholic.com/capital-campaign>.

## Georjean Walker Nixon



Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, Georjean Walker Nixon, was peacefully welcomed into her heavenly home on the morning of Nov. 10, 2025, at the age of 75, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Tyler, on July 19, 1950, Georjean was the daughter of George and Lorin Walker. Georjean grew up in and around Houston before settling in the Sagemont area in 1965. She graduated from South Houston High School in 1968, where she not only forged lifelong friendships but also met the love of her life, Mike Nixon. After high school, Georjean attended Stephen F. Austin State University before returning home to work at Tenneco. She and Mike were married on May 22, 1971 and began their family a few years later.

While gentle in spirit, Georjean was a driving force. Accepting Christ as her savior as a young mother while attending Sagemont Church marked a turning point in her life and the life of her family. In the years that followed, Georjean devoted herself wholeheartedly to serving the Lord. She was an active member of Sagemont for over 40 years, where her organizational skills and gentle spirit of service led her to contribute in numerous ways. Georjean joined the church choir around 1980 and quickly found a sense of purpose and joy, eventually leading to her role in coordinating the men's section of the choir, where she earned the affectionate nickname "General."

She joined the Praise Team in 1999 and remained a dedicated member until 2019. In addition to her volunteer work, Georjean served at Sagemont Church in several administrative roles, including Bus & AWANA secretary starting in 2004, before being asked to serve as the administrative assistant to Executive Pastor Chuck Schneider, in 2011. Georjean's service to the church continued until her

retirement in 2019, winning the hearts of everyone with whom she worked through her selfless love, infectious smile and unwavering dedication. To her, Sagemont Church was more than just a place of worship — it was family. Her church family remained in her heart and mind until God called her home.

Georjean is survived by her husband; her son, Brandon Nixon and his wife, Nikki, along with their children Zane Nixon (and Haley), Reese Nixon (and Abby), Eden Nixon, Hope Nixon, Noah Nixon, Haven Nixon, Miles Nixon and Theo Nixon; her daughter, Neisha Teer and her husband, Dave, along with their children, Meliyya Teer, Caillyn Teer, Bryleigh Teer, Deklan Teer and Lyndee Teer; as well as numerous extended family and friends, many of whom were like family to her.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Sagemont Church, Saturday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to Sagemont Church, a place that was so dear to Georjean's heart.

## Jennifer Louise Marshall



Beloved daughter, sister, and friend, Jennifer Louise Marshall passed away on Nov. 27, 2025.

Jennifer was born in Houston on Sept. 13, 1993, to Glenn and Debra Marshall. As the eldest of three children, she grew up in the South Belt community, where she formed lasting friendships and developed a deep commitment to education and service.

After graduating from University of Houston-Clear Lake, Jennifer dedicated her professional life to teaching and became a third-grade teacher at Stuchbery Elementary. She was known for her compassion, her thoughtful approach to the classroom, and the care she extended to every student. Her colleagues and students alike felt the warmth and sincerity she brought to her work each day.

Jennifer was a devoted daughter and sister and the loving mom of her dog, Luna. She was cherished by all who knew her, and will be remembered for her kindness, selflessness and unwavering dedication to those she loved.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her grandparents, Robert and Jeannette Marshall. She is survived by her parents; her siblings, Shannon and Garrett Marshall; her beloved Luna; as well as numerous family members and dear friends who became like family.

A memorial service honoring Jennifer's life will be held Saturday, Dec. 13, at 1 p.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road, Houston, TX 77089.

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# Moore Elementary fourth-grade students perform “Forever Christmas” musical



Singing solos in “Forever Christmas” were Alivia Castro (left) who sang “All I Want For Christmas” and Arie Marron who sang the song bearing her character’s namesake “Nut-tin’ But Bad.”



Alvin and the Chipmunks, left to right, Josiah Ayala (Simon), Max Valles (Alvin) and Aldo Gonzalez (Theodore) made a special appearance in the musical.



Left to right, Rudolph and the Rudolph Dancers Priscilla Portillo, Elizabeth Macias, Brooke Noise, James Villanueva as Rudolph, Lina Garcia, Adrianna Portillo and Sophia Nguyen performed in “Forever Christmas.”



Left to right, are Memphis Alvarez as “Santa,” Zoey Deleon as “Suzy Snowflake,” Aaron Rapalo as “Elvis Frosty” and James Villanueva as “Cowboy Rudolph.”



Suzy Snowflake and Snowflake Dancers, left to right, (front row) Dania Carreno, Ella Lara, Zoey Deleon as Suzy, Isabella Salguero, Zoey Gonzalez, (back row) Zoey Hernandez, Jessica Tran, Jenaya Perez and Lorelai Mayorga provided snowflake flurries.



The Jitterbug Dancers, left to right, (front row) Devyn Brown, Lexxa Martinez, Lilly Cardenas, Katalina Contreras, (back row) Ramon Trevino, Landon Hinton, Edwin Ortiz-Servin and Jacob Oviedo entertained audiences.



Aaron Rapalo as Frosty Elvis, was backed by frosty dancers (front row) Karla Ramos, Allison Villarreal, Wendy Tamayo, Noelia Gutierrez, (back row) Leia Garcia and Aliyah Taylor.

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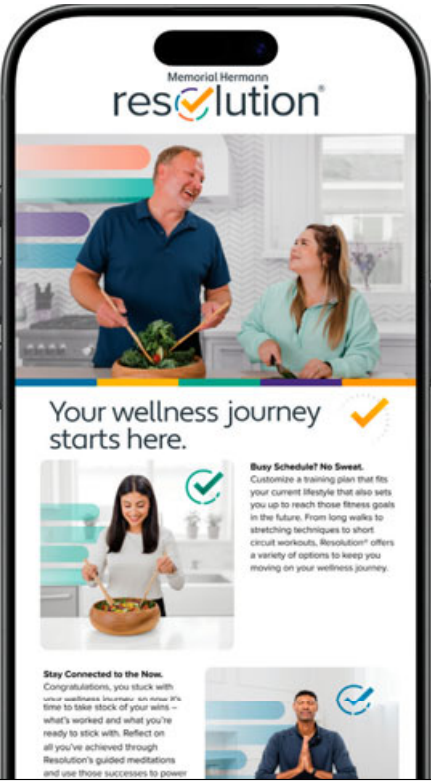
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# Holy Society Church gives back to the community for Thanksgiving



Pastor Mike Rosas, a 2002 Dobie High School graduate and a pastor at Holy Society Church in Pearland, recently partnered with the three local schools which he attended as a youth. Rosas delivered Thanksgiving donations to Burnett Elementary, Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School. Thirty families received a turkey, sides, dessert and a drink for the holiday. On Sunday, Nov. 23, the church continued giving to 35 more families from the area as part of their Turkey and Thanks Giveaway. Shown are, left to right, Melissa Hickman (Burnett Elementary assistant principal), Karina Diaz (counselor), Claudia Cubos, Mike Rosas and Lidiette Rosas.



At Thompson Intermediate are, left to right, Mike Rosas, parent coordinator Sanjuanita Garza, Claudia Cubos and Lidiette Rosas.



Thanksgiving donations were delivered to Dobie High School. Left to right, are Sunshine Cubos, Mike Rosas, DeRonda Pitre-Preston (Dobie counselor), Kelsey Davis (Dobie counselor), Lidiette Rosas and Claudia Cubos.

## St. Luke Youth Ministry hosts gift wrapping event

Stuck in a tangle of tape and wrapping paper this Christmas? The St. Luke Youth Ministry is offering to help. Community members can drop off unwrapped gifts, and volunteers will turn them into holiday-ready packages while donors relax. The event is scheduled for Dec. 13 from noon to 8 p.m. at St. Luke Church in the education building. Any gift, any size will be wrapped in exchange for a donation of the participant's choice. All proceeds will support the Brave and the Wilderness Retreat.

## Dobie football booster club hosts Singo bingo night

The Dobie High School football program will host a fundraising evening of Singo bingo Dec. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Dobie main cafeteria. Participants will attend an evening of bingo that will include a music-filled twist to the tradition. Tickets are \$25 each, which will allow participants to take part in eight total games of bingo. The first seven games will include \$100 victory awards, with game-eight worth \$500 to the winner. Doors open at 6 p.m., and concessions as well as Longhorn team merchandise will be available for purchase.

# Lone Star Flight Museum holds annual Jet Setters Ball

**Continued from Page 1**  
Andell; Harris County Judge Caroline Dozier; Houston City Council Member At-Large, Position 3 Twila Carter; Friendswood Mayor Mike Foreman and wife; Capt. Ron Caputo, deputy commander, Sector Houston-Galveston; and U.S. Coast Guard and Texas Aviation Hall of Fame members Bill Bussey and Al Cisneros.

Prominent guests included Chris and Ellen Clair Thomas, Michael and Alicia Fertitta, Flo McGee and Wade Up-ton, Brenda and Joe Cialone, Charlie and Carol Herder, Edith Hernandez, Kyra Joiner, Cheryl Boblitt and Bill King, Ellen and Paige Michael Cokinos, Angie and Frank Hinnant, Ashley and Black Boyd, Holly Waltrip and Edward Sanchez.

LSFM President and CEO Anna Hawley commented, "Not only does Ralph serve as an impactful board member and generous donor for the Lone Star Flight Museum, but he also continues to fuel the museum's focus on supporting our country's veterans, celebrating Texas aviation history, and inspiring future leaders in the workforce. Our gala chairs Donna and Matt Noll led a great team to create a fantastic event. Collectively, our chairs, the host committee, board members, sponsors, staff, and our guests made this year's gala a success. We are grateful to all of them for the enormous support."

The 2025 Jet Setters Ball lead sponsors included Faye Sarofim & Co., Hildebrand Fund, Joan Skipper and Ed Peine, and Bette and Ralph Thomas. United Airlines served as the official airline of the Lone Star Flight Museum and this year's gala.

The Events Company established a distinctly French ambiance for the gala with special touches such as French and Parisian landscapes. The Events Company designed floral arrangements and décor that featured a stunning 8-foot Eiffel Tower

shimmering in the center of the hangar among the seated gala guests. For the pre-gala reception, City Kitchen prepared hors d'oeuvres featuring a mini lobster Newburg tart, seared tuna and other delicacies. The gourmet seated dinner featured a baby lettuce and shrimp salad, braised beef short rib, crepes, and broccolini with assorted desserts that included chocolate mousse, chocolate truffles, chocolate-dipped gooseberries and edible flowers.

The Honorable Eric Andell Expert, big board auctioneer, and Josh Rush, live auctioneer with Johnny Bravo Entertainment, inspired supporters to "bid big" and "bid often." Featured items on the big board were a curated case of fine wines, a private event at the Lone Star Flight Museum, a City Kitchen gourmet dinner at home, an upscale hunting trip to Cibolo Creek

Ranch and many others. Attractive live auction packages included a Ferrari Challenge Race Car experience, a food and wine inspired stay in a Tuscan villa, US Open Tennis Championship weekend in New York, a private jet getaway to Florida, an upscale European getaway, and many others.

Before and after the dinner program, gala guests had the opportunity to tour the museum's permanent aircraft collection, step inside space

shuttle simulators, test their piloting skills in flight simulators, experience STEM-based exhibits, enjoy a ride in the MaxFlight simulator, and learn more about 100 Texas Aviation Hall of Fame inductees. To support the Lone Star Flight Museum and to learn more about the STEM education programs and how one can get involved, visit LoneStarFlight.org or call the museum's development office at 346-352-7678.

## CTHS takes home tournament champion trophy



Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School hosted the PISD Push Back High School Tournament VEX V5 Robotics Competition Dec. 5-6. The event was an in-person tournament with skills displayed on Dec. 5 and the team-work and judging on Dec. 6. Twenty-three teams competed in the event. CTHS 231A KNIGHTS ROBOTICS and JACKBOT from Clear Creek ISD were paired as a Team and took home trophies. CTHS Team 231A KNIGHTS ROBOTICS members included, left to right, freshman Briso Moreno, juniors Kelvin Lopez, Henry Hong, Emmanuel Paz and Gael Salinas.



Lone Star Flight Museum board member Ralph B. Thomas



Honoree Ralph B. Thomas and his wife Bette

# Remember When

**45 years ago (1980)**  
Houston Lighting and Power Company, doing routine maintenance work in the Sagemont-Kirkwood area, caused power to be turned off and on in the area for anywhere from 10 minutes to two hours, but averaging approximately 45 minutes in length. The work was scheduled to continue for the next six months.

**40 years ago (1985)**  
The San Jacinto College District Board of Regents hoped to sell some \$16 million in bonds, with part of the proceeds going toward construction of a student center for the South campus.

The Thompson Intermediate twirlers, Susan Richter, Michelle Andrews, Jeanne Bland and Laura Hayes, earned a rating of I at the twirling competition at Sam Rayburn High School. They scored a I on their ensemble and each earned a I for solo routines.

Lori Sitton of Sageglan, a freshman at Clear Creek High School, was selected to play spring bass in the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Orchestra in San Antonio.

**35 Years ago (1990)**  
During a maintenance operation at the Motco Superfund hazardous waste incinerator in Texas City, toxic chemicals caught fire. Although toxic fumes were released, no alarm was sounded nor was the community alerted. A spokesperson for Motco Trust (the PRP group) said they considered the incident minor and were not required to notify anyone except the Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas.

Once again, the Dobie High School Academic Decathlon ran away with the district competition. Dobie students collected 56 individual awards and also took first place in the Super Quiz.

**30 years ago (1995)**  
Michelle Baker, 9, was the winner of the Christmas card design chosen for the South Belt Graphics and South Belt-Ellington Leader Christmas card. She received a check for \$25.

The Larry Land residence at 9918 Sageroyal was a winner in the South Belt Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating contest.

The Civil Rights Division of the Harris County District Attorney's office, Houston Police and Pearland Police Department's internal affairs division were investigating the shooting of South Belt resident Melvin Hernandez, 37, by a Pearland police officer. The shooting at Hernandez' residence occurred after the officer, Lynn Holleman, tried to arrest Hernandez, who was a suspect in the earlier theft of a single beer from a Diamond Shamrock convenience store in Pearland.

Dobie junior soccer player Carolyn Nedderman ranked as the Lady Longhorns' top all-time scorer with 84 goals and was voted to the Houston Chronicle's All-Greater Houston first team.

**25 years ago (2000)**  
The bentonite slurry wall, which extends 6,000 linear feet around the Brio Superfund Site, was completed.

McDonald's opened its newest, 1,800-square-foot location on Astoria.

**20 years ago (2005)**  
Precinct 2 Deputy Constable Sgt. Zerick Guinn warned South Belt residents to be alert during the holiday season. Guinn asked residents to watch for unusual persons or vehicles or anything out of the ordinary.

The city of Houston amended its parade policy to allow more than one parade per day. The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade almost fell victim to the ordinance at times, and had to be classified as a mobile parade so it could be held on July 4 and not conflict with other parades that same day. The amended ordinance allowed as many as four parades on a single day.

PISD announced it would apply for a waiver for classes to start Aug. 10. Classes usually would start the Monday in which Aug. 21 falls.

**15 years ago (2010)**  
The 28th annual South Belt-Ellington Leader Christmas program was a huge success this year, with many in the community generously donating food, toys and cash to ensure that more than 60 needy families in the area had a happy holiday.

**10 years ago (2015)**  
The results from the City of Houston's Dec. 12 mayoral runoff election were tallied, with state Rep. Sylvester Turner narrowly defeating businessman Bill King. Turner received 51 percent of the vote to King's 49 percent.

A 15-year-old juvenile was arrested Dec. 11 for the Dec. 3 armed robbery of a Pizza Hut delivery driver. The unnamed male was charged with aggravated robbery. Police said the teen is a suspect in multiple other recent armed robberies. The investigation was ongoing.

**5 years ago (2020)**  
The Pasadena Independent School District's Athletics Department took a blow when both its athletic director and assistant athletic director unexpectedly resigned from their posts to work for other school districts. Athletic Director Rodney Chant left to take over as AD for the Fort Bend Independent School District, while Assistant Athletic Director Jana Williams accepted a similar position with the Humble Independent School District.

**1 year ago (2024)**  
On Thursday, Dec. 5, a man was fatally shot inside his vehicle while at a gas station in the 11200 block of Almeda Genoa near the Genoa Post Office. No immediate arrests were made.

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## Over The Back Fence by Nicole

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KENNEDY!**  
Kennedy Flowers celebrates a birthday Monday, Dec. 15. Best wishes for a fantastic birthday are sent from brother Owen; sister Evie; parents Stephen and Stacey (Hayes) Flowers; grandparents Robert and Jannie Scarberry (former long-time South Belt residents); uncles Tyler Scarberry, Joey Hayes, and Austin and daughters Jade and Lily Scarberry; and aunt Jenny (Hayes) and husband Josh Laney, and children Brayden, Baylee and Olivia. Kennedy's mom is a Dobie grad.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESSICA**  
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Dec. 16 are sent to Jessica Escobar, daughter of Leader staffer Luis Escobar, from the South Belt Leader staff.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 11 through Dec. 17.

**Bush Elementary**  
Send a nice birthday greeting Dec. 16 to Jennifer Marquez.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Dec. 15 is the day to break out the balloons and party favors for Kristina Ponce.

**Genoa Elementary**  
The day for cake and ice cream for Lucy Ibarra is Dec. 13. Light the birthday candles Dec. 16 for Tiffany Lee.

**Meador Elementary**  
Dec. 11 is a day of celebration for Eric Riojas for his birthday. Send birthday wishes to Katia Garcia Dec. 17.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Dec. 17 is the day for a celebration for Alyssa Heuer.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting Dec. 16 to Kevin Albert.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Best wishes for a great birthday Dec. 11 are sent to Sandra Medina. Remember to wish Sheri Richardson a happy birthday Dec. 15.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Dec. 15 is the day for a party for Velia Grado-Gutierrez. Blow out the candles Dec. 16 for Ashley Martinez.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Remember to wish Olga Vega a happy birthday Dec. 14. Light the candles Dec. 16 for Kassandra Tabarez.

**Dobie High**  
Sabrina Hinton marks a birthday Dec. 11. Hector Del Rio celebrates a birthday Dec. 12. Send a happy birthday wish Dec. 13 to Virginia Osborne. A double-fun day is planned Dec. 17 for Joseph Duda and Juan Ramos.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
Thursday, Dec. 11: Kara Toro, Robert Summers, Sandra Medina, Amanda Meili and Robert Royal; Friday, Dec. 12: Carolyn Sternes-Ontiveros, Joe Lewis, David Rojas Sr., Pepper Lowe and Diane Lakits Black; Saturday, Dec. 13: Ryan Tucker, Dustin Cochran and Mike Stacey; Sunday, Dec. 14: Pedro Gutierrez III, Kay Wood and Melissa Duncan; Monday, Dec. 15: Cheryl Park, Ryan Rushing and Rita Tornaben. Tuesday, Dec. 16: Kamisha Dennis, Tamara Spencer and Adam Garcia Sr.; and Wednesday, Dec. 17: Joy Warneke, Dawn Watkins-Swain and Jabari Dobson.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## LSA's Collins competes with GHVCA All-Stars



Lutheran South Academy standout Aniston Collins (10) participated in the Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association All-Star matches at Phillips Field House in Pasadena, A Stephen F.



Austin University signee, Collins twice helped the Pioneers to the state final and delivered nearly 2,500 assists to go along with more than 675 kills and 865 digs during her 4-year varsity career.

## Dobie boys' soccer eyes championship run in '26

Resilient is the first word that comes to mind when Dobie varsity boys, head soccer coach Josh Kluka describes his 2026 group ahead of the upcoming season, and it's the grit and determination that comes along with that resiliency that Kluka is betting will carry his Longhorns to a terrific run.

Now in his second sea-

son at Dobie, Kluka says things are much more in focus and the goals and aspirations of this team are clear as the Longhorns will eventually look to get back to the postseason in a solid 22-6A field.

It all starts Dec. 12 as the Longhorns scrimmage at Santa Fe. Dobie will host defending 6A Div. I state champion Klein Cain

### JFD boys' soccer scrimmages

#### JFD at Santa Fe

Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.

#### JFD hosts Klein Cain

Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.

#### JFD at Fulshear

Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.



Longtime Dobie head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. recently received a proclamation from The State of Texas House of Representatives recognizing his upcoming induction into the Texas Tennis Coaches Association "Hall of Fame" on Friday, Dec. 12. Submitting the proclamation was congresswoman Terri Leo Wilson, House District 23. The induction will take place at the TTCA's annual convention and clinic being held at Horseshoe Bay Resort in Marble Falls. More than 600 high school and college tennis coaches from Texas and neighboring states will be in attendance. Swedish professional legend Mats Wilander will be the guest speaker. Moreno, a 44-year veteran of coaching high school and college tennis, as well as 52 years overall of coaching youth tennis, is in his 27th year at Dobie High School. Nominating Moreno for the HOF honor were former Pearlland High School head tennis coach Brittany Doyle, former Houston Stratford head tennis coach Rory Frazee, Friendswood High School head tennis coach David Cook, and Moreno's Galveston O'Connell High School teammate and lifelong friend, Bobby Kleinecke, the current TTCA executive director. Several family members and friends will also be present to help honor Moreno, including former Dobie High School principal Steve Jamail and his wife, Barbara. In addition, Friday, Dec. 12, is being declared "Coach Manuel Moreno Jr. Day" by the City of Galveston City Council.

### Dobie Academic All-District

**Deacon Akinloye**  
**Braylon Byrd**  
**Nathaniel Belleville**  
**Gabriel Campero**  
**Alonzo Chapman**  
**Maximus Esqueda**  
**Christopher Flint**  
**Oscar Hernandez**  
**Marcus Jones**  
**Donavin Lamas**  
**Angel Lopez**  
**Isaac Mendez**  
**Harry Nguyen**  
**Titus Randle**  
**Cameron Robertson**  
**Vincent Rodriguez**  
**Achilles Rostro**  
**Zachary Staten**  
**Adrian Taylor**  
**Nolen Thomas**  
**Alex Vouffo**  
**Clayton Washington**

## Hodges honored as 22-6A Offensive MVP

Dobie senior Da'Marcus Hodges (1) capped an outstanding three-year varsity career with the Longhorns by being named the Offensive Most Valuable Player in District 22-6A following the 2025 season. Hodges led the district in all-purpose yards during the regular season with 1,484 and also was the rushing yards champion with 1,380 to go with 15 touchdowns scored. Hodges wound up second in the district with 110 points scored. Hodges was the 22-6A Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore in 2023 and dealt with a few nagging injuries as a junior but still put together a solid season. He was the focal point of opposing defenses this season but, nonetheless, came through with several dazzling performances on his way to top honors in the league in his final season. For more on the Longhorns' All-District selections, see Page 6.

Photo by Gloria Wallace



### Upcoming Hoops Action

**Brook boys at Friendswood**  
 Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

**Brook boys host Angleton**  
 Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

**Dobie boys host Memorial**  
 Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

**Dobie girls host Yates**  
 Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

**Dobie girls at Memorial**  
 Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

**Brook girls at Clear Springs**  
 Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

**Brook boys at Dickinson**  
 Dec. 19, 5 p.m.

**Dobie boys at Shadow Creek**  
 Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

**Dobie girls host Shadow Creek**  
 Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

**Brook girls host Dickinson**  
 Dec. 19, 3:30 p.m.

## Brook boys third at Carlisle/Krueger; locals have won 11 of 13 games overall

Both Clear Brook and Clear Lake delivered outstanding performances at the 92nd annual Carlisle/Krueger invitational December 4-6, proving that the upcoming District 24-6A varsity boys' basketball race will be one of the most competitive in recent years.

The Wolverines first collected a runner-up trophy in the Division 2 gold bracket at the McDonald's Texas Invitational the first weekend of the regular season, then came up with four wins in five overall games to finish third in the Carlisle bracket at the Carlisle/Krueger event.

The Wolverines edged MacArthur 55-53 to open the event and then cruised past Fort Bend Bush 68-49. Despite a 57-48 loss to Schertz Clemens, the Wolverines came back to down Heights 47-44 to finish third.

Hightower won its second consecutive tournament championship with a victory over Schertz Clemens

As for the 13-3 Clear Lake Falcons, that group dropped a pool play game to Heights by a 85-79 count but otherwise rolled in four other wins. Making their way to the Krueger bracket championship game, Clear Lake crushed Kempner to win the championship with a 94-58 victory.

Opening night to the

24-6A race Dec. 19 figures to be huge as Clear Lake will host Clear Springs while the Wolverines will play at Dickinson.



Clear Brook's varsity boys' basketball team, led by Abdiel Jimenez, first placed second in the Division 2 gold bracket at the McDonald's Texas Invitational and then took third place at the Carlisle/Krueger event.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

sation Madden Hill, who established a new single-game scoring record earlier this season with a 45-point night.

Dickinson stood at 8-3 and has also received simply dominant play from Troynelle Belle Jr., who has had multiple 30-plus point outings to this point in the season.

Not to be outdone, Deer Park has won nine of its first 14 games as of press time. Brazoswood also came through with seven wins of its first 10 games.

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# Longhorn football standouts earn 22-6A All-District honors for 2025



Senior Desmond Talib (10) was already an All-District performer at linebacker before making the switch to safety for the 2025 season. Talib responded with 72 total tackles, including 42 solo stops. He added a quarterback sack and four tackles for loss on his way to first team All-District honors.



David Agyemang (11) was a one-man wrecking crew up front for the Longhorns in 2025 as he was second in the district in quarterback sacks with seven and also had a league-high 30 quarterback hurries as he was an easy choice for first team All-District accolades.



Senior return man Marcus Jones easily (3) earned first team All-District honors as he was the top kickoff returner in the district and also contributed quite a bit as a game breaker out of the slot receiver spot on offense. Jones was the leader in the district with 290 total kickoff return yards, including an 88-yard touchdown return and also had 15 catches for 267 yards and a pair of scores.



Vincent Rodriguez (68) was one of a Dobie offensive line that led the way to the offense rushing for 273 yards per game on the season as he was honored with first team All-District status following the regular season.



Longhorn senior defensive back Clayton Washington (2) was a second team All-District honoree as he turned in an exceptional final season. Washington was also honored on the academic All-District list for his outstanding work in the classroom.



Longhorns' defensive tackle Dario Rodriguez (94) was exceptional on the field as he was honored with second team All-District accolades.



Dobie defensive end Nathan Zavala (82) came up with a huge season for the Longhorns as a senior as he had five quarterback sacks and 25 quarterback hurries, causing a disruption up front throughout the season on his way to second team All-District honors.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf and Gloria Wallace



Longhorn junior receiver Nolen Thomas (13) had 16 catches for 316 yards and a touchdown in 2025 as he earned second team All-District honors on the field and also was named to the academic All-District squad recognizing his outstanding performance in the classroom.



Dobie senior linebacker Rashaud Howard (7) was named a second team All-District honoree after registering 49 total tackles, including a tackle for loss during his third and final varsity season with the Longhorns.



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## CLEAR BROOK CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

**WATER LINE FLUSHING NOTICE**  
FLUSHING OF THE DISTRICT'S WATER LINES WILL BE PERFORMED DURING THESE 5 DAYS:  
**Monday, December 15, 2025 through Friday, December 19, 2025**

Clear Brook City MUD is conducting a comprehensive water line flushing program throughout the neighborhood. This will begin at 8:00 A.M. on December 15th and continue throughout the day until 4 P.M. on each of the above five days. The flushing will continue until all the water lines have been flushed.

**What is flushing?**  
Flushing is a process that rapidly removes water from the District's water piping system, similar to the process of flushing a car's radiator. Flushing uses water force to scour out materials that accumulate in the District's pipes. Water pipes are usually flushed by opening fire hydrants, where the discharged water flows off the streets same as rainwater.

**Why are we flushing?**  
Imagine driving down the road at less than 1-1/2 miles per hour. That's about the rate that water moves through underground pipes. This slow movement causes sediment like rust and mineral particles to build up overtime and accumulate along the pipe's bottom. A build up of bacteria known as "biofilm" can also coat the pipe's inner surface. This combination of sediment and bacteria can restrict water flow in the pipes and contribute to the pipe corroding. Rapid water pressure changes, such as water main breaks and the use of fire hydrants, can stir up the sediment and dislodge deposits lining the pipe, resulting in "discolored water" appearance. Periodically flushing water pipes removes the sediment and biofilm buildup, maintains our District's infrastructure, and assures consistent, good quality water.

**Isn't flushing a waste of water?**  
No. Any overall increase in the amount of water used in flushing is a small price to pay in maintaining water quality and the integrity of the piping system.

**How will this affect you?**  
Usually, you will not be aware that flushing is even taking place in your neighborhood. Flushing is generally conducted between 8 A.M. and 4 P.M. Monday through Friday. Approximately half of the District's fire hydrants will be opened to flush the water pipes. It takes about 30 minutes to flush each hydrant. While the hydrant is being flushed, the homes on that block may experience discolored water or a drop in water pressure. Your water service should not be interrupted. If you have no water pressure, please notify CBC at 281-484-1562. The only sign that a crew has been in your neighborhood may be standing water in the roadway.

**What should you do if you turned on a faucet and the water coming out is discolored?**  
Should a reddish, yellow, brown tint to the water appear, do not be alarmed.  
It is recommended you do not use the water or do laundry for about two hours; this will give the sediment time to settle. After you have waited for this time period, run your faucets for about five minutes to make sure the water is clear. If the water does not clear within a couple of hours, notify CBC at 281-484-2893 24-hours per day.

**The District will not be responsible for damages to clothing, etc.**

# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.  
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.  
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the rabbi, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com) or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.  
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at Cross Roads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.  
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.  
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA**. See Friday's notice.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group. See Friday's notice.  
5 p.m. **New Directions Singles Social Group** is a singles group for those 55+. Meetings are the first and third Monday held in the community room at Maplewood Crossing, 600 Hobbs Road, League City. There will a potluck dinner and may include group activities. For further information, call Carol at 281-508-1663. See Facebook page: New Directions Singles Social Group.  
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email [huff\\_reunion@juno.com](mailto:huff_reunion@juno.com) for info.  
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.  
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.  
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group. See Friday's notice.  
Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from noon to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.  
6 p.m./ 7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.  
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8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous**. See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA**. See Friday's notice.  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." Monday through Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.  
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