

### Holiday closures set

#### South Belt-Ellington Leader

The Leader office will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. It will reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 26.

#### Clear Brook City MUD

Clear Brook City MUD will close at 3 p.m. Friday, May 22, and will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 26. For customer convenience, check or money order payments may be left in the drop box at the drive-thru window. No cash will be accepted in the drop box.

Clear Brook City MUD residents who receive Monday trash services will have their normally scheduled pickup on Memorial Day, May 25. All trash should be placed at curbside no later than 6 a.m.

### MUD trash times may vary

Due to a major county construction project, trash collection times may vary in the coming weeks. Residents should have trash curbside no later than 6 a.m. Monday and Thursday, as collection crews will be working in coordination with construction crews and may arrive earlier than before. All Texas Pride Disposal Trucks have cameras for verification. This will continue until the project's completion.

A project of Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, the massive undertaking will make street and traffic repairs to the majority of major roads in the Clear Brook City MUD. Work has already begun in the Highland Meadow and Wood Meadow subdivisions. Work will soon begin in the Sageglen subdivision.

### Sageglen to meet May 18

Sageglen Community Association will hold a homeowner meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 18, at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork. Guest speaker to be announced. Light refreshments will be served. All Sageglen residents are encouraged to attend. Meetings typically take place the third Monday of every other month. For additional information, call 281-481-2160.

### HPD's PIP set for May 18

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, May 18, at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway, Classroom No. 103. Guest speaker to be announced. Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. PIP meetings typically take place the third Monday of each month. For additional information, contact HPD Officer C. Castillo at castillo@houstonpolice.org or 832-395-1777.

### Sagemeadow to meet May 21

The Sagemeadow HOA will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Meetings are typically held the third Thursday of each month. For meeting agenda, guest speaker or other additional information, visit www.sagemeadow.org.

### 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.

### Beltway closures planned

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

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.

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.

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

### Kirkwood to meet May 25

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 25, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held on the last Monday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

## 1 teen killed, 1 critically injured in reported drive-by

### Sources: Fatal shooting stemmed from potential gun sale among juveniles

Two local juvenile males were involved in a shooting incident Thursday, May 7, killing one and leaving another in critical condition.

Both were Dobie High School students.

Jadiel Rodriguez, 16, was killed in the gunfire.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the incident took place around 4 p.m. in the 8700 block of Blackhawk Ridge Lane in the

Durham Park subdivision near Beltway 8 and Blackhawk. Patrol officers responded to a shooting call to find Rodriguez shot multiple times.

A neighbor said he attempted to revive the victim but was unsuccessful. Responding Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced the teenage male dead at the scene. Police learned that a second victim had been transported by am-

balance to the hospital in critical condition, also suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

The incident was widely reported by local media as a drive-by shooting, but Houston police — who are heading the investigation — would not confirm this.

Sources familiar with the incident told the Leader the shootings stemmed from a potential gun sale among the teens, but HPD investigators would also not confirm this to the newspaper. One police source, however, told the Leader that Rodriguez was involved more in a witness ca-

capacity rather than a potential buyer or seller.

Online reports in multiple social media groups stated that a vehicle involved in the shooting had been recovered and that an arrest had been made, but once again, HPD investigators were tight-lipped on the incident and would not confirm this to the Leader.

At press time, the investigation was ongoing. Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

## New construction underway



Construction has begun on the industrial warehouse being erected in the 10900 block of Beltway 8 between Beamer and Sabo, with large cranes now being utilized at the site. According to developers, the new 140,000-square-foot facility will occupy approximately 11 acres of space and cater to industrial applications, with spaces currently for sale or lease. Construction is scheduled to be complete in the last quarter of 2026.

## Driver killed in hospital parking lot

### Crash caused by driver experiencing medical emergency

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place Wednesday, May 6, in the Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital parking lot.

The identity of the dead male, 66, was pending notification to family members by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the man was driving a blue Ford Expedi-

tion in the hospital's parking lot when it appears he suffered a medical emergency and lost control of the vehicle, striking a silver GMC Sierra, a black Chevrolet Equinox and a white GMC Sierra. All three vehicles were parked and unoccupied at the time of the crash.

The male driver was transported inside the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

At press time, the investigation was ongoing.

## Arrest made in February double homicide

### Suspect charged with tampering with physical evidence

Charges have been filed in the double homicide that took place this past February in the 9100 block of Radio Road.

Darrell Hall, 24, and India Thomas, 27, were found dead Saturday, Feb. 28, each shot multiple times. According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers arrived to find Hall in the middle of the roadway



Khiyeya Sanders

and Thomas in a nearby ditch. Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced both victims dead at the scene.

Investigators identified Khiyeya Kawaun Sanders as a suspect in the case, and on May 5, members of the HPD Southeast Patrol Division's Crime Suppression Team arrested and charged him.

At this time, Sanders has only been charged with tampering with physical evidence. Police said the investigation is ongoing.

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

## Whitmire announces proposed budget

### Facing record deficit, proposal includes new fees but no tax increases

At a time when the city is facing a record budget deficit of nearly \$200 million, Mayor John Whitmire this past week announced his FY 2027 Proposed Budget.

According to a press release from the mayor, the proposal will build on his administration's progress and prioritize creating a stronger, more stable financial future for the city of Houston. Whitmire said the proposal protects vital services such as public safety, parks, libraries, neighborhood services and the municipal court system.

Whitmire further noted the budget plan does not include a property tax increase, nor will it expand government programs, defer infrastructure obligations or rely on one-time transfers.

"Houston is at a turning point," said Whitmire. "Our city continues to grow rapidly, and the cost of delivering essential services, from public safety to infrastructure, has risen alongside it. At the same time, local- and state-imposed property tax caps have significantly limited the City's ability to keep up with these demands."

Whitmire said the proposed budget plan looks to the city's future.

"Under my administration, we have tightened

our belt, improved efficiency and reduced year-over-year spending for the first time in decades," said Whitmire. "But efficiency alone is no longer enough. This year's budget introduces a modern, sustainable approach to funding core services, protecting the programs that Houstonians rely on without raising property taxes. This budget represents the next step towards ensuring Houston remains strong, reliable and ready for the future."

#### Budget plan

The budget plan includes the following:

– Designating the Solid Waste Municipal Department as a Municipal Utility

– Implementing a \$5 per month administrative user fee to align with the actual cost of service and to support long term fleet, staff and reliability

– Right-of-way rental fee through the Combined Utility System will accomplish the following:

– Implements a fee on water and wastewater utilities for use of public right-of-way, similar to a franchise fee

– The ROW fee benefits help preserve public safety, libraries, parks, municipal courts and

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## HPD seeks person of interest in shooting

### 1 killed, 1 injured outside Gulf Freeway strip club in April

Houston police need the public's help locating a person of interest wanted for questioning in the fatal shooting of one man and wounding of another outside a strip club in the 12300 block of the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua back on Saturday, April 4.

The person of interest is identified as Rudy Gomez Jr., 21. A pair of photos of Gomez, who is not charged, show his varying appearances.

The victim is identified as Miguel Padilla, 33. According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a shooting at Paradise City around 5 a.m. and located an unresponsive male in the parking lot and a second injured male inside the building. Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced the male in the parking lot dead at the scene and transported the injured male to an area hospital, where he was expected to survive his injury.

On April 9, detectives released a video of six individuals who may have information about the incident. Further investigation identified Rudy

Gomez Jr. as a person of interest.

Anyone with information on the identity or whereabouts of Rudy Gomez Jr. or in this case is urged to contact 911, the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477). Residents are urged to not approach the person of interest.



Person of interest

## Primary runoffs slated for May 26

### Voters to choose nominees in county, state, federal races

In what seems to many as a never-ending election cycle, South Belt voters will return to the polls soon as several major statewide and local contests head into the May 26 primary runoff.

With early voting scheduled for May 18–22, local voters will help determine party nominees in races ranging from the U.S. Senate to Harris County judge.

Runoffs occur when no candidate in a primary earns more than half the vote, and the winners of these matchups will move on to the November general election.

#### U.S. Senate

On the Republican side of the U.S. Senate race, incumbent Sen. John Cornyn faces a challenge from current Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton. The contest has drawn statewide attention as GOP voters decide who will represent the party in the fall.

Democrats, meanwhile, will weigh in on the race for Texas lieutenant governor, where Vikki Goodwin and Marcos Velez are competing for their party's nomination.

#### Texas attorney general

Both parties also have unfinished business in the race for Texas attorney general.

Democratic voters will choose between Joe Jaworski, the former mayor of Galveston, and State Sen. Nathan Johnson.

Republican voters will decide between State Sen. Mayes Middleton and U.S. Rep. Chip Roy.

#### 18th Congressional District

In the 18th Congressional District, which includes portions of Southeast Houston, Democratic voters will select their nominee between longtime U.S. Rep. Al Green and Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee. The district has historically been a Democratic stronghold, and the runoff will determine who advances to the general election ballot.

#### Harris County judge

The race for Harris County judge also continues on both party ballots.

On the Democratic side, former Houston Mayor Annise Parker faces former City Council Member Letitia Plummer.

Republican voters will choose between Orlando Sanchez, a former Harris County treasurer and Houston City Council member; and Warren Howell, a local businessman.

One of the most influential local offices, the county judge serves as Harris County's chief executive, overseeing emergency management, budgeting and countywide policy decisions.

Current County Judge Lina Hidalgo — who has been embroiled in controversy in recent weeks — is not seeking re-election.

Early voting will begin Monday, May 18, and continue through Friday, May 22. Voters may participate in either the Democratic or Republican runoff, but not both.

For additional information, visit www.HarrisVotes.com.

## Copperhead spotted at trail



An alert resident is warning others that he has spotted highly venomous copperhead snakes twice in the past two weeks while he was riding his bike along the hike-and-bike trail near Blackhawk and Dixie Farm Road. Both incidents took place in the wooded part of the trail between 7 and 8 p.m.

Photo by Shawn Armstrong

## Frazier chess team competes in last tournament



Frazier Elementary School students recently competed and placed high in the Pasadena ISD year-end chess tournament. Left to right, are (front row) Santiago Moreno, Caleb Martinez, Benjamin Resendiz, Sophia Covarrubias, Mario Leyva, Abraham Tellez, Axel Ortega, Mario Moncada, (middle row) Irvin Huizar, teacher Cathy Silas, Anasofia Martinez, principal Kris Ponce, Nathan Manzano, Matthew Huizar, Maddison McDonald, (back row) assistant coach Andrea Eguia, coach Chris Baldauf, assistant coach Amalia Parras, and assistant principal Isaac Romero.



First place Irvin Huizar, Fourth place Santiago Moreno, Second place Nathan Manzano, Third place Abraham Tellez, Seventh place Matthew Huizar

## MHSH earns national recognition

### Local hospital praised by national nurse organization

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital has earned Magnet Recognition with Distinction, a designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) that recognizes the highest performing Magnet organizations around the world.

While this is the first time the hospital has earned "with Distinction," it is the second time Memorial Hermann Southeast has earned Magnet designation, as the hospital was first recognized in 2021.

"Earning a second Magnet recognition, and this time with Distinction, is a testament to the dedication, clinical expertise, and compassionate care our nursing teams bring to Memorial

Hermann Southeast and our affiliated campuses every single day," said Noel J. Cárdenas, senior vice president and CEO, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital and Memorial Hermann Pearland Hospital.

The Magnet Recognition Program recognizes health care organizations for quality patient care, nursing excellence and innovation in professional nursing practice. Magnet recognition is the highest possible organizational credential granted by the ANCC, the largest and most prominent nursing credentialing organization in the United States. Hospitals must excel in several areas, including nursing standards and practices, patient care, and innovations

in nursing leadership and management to earn Magnet status. Introduced in 2022, Magnet Recognition with Distinction celebrates hospitals and health care organizations that exceed the scoring thresholds required to attain Magnet designation.

Before a hospital is selected for Magnet recognition, the ANCC completes a rigorous evaluation process that includes on-site visits, reviews of written documentation, staff and patient satisfaction surveys and interviews. Initial Magnet recognition is valid for four years and, during that time, hospitals and nursing staff are closely monitored, evaluated, and surveyed to ensure they remain in compliance with the program's high standards. At the end of the four-year period, hospitals must reapply and again undergo the challenge-

ing evaluation process. Studies have demonstrated that Magnet-recognized hospitals typically provide a higher quality of patient care, including lower mortality rates and better patient satisfaction. Magnet hospitals also experience lower turnover and lower rates of burnout among nursing staff. The recognition is also directly linked to a hospital's ability to attract and retain qualified, highly educated nursing staff.

"To earn Magnet recognition is a milestone; to earn it a second time with Distinction is evidence of sustained excellence," said Mary Carrillo, chief nursing officer, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. "I am so proud of our team for their continued efforts and their commitment to maintaining the highest standards of nursing practice and collaborative care."

## Nolen sworn in



Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia (left) is shown above swearing in the department's newest law enforcement officer, Deputy Christopher Nolen, during a ceremony held Friday, May 1.

## Hometown Heroes Park hosts free ballroom dance

A free ballroom dance is held every Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level.

The dance is casual dress, and the purpose is to have fun, get some mental and physical exercise and make friends. A variety of rhythms are provided by Neva and Bill Schroder, including foxtro, waltz, rumba, cha-cha, tango, Viennese waltz, swing, West Coast swing and several popular Latin dances.

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

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

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

## AARP Webster sets meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 invites one to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586. The chapter meets in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway. One is invited to come to meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month there is entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors, followed by a social activity.

The program this month will be a presentation on Health Walk. The social event will be BACC Derby Days. Bring quarters and get ready to cheer for a favorite horse.

AARP Chapter 199 is hosting a bus trip on Tuesday, May 19, to Eternal Gandhi Museum. Gandhi Museum is a cultural and educational museum dedicated to Gandhi's legacy of nonviolent conflict resolution. The trip price is \$12. Lunch will be at Lazy Dog Cafe. Members may register and pay for these trips at the Thursday, May 14, monthly meeting. One must be a member of Chapter 199 to participate in the bus trips.

If one is interested in joining AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP and show one's current national membership card to join any local chapter. AARP chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact President Veronica Stanford at 409-256-1195 or at veronica\_stfrd46@yahoo.

## Mayor announces proposed 2027 budget

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multiservice centers. The changes will move the city closer to a structurally balanced budget that does the following:

- Supports transformational public works and consent decrees
- Reduces pressure for layoffs and service cuts
- Both are standard practice in major cities, align costs with service and support a structural budget balance

"Efficiency alone cannot close the fiscal gap," said Whitmore. "Everything I'm talking about is just the beginning, and it's going to get better in future years. This budget plan represents financial security for the city of

Houston, and it's the health of the city's finances. We are not kicking the can down the road in my administration."

**Priorities** Budget priorities/key investments include the following:

- All services preserved
- No layoffs
- \$12M in efficiency savings achieved without service reductions
- Five police and 11 fire cadet classes
- \$31M added to the drainage fund from the general fund

The new fiscal year will begin July 1, 2026.

For additional information on the proposed budget, visit [houston.tx.gov/budget](http://houston.tx.gov/budget) proposal.

## Byers achieves summa cum laude honors



On Saturday, May 9, Anaya Byers, a resident of the South Belt community graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Management in agriculture from Prairie View A&M University. Anaya attended Weber Elementary, Westbrook Intermediate and is a 2021 Clear Brook High School graduate. She began PVAMU in fall 2021 on a full scholarship from the US Department of Agriculture for whom she will work after graduating. Her family proudly celebrates Anaya.

## RIF awards Frazier 100 new library books

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) recently announced that Robert B. Frazier Elementary has been selected as one of 100 national winners of its "Rally to Read 100" sweepstakes, a six-month initiative designed to ignite a love of reading for students in grades K-5 across the country. As one of 100 national awardees, Robert B. Frazier Elementary will receive 100 books curated to inspire its young readers.

The 100 new books will be added to Robert B. Elementary's classroom libraries and media center, expanding access to engaging titles for hundreds of students.

The sweepstakes giveaway is a part of Reading Is Fundamental's "Rally to Read 100" campaign, designed to engage students in the joy of reading. Students, educators, and families were invited to take on the fun challenge of reading 100 books over the span of six months by the end of National Reading Month in March. The "Rally to Read 100" campaign provided accompanying resources at [RallytoRead.org](http://RallytoRead.org) including monthly themes and book lists, virtual read-alouds with popular authors and activity packets.

"At Reading Is Fundamental, we believe every

child deserves access to books that spark curiosity and confidence," said Alicia Levi, president and CEO of RIF. "As we celebrate 60 years of inspiring young readers, we are proud to provide 10,000 books in total prizes to help schools across the country build vibrant, diverse libraries that support student success."

The "Rally to Read 100" sweepstakes welcomed K-5 educators to submit their schools for the chance to win 100 new books generously donated by Barnes & Noble to help build their libraries and classrooms with a range of stories, characters and authors. Selected at random

from thousands of entries, 100 applicants were chosen including Robert B. Frazier Elementary. According to national assessments, many children continue to struggle with reading proficiency, making access to high-quality books more important than ever.

"We are very thankful to RIF and Barnes & Noble for gifting these beautiful and engaging books to our students, classroom teachers, and community members. One student literally jumped up and down and exclaimed, 'Books?! For free? YESSS!' This opportunity is special to us all," said librarian Ms. Lupe Palacios.



Shown holding library books donated by Barnes & Noble through RIF are Frazier Owls, left to right, Benjamin Resendiz, Athan Garcia, Cassandra Vega, Sophia Covarrubias, Alfonso Garza and Jose Reyes.

## Pasadena Strawberry Festival celebrates opening day

The Pasadena Strawberry Festival will officially open on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 3 p.m. with a special opening ceremony featuring the unveiling of a statue honoring Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross.

The tribute celebrates Barton's legacy of compassion, service and humanitarian leadership in a partnership with the American Red Cross and the City of Pasadena. Community members, festival attendees, civic leaders, and special guests will gather for the historic unveiling, with artist Holly Denslow also in attendance.

The opening ceremony will include welcoming remarks, special recognition and the official start of four days of family-friendly festivities, beginning with the presentation of the world's largest strawberry shortcake.

The Pasadena Strawberry Festival invites the community to join in this meaningful kickoff that blends history, honor, strawberries and hometown pride.

For event details, schedules and tickets, visit [www.StrawberryFest.org](http://www.StrawberryFest.org).

## Funeral home, cemetery honor flags, vets

As America prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday, Grand View Funeral Home and Grand View Memorial Park/Bethany Cemetery, Pasadena, is planning two ways to honor the country, Old Glory and the nation's veterans, who have protected America in times of war and peace since 1776.

A flag retirement box has been installed at the funeral home's front door. Anyone in the area who has a tattered flag may place it in the box, and American Legion Cortez-Norris Post 319, which serves La Porte and Deer Park, will work with the Eagle Scouts to properly retire the flag in a dignified ceremony. American flags should be retired if they are worn, torn or soiled.

Separately, on Saturday, May 23, at 9 a.m., Grand View invites the community to place flags on the graves of veterans ahead of Memorial Day. The cemetery wants to show the community's gratitude and respect for those who have served and sacrificed for the country. Community groups, families and individuals are invited to volunteer. Register by calling 281-479-6076.

## Local library events set

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

### Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

The following events are scheduled for Bracewell Library:  
Thursday, May 14, 4 - 5 p.m. Living English lessons. Registration required.  
Saturday, May 16, 2 - 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.  
Monday, May 18, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required.  
Tuesday, May 19, 3 - 4 p.m. Bad art club. Registration required.  
Tuesday, May 19, 4 - 5 p.m. Join family STEM. Registration required.  
Wednesday, May 20, 6 - 7 p.m. Pajama storytime. Registration required.  
Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

### Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

### Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. Hours are Monday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for more information. One can also visit social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library:  
Thursday, May 14, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.  
Friday, May 15, 1 - 3 p.m. Genealogy.  
Friday, May 15, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Lego club.  
Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Plant sale.  
Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. - noon. Tai Chi.  
Saturday, May 16, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Korean language music class. Registration required.  
Monday, May 18, 1 - 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.  
Monday, May 18, 4 - 5 p.m. Cricut-sublimation orientation. Registration required.  
Monday, May 18, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.  
Tuesday, May 19, 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Personas que corren con libros: Club de lectura en Español.  
Tuesday, May 19, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.  
Wednesday, May 20, Noon - 1 p.m. Family place workshop with free Children's Museum passes.  
Wednesday, May 20, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Pathway to citizenship. Registration required.

### Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
  - Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).
  - Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
  - Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.
  - Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
  - Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
  - Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.
- Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card.
- For additional information, visit [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).

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

Parish Office: 281-481-6816  
Children's Faith Formation: 281-481-4251  
Adult Faith Formation: 713-538-2862

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# J. Frank Dobie High School announces fifth six-weeks honor roll

Officials of J. Frank Dobie High School have announced the fifth six-weeks honor roll for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Ninth grade**  
Sophia Isabel Acatilan, Zayden Ray Aguilar, Me'shah Adeen Alexander, Samuel Brece Alexander, Za'kari Jalil Allmon-Jackson, Abdulrahman Yousef Almassan, Evenine Lizbeth Alonso, Andrew Amezcua, Mya Mercedes Amrepton, Crystal Antunez Vargas, Angel Arango Ramirez, Kimber Araujo, Jade Nicole Arceneaux and Helen Yamileth Argueta.

Adrian Arredondo, Rick Chidubem Azinge, Jailla Alana Bandy, Samuel Alexander Barahona, Jonathan Joharris Barber, Matthew Antonio Barragan, Samantha Barraza, Natalie Ariel Bazan, Liliana Bernudez, Tahj Jesus Bernardes, Alexandra Adamari Betancourt, Jeremy Alberto Beteta, Samuel Alexander Bonilla, Edmundo Ezekiel Bravo and Camila Aime Bruno.

Vy Nguyen Thao Bui, Nevaeh Mackenzie Bumgarner, Alexander Chai Buntaer, Joshua Robert Byron, Maddison Campos, Samantha Carbajal Moreno, Giselle Marie Casas, Valery Yessenia Casillas, Daziel Favian Castillo, Sabrina Xitlaly Cavazos, Felix Abraham Cervantes, Isabelle Soleil Chavez, Mia Gabrelle Chavez, Nathaneil Chavez and Duyen Cach Chung.

Nicole Churchwell, Isabella Giada Cisneros, Kayla Alyssa Cisneros, Sophia Elizabeth Claros Mendoza, Carissa Soleil Cortez, Johnathan Cruz-Garcia, Kiet Tuan Dang, Minh Duc Dang, Taylor Patricia Daniels, Layla Isabella Davila, Emilio De La Rosa, Jocelyn Citlali De La Garcia Chavez, Liliana Anabel De La Torre, Ruby Bella Delgado and Gael Diaz.

Alejandro Diosdado, Deziah Aryanna Doss, Peyton Carly Dowell, Isai Serna Escobedo, Isabella Emma Espinoza, Shaikh Ashraf Faizan, Alessandro Ferrufino, Faith Aileen Flores, Jonathan Noah Fonseca, Jay'von Edward Fortson, Baith Allen Fox, Gabriella Edith Franklin, London Lashelle Freeman, Nathaniel Aiden Cruzado Gansit and Elida Sarahi Garcia.

Layla Maribel Garcia, Myla Cassidy Garcia, Matteo Ason Garciduenas, Anasofia Garibay, Carlos Eduardo Garza,

Chelsea Denise Garza, Joceline Rebecca Garza, Malachi Jesse Gonzales, Alayna Noemi Gonzalez, Arturo Gonzalez, Isaac Gonzalez, Mia Alejandra Gonzalez, Mikayla Astrid Gonzalez, Xitlaly Gonzalez and Kennedy Denise Grice.

Jayden Fernando Grimaldo, Alexa Yuznari Guevara, Emma Gurusqueta, Yoansy Francisco Hernandez Ramos, Valeria Marlen Hernandez, Durriyah Monae Hill, Anna Hoang, Antonio Juan Holguin, Noah James Holguin, Ngoc My Le Huynh, Daveyn Cartel Jackson Little, Ramon Jaramillo, Jordan Oluwasemilore Jegede, Isela Nicole Jimenez and Bradley Zane Jones.

Kenberly De'Asia Jones, Evangeline Josephine Kennedy, Bjork Ichel Klimowicz, Alice Hong Lam, Jayda Rayne Lasker, Regina Guadalupe Leal Garza, Alex Enrique Leon, Frida Fernanda Leon, Lola Penelope Scarlett Lopez, Pablo Lopez, Darwin Enrique Lossa-da Hernandez, Melahny Meilim Machado, Keyla Jakeline Macias and Phuwadet Maingot.

Diego Nicholas Majano, Alexander Josue Maravilla Cabrera, Rahul Santiago Marroquin, Anthony Martinez Rico, Arielle Jimena Martinez, Emmanuel Martinez, Esmeralda Martinez, Guadalupe Martinez, Isaac Martinez, Isaih Ryan Martinez, Jesse Aidan Martinez, Nathaniel John Martinez, Chloe Isabella Maycott, Lia Analleigh Medina and Michele Medrano.

Kevin Alexander Mejia, Jeanelle Naohmi Meigoza, Carissa Nicole Mendez, Avery Hope Mendiola, Kayden Tyler Mitchell, Erick Jesus Montejano, Alyssa Montero, Jaden Marley Moron, A'shawnec Nevaeh Mose, Demeco De'yon Maurice Moses, Isabella Munoz, An Binh Nguyen, Angel Chau Nguyen, Annie Nguyen, Bang Hai Nguyen and Bich Hoang Ngoc Nguyen.

Ethan Hoang Nguyen, Hilary Hien Vy Nguyen, Kaitlyn Vy Nguyen, Kate Ngoc Nguyen, Khang Minh Nguyen, Michael Thanh Nguyen, Troy Hoang Anh Nguyen, Troy Thien Nguyen, Truc Phuung Nguyen, Meredith Kayley Onguso, Aracely Evette Ortiz, Artemio Vidal Ortiz, Ava Justine Ortiz, Evelyn Padilla, Rhema Abigail Palma and Elizabeth Jenell Pena.

Riley Dee Perez, Robert Edward Pheister, Edward Raphael Picana, Jancey Arlene Pineda, Ayari Aylin Pino, Hannah Giselle Ponce, Joy Elizabeth Premanand, Grasiela Nicole Preza Cardoza, Alonzo Julian Prida, Simon Quach, Sansa-Ray Shannon Ramsay, Yarelis Rangel, Dahlia Selene Reyes, Jalad Raeshun Latrell Rhodes and Nyla Adryanna Richardson.

Grayson Elijah Riley, Gabriel Paul Rincon, Aiden Xavier Rios, Alexa Sofia Rodriguez, Annabelle Jasmine Rodriguez, Demi Rodriguez, Ethan David Rodriguez, Jade Naomi Rodriguez, Anthony Rodriguez-Solano, Victoria Marie Rodriguez, Zoey Ruth Rogers, Yoselin Rojas, Genesis Abigail Rosa Mejia, Lyla Marie Saldana, Ronaldo Roel Salinas and Camila Salomon.

Brandon Jewel Scott, Julius Valentin Segura, Vianni Araceli Serna, Arturo Serrano, Nawaf Naushad Shafiq, Iliana Molina Sorto, Yasmin Noemi Sosa Diaz, Abigail Hope-Marie Stockton, Maryum Tariq, Jakob Dylan Tellez, Valeria Sarai Tinajero, Gabriela Torres, Lauren Toquyen Tran, Mary Thien Tran, Thinh Nguyen Tran and Travis Hoa Tran.

Anna Thanh Trinh, Lucas Matthew B. Tulud, Blake Walker Turmipeed, Jose Angel Guerrero Turriabates Gomez, Sophia Ayleen Vanegas, Ethan Eli Vega, Noah Isaiah Vela, Nivi Chrissy Villareal, Brenda Esmeralda Villarreal, Emily Aime Villarreal, Maximus Jeddiah Villela, Christina Ngoc Vu, Emmanuel James Webb, Sa'mori Ayanni Williams, Joid'dan Lee'elles Zamora, Cristian Andres Zamaro, Zaire Alexander Zavala, Diego Alexander Zelaya Rodriguez and Emily Maritza Zuniga.

**10th grade**  
Yaslin Esmeralda Acosta, Abigail Lucia Aguilar, Jaylen Isaac Aguilar, Chloe Ysabella Alaminra, Zoe Valentina Alfaro Nataren, Daniel Alberto Alvarez, Angelina Isabella Amaya, Jordana Renee Aquino Rico, Tesli Araujo, Jeremiah Casey Arbaiza, Xavier Arizmedez, Andrea Natalia Arredondo, Yindianaid Ayala Hernandez and Yosselin Yudith Banegas.

Daniel Barboza, Joshua Barboza, Angelica Jovylyn Barragan, Daisy Giovanna Bautista Jimenez, Azalea Betancourt Abundis, Luke Jordan Bounds, Ayleen Anali Briseno, Kayleigh Nichole Brounsard, Anabella Cancel, Ashby Belle Caniff, Javanni Rene Capuchino, Naomi Castellanos, Aileen Reina Castillo, Brianna Alisson Castillo and Rileigh Patrice Ceasear.

Sasha Nicole Cepeda, Darelly Osvelia Cervantes, Dalila Anahi Chapa, Damian Jesus Chavez, Diana Gabriela Chicas Lopez, Redric Luke Alberto Colangoy, Emilian Colunga, Ingrid Johana Contreras Garcia, Danyean Jareise Copeland, Alondra Itzel Cruz, Johnson Cruz, Rebecca Anaui Cruz, Trinity Thanh Nhan Dang and Domingo Alfonso Davila.

Alyssa Leann Davis, Giselle Ariana Davis, Kayla Renee De Robles, David Del Toro, Kenya Alexis De-long-Thompson, Anita Jessica Nooko Djato, Quan Minh Doan, Ricky Quoc Doan, Harlee Marie Driskill, Rylee Scout Elder, Ethan Scott Elliott, Giselle Adene Esparza, Chloe Mae Evans, Karla Janet Fernandez and Brianna Alexis Figueroa.

Carlos Eduardo Flores, Melina Nayeli Flores, Andres Julian Franco, Khinydi Charal Frizell, Shonosuke-Cochise Everett-Malik Futakata-Washington, Gael Ivan Galvan, Araceli Arlett Gaminio, Gisele Marie Garcia, Miguel Angel Garcia, Khai Lynn Garrett, Adrian Hugo Garza, Damian Garza, Valerie Rachel Garza, Alicia Lilianna Garza-Becerra and Gracie Y. Giang.

Dhelyia Amanda Gomez, Christian Donovan Gonzalez, Nataly Luisa Gonzalez, Zoe Mackenzie Goree, Diego Granados, Da'Von Mekelle Green, Ethan Kane Guerrero, Isaih De'Marcus Haywood, Juandavid Hernandez, Natalia Hernandez, John Paul Herrera, Zaiden Isaiah Herrera, Lizbeth Anahi Hinojosa, Erik Duy Hoang and Huyen Thi Ngoc Hoang.

James Amari Hogan, Angela Huynh, Ngan Tuyet Huynh, Vicky Huynh, Paola Vanessa Ibarra Torres, Cruz Alexander Jasso, Jason Daniel Jasso, Karmen Alexis Jasso, Ely Nohemy Jimenez Velasco, Dylan Jeremiah Jimenez, Savannah Grace Jones, Minh Le Kim, Taylor Brianna Kingston, Jayden Bao-Thien Lam, Arianna Gisselle Laverne and Javier Legaspi.

Alexander Josue Lima-

chi, Yogenis Linares Mateo, Mia Abigail Linares, Aaliyah Chanel Longoria, Jaziel David Lopez, Ariana Angelyn Lopez-Perez, Miguel Enrique Loredo, Nina Avani Lowtan, Cesar Edgardo Lu Hernandez, Abel Elijah Lugo, Ngoc Bao Trang Luu, Ashley Ly, Emery Jayne Lynn, Kobe Magana and Anthony Ray Maldonado.

Humberto Maldonado, Karely Jasmin Maldonado, Isaias Edubert Martinez Gomez, Ariyah Celeste Martinez, Caylee Lizet Martinez, Denise Melany Martinez, Jayme Alina Martinez, Kainoa Leon Martinez, Valerie Angel Martinez, Hammad Martin, Kyndall Nevaeh McClain, Peyton Jernar McDuffie, Brandon Joe McNeal, Paula Sofia Medrano and Emme Jeyssel Mejia.

Matthew Christopher Mellott, Makayla Nicole Mendez, Liandis Mercado Solano, Azhley Izareth Mora Campos, Douglas Moises Moreno, Ava Jae Morin, Janenish Marie Muniz, Angel Rose Myles, Ngoc Bao Ngo, An An Nguyen, Brandon Duy Thinh Nguyen, Cathy Nguyen, Hana Linh Nguyen, Jade Tang Nguyen and Jocelyn Jean Nguyen.

Johnny Anh Nguyen, Justin Quang Nguyen, Khai Ngoc Quang Nguyen, Lucas Anh Nguyen, Michelle Nguyen, Nhu Y Ngoc Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Sophie Autumn Nguyen, Steven Huy Nguyen, Thai Uyen Huynh Nguyen, Thanh Thi Nguyen, Thien An Nguyen, Tien Tran Hong Nguyen, Yen My Nguyen, Craig Kosisochukwu Obute and Elvis Kamsiyochukwu Obute.

Aurelia Shipprah Ochwila, Adrian Ortega, Avery Simone Payne, Daniel Perez, Minh Thien Ngoc Pham, Truc Thy Pham, Enijah Kahsian Ploucha, Alexis Jade Porter, Nydia Alicia Proa, Sara Puente, Alejandra Carolina Quintanilla Linares, Riese Ann Rackley, Brianna Stephanie Ramirez, David Andrew Ramirez, Gabriela Pura Ramirez, Harsh Riana and Elisa Marie Reyes.

Rubi Reyes, Ruby Reyes, Thomas Veiga Ribeiro, Reyna Renee Rivera, Alayna Esmeralda Rodriguez, Alyssa Haley Rodriguez, Desiree Guadalupe Rodriguez, Ella Alisha Rodriguez, Lexi Marie Rodriguez, Lyla Abygail Rodriguez, Mikayla Riley Rodriguez, An-

drew Gilbert Rojas, Brayden Eric Rojas, Jordan Alexander Roman and Christopher Jose Romero.

Isabella Lizbeth Rosales, Allie Brooke Rosas, Lilita Grace Salazar, Jimena Abigail Salgado Hernandez, Cesar Salinas, Paulo Segura Gonzalez, Yahya Mairaj Shaikh, Bella Jordyn Sherwood, Destiny Rhyann Sidropoulos, Alondra De Jesus Silva, Shai Davyn Silva, Angelica Janet Smith, Vida Sosa, Victoria Micheala-Cherry Soule, Skylar Janae Spears and Luke James Stacey.

Sanaa Jeanette Mykiah Stephens, Dexter Cain Sullivan, Malayssia Sheree Sykes, Shelby Nicole Talavera, Daniella Belen Tamayo, Genesis Mikaela Tamez, Adrian Milton-Jamal Taylor, Arriele Da'jonae Taylor, Savannah Gisselle Tell, Joey Thanh-Long Thach, Jordyn Marquis Thomas, Severa Leeann Thomas, Danica Michelle Titus-Williams and Enrique Alvarez Torres.

Maxwell Luke Paes Torres, Sophia Rose Torres, Ethan Augustino Tran, Kahlun Nhu-Yu Tran, Kathleen Mai Tran, My Ngoc Tran, Truc Ngoc Thanh Tran, Yen Hoang Tran, Devin Aiden Umzal, Rosalie Umzal, Osmaldo Mateo Urias Bocanegra, Natalia Elizabeth Uzoukwu, Carlos Manuel Vega, Omar Alexis Vega, Jasmine Sarai Velasquez and Andrea Villa.

Amanda Lynn Villalobos, Isabella Villarreal, Idalis Nitzel Villegas, Johnathan Josiah Villeda, Kiet Tuan Vo, Tram Anh Thi Vo, Victoria Hoang-Anh Vu, Jyles Michael Washington, Ezekiel Peter West, Tatiana A'miya Williams, A'kya Ranese Womack, Saniyah Marie Young, Zaiyden Joseph Zaragoza and Angelo E. Zuniga.

**11th grade**  
Matthew Mostafa Abdin, Emily Acevedo Guevara, Arlette Guadalupe Aguirre, Deacon Akinsola Akinloye, Jordan Renee Alanis, Morgan Larae Alejo, Isabella Hila Allen, Nathalie Almanza, Shorouq Uyoukhu, Carlos Manuel Anderson, Kaleigh Olivia Antoine, Alex Nahomy Arellano, Angela Arredondo, Jael Arredondo and Maria Katalina Arredondo.

Ramon Arredondo, Guillermo Angel Arvizu, Perla Avalos Ramirez, Jennifer Bahena Rodriguez, Brennan Mi-

chael Baker, Briana Banda Hernandez, Adeliz Barahona, Vanessa Blanco, Adelle Bongkisheri Bongfen, Alexander Wesley Brock, Sheridan Tonette Brooks, Hadassah Burgett, Jaylene Niah Camarena, Thomas Diego Camil and Roland Cardoza.

Sakura Sky Carrasco, Diego Matias Carson, Aaliyah Monae Carter, Alonah Renae Carter, Ramon Anthony Carter, Yuridia Yuvarna Cazares, Sebastian Andres Cedillos, Lucas Lorenzo Cerna, Barbara Alana Chapa, Briley Rae'lynn Charles, Tuyen Kim Chau, Ashley Mariah Coleman, Andres Valentino Cortes, Leslie Maria Costa and Lyla Raquel Crake.

Abraham Cruz, John Minh Dang, Katelin Dang, Nhi Thi Dang, Thuy Thanh Dang, Stephanie Delgado, Elizabeth Tamin Dinh, Linkin Duc Dinh, Matthew Francisco Dunn, Devin Luc Ky Duong, Kourtney Nichole Duvall, Anahi Landy Echeverria, Zander Christian Einspahr, Lilly Gabrielle Elie, Anita Chisom Esunwue, Cayne Brian Esparza and Sebastian Alfonso Esparza.

Ailey Isabella Espinoza, Alyssa Paola Espinoza, Maximus Aaden Esqueda, Delilah Sarahi Evans, Keilan Lee Faulkner, Taliya Tyann Gair, Ana Maria Garcia, Jazline Anai Garcia, Samuel Garcia, Everett Garza, Gerardo Garza, Nestor Daniel Garza, Valeria Lizette Garza, Dafne Alexa Garza-Vallejo, Kaylah Christina Cooper Gibson and Romeo Rehan Gill.

Annette Godinez, Orlando Gomez, Aracely Gonzalez, Jose Alfredo Gonzalez, Marcos Gonzalez, Christian Jordan Gracia, Laurant Ne'vah Graves, Angelina Marie Guajardo, Alfredo Jose Guerrero, Jaylyn Abigail Guevara, Alina Gul, Saaimah Gul, Skye Chanel Guzman, Hung Chan Hang, Muzna Hasan, Julian Hernandez, Julius Hernandez and Kingston Chase Hernandez.

Oscar Sonny Hernandez, Aubrie Gissel Herrera-Rentaria, Cleveland Quinn Hill, Kevin Hoang, Chelsea Trum Ngoc Hoa, Brianna Huesma, Daisa Gabrielle Jackson, Emma Grace Jacob, Duy Thai Lam, Donavan Nathaniel Lamas, Anthony Tran Le, Hau Duc Le, Huy Xuan Le, Minh Trung Le, Sheyla Yen Vi Le, Genesis Adriana Leal and Hayden Rose Limas.

Lauren Rae Liscano, Se-

bastian Isaias Lizama, Jennifer Michelle Lopez Carrasco, Esther Bella Lopez, Trinity Janiah Lyons, Adriane Marie Martinez, Alexis Rosemary Martinez, Ashley Stephanie Martinez, Jorge Jesus Martinez, Juan Ozziel Martinez, Miah Rose Martinez, Serina Michelle Martinez, Matrida Ava Masau and Pretty Armande McCoy.

Adlin Leah Mena, Grace Bracha Menahem, Mohamad Aneeq Mian, Dylan Ashton Mohwinkel, Morgan Olivia Momie, Franciel Alejandro Montes Murguia, Aden Curtze Moore, Katelinn Marie Moore, Samuel Max Moreno, Alena Gisselle Moys, Zainab Naveed, Joshua Iyah Negron, Clara Thieng Ngo, Alissa Nguyen Hoang and Anh Van Nguyen.

Dennis Nhat Tien Nguyen, Duy George Nguyen, Hayly Quynh Vy Nguyen, Hieu Trung Nguyen, Jocelyn Thy Nguyen, Justin Khang Nguyen, Kelvin Thanh Nguyen, Khanh Hong Kim Nguyen, Minh Hoang Nguyen, Ngan Hoang Kim Nguyen, Ngoc Ha Bich Nguyen, Nicholas Trieu Khang Nguyen, Quan Vu Le Nguyen and Toby Tang Nguyen.

Ijeoma Claudia Nmezi, Jeremiah De'Wayne O'Neal, Louisa Safor Obah, Karla Lynette Ocampo, Lilly Irene Olivia, Sterlin Amador Ordonez, Estefania Alexandra Orellana Ramirez, Kaden Luis Orozco, Ariel Natalie Ortiz, Joseph Carlos Oviedo, Nathan Alexander Paredes, Jordan Ray Parga, Garren Wellington Parker, Kaitlyn Nicole Pecina and Jayden Emanuelle Perdomo.

Geovanny Guadalupe Perez, Jazlynn Arianna Perez, Nevaeh Celeste Perez, Jonny Dat Pham, Queana Ngoc Pham, Truc Thanh Pham, Guillermo Piedra Miranda, Nathalia Guadalupe Pineda Castro, Alissa Amberlynn Pittman, Andrew Lee Posey, Anthony Rey Puent, Kaitlyn Arielle Quiroz, Prince Nelson Corpus Rabang, Yamilet Anai Ramales, Fabian Jessie Ramirez and Melanie Jade Ramirez.

Mia Nevaeh Ramirez, Kendrick Dimalanta Ramos, Jazalynn Faith Randall, Nicolas Alexander Rangel, Ozziel Rangel, Olivia Margaret Razo, Ana Sophia Reyes, Pablo Jesus Reyes, Aldo Sebastian Reyna, Adelynn Rincon, Marco Antonio Rincon, Elizabeth Vega Rios, Evolet Rivera Chairez, Gloria Ann Robin, Robert John Robinson and Kaylee Denise Robles.

Magaly Saray Rodriguez De Lucio, Aubree Elle Rodriguez, Kayli Rodriguez, Maylene Rodriguez, Tatiana Sarahi Rodriguez, Aiden Elijah Romero, Achilles Jose Rostro, Analey Hiliana Rubio, Sury Thais Salgado Gonzalez, Isaac Elias Salinas, Alexander Isaih Sanchez, Aliyah Ann Sanchez, Carlos Sanchez, Eduardo Sanchez, Emily Aileen Sanchez and Eniko Leann Sanchez.

Jonathan Sanchez, Manuel Ray Sanchez, Mariah Michelle Santana, Ava Olivia Saucedo, Sophia Adela Saucedo, Kianni Marie Senegal, Alina Esmeralda Sosa, Chloe Starr Sudderth, Briana Karolee Sullivan, Han Gia Tat, Ashlee Cameron Taylor, Isidro Tello, Aiden Robert Teran, Daria Diadra Thomas, Nolen Carter Thomas, Serenity Elizabeth Thomas and Dezae Mae Rosha Thompson.

Anne Nhu Tran, Huy Quang Tran, Katie Nhi Tran, Kaylie Tuyet-Nhi Tran, Phuc Sang Tran, Alanis Trevino, Sandra Elaine Trevino, Rey Trinidad, Mai Que Truong, Nina Truong, Jeremiah Eugene Turner, Thomas James Turribiartes, Dennis Mauricio Umamzor, Alan Daniel Vallejo, Aiden James Vara and Cristian Velazquez.

Brooklyn Rose Veltman, Julian Villasenor, Madison Analyze Villatoro, Stephany Lizbeth Villatoro, Tina Huynh Vo, Alex Vouffo, Angelina Kim Vu, Minh Cong Vu, Aniyah Elizabeth Walker, Jaylen Walker, Christopher Jamal Wickliff, Courtney Georgianna Williams, Jaela Elle Williams and Xamira Evellett Zambrano.

**12th grade**  
Julian Devery Acevedo, Leonela Aguila, Anderson Manuel Aguilar, Soreal Alessandra Alcorta, Jalynn Cole Alix, Barbara Alessandra Alen Perez, Erik Lenin Alvarado, Jaiden James Alvarez, Nathalia Amy Andrade, Paloma Arguello-Contreras, Hussai Arias, Diana Armenta, Avian Alexander Arredondo, Jasmine Gisselle Areola and Kendall Rae Ashworth.

Lahnay Aileen Avendano, Ivan Emmanuel Ayala, Mikayla Amerie Bain, Kaitlyn Alexandria Baines, Makayla Elizabeth Ballard S. Romain, Blue Jakob Banda, Nathaniel Ryan Belleville, Suheyley Isabella Belman, Arihanna Larissa Berrones, Ethan Jordan Blandon, Tanner Van Bo, Alexis Bonilla, Diana Abigail Bonilla and Yahir Osmirn Bonilla.

Makhera Darnacia Brantley, Jeremiah Don'ye Briscoe, Jordyn Anya Brown, Megan Van Bui, Isabella Nicole Byron, Allen Elias Campos, Kylie Lauren Campos, Nicole Alex-

is Campos, Anthony Cancel, Julien Anthony Cano, Liliana Jewel Cano, Ashley Valeria Cantarero, Julissa Cantu, Amber Le Cao, Sean Tri-Nguyen Cao, Thien Xuan Cao and Abrianna Alyzza Carbajal.

Sophia Carbajal, Sofia Careaga, Steffani Grace Carrington-Casimir, Antonio Tristan Castillo, Kimberly Abigail Castillo, Mikayla Jewel Castillo, Victor Emanuel Castillo, Ramon Lucas Ceja, Joel Nicolas Chapa, Alonzo Perrell Chapaman, Elena Grace Charles, Daniel Enrique Chavez, Jaslynn Grace Chavez, Kaitly Leann Chavira and Ze-naida Yvarel Cisneros.

David Nicolas Contreras Isaura Isabel Correa, Aubree Jaيدا Idrajah Creeks, Cecilia Alejandra Cruz, Hailey Yuan shine Cubos, Aidan Lee Dang Christina Dang, Isaac Toan Song Dao, Arianna Yasmina Davidson, Lila Rain Davis, Katelyn Michelle De Leon, Jordan Lt. De Robles, Dinah Delilah Dean, Daphney Ayanah Deleon and Gregory Luis Deleon.

Joselynn Maria Delgado, Julie Delgado, Aiden Diaz, Darian Diaz, An Ngoc Thien Do, Hayden Thu Do, David Godwin Ekong, Diego Esparza, Chloe Delilah Estes, Cooper James Estes, Kamillah Estrada, Daislye Evans, Norman Esteban Fabian Alba, Gavin Adam Flores, Valentin Eloy Flores, Savannah Georgia Flores-Lewis and Esbeydi Guadalupe Fonseca.

Linnea Elle Fonseca, Roxann Frances Franco, Reynol Galvan, Angel Marie Garcia, David Garcia, Edward Matthew Garcia, Jermie David Garcia, Johnny Alejandro Garcia, Madison Lynn Garcia, Sandra Garcia, Alyria Aivee Garcia-Garza, David Garza, Dezi'arah Kamia Leon Guerrero Godoy, Courtney Lynn Goeman and Emily Evgenia Golenko.

Leon Armando Gomez, Adam Gabriel Gonzales, Olivia Cecilia Gonzales, Frank Gonzales-Adame, Maximiliano Ezequiel Gonzalez, Miranda Sofia Gonzalez, Pavel Emiliano Gonzalez, Massiah Cynthia Gordon, Daniela Guerrero, Edward Nathaniel Guerrero-Guerra, Abel Baldomero Gutierrez, Abigail Aleina Gutierrez and Jasmine L. Gutierrez.

Hao The Ha, Jade Nicole Hall, Renya Titananya Harvey Lance Christian Heath, Kiara Alessandra Henderson Salazar, Ashley Hernandez, Audrina Rose Hernandez, Janice Itzel Hernandez, Olivia Ester Hernandez, Christopher Hernandez-Chavarria, London Eve Herrera, Valeria Herrera, Morgan Alexandria Hill, Torey Tarell Hilliard and Aiden Nghia Ho.

Thin Phuc Hoang, Halaina Renee' Hobbs, Drealon Sanchez, Emily Aileen Sanchez and Eniko Leann Sanchez.

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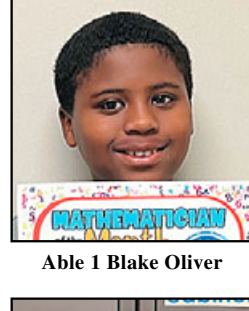
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# Frazier Elementary announces April mathematicians of the month

Frazier Elementary School officials have recently announced the April mathematicians of the month. These students were selected by their teachers for their improvement and outstanding mathematics work in the classroom.



Pre-K students Laura Gonzalez, Avien Garcia and Abigail Guajardo



Able 1 Blake Oliver



First-grader Yair Rodriguez



Kindergarten students Eliana Saucedo, Emma Cedillo, Jesus Martinez and Leah Martinez



Able 1 student Pedro Melo and first-grader Adrienne Suarez



First-graders Yuli Perez and Rey Gomez



Second-graders Jacob Chavez, Alina Ramos, Harper Jackson and Kylie Betancourt



Third-graders Ezekiel Lopez, Aria Salas, Andrew Cintora and Jeirromith Castillo



Fourth-graders Leylah Leal, Evie Acivedo, Emeli Avilez and Noah Martinez

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# Smiles highlight High Five Friday celebration at Thompson Intermediate



Thompson Intermediate School celebrates High Five Fridays which was a tradition initiated by two Thompson teachers during the 2024-2025 school year. The tradition started when Ruth Horton and Cheryl Harvick wanted to build community in their hall; it grew and became schoolwide. The school has had several local leaders join for High Five Friday since then.

Shown at left, are Pasadena ISD police officers Chris Jackson, Sgt. Damon Sonnier, Brandy Waterman, Sgt. Manrique Portillo, John Reddell, Jimmy Trevino and Shane Wilson.



Celebrating High Five Friday, left to right, are Chaplain for WNBA and Chaplain for DASH soccer team Fleea C Comeaux, Thompson teacher Ruth Horton, Chick-fil-A cow and Pasadena ISD athletic director Patrick Longstreet.



Left to right, are Thompson teacher Ruth Horton, South Houston high school assistant principal Joe Horton, Thompson principal Gina Teston and Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale.



Pasadena Mayor Thomas Schoenbein is pictured greeting a student with a high-five.



Shown is the mayor of Pearland Kevin Cole high-fiving a Thompson student.

## Remember When

**50 years ago (1976)**  
A vehicle ran a stop sign and crashed into John Van Alstine's home on Torrington near Alameda Mall. The car hit a station wagon, which hit a third car, which came into the den of Van Alstine's home.

The South Belt area held two memorial drives in memory of Jeff Tate. The first was a blood donation drive and a memorial fund called the United Sports Association Jeff Tate Memorial Reserve Fund. The second was a memorial drive to raise money for library books at Stuchbery Elementary.

**45 years ago (1981)**  
Keith Kveton, a Rice University graduate, became the first player from Dobie High School to sign a professional football contract. The 1977 Dobie graduate signed with the Oakland Raiders.

A \$3.6 million contract was awarded by the San Jacinto College Board of Regents for the construction of an occupational-technical education building and a maintenance building for the college's South campus.

Pasadena Independent School District trustees awarded a \$2,619,542 contract for construction of a new gym and band hall at Thompson Intermediate. The contract also allowed for renovations to Thompson as well as Beverly Hills and Miller intermediates.

The Harris County Flood Control District constructed a footbridge between Sagemont and Wood Meadow. The new bridge, made of surplus materials, allowed students from Thompson Intermediate to walk home.

**40 years ago (1986)**  
The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department began construction of its first permanent home since the operation began. The property to hold the \$130,000 structure was donated by Ayshire Corporation.

A representative of the Environmental Protection Agency denied the agency was considering incineration of toxic wastes at the Brio site.

Scarsdale resident Geraldine Swain, 43, was sentenced to life in prison after being found guilty of arranging the death of her husband, Boyce Swain, 40. He was gunned down in his bathroom at their home. Two suspects implicat-

ed Swain, saying she left the front door open and left cash in a prearranged location.

Thompson sixth-grader Shelly Soto submitted the winning entry in the *Leader's My Mom's the Best Mother's Day* contest. Elsa Soto won an overnight stay at the Hoban Hilton hotel as well as Sunday brunch.

**35 years ago (1991)**  
PISD board members awarded a \$9,589,000 contract to Tandy for computer hardware to start phasing in the district's Technology Plan. Clayton Chenault, 34, a 1975 Dobie High School graduate, his wife Sharon, and infant daughter Kasi, 23 months, died when their 1984 Ford LTD station wagon was struck by another car traveling the wrong way in the 4300 block of Telephone Road.

**30 years ago (1996)**  
Local fifth-graders were filmed in public service announcements at Stuchbery touting the benefits of recycling wood.

After just two years as Thompson Intermediate's principal, Cheryl Fowler re-

signed to take a position in the Spring Branch School District.

**25 years ago (2001)**  
Retired U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Gilbert Aguilar, a Vietnam veteran, was awarded the Texas Education Agency's coveted Heroes for Children award.

Texas State Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander was the guest speaker at the San Jacinto South graduation. She was presented an honorary associate of arts degree by Dr. Adena Loston, president of SJCS.

**20 years ago (2006)**  
After 35 years as an educator, Dobie Latin teacher Richard Golenko would leave quite a legacy of accomplishment when he retired at the end of the school year.

Dobie High School's production of *The Sound of Music* received two Tommy Tune Awards for best orchestra and best musical direction.

Deputies from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office were busy with several arrests after receiving calls from alert South Belt resi-

dents. Two arrests were for crack cocaine, three were for marijuana, and three were on burglary and truancy charges.

**15 years ago (2011)**  
A fatal traffic accident took place on the feeder road of Beltway 8 just west of the Gulf Freeway at 6:20 a.m. According to police, Adrian Galindo, 37, was operating a black Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle when he lost control of the motorcycle and struck a curb. The impact ejected Galindo from the motorcycle. He was pronounced dead at Ben Taub General Hospital.

A Clear Brook High School teacher accused of making an insensitive comment about the death of Osama bin Laden to a Muslim student resigned. The teacher, whose name was not released, was initially placed on administrative leave after he reportedly told the ninth-grade student, "I bet that you're grieving."

**10 years ago (2016)**  
The Harris County Toll Road Authority began work on a massive project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction from

Beamer to Highway 288. The project is addition to a second endeavor that will widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction from the Pearl and Highway 225. That project will also replace the existing Beltway 8 Ship Channel toll bridge.

**5 years ago (2021)**  
Charges have been filed against a female driver accused of killing a cyclist early Saturday, May 8, in the 12400 block of SH 3/Old Galveston Road near FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road. Crystal Reyes, 37, was charged with intoxication manslaughter and failure to stop and render aid. Hector Mario Saldarriaga, 60, was pronounced dead at the scene.

**1 year ago (2025)**  
Thefts from local Target stores – some being very large scale in nature – continue to take place nearly daily at the Pearland Parkway and Baybrook Mall locations, according to officials with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office.

"We have at least one per day from one of the stores, if not both of the stores," said

Precinct 2 Sgt. Frank Ponce. "And sometimes, we receive multiple calls per day from them."

The most recent reported arrest took place at the Target located on Beltway 8 at Pearland Parkway/Monroe. According to Precinct 2 officials, three women were observed by Target Loss Prevention officers to be stuffing merchandise inside their purses before attempting to exit the store without paying. Karina Garza, Briana Pizana and Alyssa Fernandez were all charged with shoplifting.

Store officials estimated the value of the stolen merchandise from this latest arrest at approximately \$185 – a relatively small figure compared to some other recent thefts from the area stores.

On Monday, Feb. 17, Precinct 2 deputies responded to an incident at the Beltway 8 store, in which suspects Mya Johnson and Daniah King were arrested and charged with stealing around \$1,200 in merchandise.

Last November, Precinct 2 deputies arrested four sus-

pects in two separate incidents over a two-day span, alleging they had stolen approximately \$7,000 worth of merchandise from two local Target retail stores (the Pearland Parkway store and the Baybrook store).

On Monday, Nov. 11, deputies arrested a husband-wife team at the Pearland Parkway location, accused of stealing nearly \$4,000 worth of merchandise from the store.

Identified as Derrick Blake and Adriana Williams, the pair were taken into custody and each charged with felony theft > \$2,500 < \$30,000.

The following day on Tuesday, Nov. 12, Precinct 2 deputies responded to a similar call at the Baybrook Target, where Kanika Williams and Cierra Collins were accused of stealing more than \$3,000 worth of merchandise (over the course of three visits to the store).

Both suspects were arrested on felony charges. Collins was charged with aggravated theft, while Williams was charged with aggravated theft and fleeing in a motor vehicle, after she attempted to evade arrest.

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## Dobie releases fifth six-weeks honor roll

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## Over The Back Fence by Nicole

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JACLYN!**  
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to former *Leader* staffer **Jaclyn Tremont** May 20 from her friends, family and the *Leader* staff.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COURTNEY!**  
**Courtney Durham** celebrates a happy birthday May 20. Best wishes are sent to her from children **Abigail, Jackson** and **Penelope Durham**; parents **Fred and Leslie Flickinger**; sister **Kimberly** and husband **Matt Lipina** and child **William**; uncle **David** (*Leader* president) and his wife **Ellie Flickinger**; grandmother **Olive Falkowski**; father **John Fairchild**; grandparent **David Flickinger**; and friends and the *Leader* staff.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 14 through May 20.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Send a humorous birthday card May 14 to **Itzel Flores**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Lizeth Villarreal** May 15. Remember to wish **Sheri Rodgers** a happy birthday May 16.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Break out the birthday cake and ice cream May 18 for **Susan Blue**. Send a birthday

greeting May 14 to **Vicky Ramirez**. **Genoa Elementary** Sing a chorus of a happy birthday song May 15 to **Meshia Horn**.

**Hancock Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles on a cake for **Amber Rost** May 18. Blow out the candles May 19 for **Bobbi Williams**.

**Meador Elementary**  
Remember to wish **Anissa Ramirez** a happy birthday May 15. Send a happy birthday greeting May 18 to **Nereyda Lerma**.

**Moore Elementary**  
Blow out the candles May 14 on a special cake for **Krystal Lam**. Birthday greetings go out to **Rosanna Ibarra** May 15. **Sandra Garza** celebrates a birthday May 17.

**South Belt Elementary**  
**Madelyn Bezner** enjoys a birthday May 18.

**Melillo Middle School**  
May 14 is the day for a celebration for **Tara Clark**. **Rebecca Darby** celebrates a birthday May 15.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Enjoying a birthday May 15 is **Jamika Lasker**.

**Dobie High**

May 15 is the day for a fun celebration for **Hannah Graham**. Happy birthday greetings are sent to **Tyler Ruberg** May 18.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
Thursday, May 14: **Chris Escalera** and **Bianca Perez**; Friday, May 15: **Melissa Rios-Gutierrez** and **Roland Lejeune**; Saturday, May 16: **Anthony Swilley**, **Alan Adams**, **Keith Walker**, **Kenny Napper** and **Allyson McMillen**; Sunday, May 17: **Becky Henry**, **Roland Kennedy**, **Gina Houghton** and **Jessica Nixon**; Monday, May 18: **Melody Tanner**, **Brian Conn**, **Sheila Neal**, **Jessica Ramirez De La Cruz**, **Alondra Cristina** and **Rachel Mooney**; Tuesday, May 19: **Melanie Martin**, **Tanya Williams**, **Jonathan Pearson**, **Robby Asbury**, **Leah Poirer** and **Laura Scott**; Wednesday, May 20: **Norma Pruneda**, **Joey Martinez**, **Mike Freeman**, **Juan Cruz**, **Tami Richardson**, **Kathy Swift** and **Al Carter**.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Cy-Fair softball outlasts Dobie to advance

Pushing the best-of-three series truly to the final out, Cy-Fair registered the final out of the series with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning, outlasting Dobie 2-1 May 8

at Humble High School in a 6A Division 1 softball pairing. With the win, Cy-Fair advances to the D1 regional championship series against Pearland. Cy-Fair is into the regional final for the first time since 2002, while Dobie has seen its season come to a close at 26-13 after a truly thrilling series against the Bobcats.

Cy-Fair captured a 7-1 victory in the series opener at Deer Park May 6 before the Longhorns came up with a 6-2 win a day later at Cy-Fair to even the series.

In the decisive third game, the Bobcats scored the first run of the game for either team in the top of the fourth inning then added a second run in the top of the fifth inning for a 2-0 edge.

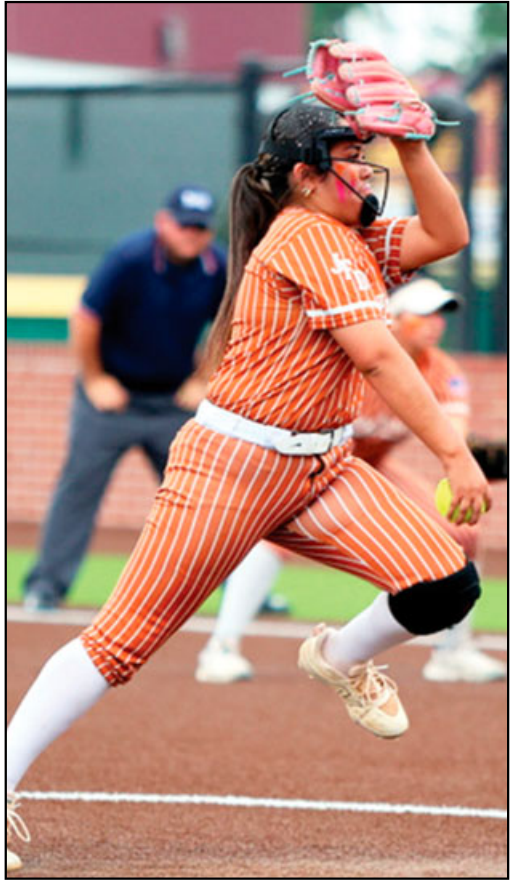
The Longhorns got the within 2-1 with a single run in the bottom of the fifth.

The score remained the same heading into the final frame. Leading 2-1, Cy-Fair collected the first two outs of the seventh inning before the Longhorns loaded the bases with two outs.

Dobie senior Natalie DeHoyos reached on an infield single to shortstop before sophomore Destiny Sidiropoulos also reached on an infield single to third base.

Persephone Soria was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Dobie's Gabby Ramirez then grounded to shortstop for a fielder's choice.

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Dobie senior Vanessa De La Fuente (7) fashioned a remarkable career in the circle and will now graduate as one of the top pitchers in program history. She exits with 45 career victories and nearly 450 strikeouts.



Destiny Sidiropoulos (3) had her best season at the varsity level as she hit .349 and scored 25 runs while coming through in a big way particularly in the postseason. She is definitely a big part of the program's future.

Photos by Donna alsdorf



Dobie offensive lineman Alex Vouffo (75) goes up against Angel Lopez (43) in the trenches during a blocking drill as the Longhorns put in the hard work during spring practices.

## JFD football program to host spring game

The Dobie High School football program will conclude spring practice sessions May 15 with the annual spring game on campus as Team 58 will have officially started its on-field work toward the opening of the 2026 regular season in August.

The Longhorns are coming off a 5-5 varsity finish in 2025 as the group fell short of the playoffs.

It was a season in which the Longhorns missed out on early opportunities to take leads in more than one eventual district loss. It's simply part of what usually happens in 5-5 seasons.

Dobie defeated five opponents that wound up with losing records but lost to five playoff teams. As much as the 2025 season will always be part of the program's history, the slate has been wiped clean.

In just days, 10 defensive starters from last season as well as the reigning rushing leader in the district, Da'Marcus Hodges, will walk across the graduation stage and move on to the next phases of their respective lives.

Meanwhile, third-year head coach Danny Fitzmorris and his staff will eventually field a team for the 2026 season that will be part of the newly created District 19-6A ranks as a two-year realignment cycle begins.

Defending league champion Pearland will lead the way along with the usual suspects in the form of Dawson, Manvel and Shadow Creek in addition to newcomer Brazoswood as well as Pasadena ISD programs Pasadena Memorial and Sam Rayburn.

On paper, the Longhorns will field 10 new starters on defense, a first-year varsity kicker, a vast majority of playmakers on offense as well as at least three linemen who will move into full-time roles.

Fitzmorris said that upward of 14 starters currently in play will be

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## Lutheran South's Brenner takes home state pole vault gold

Junior Reed Brenner led the way for the Lutheran South Academy track and field contingent at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state championship meet May 8-9 in Hewitt and captured a gold medal in the pole vault.

Brenner was the state champion in the pole vault after she cleared 10 feet, 6 inches for her gold

medal, while teammate Lanie Ward concluded her career in terrific fashion with a bronze-medal effort of 10 feet.

The Pioneer boys came away with silver and bronze metal victories in the 4x200 and 4x400 relays, as senior Case Noack was also a bronze medalist in the 400 to score additional hardware for the Lutheran South program.

In the 4x200 relay, the Pioneers claimed a bronze medal in a time of 1 minute, 31.63 seconds as the foursome included Elijah Brown, Lee, Catron and Rocha, Cypress Christian captured the gold medal in the event in a time of 1:29.29.

In the 4x400 relay to conclude the state championships, the Pioneers were second for a silver medal at 3:25.55 as that

group included Carson Rocha, Rhet Lavergne, Carter Lee and Case Noack. Midland Christian was the gold medalist foursome in a time of 3:23.30.

The Pioneers secured a trio of top-three metals on the first day of the competition in Waco, with Brenner, a senior, securing her gold medal at that 10-6 height, while Ward celebrated a successful

conclusion to her tremendous career with the program at 10-0 for a bronze medal.

Case Noack competed in the 800 on the first day, where he captured a bronze medal at 1:57.26 as the senior got off to a terrific start in Waco.

Elsewhere in Waco, Ward took part in the 100 hurdles as she clocked in at 17.52 for sixth place, and the Pioneers' 4x100

relay team was seventh in the event with a time of 44.50. That group included Carson Rocha, Carter Lee, Reese Catron and Elijah Brown. Brown, wrapping up his career as a senior with the Pioneers, clocked in at 11.49 to take eighth place in the 100.

Led by Brenner, the Pioneers certainly made themselves proud at the season-ending state

championships by claiming a handful of medals along the way. Some of the bling-winning athletes will now graduate, including Ward and Case Noack, but Brenner will return in 2027 as she will no doubt be looking to eventually repeat as the state's best pole vaulter in the 5A division.



Lutheran South Academy junior Reed Brenner was the big winner at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state track and field championships as she won a gold medal in the pole vault. Brenner made her way over the 10-foot-6 mark to claim the gold medal in the event as the Pioneers competed in the 5A division May 8-9 at Midway High School in Hewitt. Senior Lanie Ward (not shown) of Lutheran South also finished her career in style as she was the bronze medalist at a 10-0 height.



The Lutheran South Academy varsity boys' 4x400 relay team captured a silver medal at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state championship May 8-9, finishing with a time of 3 minutes, 25.55 seconds as the foursome included, from left, Case Noack, Carter Lee, Carson Rocha and Rhet Lavergne.

## Ravens host regional softball

Host San Jacinto College entered the Region XIV championships beginning May 13 after press time as one of the hottest programs in the nation, with the softball teams collective eyes focused on reaching the national championship tournament later this month.

The Ravens, who won the South division championship with a 21-3 record, entered the postseason event as the top seed of the South, with Trinity Valley Community College also having secured a top seed in the North division.

The tournament continues May 14-15 with bracket play prior to the championship game May 16 at noon on the South campus. The tournament finalists will both advance to nationals.

As far back as March 6, the Ravens had dropped six consecutive games and held a losing record overall.

Since that moment in the schedule, San Jacinto College has played some of the best softball anywhere across the nation. The team entered the regional tournament having won 13 consecutive games and had pushed its overall record to 37-23 for the season.

The Ravens are far from the most powerful hitting team in the nation. Instead, the locals have found success offensively by stringing hits together, running the bases smartly, strategically stealing bases and coming up with key hits both with two outs in innings as well as with runners in scoring position.

As the postseason began, head coach Kelly Saenz said there will be no drastic changes.

"I think we know who we are," Saenz said. "We have found an effective lineup offensively from one through nine that has been successful for quite some time, and we have also figured out the proper roles for our pitching staff."

"We may not have that true staff ace, but we have several pitchers who understand what they need to do to be successful, and certainly over the last several weeks they have been."

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# Cy-Fair eliminates Dobie softball in regional semifinal round

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choice out as the Bobcats survived to claim the victory.

But Dobie pushed the envelope the entire way. Trailing 2-0 in the bottom of the fifth inning, the Longhorns got closer against Figgs. Khloe Coronado led off with a walk and moved to second base on an infield single by Alexis Martinez.

Figgs appeared to work out of trouble but finally gave up a run as DeHoyos slapped a single to shortstop that scored Coronado for a 2-1 lead that would eventually hold.

Dobie starting pitcher Vanessa De La Fuente is a senior graduate who will now exit the program after a standout career with the Longhorns. Additionally, De-

Hoyos, the team's terrific shortstop, will graduate along with Chloe Nunez and Li Li Sepulveda. It's a small consolation today, but the majority of the roster will return for 2027.

Facing a third elimination game in the postseason in the second game, the Longhorns built a 4-0 edge lead against the Bobcats in the second game, then added a pair of insurance runs in the top of the seventh inning on their way to a 6-2 victory May 7 at Cy-Fair.

De La Fuente was outstanding in this one as she hurled a complete game, scattering six hits and only allowing a pair of earned runs on the way to the victory.

Runs were hard to come by in the game for both teams as the Long-

horns had just four hits, while the Bobcats created traffic with six hits and four walks but could not come up with a key hit when it mattered.

Ramirez and Campos smacked doubles for the Longhorns, who managed to put together runs in four separate innings.

Both offenses were retired in order in the first inning before the Longhorns struck for a run in the top of the second.

Ramirez led off with a double to center field, then Madison Villatoro courtesy ran. Villatoro stole third base with one out and scored on an error by the Bobcat catcher for a 1-0 lead.

DeHoyos walked with one out in the top of the third inning and stole second base. DeHoyos then advanced to third base on

a ground ball and scored on a single for a 2-0 lead. Ramirez started another rally in the top of the fourth inning and she singled to center field.

Villatoro advanced to second base via a sacrifice and scored as Campos doubled to center field for a 3-0 lead. Campos eventually scored on an error, Cy-Fair's second miscue of the game, and took a 4-0 lead.

Claire Lindsay opened the bottom of the fourth inning for the Bobcats with a triple and scored on a single by Addyson Elrod as Dobie's lead was cut to 4-1.

Elrod eventually came around to score on a double by Chloe Rios as the Longhorns' advantage was 4-2 through four innings.

While De La Fuente

continued to largely keep Cy-Fair under wraps, the Longhorns produced a pair of insurance runs in the top of the seventh to take a 6-2 lead that would hold up the rest of the way.

Leal was hit by a pinch to reach base with one out in the seventh inning, then moved up a base as DeHoyos walked. Sid-iropoulos also walked as the Longhorns loaded the bases with one out.

Another walk to So-ria allowed Leal to come home for a 5-2 lead, and Ramirez was retired on a fielder's choice ground ball as DeHoyos raced home for a 6-2 edge.

De La Fuente handled the rest from there as the Longhorns tied the series at one victory each.

The Bobcats scored a pair of runs in the top

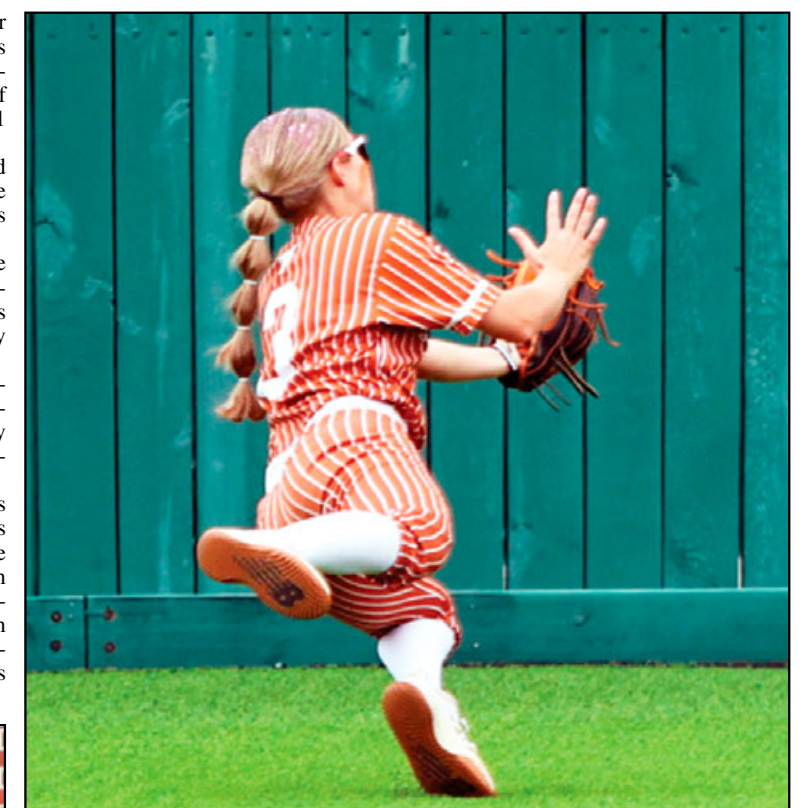
of the first inning at Deer Park May 6 in the series opener and largely controlled the action all of the way en route to a 7-1 victory.

The Bobcats collected 11 hits in the game while Dobie had just three hits and four costly errors.

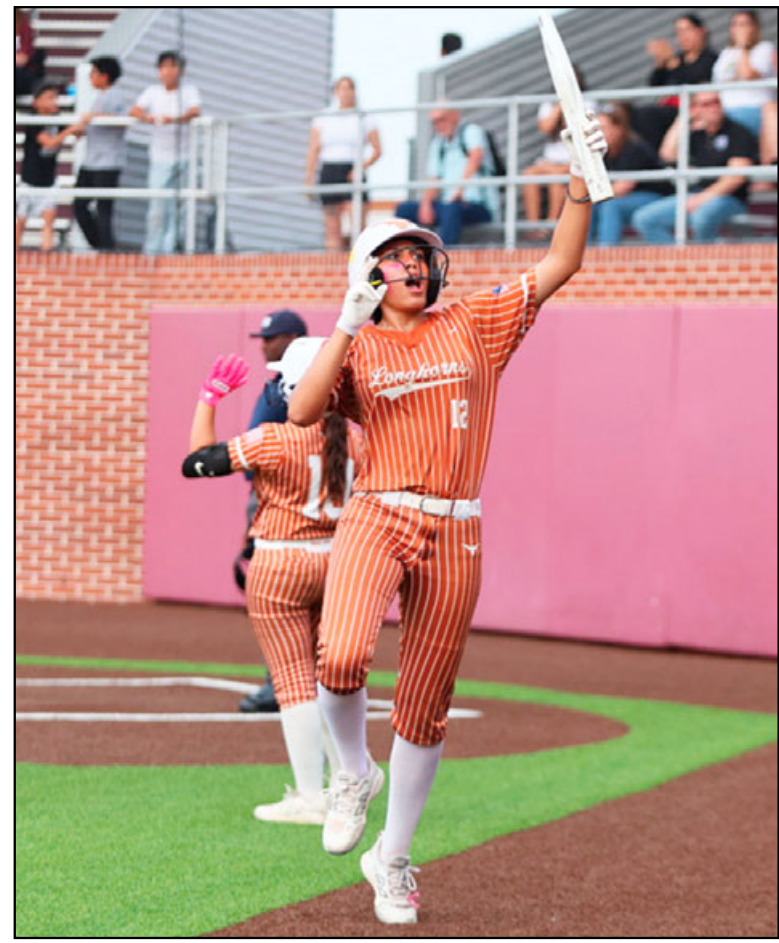
Figgs threw a complete game, allowing three singles and no earned runs as the Bobcats took early control of the series.

Sanchez, Leal and So-ria singled for the Longhorns in the game as they once again faced season-ending elimination.

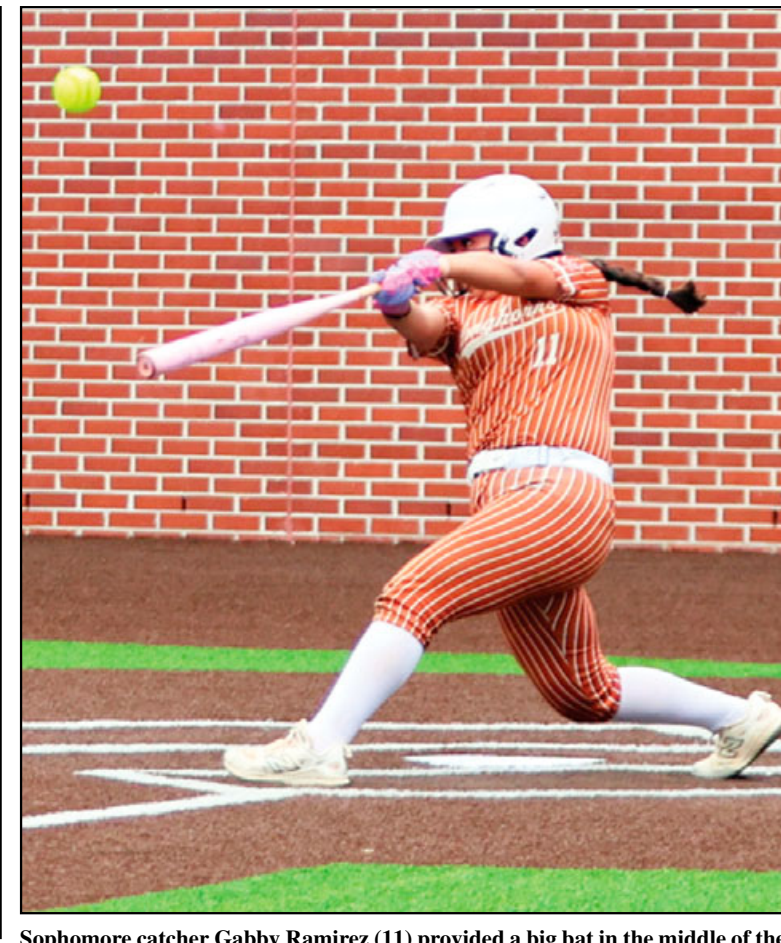
As disappointing as the end of the season was for the Longhorns, the conversation will soon shift toward a bright outlook for the 2027 season and beyond as the returnees now know what is possible.



Dobie sophomore Destiny Sidiropoulos (3) made an outstanding defensive play in the outfield during the series opener against Cy-Fair. Despite a first-game loss, the Longhorns battled back and gave themselves a chance to win the series in the final inning of game three.  
Photo by Gustavo Trevino



Dobie junior Persephone Soria (12) will return in the 2027 season as she will lead the way for the Longhorns. Soria is already a three-year starter as she put together another terrific season.



Sophomore catcher Gabby Ramirez (11) provided a big bat in the middle of the Longhorns' offense and also performed exceptionally well behind the plate. Her return in 2027 will give the team a big lift as it prepares for another deep run.  
Photos by Gustavo Trevino

## Dobie girls' hoops camp

Dobie girls' basketball head coach Rachel Flores will host the 2026 Longhorn basketball camp June 8-10 at \$60 per student at the main campus. Incoming first-through fifth-grade students will attend the camp from 8 to 10 a.m., while incoming sixth- through ninth-grade students will attend from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those who wish may register via X at Dobie GBB, then scan the QR code. For additional information, direct email to Flores at RRodriguezFlores@pasadenaisd.org.

## Brook girls' hoops camp

Clear Brook girls' basketball head coach Mileka Loydrake will host the 2026 Wolverine Summer Camp June 2-3 on the main campus. The elementary camp is designed for incoming third- through sixth-grade students and will cost \$65 per student. The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those entering the seventh through ninth grades as of next school year will attend the elite camp at \$65 per student from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each camper should wear a T-shirt, shorts, socks and basketball shoes. Personalized water bottles are recommended, and basketballs will be provided. Camp activities will include instruction in the areas of shooting, passing, rebounding, ball handling, offense and defense, game action and end-of-camp awards. To register for the camp, visit the girls' basketball site on X at Brook Girls Bball.

## Brook boys' hoops camp

Clear Brook boys' basketball head coach Nathan Janak will host the 2026 Wolverine Basketball Camp June 15-18 at the main campus. Session one will be open to students entering the fourth through sixth grade as of next school year and will run from 9 to 10 a.m. Cost of the campus is \$125 per student. Session two is for boys and girls entering kindergarten through the third-grade levels and will begin at 10 a.m. Cost of the camp is \$85 per student. The third session will be open to students entering the seventh through ninth grades and will begin at 1 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$125 per student. To register for the camp, visit the Clear Brook boys' basketball site on X at Clear Brook Hoops.

# Spring season plays big role in 2025-2026 Dobie athletics year

The second week of May served to bring an official end to the 2025-2026 athletics year at Dobie High School as the spring portion of the calendar proved to deliver plenty of highlight moments.

It had been a bit of a challenging year up to that

point for the Longhorns within team competition. The school's team tennis program qualified fourth in the district to reach the postseason before a loss in the opening round.

Meanwhile, Dobie's varsity boys' cross-country program delivered the 22-6A individual gold

medalist for the second straight season as sophomore Jordan Roman took top honors. As a team, the Longhorns finished second at district and qualified for the regional meet.

The varsity football and volleyball programs were solid throughout the

fall yet fell short of the postseason as the 22-6A ranks were a bit top heavy with the likes of Dawson, Pearlard, Shadow Creek and Manvel advancing in both football and volleyball.

Similarly on the varsity basketball court, Dobie faced an uphill battle

in the district standings, with more than one state-ranked program on both the boys' and girls' sides of things making it difficult for more than just those of JFD.

But what a spring sports season it wound up being for the Longhorns. Although the varsity boys' soccer season actually began on the 2025 side of the school year, the Longhorns put together a memorable early spring run that will go down in program history as one of the all-time best.

Head coach Josh Kluka's boys' team went 25 total matches without a defeat, winning the district championship with a 10-0-6 record before coming away victorious in three playoff matches in thrilling fashion.

The Longhorns made their way to the Region III championship match against Atascocita before suffering a 3-1 defeat, which qualified as the lone loss for the season for the team.

The Dobie varsity softball program also had plenty of moments to be proud of during the 2026 season.

Head coach Robin Rackley's team wound up at 12-4 for second place in the 22-6A standings, then went on to defeat district 21-6A champion Ridge Point for a second consecutive season to reach the 6A Division 1 area championships.

After having lost to Clear Springs in consecutive games during the same round in 2025, Dobie this time around claimed a second-game victory to push the best-of-three series to a third and decisive winner-take-all game before emerging victorious.

With the win, the Longhorns reached a third-

round playoff for the first time since 2011.

On the varsity baseball diamond, Dobie also put together a tremendous run of things.

Longhorn head coach Miguel Torres, who scored his 300th career victory late in the season, guided the Longhorns to 22 overall victories against just seven losses in the regular season.

Dobie was an impressive 13-3 for second place in the district standings to advance to a second straight opening round playoff series against 21-6A champion Ridge point.

From that point, quite frankly, the Longhorns ran into a buzz saw as the Panthers claimed a 17-0 victory in the opening game of the best-of-3 series and went on to close out the Longhorns two days later. And then there was the track and field season.

The Dobie varsity boys claimed team victories at three separate events prior to the 22-6A championships.

Both the boys' and girls' teams qualified plenty of competitors for the area around championships, with a half dozen athletes eventually making their way to the Region III championships before the season came to an end.

What a run it was for Dobie during the 2025-2026 athletic season. There were plenty of days in which it was a great time to be a Longhorn, and there promises to be plenty more moments to be proud of as Dobie shifts to District 19-6A beginning with the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

While the number of the district will shift next school year from 22-6A to 19-6A, the competition

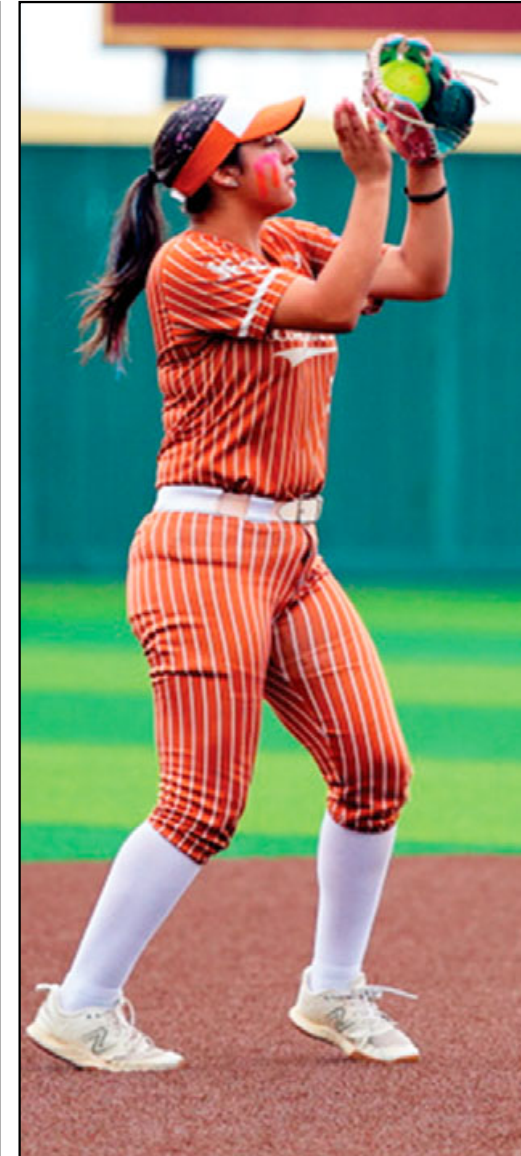
the Longhorns face will be very similar to what they saw this year and last. Despite the level of competition being very high, particularly at the top of the district, Dobie certainly made itself proud over the previous two seasons and will no doubt be more

than prepared for another successful run of things over the next two seasons. Parker just may put himself in position to once again take a run at the state meet. The Longhorns varsity boys' soccer program feels as though it has the pieces in place to repli-

cate if not better its performance from this season, and Rackley and her staff year after year deliver one of the Houston area's top softball programs. That will not change as the Longhorns will once again have high expectations moving forward.



Dobie junior D.K. Parker was the top performer for the Longhorns at the regional track and field meet as he won a bronze medal in the triple jump.  
Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Natalie DeHoyos (15) had a senior season to be proud of as she and her Longhorn softball teammates advanced to the third round of the postseason, a first for the program since the 2011 season.



Allen Ramos (10) of Dobie was at his best as a senior as he finished with a career total of 19 goals while leading the Longhorns to the regional championship match on the varsity soccer field. Ramos was honored as the district Most Valuable Player following the season.

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### THURSDAY, MAY 14

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.

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, MAY 17

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.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

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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### FRIDAY, MAY 15

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. **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.hasca.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services or Judaism classes, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.

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.

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### MONDAY, MAY 18

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

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

6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff\_reunion@juno.com for info.

7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.

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

7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.

### TUESDAY, MAY 19

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

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/.

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**Villavicencio selects Little Rock**



Dobie distance runner Johan Villavicencio will continue his education and running career at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock after making his collegiate choice earlier this month. Villavicencio has been a huge contributor to both the Longhorns cross-country and track and field programs during his stay. He helped the Longhorns win the District 22-6A cross-country championship in 2024 as a junior and advanced to the Region III championship track and field meet this season, eventually taking sixth place in the 400. The Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans compete within the NCAA D1 Ohio Valley Conference.

**Barnes chooses Henderson State**



Clear Brook Class of 2026 graduate Patty Barnes, who has been a successful middle distance runner in the Wolverines' track and field program, will continue her education and running career at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark., after signing with the Reddies. Anderson State competes within the NCAA D2 ranks in the Great American Conference.

**Freeman picks Texas Lutheran**



Standout Clear Brook track and field athlete Kyra Freeman, who will graduate later this month as part of the Wolverines' Class of 2026, will continue her education and track and field career at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, after signing a letter of intent with the Bulldogs. Texas Lutheran competes in the NCAA Division 3 ranks.



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Jyles Washington (34) at linebacker and Jordyn Thomas (37) both played snaps on varsity as sophomores and have continued to impress the coaches with consistent effort this offseason. Photo by Kendrick Ramos

**Head coach applauds solid spring**

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juniors heading into the season. Junior tailback Adrian Taylor figures to head into the season as the team's primary ball carrier, and there will be plenty of opportunity for players who will get an opportunity to show what they can do at a variety of positions on both sides of the ball.  
While Dobie remains one of the largest high schools in the state in terms of enrollment, Fitzmorris said the reality exists that there will likely be players getting an opportunity to contribute on both sides of the ball based on situational usage.  
"I feel really good about this group," Fitzmorris said. "Since day one of the offseason and now throughout the spring, these guys have taken advantage of their opportunities to show us what they can do out on the field."  
"We do not rebuild here at Dobie. I very much consider it a reload. We are going to go into next season with the expectation of earning a playoff berth.

"That's the expectation around here. That has always been the expectation at Dobie High School, and it's the same now."  
"Yes, a lot of guys are going to be getting an opportunity to play at the varsity level for the first time."  
"One benefit of some of the injuries that we had last year, particularly along the offensive front, is that some of the guys that will be asked to play full time now were able to get some experience last season."  
"The difference is now that guys will step into significantly larger roles, but we consider that to be a great thing."  
"We have some terrific talent in the program, and it's our job as coaches to put it all together."  
"I think it all starts with this spring game here, and fans will get a chance to see that these guys are really talented."  
"I've enjoyed the process to this point, and we expect to have a productive summer leading into the preseason in August."

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