

### Kirkwood to meet Sept. 29

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Meetings are typically scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

### Class of '83 holds garage sale

To raise funds for its 40th reunion, the Dobbie Class of 1983 will host a multifamily garage sale Saturday, Oct. 1, from 7 a.m. to noon at 10602 Sageburrow. In the event of rain, the garage sale will be rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8.

### Knights host blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive Sunday, Sept. 25, at St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

### Knights sell barbecue

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a barbecue sale at St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall Road, Saturday, Sept. 24, and Sunday, Sept. 25. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Brisket sandwich, chips and drink will be \$12; and sausage-on-a-stick will be \$6. All proceeds will go to support KC charities.

### Clear Brook hosts pop-up

The Clear Brook Meadows subdivision will host a fall community small business pop-up market on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the neighborhood. All residents are encouraged to set up their own pop-up shop in their driveway.

Visitors can drive through the neighborhood and visit each individual shop or feel free to park in the pool area and walk the community to see what the community's neighbors have to offer.

### COVID cases increase

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community has spiked for the first time in approximately a month, with increases being reported in all three local ZIP codes.

As of Tuesday, Sept. 20, there were 260 active cases in 77089, up 18 from the previous week. To date, 136 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 209 active cases, up 23 from the previous week. To date, there have been 81 deaths in the ZIP code. (Harris County reported 82 deaths the previous week.)

In 77034, there were 198 active cases, up 19 from the previous week. To date, 90 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

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

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one southbound frontage road lane and at least one northbound frontage road lane will be closed on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Sept. 30.

At least one southbound main lane and frontage road lane and at least one northbound main lane and frontage road lane will be closed on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Dec. 31.

Both the northbound entrance and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96.

The northbound exit ramp to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the northbound exit ramp to Holland/Hughes.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

### Beltway closures planned

Two northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 30. Significant delays are expected.

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

### JFD hosts Halloween concert

The J. Frank Dobie High School Orchestra will present the Masquerade Serenade concert Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie Main Auditorium.

Join the orchestra for a night of spooky good fun. Costume contest with prizes for elementary to high school-age students. The concert is free and open to the public. Masks are strongly encouraged for public health.

## Yard-parking city ordinance causes confusion

### City rule not enforced, despite civic club opting in for protection

Confusion surrounds a city ordinance regarding yard parking that local community leaders say is nearly impossible to get enforced.

According to Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour, the City of Houston has an ordinance that prohibits parking in yards in residential neighborhoods, but local homeowners groups must opt in to have it enforced.

Sagemont Civic Club completed all the necessary paperwork and in 2015, opted into the ordinance with the city. Multiple other local civic groups, including Sagemont Park and Kirkwood, followed suit.

The ordinance – City of Houston Ordinance Sec 28-301 – states the following:

"It shall be an offense for any person to park or to cause, suffer or permit the parking of a vehicle or equipment on any surface that is not an improved surface as defined in this article, within

any front or side yard of a single-family residence in a residential area subject to this section. It is presumed that the registered owner of the vehicle or equipment is the person who parked, caused, suffered or permitted the vehicle or equipment to be parked in violation of this article."

Violators of the ordinance will be punished by the following:

"Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$150.00. Each day a violation of this article shall continue shall constitute a separate offense."

To read the complete ordinance, go to www.Municode.com on the internet and search for City of Houston, Chapter 28, Article X, or enter Parking of Vehicles on Residential Property in the search block.

(Residents may also read the ordinance by visiting library.municode.com/tx/houston/codes/code\_of\_ordinances/178617?nodeId=CO-OR\_CH28MIOFPR\_ARTXPAVEREPR\_S28-303PAVEPRCEREARAPPR&showChangees.)

Barbour said the ordinance was to be enforced

by any law enforcement officer, neighborhood protection official or parking official.

More than seven years after opting into the program, however, Barbour said getting the ordinance enforced has proved exceedingly difficult, with some city officials even saying no such reg-

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## HPD: 80-year-old man pistol-whipped

### Crime 1 of 4 recent robberies from same bank

An 80-year-old man was pistol-whipped during a robbery attempt that took place in broad daylight at the Wells Fargo bank in the 10000 block of Alameda Genoa at Rowlett – just one of at least four such crimes recently reported at or near the address.

The incident took place around 3 p.m. after the elderly victim, reportedly battling cancer, withdrew money from an ATM at the bank and was approached by a masked man with a gun, who demanded the money.

Fearing for his life, the victim grabbed the barrel of the gun and began to fight with the would-be robber. During the struggle, the suspect pistol-whipped the elderly man, lacerating his head.

The commotion drew the attention of other customers, some of them honking their horns – possibly scaring off the suspect, who fled the

scene with no money.

Another recent robbery that took place at the bank made local headlines when a video went viral showing a robbery victim chase down a suspect in a smash-up vehicle chase that resembled that of a Hollywood movie.

In that incident, a man and a woman were leaving the ATM at the bank when a masked crook stole their backpack and purse.

The chase in the robbery ended on a median on Alameda Genoa when the robber's crashed vehicle broke down and a pair of suspects fled on foot.

This past June, a woman was robbed at gunpoint at a nearby apartment after being followed from the same bank.

In that incident, the woman left the ATM at approximately 5:30 p.m. and was followed to

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## Cruz meets with Mitchell



Sen. Ted Cruz (right) is shown above with Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership President and longtime South Belt resident Bob Mitchell discussing the Coastal Barrier System during the senator's recent visit to Galveston. This past summer, Gov. Greg Abbott appointed Mitchell one of six board members on the state's newly created Gulf Coast Protection District. See related story on Page 3.

## Intoxicated mother accused of abandoning child on roadside

An intoxicated mother was recently arrested after allegedly abandoning her 8-year-old on the side of the road at 1:50 a.m.



Zaida Gonzalez

The incident began when deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Patrol Division were dispatched to a missing juvenile call around 4:15 a.m. in the 11500 block of Grapewood. Upon arriving on scene, an investigation was started and an 8-year-old juvenile was determined to be missing from the residence.

Deputies immediately began canvassing the area looking for the child. This search went into the early morning hours, and the juvenile had yet to be located. Deputies eventually received a phone call around 8 a.m. from the child's father advising deputies that the child had been found.

Deputies conducted a follow-up with the child and father and learned that the mother of the child, who had been identified as 32-year-old Zaida Gonzalez had kicked the child out of her vehicle on the side of the roadway around 1:50 a.m.

The child was able to walk to a gas station and obtain help from the clerk working inside. The clerk contacted Houston Police Department, as well as another family member, who was able to come pick up the child.

Deputies were able to confirm this story through video surveillance footage of nearby businesses. Once all evidence was obtained, deputies contacted the Harris County District Attorney's Office, who accepted felony charges on Gonzalez for abandoning/endangering a child without intent to return.

At approximately 11:11 a.m., deputies returned to the suspect's residence and placed Gonzalez into custody without incident. She was then transported to the Harris County Jail for processing.

## City now offers updated booster shots

The Houston Health Department is now administering the updated Pfizer and Moderna bivalent booster shots at its health centers and several multi-services centers.

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommends the use of Pfizer for people ages 12 years and older and Moderna for people ages 18 years and older at least two months after their last booster or primary series.

The updated COVID-19 booster shots help restore protection that wanes since the previous vaccination and provide more protection against the newer variants. The boosters target the most recent Omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5, considered more contagious and resistant than earlier strains of Omicron.

"The updated booster shots will better protect us all from the most current COVID-19 variants and hopefully also slow down the pandemic," said Dr. David Persse, chief medical

officer for the City of Houston. "I urge people to get a booster shot and help keep themselves, their family, friends and co-workers safe from COVID-19."

Common side effects are similar to the earlier boosters. They include fever, headache, fatigue or tiredness and pain at the injection site.

The department offers the shots at its four health centers and several of its multi-service centers. Doctors' offices, pharmacies and clinics also offer the vaccines and boosters.

Vaccinations at health department sites are free and do not require insurance or proof of residency.

HHD offers free COVID-19 testing that does not require insurance at several of its multi-service centers. Some department partner sites require insurance and ID for testing.

Visit houstonhealth.org or call the HHD call center at 832-393-4220 for information on vaccine locations and schedules.

## City to host 3-day crime workshop

City of Houston officials are inviting the public to a three-day crime prevention workshop, set to take place Sept. 27-29 at FountainLife Center, located at 14083 S. Main.

Sponsored by Houston Police Department, Department of Neighborhoods, National Crime Prevention Council and Fountain Praise, the One Safe Houston workshop will focus on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, or CPTED.

CPTED is an approach to crime prevention that uses architectural design and the intentional management of our environments to reduce

crime and victimization. CPTED strategies aim to build a sense of community so residents and property managers can gain territorial control and send the clear message to criminals that they should go somewhere else.

The National Crime Prevention Council will facilitate this three-day workshop that will cover core CPTED strategies. Using the unique NCPC Community Blueprint and second generation CPTED concepts, workshop residents will discuss and prioritize their communities' specific challenges and work together to develop a basic

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## National Night Out slated for Oct. 4

The 38th annual National Night Out is set to take place Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Begun in 1984, NNO is a nationwide program to foster better relationships between local police departments and the communities they serve.

"NNO is a chance to bring neighborhoods together with the men and women who protect them," said Houston Police Officer Emilio Reyes. "The safety of our communities depends on both law enforcement and the citizens they serve, and NNO events can enhance that cooperation. Preventing and solving crime is a community effort. NNO is an excellent program that helps the department build relationships with citizens and create safer neighborhoods."

More than 16,000 communities, representing all 50 states, took part in last year's campaign, at-

tracting roughly 38 million participants.

The event formerly took place in August, but organizers have since changed the NNO's Texas date to give residents an opportunity to enjoy cooler weather.

Along with the traditional display of porch lights and front porch vigils, NNO will be celebrated by neighborhoods and communities with a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, contests, youth programs and visits from local police.

County officials and local homeowner groups and civic clubs traditionally hold NNO events in the South Belt community, but no specific events were known at press time.

The Houston Police Department, Harris County

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## Memorial names king, queen



Pasadena Memorial officials recently announced the homecoming queen, Leslie Robles, and king, Joshua Mendoza. Leslie is a four-year varsity soccer player, who has achieved first team all-district utility player, and defensive district MVP. Leslie is an all AP academic student who has been recognized with all academic awards and is in the top 6 percent of her class. Leslie enjoys making hats for babies for the children's hospital and doing other community service. In the fall, Leslie plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin or Baylor University to major in radiology. Joshua is a member of the football team and enjoys participating in engineering. In the fall, Joshua plans to attend Texas State University, majoring in engineering. In his spare time, Joshua enjoys working out; fishing; and attending car meets, concerts and sporting events.

Photo by Davy Flickinger

# Parker Williams Library hosts activities for all ages

A wide variety of activities are available at the Parker Williams Harris County Library as follows:

- Thursday, Sept. 22 at 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time. Take a moment out of the day to have some fun and interact with the little one or little ones. Join Ashley and Renee in the Library Community Room for Toddler Time to sing, count, rhyme, and a variety of other activities. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join.
- Thursday, Sept. 22 at 11 a.m. Vietnamese basic computer classes. A basic computer class for Vietnamese speakers who want to enhance their computer skills, learn how to better use their laptop for daily life and connect more easily to families, friends including emails, create word documents, pay bills online, Zoom, social media, search information on the internet, etc. will be held. Registration is required.
- Sudoku. Join the library every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month for sudoku. Sudoku is an easy to learn logic-based number placement puzzle. A Sudoku puzzle consists of 81 cells which are divided into nine columns, rows and regions. The task is to place the numbers from 1 to 9 into the empty cells in such a way that in every row, column and 3x3 region each number appears only once. Players of any experience are welcome to participate.
- Friday, Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons 101: roleplay etiquette. Always wanted to play

D&D? Join up for the last of a three-part Dungeons and Dragons beginner player tutorial. In this session there will be roleplay during a tabletop game and watching some fun examples. Registration is required.

- Saturday, Sept. 24 Vietnamese classes for beginners and level 1. Need it for work, to talk to family or traveling? Join Loc on Saturdays for Vietnamese learning time. Classes are for adults and kids aged 8 years and older. Registration is required. Kids, 10 to 11:15 a.m.; adults, 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information about classes and to register, call or visit the branch.
- Saturday, Sept. 24 at 3 p.m. Korean language reading class. Looking for an introduction to the Korean language? Join this in-depth class going over the basics of reading Korean.
- Sept. 26 – Sept. 30 Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 10:30 a.m. – story time
- Join Ms. Ashley and Ms. Renee in the library community Room for some stories and rhymes on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 10:30 a.m. Families with children of all ages are welcome.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27 10 a.m. to noon. Viet Help Service
- The Vietnamese speakers will assist in filling out the following application forms: citizenship, green card renewal, and job-seeking tips. This is a free service. Call or visit the branch to make appointments.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 11 a.m. Vietnamese basic computer classes. Basic computer class for Vietnamese speakers who want

to enhance their computer skills, learn how to better use their laptop for daily life and connect more easily to families, friends including emails, create word documents, pay bills online, zoom, social media, search information on the internet, etc. Registration is required.

- Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. Sewing club (for adults). Want to learn how to sew a tote bag or how to mend your clothes? Join Ms. Renee in the maker lab on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. to learn how to sew on a machine.
- Each class will have a project to practice these skills, such as straight stitch sewing, installing a zipper, and creating buttonholes. All levels welcome, and participants can bring their own machine if they prefer. Limited space available. Registration required.
- Thursday, Sept. 29 at 3 p.m. Community craft: bead keychains and bracelets.
- These bead keychains and bracelets are a fun and easy project that anyone and their kids will really enjoy making. Participants will arrange the beads on the thread to make chains and bracelets look as unique as they would like adding any kind of charms or with a name. These make desired gifts. All materials are provided.
- Thursday, Sept. 29 at 5 p.m. Readers Rendezvous Book Club
- Join the library for the September book club. Each month will be the reading of a different genre. This month is fantasy. The book is "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien.

## 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/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

- Thursday, Sept. 22, 4 – 5 p.m. Family storytime.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. CMH's The Basics Houston Fun\*Shops - maximize love manage stress.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 4 – 5 p.m. Kids craft.
- 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.

### Additional resources

The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at [www.houstonlibrary.org](http://www.houstonlibrary.org) under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft. Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at [www.houstonlibrary.org](http://www.houstonlibrary.org), including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.

### Parker Williams Library

(See related information in story on this page)

Parker Williams Library is open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

- Thursday, Sept. 22, 10:30 – 11 a.m. Toddler time.
- Thursday, Sept. 22, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sudoku.
- Friday, Sept. 23, 4 – 6 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons: roleplay etiquette. Registration required.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 10:30 – 11 a.m. Story time.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 3 – 4 p.m. Sewing club. Registration required.

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

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

Hours are: Monday, 11 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 details.

### 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 details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

# Death

## Sheryl Kay Palmire



Sheryl Kay Palmire was born in Houston on May 3,

1956. She passed away in Magnolia, Texas on Sept. 14, 2022. She graduated from South Houston High School in 1974.

Sheryl was an avid reader, an amazing cook, loved dancing and loved to crochet.

She loved her family fiercely and made sure it showed daily. She was always there with a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen or a funny fact to share.

Sheryl is preceded in death by her parents Wayne and Willie Mae Bergstrom and JoAnn Fulk.

She is survived by her children Devon Mauro

(Paul), Courtney Cook (Kelly Buskirk), Anthony Palmire (Stephanie); grandchildren Challen and Colin Averre, Emily Mauro, Micah, Aubrie and Jacob Palmire, Cali Demers, William and Piper Cook; great-grandchild Christopher Kie Marshall; siblings Jackie Maestas, Cheryl Fulk, Sonny Scott and Jimmy Scott and their spouses; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; and friends.

Visitation and funeral service were held Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, at Forest Park Lawndale, 6900 Lawndale Drive, Houston, TX 77023.

## Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of *People of Sagemont* 2 Facebook group posted videos of a suspect walking around Highland Meadows subdivision Monday, Sept. 19 at 2 a.m.

The member states that the suspect was checking inside cars and broke into some vehicles. The member also advises the community to not keep any valuables inside cars.

Another member of the same Facebook group posted that she was at Burlington Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 12:30 p.m. at Alameda Mall when she noticed a man following her and her two-

year-old daughter around the store.

The member states that the man was with another guy, but that she was only able to take a picture of one of the men.

The member is thankful that she noticed right away what was happening and that her daughter and she are OK.

The member was able to alert store employees and they escorted the member and her daughter to the member's vehicle.

A member of the *Southbelt/Sagemont Crime Alert* Facebook group shared a post from the Pearland Police Department and is requesting the public's assistance in locating the male in the images responsible for a package theft from a citizen's front porch in the 2100 block of Country Club Drive, on Sept. 1, at approximately 4:45 p.m.

If one knows the identity of the person pictured or has any information relevant to this case, call the Pearland Police Department's non-emergency line 281-997-4100, email [crimetips@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:crimetips@pearlandtx.gov), or call Brazoria County Crimestoppers at 800-460-2222. Pearland PD case # 22-009184.

## St. Luke fall festival

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church is hosting a fall festival and parish raffle from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 12, 2022. The festival will be held at 11011 Hall Road, Houston, TX 77089, in the rear parking lot. Additional parking will be provided at Dobie High School, 10220 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, TX 77089. A shuttle from Dobie's lot to the festival will be available. Admission is free and open to the public. Included in the festival's schedule are crafts, food, DJ music and activities for children.

## Judaism class on Wednesdays

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is offering an Introduction to Judaism class via Zoom. The class gives participants an opportunity to ask any and all questions regarding Judaism and the Jewish Community. It examines the Jewish beliefs regarding God, the nature of man, life, death, sin, sacrifice, atonement, forgiveness, the Satan versus the devil, the Messiah and the afterlife. It includes studying the Jewish holidays and Holy Days, the life cycle events and how Judaism responds to the controversial issues of our day.

This class is required for those who wish to convert to Judaism at Shaar Hashalom, but one does not have to be interested in conversion to take the class; the classes are open to the public.

The class meets on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and is conducted by Rabbi Stuart Federow. For more information and the Zoom link, email [adult@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:adult@shaarhashalom.org).

The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

## Elected officials share their words Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Martin on drainage

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin would like to make Edgemoor area residents aware a drainage project, conducted by the Storm Water Action Team (SWAT) along Ney Street began Tuesday, Sept. 20.

The scope of work includes replacing inlets, storm sewer leads, and storm sewer lines on and near Ney Street. The cost of the project is \$438,572 and is funded through the Dedicated Drainage & Street Renewal Capital Fund.

Crews were mobilized on-

Monday, Sept. 20, and the project is anticipated to be completed by Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, weather permitting.

Construction activities are expected to take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

As a result of the construction activities, be aware of flagmen and orange traffic cones that will be put in place on-site to help traffic flow through the construction zone as the project may require a one-lane closure.

Two-way traffic will be

maintained at all times.

Residents will have access to driveways and sidewalks at all times and may experience an increase in noise levels due to trucks and equipment in the area.

There are no water or sewer impacts anticipated. Should a disruption need to occur, residents affected will be notified.

For more information, contact Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or [district@houstontx.gov](mailto:district@houstontx.gov).

## Bill King: This is Not Bail Reform - This is Insanity

Earlier this month, 37-year-old, Omar Ursin, went to pick up take-out for his family. Witnesses reported that as Ursin was driving down Medera Run Parkway in northeast Harris County, near Atascocita, another car pulled alongside and fired one or more shots into Ursin's car. When police arrived, they found Ursin had crashed into a tree in the median and Ursin was dead. The District Attorney has charged Ahsim Taylor and Jayland Womack, both 20, with Ursin's murder. Sadly, this has been all too common a story in Harris County as of late. Over the last two years, we have been averaging almost two murders per day in Harris County. But there are two details which make this crime stand out. First Ursin was a Precinct 3 Constable Deputy. He was off duty at the time. At this point, we do not know if his murder was related to him being a law enforcement officer.

Second, both Taylor and Womack were out on bail, pending trials for other felonies. Murder, to be specific. Taylor had been charged with a capital murder because he killed someone during a robbery. Womack was charged with a killing that occurred during a drug deal.

Taylor's bond was originally set at \$220,000 by a magistrate but Judge Amy Martin lowered it to \$95,000. Womack's initial bond was set by Judge Greg Glass at \$35,000 but later increased to \$75,000 because of viola-

tions of this pre-trial release. These bonds were granted by each of the judges, notwithstanding there was substantial evidence against them.

Both men were able to make bond and were released from custody. Traditionally, bail bondsmen have required defendants to pay fee equal of 10% of bond. But because of increased competition, many bond companies have been discounting their fees. So, these two alleged murderers were able to secure their freedom for no more than about \$18,000 and probably substantially less. As a result of them being out on bond, instead of in the Harris County jail, Ursin's 7-year-old daughter no longer has a dad.

I have long thought the cash bail bond system used in most of the U.S. is an anachronistic abomination that should, at least, be dramatically reformed or scrapped altogether. The federal courts did so nearly four decades ago. And I have supported the efforts to reduce the reliance on the cash bonds for misdemeanor charges or non-violent offenses. Having someone sit in jail for a hot check or marijuana because they can't afford the bail bond fee is ridiculous and counterproductive on many levels.

But granting bond to defendants credibly accused of cold-blooded murders is pure insanity. According to Houston Crime Stoppers, over 180 individuals in Harris County have been murdered by a person released on a felony bond since 2018. Certainly, judges

have a duty to ensure that the rights of defendants in their courts are protected. But they have a duty to protect the public from individuals who have demonstrated their violent proclivities.

I have no idea what was going through the minds of Judge Martin and Judge Glass when they set these bonds. It is just hard to imagine what would make any rational jurist conclude that releasing defendants like these two young men back onto the streets would end in anything other than another tragedy. It either represents some blind allegiance to a warped ideology or a callous indifference to the public's safety, or both.

By the way, Democratic voters had the good sense to show both Martin and Glass the door in their primary earlier this year. Only time will tell if their replacements will be any better.

Beyond the individual tragedies the insane decisions to release violent criminals have resulted in, these horrific crimes are likely to set off a backlash that could wipe out the progress made to date on legitimate misdemeanor bond reform. How ironic that would be.

Folks, this is not rocket science. Our system should determine who should be released pending a trial based on two factors. If the person is likely to show up for their trial and if they are a danger to the public. It should have nothing to do with whether they are financially able to pay a bondsman. Until we get the money out of the equation and start electing judges that are dedicated to basing their decisions to release defendants based on those two criteria, there will be more children like Ursin's daughter growing up without a parent. It could also result in a backlash that will result in more lives being destroyed by cruel and unnecessary incarceration for trivial offenses.

## 4 like robberies reported

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a complex in the 12600 block of South Greens Drive. As the woman exited her vehicle, a man approached her, produced a handgun and demanded her purse. The suspect fled the scene in a blue Chrysler four-door sedan.

The suspect in the June

incident was described as a black man in his 30s, wearing all gray and a black mask.

Anyone with information in any of the cases is urged to contact the Houston Police Department's Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crimestoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS(8477).

## Elected officials share their words Sen. Paul Bettencourt on property tax

Senator Paul Bettencourt comments that while the current National inflation rate is 8.6 percent, millions of under-65 Texas Homesteads should see their Independent School District (ISD) tax bills cut this fall. In May of this year, Texas voters overwhelmingly approved Propositions 1 and 2, which provided direct tax cuts to homeowners with homestead tax bills in 2022 and 2023. 2.1 million over-65 or disabled homeowners will receive the benefits of the state's compressed property tax rate for school maintenance and operations (M&O) in 2023.

Proposition 2 increased the statewide school homestead

exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000, meaning that over 3.5 million under-65 homestead homeowners will receive this tax cut this year.

My Senate office calculations indicate an actual cut of \$44 on average for an average \$301,000 taxable homestead in Texas despite massive appraised value increases across the state.

An office survey of the top 25 ISDs in the state indicates a range of cuts from \$107 to \$8. These calculated cuts comes before Cities and Counties set their tax rates in the Fall, which could save the average taxpayer hundreds of more dollars on their tax bills.

"The Cavalry is coming

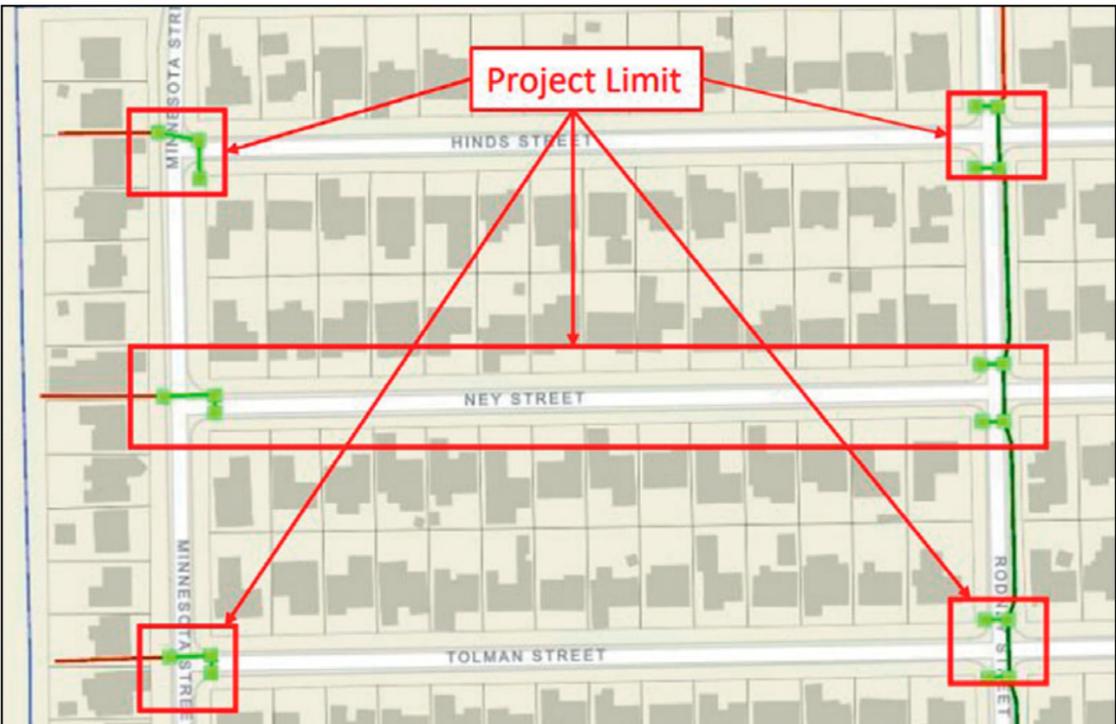
over the Hill for Texas Homesteads in the Fall, just like in an old John Wayne movie!" said Senator Paul Bettencourt.

"Because of the passage of Prop 1 and 2 in May, 3.5 Million homesteads will on average pay less on their school tax bills this year than they did last year. Over-65 homeowners are frozen this year, but will get an actual property tax cut in 2023, too." He added. Property Appraisals are rising amidst a booming Texas economy, but taxpayers can be assured that property tax rates are on the way down to offset these increases.

This is attributed to the significant reforms contained in SB 2 and HB 3 that the legislature passed in 2019, and the additional property tax legislation that was passed in 2021. In fact there are 16 cents of property tax relief, overall a \$482 savings compared to last year's tax rate.

"Lawmakers have given property owners valuable protections against rising tax bills in this red hot real estate market, but there is no substitute for vigilance. Taxpayers must be prepared to weigh in with their local taxing jurisdictions if they believe tax rates are too high," stated Dale Craymer, president of Texas Taxpayers and Research Association. Note: TTARA supplied county and city penny rate reduction estimates. The no-new-revenue-rate is the rate that provides the same amount of money to a taxing entity this year as last year.

As Texans are having to be extra careful with their dollars due to high inflation, government entities should be doing the same or go to the voters for adoption. "I am calling on all Cities and Counties to adopt the no-new-revenue-rate, it will save the taxpayers' money!" concluded Senator Bettencourt. To check on property tax bills, visit the Texas property tax database at [www.texas.gov/living-in-texas/property-tax-directory/](http://www.texas.gov/living-in-texas/property-tax-directory/).



## Lost!

**Nutmeg**, 1-year-old male cat. Last seen near Sagedowne and Sageriver, \$75 reward, no questions asked. Please call if have any information. 346-381-2644 or 346-381-2576



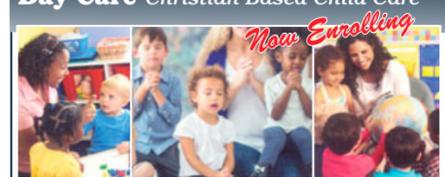
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## Dittrichs announce 65th anniversary



Milton and Joyce Dittrich were married at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Sweet Home, Texas on Sept. 14, 1957. Milton is from St. John, Texas and Joyce is from Sweet Home, where they met at a church picnic. Joyce worked for Continental Airlines for 25 years and retired in 1992. Milton worked for Foley's for 20 years and retired in 1995.



They had two sons, Anthony and Kenneth. They have been residents of Kirkwood since 1971. Joyce is also a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Milton is a member of the Knights of Columbus. The family celebrated with a Mass at St. Luke's Catholic Church and dinner at Monument Inn in La Porte. Photos submitted

## Pastor Patrick joins South Belt Church

South Belt Church is pleased to share with the South Belt community the addition of Pastor Parris Patrick to the staff.

Patrick will serve as pastor of discipleship and spiritual formation.

Patrick joins South Belt Church after serving as pastor of Agape Community Bible Church for 13 years in the Alief community.

Leading up to that, he also served in various positions at Liberty Baptist Church and Charis Chapel Bible Church, working with youth and married couples as well as preaching on occasion.

He received his Master of Theology degree from Charis Theological Seminary where he later taught as professor of apologetics.

Patrick is thankful for the spiritual foundation laid for him by his staff. Parris himself is the proud father of three grown children, Isaac, Daniel and Parker Patrick.

Die-hard University of Houston football fans would recognize him from the 1997-1999 squads.

In his free time, Patrick enjoys working out, going to the ocean to work in his cle, and enjoying the evening air.



Pastor Parris Patrick

## Cruz explores Coastal Spine construction sites, visits aerospace committee execs

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, U.S. Rep. Randy Weber, and Texas Rep. Mayes Middleton visited Galveston on Aug. 24, 2022, to explore two possible construction sites for the Coastal Barrier System.

Joining the legislators were Bob Mitchell, president, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership and Morgan's Point Mayor Michel Bechtel, among others. Bechtel is president of

the board of directors of the Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD) where Mitchell serves as vice president.

The GCPD was created in 2021 by the 87th regular Texas Legislature. GCPD was given authority by the Texas legislature to become the nonfederal sponsor of two coastal storm surge suppression projects located in its five-county territory: the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management Program (S2G Program) and the Coastal Texas Study, often referred to as the Coastal Spine. The GCPD contains approximately 5,220 square miles of land covering Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson and Orange counties.

Upon completion of the construction, the GCPD will operate and maintain these improvements in conjunction

with local jurisdictions. The entire project is estimated to cost \$31 billion, of which local sponsors are required to pay about \$10 billion.

Cruz was among senators who voted July 27, 2022, to include the barrier system in the Water Resource Development Act, a massive federal funding bill. In that bill is the Army Corps of Engineers' plan for a massive sea gate at Bolivar Roads and 70 miles of barriers along the upper Texas Coast to reduce storm surges from the Gulf of Mexico. The U.S. House also has approved the bill.

"We're on the finish line of getting the authorization through," Cruz said. "It has passed both the Senate and the House and hopefully in a month or two, it will be on the president's desk."

Once funded, the project will require another two to

five years of design. The construction phase is estimated to take 20 years with the lifespan of the project estimated at 80-100 years.

Cruz meets with leaders

Cruz's office reached out

to BAHEP to request that the organization host a meeting on Aug. 31, 2022, with the senator, members of his staff and the region's aerospace leaders. Cruz sought to understand the current pulse, priorities, needs, concerns and legislative priorities of Bay Area Houston's aerospace community.

Cruz currently sits on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transporta-

tion and its Subcommittee on Space and Science. The senator has a long-standing relationship with former Sen. Bill Nelson who is now the NASA administrator.

A tweet from Cruz's office said, "Productive lunch today with the @BAHEP. Great discussion on our ongoing efforts to provide companies in Houston with the resources to lead the way in the aerospace industry."



On Aug. 31, 2022, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (center) met with Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's Aerospace Advisory Committee executives in the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership conference room. Seated left to right are Mark Greeley, Axiom Space, Inc.; David Cazes, Oceaneering Space Systems, Inc.; Cherlyn Brightman, KBR; Dan Seal, executive director, Economic Development, BAHEP; Cruz; Brian Freedman, president-elect, BAHEP; Steve Altemus, Intuitive Machines LLC; Jeannie Kranz, ASRC Federal.

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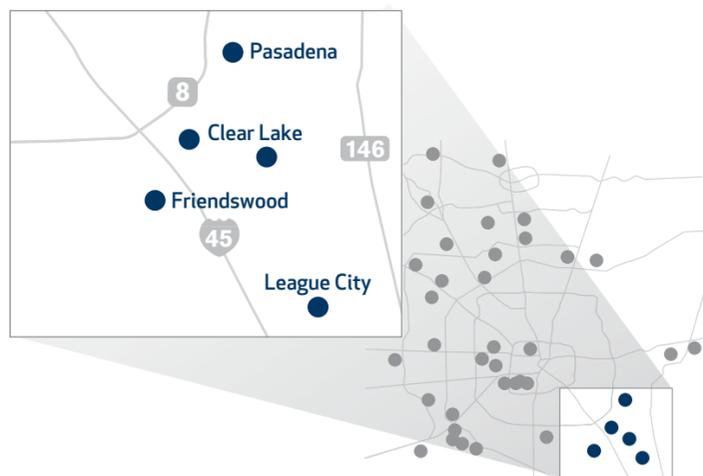
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# Genoa Elementary celebrates Western Heritage Day Sept. 16

Genoa fourth-grader Amy Saucedo (right) said her favorite part of the school's recent celebration of the Old West was watching the bull riding videos because it was funny watching the riders fall off. Saucedo is pictured showcasing her back-bending skills.



Genoa Elementary recently hosted volunteers from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Speaker Committee, culminating a weeks-long celebration of the Old West.

To commemorate the occasion, the campus had been intricately decorated, including homemade fence posts, desert landscapes and drawings of cowboys.

One classroom had been decorated to look like a general store.

Normal curriculum was put on hold for the day, while each classroom would instead deliver its own presentation on a selected subject.

Classes would rotate with one another on the school's normal school bell system to see the next class's prepared presentation. Time, however, did not allow students to view all the presentations.

A favorite of students was the presentation on the Pony Express that had children pretending to be bandits and Native Americans.

Another highlight was the art classroom that was playing videos of bunking broncos that had both students and teachers alike laughing.



Genoa kindergarten teacher Maria Dobbles (center) is shown above with students Kristian Saldana and Zeline De La Rosa, as she teaches students about the Pony Express during the campus's recent celebration of the Old West. Photos by Madison T. Duke

## Harris County offers updated COVID vax

Harris County Public Health recently announced it will provide the Moderna bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccine to eligible residents at sites located throughout the county.

The Moderna bivalent booster is authorized for individuals 18 years and older. The Pfizer bivalent booster dose is authorized for individuals 12 years and older. HCPH recommends that individuals utilize the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's (CDC) online vaccination tool to see when or if one is eligible to get an updated COVID-19 booster dose.

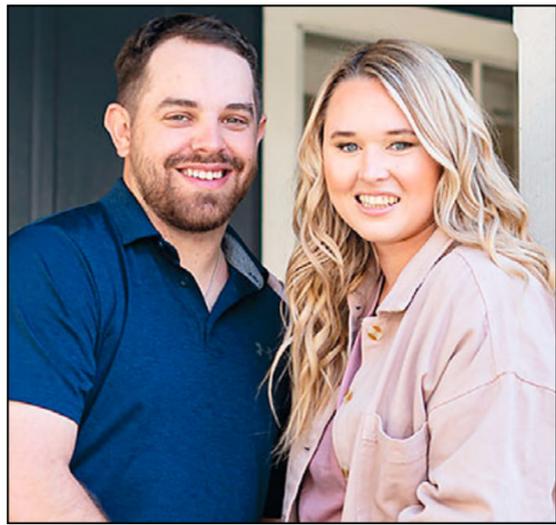
The updated bivalent boosters are administered in a single dose and provide protection against the original COVID-19 strains and the Omicron variant. Earlier this month the Texas Department of State Health Services estimated that more than 99 percent of COVID-19 cases in Texas were Omicron variant cases.

Residents who are uncertain of their COVID-19 vaccination status and eligibility are encouraged to check with their health care provider to learn more.

COVID-19 vaccinations are free at all HCPH designated sites and appointments are not required, although

recommended. Visit [vaccrac.hctx.net](http://vaccrac.hctx.net) or call 832-927-8787 for scheduling. To find a nearby location, visit [publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resourses/2019-Nov-el-Coronavirus/Register-for-COVID-19-Vaccine# covid-vaccine-map-dash board](http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resourses/2019-Nov-el-Coronavirus/Register-for-COVID-19-Vaccine# covid-vaccine-map-dash board).

## Kutra, Kincaid to marry



The soon-to-be newlyweds Aaron Kutra and Amanda Kincaid eagerly share their engagement announcement with the community. Kutra grew up in the South Belt area, his parents still residing locally. Growing up playing Little League in South Belt, he attended Frazier Elementary, Thompson Intermediate and was a Dobbie High School's Class of 2010 graduate, having also played four years of football and baseball in high school. Graduating from Texas A&M University in 2014, he currently is a math teacher and football and basketball coach at Thompson Intermediate. Kincaid is a Class of 2012 Cypress Ridge High School graduate, and also earned her master's degree in professional school counseling in May of this year from Texas A&M University. Right now, she is a teacher with Klein ISD and hopes to become a school counselor next year. Kincaid and Kutra live in the house they bought together in Iowa Colony, and after their November wedding they plan to honeymoon in London, England.

## South Belt honors Hispanic heritage



In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, students and faculty displayed pride in their heritage by dressing in traditional garb. Shown from left to right are Gretta Gracia, Penelope Castellanos, Melaine Arreola, Alessia Perez, Maribel Gonzales and third-grade teacher Nancy Hernandez.

## CCISD wins 2022 TAEA Award

The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) recently announced that Clear Creek ISD is one of 59 winners of the 2022 District of Distinction Award. The district received the honor for providing a well-rounded education that advocates and integrates visual arts curriculum to inspire creativity and build social-emotional learning that connect learners to their community and beyond.

"Visual and performing arts (VPA) is and has always been

a cornerstone of excellence in our school district," said Interim Superintendent Dr. Karen Engle. "This award is a testament to the high standard of work and commitment of our staff members and VPA department."

For the 2022 award, more than 1,200 districts were eligible to apply. Each district submitted documentation they met from the rigorous 14-point rubric over the 2021-2022 school year.

Only 59 districts met the

high standard and will receive the outstanding honor indicating they are in the top 4 percent in art education of districts in the state.

"Clear Creek ISD has set a high standard for visual arts advocacy, integrated visual arts curriculum, encouraged creativity, community participation, and student growth," said Sandra Newton, chair of the Administration and Supervision Division of TAEA. "It is a true testament to your visual art educators' skill, dedication,

and flexibility that the quality of their programs continued to provide strong and comprehensive visual art educational experiences to students."

This is the fourth year that TAEA is honoring districts that meet rigorous criteria as evidenced from data.

Clear Creek ISD will be recognized at the TAEA Administration and Supervision Division meeting and General Session during the TAEA Fall Conference General Assembly on Nov. 10, 2022.

## BAHEP to host human trafficking meeting

Community leaders from the Bay Area Houston region are collaborating with the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership and the Houston Airport System for a very important cause that has affected so many - Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness.

Spreading knowledge and awareness is a critical factor in the fight against this heinous crime.

In 2020, Texas ranked second in the nation for reported human trafficking cases. This free event is open to the public. Registration is required.

Visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and key in Ellington Area Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Event in the search bar. Details of event; Friday, Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; LoneStar Flight Museum, 11551 Aerospace Ave., Houston, Texas 77034

Individuals from chambers, businesses, law enforcement, churches, and government, as well as advocates and survivors, join to address the impact of human trafficking in our neighborhoods and resources available to combat this horrific crime.

News Conference at 10:30 a.m. till 11 a.m.; Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Pasadena Mayor Jeff Wagner, representatives from the Department of Homeland Security, law enforcement, the Houston Airport System, local advocacy groups, and human trafficking survivors will address prevention, protection, and partnership.

Panel Discussion 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

The moderator will be Kerri Taylor, Unbound Now Houston Executive Director. The panelists include: • Special Agent Danielle La-

Fosse, Department of Public Safety State Trooper • Amanda Amore, Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners Clinical Manager • Chris Alston, Clear Creek Community Church Pastor • Mother of a trafficked child from local area

There will be a walk-through exhibit showcasing artifacts from the human trafficking industry.

Advocacy groups will be in attendance to give details on available local resources. A BBQ sandwich lunch will be provided following the event.

## Remember When

**45 years ago (1977)**

The Sagemeadow Utility District Board decreased the District property tax by 14 percent.

The Houston Fire Department Station 70 received an ambulance due to concerns of protection for South Belt residents.

**40 years ago (1982)**

Finalists for homecoming queen at Dobbie High School were Codysue Voss, Sarah Whitehead and Kim Gates.

Three Dobbie students were announced as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. They were Steve Bova, Michael Parker and Kevin Lewis. There were no semifinals at any other PISD high school.

The Cullen Savings on Hughes Road was robbed.

**35 years ago (1987)**

At least five people in the South Belt area were among the 37 hot check writers arrested by Precinct 2 constables' deputies during a round-up.

Pasadena ISD trustees adopted a teacher career ladder philosophy and rejected an administrative recommendation for an early retirement incentive plan for administration.

**30 years ago (1992)**

Andrea Sneed, Amy Anderson, Huyen Huynh, Tray Smith and Shelly Webber were announced as Clear Brook's homecoming court.

The Pasadena Independent School District was told that district was in need of an estimated \$50 million in new facilities. The \$50 million included a new high school, classroom additions to Thompson and Miller intermediates, a new music wing at Pasadena High School and additional repairs at many elementary schools.

**25 years ago (1997)**

President Bill Clinton accepted an invitation to speak at San Jacinto College's central campus. Students from all three campuses were expected to attend.

Ten Dobbie students attending the school's first football game of the year were cited for minor in possession charges. Dobbie Principal Jer-

ry Speer initially assigned all 10 who had beer to in-school center, however, after reviewing the incident, assigned three to Highpoint. Those three were the drivers of the vehicles in which the alcohol was located.

Daphne Barrica was named Miss Pasadena Rodeo 1997 at the Pasadena Rodeo Queen Beauty Pageant.

Three of five finalists for Clear Creek High School's homecoming queen, Amanda Schneider, Dusti Hughes and Marlene Morales, were South Belt residents.

**20 years ago (2002)**

The PISD board of trustees unanimously approved IBM as its strategic technology provider to maximize federal funding.

Nhon Vinh Hua, a Sagemont resident, was killed in an automobile accident near Hobby Airport at the Major and Telephone Road

intersection.

**15 years ago (2007)**

The Wings Over Houston Airshow recognized the 147th Fighter Wing/111th Fighter Squadron of the Texas Air National Guard as the recipient of the 2007 Lloyd P. Nolen Lifetime Achievement in Aviation Award. The award honors individuals, organizations, companies and corporations dedicated to the promotion and advancement of aviation. Col. Rodney Horn, vice commander of the 147th Fighter Wing accepted the award.

Longtime Sagemont resident and accomplished trumpeter Eddie Lewis was appointed the new director of the Houston Civic Jazz Orchestra. The Houston Civic Jazz Orchestra is the resident jazz ensemble of the University of Houston Downtown and showcases a blend of student and professional talent. Lew-

is, 43, had served the Houston community as a professional musician for almost 20 years and was recognized not only as an excellent performer but also as a skilled trumpet and jazz improvisation teacher and an accomplished composer.

Frazier Elementary was one of only two Pasadena Independent School District elementary schools to be named to the Texas Business and Education Coalition's 2007 Elementary School Honor Roll. To qualify for the award, schools must be rated exemplary or recognized by the Texas Education Agency, have consistent improvement over the past three years in reading and math and have shown steady or improved overall performance over the past three years. Pearl Hall Elementary in South Houston was the other PISD elementary school to make the list.

**10 years ago (2012)**

Judge Jo Ann Delgado was chosen to receive 2012's Community Service Award from the Tejano Center for Community Concerns. Delgado, who has served as justice of the peace, Precinct 2, Place 1 of Harris County since January 2001, was selected for the award for her contributions to her industry and her commitment to her community.

Two individuals with long-standing ties to the South Belt community died. Although the incidents were unrelated, both eerily had connections to the Sagemont Cowboys youth football organization. Gage Alexander McDonald, 19, died in a single-vehicle accident in the 1900 block of Clear Lake City Boulevard. Police say McDonald was speeding and not wearing a seat belt when his vehicle struck a median curb

and then several trees. He was pronounced dead at the scene. McDonald was the son of Denny Wranch Jr., who has a long history of working with the Sagemont Cowboys and the Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League. McDonald's grandfather, Denny Wranch Sr., is the former president of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League and president of the Sagemont Cowboys. Following in his family's footsteps, McDonald also coached for the Cowboys for three years, and played for six years when he was younger. Marlin Dean Lee III, 26, died the following day after a battle with Ewing's sarcoma, a rare form of cancer. Like McDonald, both Lee and his father, Marlin Lee II, served as coaches for the Sagemont Cowboys.

**5 years ago (2017)**

A man died Sunday, Sept. 17, from injuries related to a

traffic accident earlier in the week that involved an ambulance from Houston Fire Department Station 70 on Beamer. According to police, the ambulance was dispatched around 4:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, to the Gulf Freeway near Beltway 8 to treat persons involved in a crash. As the ambulance arrived at the scene, it was rear-ended by a silver Toyota Corolla driven by Federico Ablog. The force of the collision pushed the ambulance into two disabled vehicles involved in the previous crash. Ablog, 77, was flown by Life Flight helicopter to the hospital, where he later died. The driver of one of the disabled vehicles was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Two HFD paramedics were transported to Clear Lake Regional Medical Center and were later released.

**1 year ago (2021)**

Three people were shot in the same night Saturday, Sept. 18, at an apartment complex in the 1400 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. According to police, officers were dispatched to a shooting call at the above address around 10:30 p.m. and found two people had been shot inside an apartment. While on the scene, officers were advised of another person found with a gunshot wound in a separate area of the complex. No immediate arrests were made.

A woman was killed in a traffic accident Friday, Sept. 17, in the 14100 block of the Gulf Freeway near Beltway 8. The crash took place when a silver Nissan Altima traveling at a high rate of speed left the roadway and struck a concrete pillar. Cindy Ybanez was pronounced dead at the scene.

The American Legion Post 490 building on SH 3 near Ellington Airport caught fire Tuesday, Sept. 21. A few members were outside on the patio when the fire began in the kitchen and tried to extinguish the blaze to no avail. No one was injured. Although the building's structure was not destroyed, nearly everything inside was destroyed.

## City ordinance jump ...

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ulation even exists. According to Barbour, Sagemont Civic Club has received the following responses from each of the city's respective departments:

- The Department of Neighborhoods chooses to not enforce this ordinance.

- ParkHouston has said they do not enforce this ordinance.

- HPD said there are only three specific officers that can enforce this ordinance.

Barbour said that while these officers have helped in the past, they are stretched very thin with other priorities.

Adding to the confusion, Barbour said she was told by an official in the city's Traffic Operations Division that no such ordinance exists.

Barbour was reportedly told by the city staffer to provide proof that Sagemont was enrolled in such a "so-called

ordinance."

"My neighborhood, Sagemont, along with Sagemont Park and Kirkwood, jumped through hoops to opt into an ordinance for the betterment of our communities, only to find that it is almost impossible to get it enforced," said Barbour in a recent letter to the Houston District E City Council member and Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Martin. "We are very disappointed in the responses we have received from the city in the last seven years since our applications were approved. The enforcement departments named in the ordinance to enforce it refuse to do so. I certainly was not aware that departments within the city could pick and choose which laws to enforce."

Houston District D City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz's office was also contacted by Barbour for assistance in the matter.

## Crime workshop jump ...

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CPTED-based action plan for their area.

Houston communities are invited to register a team of up to eight individuals. Teams consisting of a mix of people is suggested, such as residents, apartment managers, business owners or managers and faith leaders. The right mix for specific neighborhoods is up to the participants.

Residents can also register to participate in the training solo to share what they learn with their communities.

To register for the workshop, go to [www.houston.tx.gov/onesafehouston/cpted-workshop.html](http://www.houston.tx.gov/onesafehouston/cpted-workshop.html).

For additional information, call 713-308-3200. **One Safe Houston** One Safe Houston is a \$53 million investment aimed at crime reduction. The comprehensive violence reduction initiatives link research-based strategies to improve public safety and reduce the harms caused by violent crime. The initiative focuses on four (4) key areas:

- Violence Reduction and Crime Prevention.
- Crisis Intervention, Response and Recovery.
- Youth Outreach Opportunities.
- Key Community Partnerships.

## National Night Out jump ...

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Butron at 281-642-3484 or [Butron@Houstonpolice.org](mailto:Butron@Houstonpolice.org).

Most residents outside of the city limits having parties should contact Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office at 713-477-2766.

The sooner law enforcement agencies are aware of an NNO event, the better chance an officer can attend.



## Over The Back Fence by Natalie

**HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!**

Birthday greetings are sent to Dr. Chris Durham Sept. 26, from his wife Courtney, daughters Abigail and Penelope and son Jackson; mother-in-law Leslie and husband Fred Flickinger; sister-in-law Kimberly Lipina and husband Matt; and both sets of grandparents Marie and David Flickinger Olive Falkowski and John Fairchild.

**JOHN CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!**

Happy birthday wishes are sent to John Laurino Sept. 27, from his friends and family.

**SCHOOL DAZE**

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 22 through Sept. 28.

**Atkinson Elementary**

Christopher Bui, Atkinson principal, enjoys a birthday Sept. 27.

**Burnett Elementary**

Join in a happy birthday chorus Sept. 28 to Bernice Barraza.

**Bush Elementary**

The day for a birthday gift for **Kassandra Aguilar** is Sept. 24.

**Frazier Elementary**

**Dina Edwards** marks a day of celebration Sept. 26.

**Meador Elementary**

The day for a party for **Rosario Reyes** and **Celeste Skipper** is Sept. 23. Marking a birthday Sept. 26 is **Connie Daumas**.

**Moore Elementary**

The day for a birthday cake and ice cream for **Celena Hudspeth** is Sept. 26.

**South Belt Elementary**

The day for a double-layer cake and ice cream for **Raquel Cavazos** and **Leslie Mathew** is Sept. 22. Blow out the candles for a birthday celebration for **Kassandra Luna Hernandez** Sept. 26.

**Melillo Middle School**

Send a humorous birthday card to **Megan Medina** Sept. 28.

**Roberts Middle School**

Erik Ramos enjoys a birthday Sept. 23. Remember to wish **Luz Faz** a happy birthday Sept. 26. **DeRonda Pitre-Preston** enjoys a birthday Sept. 27.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**

Break out the balloons and the birthday cake Sept. 22 for **Stacey Barber**. Light the birthday candles Sept. 25 for **Grant Pector**.

**Dobbie High**

Blow out the candles on a cake Sept. 22 for **Monika Mackey**. The day for a party for **Denice Smajstrla** is Sept. 23. **Martha**

**Varela** enjoys a birthday Sept. 24. **Aaron Mathews** celebrates a birthday Sept. 28.

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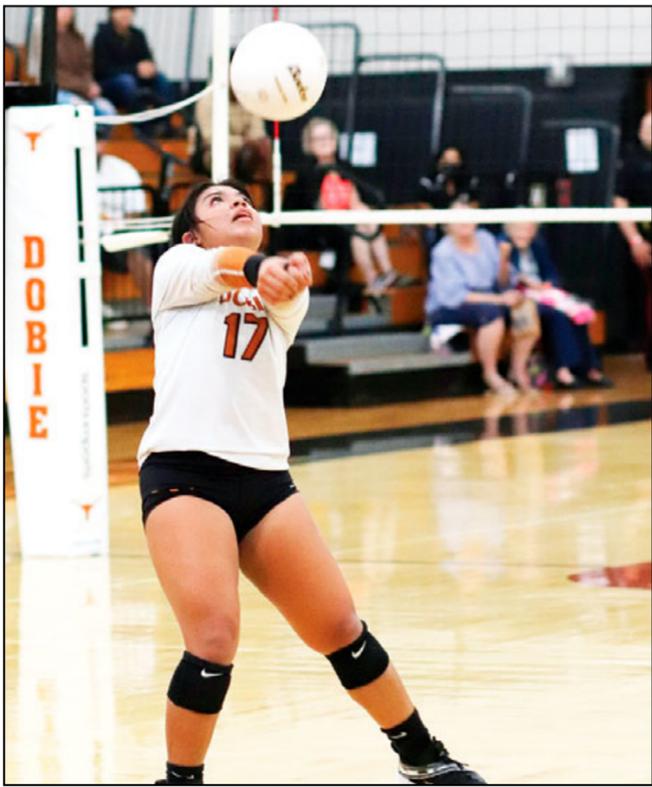
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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Memorial VB win over Dobie key in 22-6A

At right, Dobie libero Aly Frias (17) plays a ball back to the front row during the Lady Longhorns' key District 22-6A matchup with Memorial Sept. 16 at Dobie. With the two programs looking to stay close to co-front-runner Deer Park, Memorial emerged unbeaten in league play at 3-0 (19-3 overall) with a 20-25, 25-19, 25-17, 19-25, 15-12 marathon win as senior Savannah Lopez led the Mavericks' balanced attack with 10 kills. Dobie junior Alexa Gonzalez had 17 kills for Dobie (13-16, 1-2) with fellow junior Naima LeBlanc finishing with 12 kills. Frias, a junior, had 22 digs in the match. Dobie, which played at Channelview Sept. 20 after press time, will take on Sam Rayburn Sept. 23 at home. Varsity match time is 5:30 p.m.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf



## Garcia leads Dobie girls at La Porte 5,000

Dobie's Ashlee Garcia continued to lead the Lady Longhorns' varsity cross-country team toward what they hope is another district championship run early next month.

As many of Region III's top individual competitors and their teams convened at La Porte's Northwest Park for a series of runs, Garcia was third overall in the varsity girls' 1A

5,000-meter event, with La Porte junior Penelope Rios the top overall finisher in a time of 19 minutes, 58.60 seconds. Marin Goebel, a sophomore from private school St. Ag-

nes took second place in a time of 20:10.00, with Garcia third in an impressive finish of 20:11.30.

Dobie, the District 22-6A cross-country team champion in both 2020 and 2021, certainly appears to be the frontrunner this time around.

Kyla Lobo, who as a sophomore joined Garcia on the 2021 title team, grabbed herself a medal at La Porte as her time of 20:50.50 placed her 13th overall.

Isela Munoz, also a previous league champion with Dobie, continues to run well as she rounds out her senior season.

At La Porte, Munoz finished in a time of 21:09.20,

20th place overall.

Sophomore Lauren Garza, who will join Lobo as the team's top returnees in 2023 was 23rd overall at La Porte as she clocked in with a time of 21:25.70.

The Lady Longhorns' fifth official finisher was Ashley Dunn as the senior was 42nd overall at 22:46.10.

In what was a look into the future for the Lady Longhorns, Mariah Medina and Isaura Correa were the locals' top finishers in the junior varsity girls' two-mile event.

A sophomore, Medina was 41st for the race as she paced Dobie with a time of 14:55.60, and Correa, a freshman, was 42nd in a time of 14:59.20.

Jasmine Mooney, a junior, was the Lady Longhorns' third overall finisher as her time of 15:12.90 was 54th-best overall.

Junior Jordan Davis clocked in at 15:50.50 for the 89th spot.

The La Porte meet was a proving ground for the Dobie girls' program as it continued to excel, and the boys' teams also ran well.

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## Dobie FB hosts Deer as 22-6A play opens

Dobie will look to jump-start its season as it hosts defending District 22-6A champion Deer Park Thursday, Sept. 22 in the league's opening night matchup at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Longhorns will look to quickly reverse a season that has included three straight road losses after an opening night win over Clear Brook.

What looked like a tough three-game road stretch for the Longhorns proved to be just that. Dobie had chances to score in the fourth quarter but came up short in an eventual 17-14 loss to Grand Oaks.

The Conroe ISD-based Grand Oaks program is now 3-1 heading into league play of its own.

In week three, the Longhorns were over-matched in a 41-3 loss to Dickinson, which has won three straight games to get

to 3-1 this season. In the Longhorns' final nondistrict contest, Houston Lamar cruised to a 35-7 win Sept. 16 at Delmar Stadium, leaving the Longhorns at 1-3 heading into 22-6A play.

Deer Park, meanwhile, enters league action with an unbeaten 4-0 mark after a 35-14 win over Clear Brook Sept. 16.

Averaging a single point shy of 40 points per game, the Deer have gained more than 415 yards per game, tops in the District 22-6A ranks.

Conversely, the Deer defense is giving up a league low of 221 yards per game and has allowed 15 points per game.

Deer Park's Erasmo Canales has rushed for just over 500 yards this season and has scored eight touchdowns.

Quarterback Rafael Robles has operated efficiently at his position for the Deer, and Hayden Smith

is one of the league's most dangerous receivers.

Dobie's Jalen Baldwin worked free for a 70-yard touchdown against Lamar, but the Longhorns have relied heavily on the running game to this point as sophomore Cameron Mathews and Raynard Hall have led the way.

But Dobie to this point

in the season is at the bottom of the standings in points scored and total offense.

The great news for Dobie is that the slate is now wiped clean as the playoff chase begins.

The 22-6A crown belongs to Deer Park, but this is the chance for the Longhorns to rebound.

**Dobie hosts Deer Park  
Thurs., Sept. 22, 7 p.m.  
PISD Veterans Stadium**

## Unbeaten Deer keep Wolverines winless

Despite some positive signs on both sides of the ball, Clear Brook's varsity football program enters its District 24-6A opener against Clear Falls while in search of its first win of 2022.

Senior receiver Michael Lewis, who entered the season as the league's top returnee at his position in terms of production, has

come up with 13 catches for 200 yards and three scores, but the Wolverines are otherwise at the bottom of the league numbers with just 275 yards through the air.

Senior running back Jaylon Richardson continues to be a bright spot for the Wolverines with his 428 yards rushing to go with three scores, and

the Knights counter with David Smith, who has 436 yards rushing and eight touchdowns.

Clear Falls quarterback Landon Vessel leads all

24-6A quarterbacks with 662 yards through the air and four touchdowns as the Knights went 2-2 in nondistrict play through the first month.

**Clear Brook vs. Clear Falls  
Fri., Sept. 23, 7 p.m.  
Challenger Stadium**

## JFD grad Baldwin keys UNLV's resurgence



At left, Johnathan Baldwin, a Class of 2021 graduate and star running back on the Longhorns' 2020 district championship team, enjoyed his most productive game as a sophomore safety at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, recording seven tackles and a goal line pass breakup in the Rebels' 52-27 home win over North Texas Sept. 17. Baldwin and his UNLV teammates will step up the competition with a Mountain West Conference game at Utah State Sept. 24 in Logan, Utah.

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# JFD cross-country program challenges elite field at LP

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**Avila leads JFD boys**  
 Senior Jovani Avila was the Longhorns' top finisher in the varsity 5,000-meter event, which was won by Clear Lake's Sam Gola in a time of 15:20.60. The Longhorns' Jose Munoz also ran well as he was in at 18:12.30 for 36th place, and 41st place and a time of 18:31.00 went to Dobie sophomore Conner Torres.

to-back for 52nd and 53rd place, respectively, and Dobie's Pedro Acevedo was 55th with his time of 19:14.20. The Longhorns' Jorge Jasso placed 68th with a time of 20:15.30. **Wilson heads JV effort**  
 The Longhorns' Antoine Wilson was 45th in the junior varsity boys' 5,000-meter event to front the local effort. Others running for Dobie included Martin Martinez (20:52.40), Lucius Monarez (20:54.00), Max Delgado (21:13.40), San-

tino Perez (21:20.10), Carter Wright (21:57.70), Caden Wright (22:38.10) and Michael Gutierrez (23:09.50). **Freshmen shine**  
 In the freshman boys' two-mile event, the Longhorns were led by Johan Villavicencio as he ran a superb race en route to eighth-place and a medal at 11:38.40. Harrison Henderson of Dobie was 61st overall with a run of 13:43.30 as he and Villavicencio were the lone competitors for the Longhorns.



**Dobie varsity girls' cross-country standout Isela Munoz (387) continued to build toward a strong finish to her senior season as she finished the 5,000-meter event at La Porte with a clocking of 21 minutes, 09.20 seconds for 20th place overall.**

## South Belt football predictions

					
Deer Park at Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Deer Park	Dobie	Deer Park
Humble at C.E. King	CEK	CEK	CEK	CEK	CEK
Beaumont West Brook at Summer Creek	BWB	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
Pasadena Memorial at Sam Rayburn	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial
Shadow Creek at Pearland	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Clear Brook vs. Clear Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls
Brazoswood at Clear Creek	Brazoswood	Creek	Creek	Creek	Brazoswood
Clear Springs at Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Barbers Hill at La Porte	La Porte	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	La Porte	Barbers Hill
Foster at Friendswood	Foster	Foster	Foster3	Foster	Foster
Last Week's Results	7-3	6-4	7-3	7-3	8-2
Season record	25-15	25-15	31-9	24-16	31-9

## Lutheran South cross-country keeps strong pace

The Lutheran South cross-country program kept its push toward the postseason going well with a great effort at the Providence Classical Palatin Invitational Sept. 17 in Spring. As they have done for much of the season, the Gaitans were at the forefront for the Pioneers in the 5,000-meter varsity race. A time of 17:23.20 had Marcus Gaitan seventh overall, while Matthew Gaitan clocking of 17:47.90 was ninth best. A time of 19:57.30 gave the Pioneers' Tristan Haver 38th place, and a time of 20:58.90 was good enough for the Pioneers' Nathan Mendoza to nab 50th place. The team's fifth official scorer was Gabriel Salazar, 54th in a time of 21:03.20. The Pioneers' Noah Robert placed 59th for his squad with a time of 21:19.80. Closing things out for the LSA varsity boys' squad, senior Lucas Wells had a time of 22:42.10 for 76th place. The Lutheran South varsity girls were second overall in the two-mile race as The Woodlands Christian was first by a considerable margin. At 15:16.80 in the two-miler, LSA freshman Elisabeth Hergenrader was 18th overall to lead the varsity group. Lanie Ward was next as her time of 15:33.50 placed her 22nd as she excelled.

Jemma Riekart was at the finish line in a time of 15:35.80 for 23rd place. In a time of 15:52.40, 26th place went to the Pioneers' Madison Van Wie, and Madeleine Richards was 33rd with her time of 17:17.70 to close out the scoring for the locals. A time of 17:46.40 placed Becca Byrom 39th for LSA, and 19:27.90 for Emma Wells was 48th best. Another strong week in the books, the Pioneers seem to be on schedule as the postseason races get closer.

## JFD tennis easily handles Mavs

A seemingly ho-hum seventh-place match victory to close out the Remembering Ike Invitational has given the Dobie varsity tennis squad a boost of confidence as District 22-6A play has continued this month. In keeping with its years-long dominance within the Pasadena ISD ranks, Dobie crushed Memorial 18-1 in moving to 2-1 in league play after an opening loss to Deer Park. The Longhorns then moved to 3-1 Sept. 20 as Channelview forfeited its match against the Longhorns due to not having enough players to cover the 19 required matches. "It does seem as though the Pearlland victory to close out the Ike invitational gave us a breath of fresh air," said Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. "To be honest, the kids really have been working very hard since Aug. 1 to put together a good string of results. "The schedule we have played has been tough, so it's nice to see the kids see some positives come out of the matches." Going into the Memorial matchup, Moreno was concerned how his team would match up. The Mavs' top girls' singles player, Victoria Chioreanu is as talented as anyone in the district. Dobie's

Hailey Maldonado played very well despite losing a super tiebreaker. Maldonado and doubles partner Ashley Huynh then turned the tables in the No.1 slot, handing Chioreanu and her partner, Anna Le, their first loss of the season. "I'm proud of the kids," Moreno said. "We have won three straight and have a chance to get the No. 2 playoff seed down the road. It's been nice to see the kids playing better and seeing the results as a group. I think it'll come down to the Rayburn match. We'll be ready."

Boys' doubles  
 1) William Ho/Ryan Le (D) def. Jacob Condado/Shane Daly, 6-0, 6-0.  
 2) Pitou So/Thang Tran (D) def. Muhammad Hernandez/Oscar Lima, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5).  
 3) Diego Flores/Nolan Tran (D) def. Aaron Jones/Khan Phan, 6-1, 6-3.

### Dobie tennis 18, Memorial 1

Girls' doubles  
 1) Ashley Huynh/Hailey Maldonado (D) def. Victoria Chioreanu/Anna Le, 6-7 (7-4), 7-5, 10-5.  
 2) Tiffany Tran/Natalie Vo (D) def. Huong Nguyen/Julissa Salinas, 6-1, 6-0.  
 3) Leena Pham/Kayla Tran (D) def. Roseli Bisono/Xitlaly Trevino, 6-0, 6-1-6.

Mixed doubles  
 1) Leslie Figueroa/Dominic Ortiz (D) def. Mariana Yado/Arslan Chaudhry, 6-0, 6-0.

Boys' singles  
 1) William Ho (D) def. Jacob Condado, 6-1, 6-1.  
 2) Dominic Ortiz (D) def. Shane Daly, 6-0, 6-0.  
 3) Thang Tran (D) def. Oscar Lima, 6-0, 6-0.  
 4) Ryan Le (D) def. Muhammad Hernandez, 6-0, 6-1.  
 5) Diego Flores (D) def. Khan Phan, 6-1, 6-1.  
 6) Nolan Tran (D) def. Aaron Jones, 6-1, 6-0.

Girls' singles  
 1) Victoria Chioreanu (PM) def. Hailey Maldonado, 6-4, 6-7 (7-2), 10-3.  
 2) Tiffany Tran (D) def. Anna Le, 6-0, 6-0.  
 3) Natalie Vo (D) def. Julissa Salinas, 6-0, 6-0.  
 4) Ashley Huynh (D) def. Huong Nguyen, 6-0, 6-0.  
 5) Leena Pham (D) def. Xitlaly Trevino, 6-0, 6-1.  
 6) Kayla Tran (D) def. Roseli Bisono, 6-0, 6-3.

## Lady Lions' seventh-grade VB takes second at Queens



The Thompson Intermediate seventh-grade Lady Lions' volleyball team placed second in the Queens Intermediate Invitational Tournament as they defeated Queens, Fairview and Westbrook along the way. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Lexi Rodriguez, Emily Nazario, Maleiyah Hoop, Emme Mejia, Savannah Tellez, Lily Salazar, (back row) Yosselin Bane-gas, Natalia Uzoukwu, Kayla De Robles, Aja Breaux, Aly Garza and coach Kaylyn Harlan.

## Bay Area Football League Week 6 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
Dolphins	0	6	6	34	0
Sharks	48	54	63	0	1

**Week 7 Games – Saturday, Sept. 24**  
 Cowboys host Manvel, El Franco Lee Park  
 Dolphins on a bye week

### Freshman Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
League City	5	0	0
Angleton	5	0	0
Hitchcock	5	0	0
Southeast	5	0	0
Bay Area	4	1	0
Pearland Pats	4	1	0
Brazosport	3	2	0
Pearland Texans	3	1	0
North Shore	3	3	0
La Porte	2	3	0
East End	2	2	0
Barbers Hill	2	3	0
Magnolia Park	2	3	0
Pasadena	2	3	0
Sagemont	1	4	0
Alvin	1	5	0
Manvel	0	5	0
Santa Fe	0	5	0
Southbelt	0	6	0

### Sophomore Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Hitchcock	6	0	0
Bay Area	5	1	0
Pearland Patriots	5	1	0
League City	4	1	0
Sagemont	4	1	0
Alvin	4	2	0
Pearland Texans	3	1	0
La Porte	3	2	0
Magnolia Park	3	2	0
Angleton	3	3	0
Brazosport	2	3	0
Southeast	2	3	0
Barbers Hill	2	3	0
Manvel	1	4	0
North Shore	1	4	0
Pasadena	1	4	0
Southbelt	0	5	0
East End	0	5	0
Santa Fe	0	5	0

### Junior Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Pearland Pats	6	0	0
League City	5	0	0
Pearland Texans	4	0	0
Angleton	4	2	0
Alvin	4	2	0
Brazosport	3	2	0
Sagemont	3	2	0
Magnolia Park	3	2	0
Manvel	3	2	0
Barbers Hill	3	2	0
Hitchcock	3	3	0
Bay Area	3	3	0
East End	2	3	0
Southeast	2	3	0
Santa Fe	1	4	0
Pasadena	1	4	0
Southbelt	0	5	0
La Porte	0	5	0
North Shore	0	6	0

### Senior Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Hitchcock	6	0	0
Magnolia Park	5	0	0
League City	4	1	0
Pasadena	4	1	0
Manvel	4	1	0
Southbelt	4	2	0
East End	4	2	0
Sagemont	3	2	0
Southeast	3	2	0
Bay Area	3	3	0
Pearland Patriots	3	3	0
Barbers Hill	2	3	0
Alvin	2	4	0
Brazosport	1	4	0
La Porte	1	4	0
Santa Fe	1	4	0
Angleton	1	5	0
Pearland Texans	0	4	0
North Shore	0	6	0

### Pee Wee Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Bay Area	6	0	0
Pearland Pats	6	0	0
League City	4	0	0
Hitchcock	5	1	0
Pasadena	4	1	0
Alvin	4	2	0
Angleton	4	2	0
La Porte	3	2	0
Santa Fe	2	3	0
Manvel	2	3	0
Sagemont	2	3	0
East End	2	4	0
Magnolia	2	3	0
Barbers Hill	1	3	0
Brazosport	1	4	0
Southeast	1	4	0
Southbelt	0	4	0
Pearland Texans	0	4	0
North Shore	0	6	0

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300.  
7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See website calendar or call 281-485-3634.  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for appointment.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
6:30 p.m. Bay Area Genealogical Society - meets either online or at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Virtual attendees need to register for each webinar session. Visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.  
7 p.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.  
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group of NA, open, 2930 E. Broadway, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200.  
8 p.m. Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
8 p.m. AA - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
7:30 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom -

See Friday's notice.  
11 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787.  
1 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
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. Call 281-479-7285.  
2 p.m. Grief Support Group - Meets Sunday at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787.  
5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.  
8 p.m. AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
1:30 - 3 p.m. Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Volunteers Jerry and Edith Sanford teach lessons Mondays with a different dance rhythm each month. Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.  
6 p.m. Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com. Visit the website or call 281-467-1880.  
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# It's Deer Park versus Dobie as 22-6A varsity football race kicks off

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

Deer Park is the defending champion in District 22-6A as the high school varsity football season moves into league play beginning Sept. 22-24.

Through nondistrict play thus far in 2022, have there been signs pointing to a change at the top in either district? Maybe, yet maybe not.

In 22-6A, Dobie hosts Deer Park Sept. 22 in what many of those in the know have viewed as the league's championship game.

Dobie easily handled the Deer on the road in 2020 to win its first district championship in 10 seasons, only to see Deer Park turn the tables last season on the way to the crown.

Deer Park and Dobie were 1-2 a season ago, while Channelview rode the two-way talents of quarterback Demetrius Charles, now a freshman at Angelo State University, to third place.

South Houston downed Memorial in a head-to-head matchup to an eventual 3-3 finish for fourth place.

Could it be that the winner on opening night in District 22-6A goes on to win the district title? Channelview and Pasadena Memorial both won two of three games to start the season.

Are either of those programs ready to make a big move?

Kam'ron Webb is in his third season as the starter at quarterback for South

Houston.

Can he and talented running back Christian Epps generate enough offense in the key matchups to return to the postseason?

There's so much to unpack as the seven-week league schedules play out across 22-6A and 24-6A. Here's a look at what has transpired to this point.

The defending 22-6A champion Deer had to have some questions heading into the season about just how the team would rebound from the loss of several key offensive pieces as well as others defensively.

So far, head coach Austin Flynn and his group have to be very pleased with the results.

Through three weeks, the Deer were undefeated with impressive wins over La Porte, Clear Creek and Beaumont West Brook.

Outscoring its three foes by a combined 124 to 49 and averaging 418 yards of offense per outing, the Deer have seemingly not missed a beat early on this season and have to be viewed as a heavy favorite to repeat as 22-6A champion.

Erasmus Canales has assumed the role of lead runner in the offensive backfield and delivered 321 yards and six touchdowns through three games.

Meanwhile, Rafael Robles has excelled in his debut season at quarterback, passing for 500 yards and six touchdowns and rushing for another 140.

Returning All-District receiver Hayden Smith

has picked up where he left off in 2021, this season averaging 24.5 yards per catch, with seven grabs for 171 and three touchdowns through the three games.

Defensively, the Deer have played well despite a late off-season change at defensive coordinator as the group allowed just over 16 points per outing.

While Dobie lost back-to-back nondistrict games for the first time since the 2018 season, there was still plenty with which to be pleased heading into the league opener at home against Deer Park Sept. 29.

True, the passing game will have to add a dimension to the offense that was lacking through three games.

But with Raynard Hall rushing for 250 yards and Cameron Mathews going for another 243 through three games, the Longhorns can run the football with plenty of success.

Jalen Baldwin can be effective both as a runner and pass catcher. Simply getting the ball in his hands should allow the Longhorns to utilize their team speed advantage.

In the opener against Deer Park, Dobie will look to do a better job defensively with the ball in the air.

Smith was huge against the Longhorns in 2021, but the locals have gotten a strong effort from defensive returnees Nigel Hill, Derrick Kelley and Anfornee Lee and Aiden Sanchez contributed a pair of sacks through three weeks of the season.

Previous history says that Deer Park and Dobie will occupy the two available Division I playoff

spots out of District 22-6A, with then programs such as Channelview, South Houston and Memorial remaining to go

head-to-head for the two available postseason berths on the Division II



side of things.

Like Dobie, the Channelview Falcons entered the 2022 campaign needing to replace a three-year starter at quarterback.

Through three games, the Falcons won twice as junior Darius Clark-James stepped in and passed for more than 700 yards and five touchdowns, with a 72-yard scoring play going to dynamic receiver Marquis Neal for a touchdown.

Sophomore Traveon Jackson got much of the action in the backfield, going for 237 yards while averaging 6.5 yards a carry.

Neal, averaging nearly 20 yards a grab through three games to go with three touchdowns, will be a concern for opposing defenses, and Isaiah Thomas has also averaged more than 18 yards per catch as a first-year varsity contributor.

Channelview has a lengthy history of playing "outscore them" football

At left, Pasadena's Ruben Lara (9) led the District 22-6A ranks in rushing through three weeks and was nearing the 1,000-yard mark for his career. As the 22-6A season begins Sept. 29, the Eagles hope to make a move in a league that has in recent seasons been led by Dobie and Deer Park.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

but just may have the pieces in place to make a solid push in the 22-6A ranks.

South Houston won a head-to-head battle with Memorial in 2021 and grabbed the second Division II playoff seed behind Channelview.

But the Mavericks rebounded nicely from an opening week loss and averaged 37 points in wins over Kempner and Clear Brook.

Junior Jaylon Bell was one of the top returning running backs from 2021 and has performed as such this season.

Scoring five touchdowns and averaging 6.5 yards a carry, Bell very well could be a key player to help the Mavericks rebound for just two league wins.

Memorial junior quarterback Hayden Stallings has also enjoyed a good start to his season, and receivers Michael Smith and Ethan Munoz have been able to enjoy success in the passing game.

Moving forward, it would seem that Bell will be a focal point for the Mavericks as they aim for a playoff berth.

At South Houston, junior Kam'ron Webb entered the 2022 campaign as the longest-tenured starting quarterback in the district, and Webb's continued growth at the position will be key as the Trojans look to secure another postseason berth this season.

Averaging 20 points per game and surrendering basically the same through three games, the Trojans went 1-2.

Webb, looking to rebound after being dinged up just a bit in 2021, was seventh in rushing districtwide through the early going with 249 yards and five of the team's eight touchdowns, including a brilliant 49-yard scoring burst.

Fellow junior Christian Epps is also someone the Trojans will continue to use to their benefit in the running game as he had 237 yards and a pair of scores through three games.

Jacob Sheppard, had a league-high 14 catches for 187 yards and a touchdown in the three games, and Webb will continue to look for Sheppard as 22-6A play opens.

Sam Rayburn and Pasadena both won a game in the opening three weeks. Eagles' senior Ruben Lara led the 22-6A ranks in rushing with 493 yards and four touchdowns, with teammate Alijah Cruz rushing for another 386 yards and six touchdowns. The Texans, 2-2 through four nondistrict outings, saw quarterback Esteban Nava complete 13 passes to Chavodrian Harris-Miles for 170 yards and a score.

Sam Rayburn's Jorge Vasquez rushed for 254 yards as the Texans picked up their second win.

## 24-6A ranks poised to go to wire

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

The District 24-6A varsity football chase to the crown begins Sept. 29 with an opening round of games involving six of the league's seven programs.

Count a 4-0 Brazoswood team and the 3-1 Clear Lake Falcons among those looking to elicit change within the ranks, but those in the know would be wise to expect much of the same as it relates to hierarchy.

Prior to this season, Clear Springs had run off a record of 27-4 over the past five seasons in district play, winning crowns in 2018 and 2020.

Over that same five-year span, Dickinson had gone 26-4, missing out on a game during the pandemic-affected 2020 season.

The Gators were the champions of District 24-6A in 2019 and 2021.

Thus far in 2022, the Gators have gone 3-1 entering their huge head-to-head battle, with Springs winning a pair to move to 2-2 after consecutive losses to Katy and Shadow Creek to begin the season.

Dickinson lost 37-0 to Atascocita in week one but has since reeled off three straight wins, allowing just 10 points in the wins while scoring 106.

Clear Springs, which annually bites off one of the toughest nondistrict schedules in the region, surrendered 49 points to Katy and 37 more to Shadow Creek but has since bounced back with wins over Klein Forest and Huntsville.

As it relates to the Class

6A Division I postseason race in 24-6A, the No. 1 playoff seed is likely to be decided Sept. 23 as Clear Springs visits Sam Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson to take on the Gators.

Yet while Dickinson and Clear Springs have had a stronghold on the playoff seedings in the larger-enrollment Division I ranks, the 2022 Division II battle could very well be one of the most competitive in recent memory.

The current District 24-6A alignment as it stands today has only existed since 2020, with upstart Clear Falls taking the DII top seed both seasons and Clear Creek outlasting Clear Brook, Clear Lake and Brazoswood for fourth place and the remaining playoff seed.

Make no mistake. The

Knights of Clear Falls, for years a doormat in league play, are as talented as ever and could very well challenge for the school's first district championship in 2022.

Expect the Knights to secure a Division II playoff seed.

Where it relates to the other coveted Division II playoff seed, Clear Creek could very well be in for all it can handle in matchups with the likes of Brook, Lake and Brazoswood.

Given the usual strength of schedule disparity, it's usually a foolhardy approach to go picking playoff contenders before league play begins. But through the first month, it's hard to ignore Brazoswood's unbeaten start and a 3-1 run by Lake.

Brazoswood, which last had a winning season and postseason berth in 2012 (6-5 overall), has come out of the gates at 4-0 under first-year head coach Joe Dale Cary, formerly of Hondo.

With seven starters back on offense, the Bucs outscored its first four nondistrict opponents 245 to 100, with a 70-12 win over Northbrook punctuating things in week three and a 63-21 win Sept. 16 to stay unbeaten.

At nearly 500 yards of offense an outing, the Bucs had also forced nine turnovers defensively for a plus-4 turnover edge through the three games.

Brazoswood sophomore running back Jose Trevino has enjoyed quite a varsity debut, rushing for 380 yards and eight touchdowns, both league highs, on just 47 carries over three wins.

Brazoswood balanced Trevino's work with a steady effort from senior quarterback Issac Ponce, who threw for five touchdowns against just two interceptions.

The Bucs' Kade Bengtson and Anthony Trevino also combined for 24 catches, 198 yards and two scores.

Defensively, Brazoswood's Croix Rivera intercepted two passes and logged six quarterback hits to go with five from teammate Mason Donovan.

Channelview also had Clear Lake feeling good about itself at 3-1 early on.

Head coach Larry McRae touted the experience gained by as many as 15 sophomore regulars a season ago as a big reason for optimism.

So far, the Falcons are pleased with the results.

Defensively, Clear Lake allowed just under 230 yards per game and had a plus-4 turnover ratio.

Elijah Harris, aiming to build off of a stellar debut at tailback for the Falcons in 2021 has done just that with 248 yards, good for fourth districtwide, and four scores. Senior Tyler Minter contributed 145 yards and a touchdown on 36 totes.

The Falcons' Rodney Searles emerged as the 24-6A receptions leader with 17 through three weeks, going for 204 yards and three scores, and starting quarterback Devin Lippold, another junior, passed for an efficient 325 yards and three touchdowns.

And while Clear Creek and Clear Brook were both winless through three weeks, the respective programs are as optimistic as ever entering league play.

The Wildcats recovered in week four with a 48-12 win over Pasadena Memorial after scoring just 44 in its three previous losses.

Clear Creek, looking to extend its playoff streak to four, saw Rocky Ketchum rush for 232 yards through three games.

Quarterback Bryson Drake threw for 302 yards and a pair of scores but also had five interceptions. The key factors for the Wildcats at this point?

A general lack of big-play production and minus

five turnover disadvantage led to the team generating just 278 yards of offense per outing and just 44 total points in the three losses.

Is what the Wildcats produced against Memorial going to be more of the norm or will the team struggle to score?

It's only week one, but while Dickinson/Clear Springs factors big in the Division I bracket, the Clear Creek/Brazoswood winner will have an edge moving forward.

Meanwhile, Clear Brook was still in search of its first win under head coach Patrick Sanders as the programs had just 63 total points in four games, each a loss.

With 372 yards rushing, Wolverine senior Jaylon Richardson was second among league running backs through three weeks. But the Wolverines struggled in the air early on.

Michael Lewis, who as a junior was the league's leading receiver, had just eight grabs for 113 yards and a five-yard touchdown.

With Brazoswood visiting Clear Creek, Clear Falls taking on Clear Brook and Clear Springs visiting Dickinson Sept. 23 to open play in 24-6A, the postseason picture could quickly develop.

While so much of the race promises to play out to previous form, hope springs eternal for all seven programs.

As top heavy as the 24-6A ranks have been the past few seasons, the competition for the postseason could very well ramp up in a hurry. Will it be the right time for Brazoswood or another squad? It's time to find out.

### Ramirez picks San Jac softball



Longhorn varsity softball standout Clarissa Ramirez (center), a Dobie Class of 2023 graduate-to-be, will continue her education and softball career at San Jacinto College. Ramirez made her decision after a recruiting visit that included a tour of the SJC team facilities, hosted by head softball coach Kelly Saenz (right) and assistant coach Kelsey Walters. San Jacinto College, which has reached the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Championship two consecutive seasons, has Dobie graduates Leslie Longoria and Shellie Ferguson on its current roster and will welcome Ramirez for the 2024 season.

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Clear Brook's Jaylen Price (6), who was an All-District defensive back in 2021, will do his part to help the Wolverines reach for a Division II playoff bracket spot as the District 24-6A race promises to be challenging.

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