

**Leader seeks submissions**

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* encourages local schools, groups and individuals to continue sending story ideas and photos they'd like to see included in the newspaper. Submissions have declined following the death of *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger in November. Contributions may be submitted to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com).

**Freeway Manor to meet**

Freeway Manor Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at Bible Way Church, located at 10120 Hartsook. Meetings typically take place the fourth Thursday of the month. Residents of Freeway Manor, Sun Valley and Gulfway Terrace are encouraged to attend.

**Mistletoe Market approaches**

The 21st annual Mistletoe Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, at the BellaVita clubhouse, 1548 N. Riviera Circle in Pearland, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the BellaVita Belles, the holiday market will feature more than 70 local vendors selling jewelry, home decor, women's clothing, children's clothing and much more. Food and drink will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County.

For additional information, call 281-464-3150 or visit [club-bellavita.org](http://club-bellavita.org).

**Beverly Hills to meet Oct. 3**

Beverly Hills Civic Club will host a meeting Friday, Oct. 3, at the Beverly Hills Park community center, located at 10201 Kingspoint, from 10 to 11 a.m. All Beverly Hills residents are welcome to attend.

**Kirkwood to meet Sept. 29**

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held for the last Monday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

**Coffee with the Constable**

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

**Sagemont to meet Oct. 7**

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings typically take place the first Tuesday of each month. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

**Hughes/Sabo closures set**

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice due to a city water repair. Westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads may also be intermittently closed at Hughes/Sabo until further notice.

**Gulf Freeway closures set**

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

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

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

**Beltway closures planned**

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

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

**Schulba benefit planned**

A barbecue fundraiser for Dobie baseball coach Kevin Schulba and his family will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, at the area high school from noon to 3 p.m. Hosted by a group of Dobie baseball families, the benefit will offer pulled pork sandwich plates for \$12 (\$10 pre-sale). Monetary donations will also be accepted. Vendor space is also available (vendor fee applies).

Funds are being raised to help defray medical costs associated with Schulba's 15-month-old daughter Everleigh, who suffers from a rare liver disease called biliary atresia. See related photo on this page.

## Hidalgo will not seek 3rd term as county judge

### A crowded field of candidates emerges in 2026 election to replace her

In a move that reshapes the political landscape of Harris County, Judge Lina Hidalgo confirmed she will not seek a third term in 2026, honoring a promise she made when first elected.

"The first time I was elected, I said immediately, 'I don't want to do this for 30 years. I don't want to have more than two terms,'" said Hidalgo.

Her announcement has already catalyzed a surge of candidates vying for the powerful county judge seat, which oversees a \$4 billion budget and emergency management for the nation's third-largest county.

**A progressive trailblazer**

Elected in 2018 at age 27, Hidalgo stunned

political observers by defeating 11-year incumbent Ed Emmett. She became the first woman and first Latina to hold the office, quickly emerging as a national progressive figure.

Over two terms, Hidalgo led Harris County through the following milestones:

- COVID-19 pandemic response.
- Winter Storm Uri and Hurricane Beryl.
- Expansion of early childhood education.
- Historic investments in public safety.
- Reduction in homelessness.
- Push for health equity initiatives.

Her tenure was not without turbulence. In 2023, Hidalgo took a nine-week leave for inpatient treatment for clinical depression. Hi-

dalgo would later speak candidly on the issue in an effort to help destigmatize mental health struggles.

She also faced political friction, including a censure from Commissioners Court and a criminal investigation into her aides - charges that were later dropped or resolved.

**Rumors and rebuttals**

Speculation swirled that Hidalgo might challenge U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia for Texas' 29th Congressional District. Hidalgo dismissed the rumors.

"I will do everything I can to back Garcia's candidacy and other Democrats around the state," said Hidalgo.

**2026 race: A crowded field emerges**

With Hidalgo stepping aside, the race to succeed her is heating up. Confirmed candidates include the following individuals:

- Democrats**
- **Annis Parker:** Former Houston mayor (2010-2016), nationally known for LGBTQ advocacy and progressive governance.
  - **Letitia Plummer:** Former Houston City Councilwoman, campaigning on flood control, economic growth and public safety.

- **Erica Lee Carter:** Former U.S. Rep. for TX-18, daughter of Sheila Jackson Lee, previously stated she would run if Hidalgo stepped down.

**Republicans**

- **Aliza Dutt:** Piney Point Village mayor, former journalist, focused on fiscal discipline and limiting social programs.

- **Warren Howell:** Harris County native, campaigning to reduce tolls and eliminate DEI initiatives.

- **Oscar Gonzales:** Law enforcement veteran, launching his campaign in June.

- **Marty Lancton:** Houston firefighter union president, endorsed by several prominent Republicans including Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale.

**What's next for Hidalgo?**

While she's signaled she will not run this election cycle, Hidalgo has not ruled out a possible return to public office in the future.

"If the voters will have me, I'd like to be in elected office again," said Hidalgo. "I think that with everything I've been through, I have learned so much about how to be an elected official and make it sustainable."

## Flickinger to host pair of town halls

### Edgebrook and Clear Lake meetings planned for October

Houston District E City Council Member Fred Flickinger will host a pair of town hall meetings in the South Belt community in the coming weeks, with functions scheduled to take place in both the Edgebrook and Clear Lake areas.

A third town hall meeting is scheduled to take place in the Kingwood portion of the uniquely shaped district.

The first local event will take place Tuesday, Oct. 14, at Space Center Houston, 1601 E. NASA Parkway, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The second local event will take place the following week Tuesday, Oct. 21, at One Movement Bible Church, 10120 Hartsook St., from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The doors will open for each event at 5:30 p.m., with informational booths from various city departments available to answer questions. The main program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

The town hall meetings will also feature presentations from the following representatives:

- Houston Public Works.

- Solid Waste Management Department.
- Houston Police Department.
- Houston Fire Department.
- Houston Health Department.
- Houston Airport System.
- Department of Neighborhoods.

Flickinger encourages residents to actively participate in the discussions.

"Your feedback is a vital part of the discussion and plays a key role in shaping the future of our community," said Flickinger. "Your questions, concerns and ideas are invaluable in guiding the decisions that impact our neighborhoods and quality of life."

To submit questions or concerns, residents should visit [forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responses.aspx?id=EFqoV4stEWIGclsdyEJTO1fiPKFibVLrccANPFnZJtUNFVLUEFWU0pQSjY3U0w0RjhWkhFMFc5OS4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responses.aspx?id=EFqoV4stEWIGclsdyEJTO1fiPKFibVLrccANPFnZJtUNFVLUEFWU0pQSjY3U0w0RjhWkhFMFc5OS4u&route=shorturl).

For additional information, contact the District E office at 832-393-3008 or via email at [districte@houstontx.gov](mailto:districte@houstontx.gov).

## Voter registration deadline nears for Nov. 4 races

### Congressional, City Council vacancies on ballot; Oct. 6 last day to register

With the Nov. 4 election just weeks away, South Belt voters are being urged to check their registration status and prepare for a ballot packed with consequential races and statewide amendments.

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, Oct. 6.

**Eligibility**

Eligibility requirements include the following:

- U.S. citizenship.
- Age 18 or older by Election Day.
- Residency in Harris County.
- Not currently serving a felony sentence.

Residents can register in person at any county voter registrar's office or by mailing a completed application postmarked by that date. Voter registration forms are available at [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov).

**What's on the ballot?**

While there are no regularly scheduled countywide or statewide races this election cycle, two special elections are set to take place this year.

Voters will decide the following special elections:

- Houston At-Large Position 4 City Council

seat: This seat is being vacated by Letitia Plummer, who is stepping down to run for Harris County judge in 2026.

- U.S. Congressional District 18: This seat was vacated by the death of former Houston Sylvestre Turner, who died unexpectedly this past March.

The filing deadline was Sept. 3, and a plethora of potential candidates filed in both of the contests.

**Houston At-Large Position 4 City Council**

Vying to replace Plummer are the following 15 candidates:

- J. Brad Batteau.
- Sheraz Mohammad Siddiqui.

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## Methodist Clear Lake nationally praised

### Local hospital ranked 11th in nation in prestigious annual listing

Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital has been ranked No. 11 out of 243 community hospitals in the nation by Vizient Inc.'s 2025 Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership annual rankings, recognizing excellence in patient safety and quality.

Houston Methodist Hospital also earned a spot in the top five comprehensive academic Medical centers for the second consecutive year.

In all, seven Houston Methodist acute care hospitals are top performers in the 2025 Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership Rankings by Vizient Inc., which provides a national hospital scorecard focused on patient safety and quality metrics.

Six Houston Methodist hospitals ranked among the top 15 in their respective surveys, and Houston Methodist Hospital finished in the top five in its cohort for the second consecutive year.

All rankings-eligible hospitals were chosen using measures of safety, mortality, effectiveness, efficiency, patient centeredness and variation of care.

**Rankings**

This year's rankings include the following facilities:

- Houston Methodist Hospital: Ranked No. 3 out of 118, comprehensive academic medical centers.
- Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital:

Ranked No. 2 out of 192, Large, Specialized Complex Care Medical Centers.

- Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital: Ranked No. 11 out of 243, Community Hospitals.

- Complex Care Medical Centers cohort (out of 208 hospitals):

- Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital: Ranked No. 1.

- Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital: Ranked No. 2.

- Houston Methodist West Hospital: Ranked No. 4.

- Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital: Ranked No. 9.

"I am so grateful to our physicians, nurses and staff for the teamwork that made this recognition possible," said Carl Little, CEO of Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital and senior vice president of Houston Methodist. "This honor reflects the dedication and compassion they bring to patients and families every day, and reinforces our commitment to providing safe, high-quality care close to home."

Vizient's Quality and Accountability study is a tool to help gauge where hospitals stand and where they can use improvement. To learn more about this year's Vizient results, visit [www.vizientinc.com/who-we-serve/members/member-awards](http://www.vizientinc.com/who-we-serve/members/member-awards).

## Pedestrian killed on I-45 service road

A pedestrian was killed in an accident around 3:40 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, after being struck by a vehicle in the 15400 block of the Gulf Freeway service road at Dixie Farm Road/FM 1959.

The identity of the male victim was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the driver of a black Ford Fusion was traveling south on the frontage road at the above address when they struck the male pedestrian

who was reportedly walking in a moving lane of traffic.

The driver pulled over, called 911 and attempted CPR on the male. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the incident and pronounced the male dead at the scene.

The driver of the Ford remained at the scene, did not show signs of intoxication and was questioned and released.

HPD's investigation was ongoing at press time.

### Schulba benefit planned



The South Belt community is rallying behind Dobie baseball coach Kevin Schulba (left), raising funds to help his 15-month-old daughter Everleigh (center), who suffers from a rare liver disease called biliary atresia. A benefit will be held at Dobie Saturday, Sept. 27, where barbecue and other items will be for sale from noon to 3 p.m. A GoFundMe page has also been established. To donate, visit [www.gofundme.com/everleighs-liver-transplant-story](http://www.gofundme.com/everleighs-liver-transplant-story). Also shown above is Schulba's wife Lisa. See related sidebar entry on this page.



## PISD bus involved in accident



Pasadena ISD official and police are shown above assessing damage incurred when a school bus transporting students home from Genoa Elementary Wednesday, Sept. 17, was involved in an accident near SH 3/Old Galveston Road and Fuqua. No injuries were reported. School principals and a counselor arrived at the scene to calm affected students.

Photo by Dae'Chon Williams



## Nicol receives award

Thompson Intermediate librarian Mary Beth Nicol (right), was awarded the Drs. Emil and Anna Steinberger Excellence in Holocaust Education Award over the summer from Holocaust Museum Houston for the work and promotion she has done in coordination with the museum since 2019. She is also serving on Holocaust Museum Houston's Educator Advisory Council for the 2025-2026 school year. Pictured with Nicol is CEO of Holocaust Museum Houston Gary Weisserman.

## NASA Aglow Lighthouse meets Sept. 27

NASA Aglow Lighthouse invites all to its meeting on Saturday, Sept. 27, beginning at 11 a.m. at Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy 3, Webster with Joan Hunter as guest speaker.

Hunter is well known as a trusted and highly respected Christian minister who ministers the gospel of Jesus Christ with manifestations of supernatural signs and wonders in healing school sessions, miracle services, conferences and church meetings locally and all around the world.

She is considered a compassionate minister, dynamic teacher, an accomplished author of more than 31 books and has recorded teachings of how to pray for the sick to see them recover. She is an anointed healing evangelist with a sincere desire to see the body of Christ set free in their bodies, minds, souls, spirits and finances.

Hunter's approach and delivery enables her to connect with people from all walks of life being sensitive to the Holy Spirit under the anointing of Jesus. Joan speaks prophetically in the services, releasing personal and corporate prophetic ministry to those in attendance.

Beside all of her local and worldwide travels, Hunter has been a guest on television and radio programs such as Sid Roth, Jim Bakker and Katie Souza. In Tomball, her ministry home base, she is the hostess of monthly conferences with well-known Christian ministers and on Sundays she has the "Hour of Power" and "Nights of Refreshing" meetings. She also presents on her very own show "Miracles Happens."

Hunter and her husband, Kelley, live in northwest Houston. Together, they have four daughters, four sons, three sons-in-law and seven grandchildren.

She is the daughter of the late Charles Frances Hunter of "Happy Hunters."

Bring a friend to the meeting as NASA Aglow celebrates the presence of the Lord.

## 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. 25, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Weekly English language classes. Registration required. Monday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m. – noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required. Tuesday, Sept. 30, 4 – 5 p.m. Get creative at Craft Lab. Registration required. Tuesday, Sept. 30, 4 – 5 p.m. Board games at the library. Registration required. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6 – 7 p.m. Pajama storytime. Registration required. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Conversational English classes. Registration required. Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

### Book drop

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

### Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-lib>. 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. 25, 10 – 11 a.m. Thrillers, killers & mayhem book club.  
Thursday, Sept. 25, 10:15 a.m. – 10:45. Toddler time.  
Friday, Sept. 26, 1 – 3 p.m. Diamond painting club. Registration required.  
Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.  
Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Vietnamese classes: topic conversation. Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Adult painting class with Malu. Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 27, noon – 1 p.m. Otomi style embroidery class.

Monday, Sept. 29, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 29, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2 – 3:30 p.m. Cooking with Esteban: Panama smoothies.

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Personas que corren con libros, club de lectura.

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. – noon. Know your rights workshop with HILSC.

**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>.

## Elected officials share their words

## Senator Cornyn: 'Big Beautiful Bill' is a big win for Texas on border security

Throughout the Biden administration, Texas suffered from an unprecedented wave of illegal migration resulting from the president's failure to secure our southern border. Texas was forced to step up, and Gov. Greg Abbott created Operation Lone Star, a multi-pronged effort to try and secure the border. Earlier this year, Abbott asked Congress to reimburse our state for the \$11 billion that he should never have had to spend to keep Texans safe as millions of migrants illegally entered our country.

In response, I began immediately taking steps in the Senate to ensure that this request was fulfilled in President Donald Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill. The task was not easy, and the naysayers were many. But Texans have never backed down from a fight, and I am proud to have ultimately secured \$13.5 billion for states like Texas to be reimbursed for their border security efforts.

With slim margins in both chambers, getting any priority over the finish line is no simple undertaking. I worked hand-in-glove with Rep. Chip Roy in the House of Representatives to include this funding provision during the House's amendment process.

In the Senate, the provisions had to be carefully drafted to comply with Senate rules so the item wouldn't be cut from the legislation by the parliamentarian. Thanks to our diligent and persistent efforts, reimbursement for states like Texas was part of the final text that passed both chambers and was signed by Trump on his deadline of July 4.

Because of this work, the Big Beautiful Bill, now law, will make states like Texas whole from funds spent to mitigate the damage we endured from former President Joe Biden's reckless border policies.

From day one of his administration, Biden and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas refused to enforce the laws on the books, incentivizing millions of migrants to illegally cross the Texas-Mexico border, and precipitating a crisis of historic magnitude.

Texas was left as the last line of defense to stop the human trafficking, drug trafficking and other crimes.

Border security is a federal responsibility, but Abbott stepped up to fill the gap and protect American citizens from Biden's border betrayal. Operation Lone Star, which led to the apprehension of more than half a million migrants and more than 50,000 criminal arrests, is the best example.

While this operation was incredibly successful at stemming the tide of illegal immigration and trafficking into our state, it cost Texas taxpayers billions of dollars and was necessary only because the federal government failed to keep our borders secure. Now it is only right that the federal government will reimburse Texas for these expenses.

Biden betrayed the American people by his refusal to enforce our immigration laws. But Texas Republicans in Congress refused to stand idly by. I am proud that the Big Beautiful Bill included these important provisions to help right this wrong. The signing of this bill into law marks an important win for the American people, but it is an especially big victory for Texas.

The Lone Star State suffered the worst of the damage from Biden's border policies. But with the state's reimbursement on the horizon and Trump at the helm, we are on a path to making Texas taxpayers whole.

Sen. John Cornyn

## James "Jim" Philip Thompson



James "Jim" Philip Thompson, beloved dad, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2025, surrounded by family. Jim was born Feb. 13, 1944, in Indiana Harbor, East Chicago, Ind. Jim lived a life full of love, faith, dedication and achievement.

Jim's early years were spent in Whiting, Ind. where he graduated from Bishop Noll High School. He attended Holy Cross Seminary School before seeking higher education. Jim graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He went on to join the United States Army, earned a master's degree and served as a certified social worker assisting other service members and their families. Jim retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Jim went on to pursue his Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law. He practiced law in Houston over the next 15 years. He returned to Whiting, where he served as an assistant district attorney for Lake County. Upon his retirement from practicing law, Jim returned to Houston in 2006 to be near his children.

Jim was a devout Catholic, a member of the St. Luke the Evangelist community, and a life member of The Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, tinkering with things and most of all reading. Jim was a consumer of knowledge. His greatest pleasure was spending time with his children, biweekly breakfast at City Café, Sunday drives and all family gatherings. He instilled in his children a dedication to God, hard work, helping others, love and compassion.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Annette Susanne (nee Baginski) Thompson and Philip Robert Thompson; his former wife, Mary Louise (nee Goebel) Thompson; and his siblings, Philip Francis Thompson and Kath-

## Deaths

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Jim is survived by his son, Jason Thompson; three grandchildren; his sister, Rita Henrietta (nee Thompson) Karpel and at the time his daughter, Lisa Marie Thompson.

Jim will be deeply missed but never forgotten. His faith endures in the lives he touched, and his hope shines on in the promise of eternity with Christ.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Oct. 10, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Resource Crisis Center of Galveston. <https://www.rccgc.org/contact-us>.

## Lisa Marie Thompson



Lisa Marie Thompson, beloved mother, daughter and sister passed away on Aug. 13, 2025. Lisa was born Jan. 21, 1969, in Gary, Ind. Lisa lived a life full of love, compassion, hard work, dedication and faith in her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lisa's early years were spent in Sagamore where she graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School. She went on to her beloved Texas A&M University and earned her Bachelor of Science degree. She then earned her master's degree in child psychology from the University of Houston at Clear Lake. She took that knowledge and passion for child development to become the chief counselor for Pearland Independent School district.

Lisa was married in 1994. Her next mission and purpose were to be a mother. That journey began in 1997 with the birth of her first child Colton Holub. Her second son Cade Holub was born in 1999 and her only daughter Cambrey Holub was born in 2005. She was a natural born mother who dedicated her life to her children.

Lisa loved her dogs, the beach, traveling, taking Sunday drives with her dad, TAMU and all her extended family at the RCC resale shop in League City. Lisa had a love of music that began at an early age: piano, clarinet, oboe, as well as live music and attending concert venues.

Lisa is preceded in death by her mother, Mary Louise Thompson (nee Goebel), and her father, James Philip Thompson.

Lisa is survived by her brother, Jason Thompson, and her three children.

Lisa will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Her radiant smile and timeless beauty will endure for all those who were enriched by having Lisa in their lives.

Lisa's hope and light will forever shine bright in the promise of eternity with Christ.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Oct. 10, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke Catholic the Evangelist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Resource Crisis Center of Galveston. <https://www.rccgc.org/contact-us>.

## Carmen B. Jimenez



Carmen B. Jimenez of Houston passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025. Carmen was a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, neighbor, friend and "Mimi."

Carmen was born on July 19, 1935, in Sugar Land to Jacinto Bustamante and Maria de la Luz Soto. After living with various relatives and small cities due to her father passing at an early age, her family settled in the Pearland area. She graduated from Pearland High School in 1956; during her years in high school she participated in sports and the yearbook staff.

On Feb. 9, 1964, she married Jose Jimenez. They had two children: Anthony and Cynthia Jimenez. She worked up until the birth of Anthony; and she and Jose decided she would be a full-time stay-at-home wife and mom. She, also, took care of John Hernandez, Louis Marcha and Lauren Davila.

In 1976, Carmen along with her family began to attend Templo Bethel after accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior. While there she participated in the Good Samaritan department and was the Sunday School secretary for more than 37 years. She faithfully served and worshipped God at this church for almost 60 years.

Carmen is survived by her children.

Carmen is preceded in death by her parents, brothers Jesse and Johnny Bustamante, and sisters Lupe Zuniga and Mary Martinez.

The visitation will be held at Peevey Funeral Home, Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 6 until 8 p.m. The funeral service will also be held at the funeral home Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 9 a.m. Interment will follow at Houston National Cemetery.

## Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

## Evening of Cuisine a success!



Several elected officials were in attendance at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Evening of Cuisine, held Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Lone Star Flight Museum. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Houston District E City Council Member Fred Flickinger and his wife, Leslie; Will Carter (aide to U.S. Rep. Brian Babin); and Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia.

Photo by David Flickinger

## Mother, daughter duo takes on South Belt Elementary



Lifelong resident of the South Belt area Yvonne Soliz (left) has been an educator in Pasadena ISD for 17 years and in Clear Creek ISD three years. Her daughter Tatiana Soliz has been teaching at South Houston Elementary for seven years and was Teacher of the Year her first year. Both are teaching third-grade dual language reading and writing at South Belt Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year.

## Voter registration deadline nears

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– Martina Lemond Dixon.  
– Al Lloyd.  
– Dwight A. Boykins (former District D City Council member).  
– Miguel Herrera.  
– Kristal Mtaza-Lyons (write-in).

### 18th Congressional District

A total of 17 candidates filed in the special election to fill the 18th Congressional District seat vacated by Turner.

Democrats seeking to represent the traditionally blue district include the following candidates:

– Amanda Edwards.  
– Jolanda Jones.  
– Isaiah Martin.  
– Christian Menefee.  
– Stephen Huey.  
– Valencia Williams.  
– Feldon Bonner II.

Republicans who filed to run for the seat include the following candidates:

– Theodis Daniel.  
– Ollie Knox.  
– Carmen Montiel.  
– Carter Page.  
– Ronald Whitfield.  
Additional candidates include the following candidates:

– George Foreman IV (Independent).  
– Reyna Anderson (Independent).  
– Vince Duncan (Independent).  
– Tammie Rochester (Green Party).

### Constitutional amendments

Voters will decide on 17 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Key measures include the following proposals:

– Prop 3: Authorizing judges to deny bail for violent offenses.

– Prop 4: Creating the Texas Water Fund.

– Prop 15: Protecting parental rights in education.

– Prop 16: Requiring citizenship to vote in Texas elections.

to view a complete list of proposals to be considered, visit the Texas Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms-november-2025-ballot-lan-guage-17.pdf](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms-november-2025-ballot-lan-guage-17.pdf).

### Early voting

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# Remember When

**45 years ago (1980)**  
Sagemeadow homeowners who had not paid their \$96 annual maintenance assessment received notice that failure to pay the fee would be reported to the credit bureau. Since the mortgage companies had stopped deducting the maintenance assessments from escrow accounts, Sagemeadow homeowners had been lagging in paying the yearly fee. In 1979, 95 percent of the residents had paid the assessment, but in 1980, only 75 percent of the homeowners had paid.

**40 years ago (1985)**  
Drinking water from wells near the abandoned Brio Refinery on Dixie Farm Road was given a clean bill of health by the Brio Task Force.

Installation of street lights on Fuqua at I-45 was set to take place by the end of January 1986, a year after the initial request.

Firemen worked half an hour to put out a fire that destroyed the engine and front inside of a 1997 Mercury Cougar.

**35 years ago (1990)**  
South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce board members introduced a resolution asking a federal judge not to sign the Concent Decree for the Brio Superfund site without further investigation. The resolution also called for a temporary cap. While acknowledging Brio as a problem that would not go away, the chamber's Economic Development committee expressed a need to focus on positive Brio-related actions.

After five years of South Belt area students taking TEAMS and parents trying to understand exactly what scores meant, TAAS arrived along with new criteria. Area school officials agreed the new test would be harder than the TEAMS because of the emphasis placed on reasoning skills and comprehension. State graduation requirements included passing the exit level TAAS administered to juniors.

For the first time, the exit test required a written composition.

**30 years ago (1995)**  
The Sagemeadow Utility District Board of Directors decided that if residents were willing to dip a little deeper into their pockets, the district would provide them with a junior Olympic-size swimming pool. Letters containing ballots were mailed to residents in the Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South subdivisions.

Dobie, along with the three other PSD high school bands, left the UIL District Marching Band Contest with a I rating, placing them in the Superior category. This was the first time since 1982 that all of the district's bands, including

Sam Rayburn, South Houston and Pasadena, had earned the rating. The director of the 192-member band was Gary Wilkes, and assistant director was David Scott.

**25 years ago (2000)**  
Donna Benfiglio, 31, made medical history by being the first American to have a De-Bakey VAD™ (ventricular assist device) put in her heart.

Three South Belt females participated in the Olympics: Christa Williams, on the softball team; Judy Harrison, as assistant coach for the U.S. women's track team; and Crystal Fullen, as batgirl for the U.S. softball team.

**20 years ago (2005)**  
Massive evacuations and preparations for Hurricane Rita were all in vain, and the Houston area was spared after the hurricane took a last minute turn toward the east. It made landfall as a Category 3 storm near the Texas/Louisiana border. At its highest intensity as a Category 5 hurricane, it was the fourth-most intense Atlantic storm ever recorded. In April 2006, the World Meteorological Organization retired the name Rita along with four other deadly storms from the 2005 season. Due to their severity in loss of life and damage to property, the names Dennis, Katrina, Rita, Stan and Wilma would no longer appear on the alphabetical list of names for hurricanes, which cycles every six years. Those names were replaced with Don, Katia, Rina, Sean and Whitney for the 2011 season.

U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay was indicted by a grand jury in Travis County, Texas, on charges of conspiracy in a campaign scheme. DeLay temporarily stepped down as majority leader in the House of Representatives but kept his position as Congressional District 22 representative. He resigned in June 2006.

Jessup Elementary student Carlos Kelley, 9, died of a rare form of cancer.

**15 years ago (2010)**  
Lifelong South Belt resident, Angelica Del Valle Thomas, was the lone survivor in a triple shooting that took place in an apartment complex parking lot in Webster. According to police, the shootings occurred when Thomas, 23, along with her friend, Jessica Davies, 24, of Friendswood, went to confront Germain Jimenez. Jimenez, 33, had reportedly been harassing Davies' sister following their recent break-up. When the two women left Jimenez's apartment, he followed them outside and shot each of them multiple times as they were entering their vehicles. Police cornered Jimenez in a strip center parking lot where they found him dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Both women were Life Flighted to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, where Davies was later pronounced dead.

Pearland resident Devin Matlage, 18, and a 17-year-old girl were following two friends who were driving west along the beltway when the driver, 18-year-old James Benjamin Aulds, hit a curb on Pearland Parkway. According to police, Aulds then crashed his truck into a traffic pole, drove over a series of metal guard plates and plunged into a 25-foot pit. While trying to save his friends, Matlage fell into the pit. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Aulds was taken to Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center with a punctured lung, while the passenger of the truck was taken to Ben Taut General Hospital with minor injuries. Police determined that Aulds was drinking at the time of the accident, and charged him with intoxication assault.

William "Bill" Barmore was selected the Pasadena Independent School District's Distinguished Citizen for 2010. Barmore, vice president of the Barmore Insurance Agency in Pasadena, was honored by the Pasadena ISD school board for his many contributions to education in the district. Barmore was a Pasadena ISD Education Foundation board member and the foundation's president-elect for 2011.

**10 years ago (2015)**  
Multiple clashes between Dobie High School students took place off campus. The fights, reportedly between black students and Hispanic students, occurred after school at least twice at a park near the bus stop at Kirkville and Grandbrook in the Clear Brook Meadows subdivision. The fights may have involved as many as 50 students by some estimates. Other witnesses put the number at closer to 20 students. At least one of the brawls was posted to YouTube. The fights subsided following regular patrols by the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office and the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department.

Two years in the making, the Hall of History is an 800 square-foot museum located on South Houston High School campus that preserves the school's past, from its opening in 1957 through 2010.

**5 years ago (2020)**  
A 21-year-old son fatally shot someone assaulting his parents early Friday, Sept. 25, in a parking lot near the Gulf Freeway at Fuqua. According to police, the incident began when a man got into an altercation with a couple inside a bar at the above address. The couple then left the establishment and were waiting for their son outside at his car when the suspect pulled up in his vehicle. The suspect, reportedly in his 30s, exited his car, approached the couple and began assaulting them. The son witnessed the assault and, fearing for their lives, discharged his personal firearm, striking the suspect.

The gunshot also struck the female, who was fighting off the assailant, after he had reportedly knocked her husband unconscious. The suspect was transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The woman was transported to an area hospital in stable condition. The male shooter was not injured. No charges were immediately filed.

**1 year ago (2024)**  
South Houston High School named its 2024 Hall of Honor inductees, with three alumni and two former faculty members being selected. Alumni included Air Force Col. Michael Seale (Class of 1963), NASA architect Brand Norman Griffin (Class of 1965) and NASA photographer Carla Thomas (Class of 1980). Amon Alford and Patrick Fox – both former science teachers at the high school – were the two faculty members selected. The five inductees were honored during homecoming activities at the school Friday, Sept. 20, the day of the Trojans' homecoming game against Sam Rayburn. Diego Garcia was crowned homecoming king and Alondra Zavala was crowned queen.



## Over The Back Fence by Nicole

**HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!**  
Birthday greetings are sent to **Dr. Chris Durham** Sept. 26, from his daughters **Abigail** and **Penelope** and son **Jackson Durham**.  
**JOHN CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!**  
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **John Laurino** Sept. 27, from his friends and family.  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LAURA**  
Birthday wishes are sent to former *Leader* staff member **Laura Benavides Scallan** Oct. 1 from the *Leader* staff.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 25 through Oct. 1.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Sept. 26 is the day for a party for **Aushunay Banala**, **Christopher Bui**, Atkinson principal, enjoys a birthday Sept. 27. Send a birthday greeting to **Cynthia Ruiz** Oct. 1.

**Burnett Elementary**  
The day for a birthday gift for **Dennisse Hildebrand** is Sept. 25. Join in a happy birthday chorus Sept. 29 to **Selene Lopez**.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Light the candles on a double-layer cake Sept. 26 for **Dina Edwards** and **Gloria Sylvestre**. **Valley Richardson** marks a day of celebration Sept. 30.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Light the candles for a birthday celebration for **Charlie Crissman** Sept. 28.

**Meador Elementary**  
Marking a birthday Sept. 26 is **Connie Daumas**. Share a birthday cake Sept. 29 with **Lucila Solis**. Sept. 30 is the day for a fun celebration for **Gina Dela Garza**.

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

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 28 to **Angelica Plummer**. The day for **Natalia Hernandez** and **Jacqueline Sosa** to celebrate with ice cream and a double-layer birthday cake is Sept. 30.

**Meiillo Middle School**  
Send a humorous birthday card to **Megan Medina** Sept. 28. Blow out the birthday candles for **Kellie Bishop** and **Heather Kaboutari** Oct. 1.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Light the birthday candles Sept. 25 for **Grant Pector**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Sept. 25 is the day for a party for **Veronica Resendez**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Carissa Cantu** Sept. 27.

**Dobie High**  
**Deronda Pitre-Preston** celebrates a birth-

day Sept. 27. The day for **Felisha Hamilton** and **Aaron Mathews** to celebrate with ice cream and a double-layer birthday cake is Sept. 28. Three cheers for a wonderful birthday Sept. 30 for **Tiffany Bowyer**, **Kevin Cross** and **Stephen Cross**. Light the candles on a birthday cake Oct. 1 for **Gabriel Munoz** and **Miguel Torres**.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
Thursday, Sept. 25: **Key Voh Patches**, **Jamie Olivares**, **Melanie Conaway**, **Ronell Ram** and **Kevin Sockwell**; Friday, Sept. 26: **Dina Edwards**, **Tripp Harris** and **Mike Flinn**; Saturday, Sept. 27: **Nicole Garcia**, **Yvette Rodriguez** and **Ashley McGuinity**; Sunday, Sept. 28: **Megan Medina**, **Esmerelda Rodriguez**, **Anna Benavidez**, **Tam Vo** and **Christina Guth**; Monday, Sept. 29: **Antonio Morua**, **Marian Adams**, **Adriana Sepulveda**, **Ken Rodrick** and **Gwen Lopez**; Tuesday, Sept. 30: **Jason Cook** and **Myra Janacek**; and Wednesday, Oct. 1: **Amy Malone**, **Jeffrey Restrepo**, **Wendy Sattiewhite**, **Linda Garies**, **Cindy Que**, **Cyndee Davila**, **Dena Roessler**, **Yvonne Mintz** and **Rebekka Barker**.

**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
Email birthday, anniversary, congratulations, etc., to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

## BATP hosts scavenger hunt

On Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, Bay Area Turning Point (BATP) is hosting its first-ever E-Race Domestic Violence Scavenger Hunt, presented by MOTU. The event begins at Chicken N Pickle – Webster with check-in at 11:30 a.m., the hunt at noon, and an after-party at 3 p.m.

The scavenger hunt is sending teams racing all across Bay Area Houston (from Pasadena to League City) to complete creative challenges, visit local businesses and earn points — all while raising funds to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Highlights include:

- Prizes for teams with the most points and the most funds raised.
- Community adventure stops hosted by local businesses and sponsors to highlight their businesses while raising awareness.
- An after-party with food, music, dancing, a silent auction and more.

Domestic violence is on the rise in Harris County, and the need for services is greater than ever. Proceeds from this event directly support BATP's emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling, advocacy and children's programs.

One can find event details and registration at <https://www.bayareaturningpoint.org/annual-event/>.

## NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.154615 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of San Jacinto Community College District.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.154615 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.155158 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.161922 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for San Jacinto Community College District from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that San Jacinto Community College District may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that San Jacinto Community College District is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON October 6, 2025, AT 7:00 PM AT District Administration Building Rm. 104, 4624 Farimont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas 77504.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, San Jacinto Community College District is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Commissioners of San Jacinto Community College District at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

<b>FOR the proposal:</b>	Keith Sinor	Erica Davis Rouse
	Michelle Cantu Wilson	Dan Mims
	Larry Wilson	Judy Harrison
	Position 5 Vacant	

**AGAINST the proposal:** N/A  
**PRESENT and not voting:** N/A  
**ABSENT:** N/A

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto Community College District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto Community College District this year.

	2024	2025	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.154868	\$0.154615	decrease of -0.000253 per \$100, or -0.16%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$182,166	\$188,322	increase of 3.38%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$282.12	\$291.17	increase of 9.05, or 3.21%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$133,631,371	\$135,124,850	increase of 1,493,479, or 1.12%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for San Jacinto Community College District at 713-274-8000 or [Tax.office@tax.hctx.net](mailto:Tax.office@tax.hctx.net), or visit [www.hctx.net](http://www.hctx.net) for more information.

## Thompson art students attend state conference



Thompson art students joined students from Cy-Fair ISD and Humble ISD to share their knowledge and creativity with district administrators and board members from across Texas at the annual TASA/TASB conference. An exhibit of student artwork was on display at the convention at which TASA and TASB tEdCON collaborate to produce a transformative experience for school board members, superintendents, and other school leaders that improves governance and

leadership in Texas public schools and enhances statewide support for public education. Pictured, left to right, are (seated) Carlos Soto, Camila Cobos, Dylan Aguilar, Nguyen Le, Anayah Khan, Y Nguyen, (standing) Tiffany Silverthorne (Thompson visual arts teacher), Gabriel Flores (Pasadena ISD assistant director of fine arts), PISD board members Casey Phelan (vice-president), Joe Campos, Kenny Fernandez (president) and Dr. Toni Lopez (PISD superintendent).

## JFD seeks nominations

J. Frank Dobie High School is currently accepting nominations for its 2026 class of Hall of Honor inductees. Now in its 14th year, the Hall of Honor recognizes Dobie alumni who have distinguished themselves following graduation. Also recognized are community volunteers, fallen heroes and faculty/staff members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

According to school officials, nominees should have demonstrated "exceptionally meritorious service to the community in a duty of great responsibility. The performance must be such as to merit recognition that is clearly exceptional and reflects positively on J. Frank Dobie High School."

Inductees will be formally recognized later in the school year at the 2026 Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony, traditionally held at the area high school in early spring.

To nominate someone for this year's class of Hall of Honor inductees, visit [tinyurl.com/DobieHaloofHonorNominationForm](http://tinyurl.com/DobieHaloofHonorNominationForm).



Over 70 Vendors for clothing, jewelry, home décor, specialty food products, candles, yard art and much more. Part of the proceeds support Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County. Located off of Scarpsdale Blvd. between 518 and Blackhawk Blvd. No strollers, please.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES



Dobie sophomore Jordan Roman led the way for the Longhorns with a 16th-place finish at 16 minutes, 54.3 seconds



Longhorn senior Johan Villavicencio was 20th overall as he clocked in with a time of 17 minutes, 00.5 seconds.

## Stampede hosts area's top runners

With cross-country teams from across the state looking to streamline their operations in advance of district competitions in early October, a solid contingent of programs was in the mix as Dobie hosted its annual Longhorn Stampede Sept. 18.

Conroe Grand Oaks emerged as the team

champion in the varsity girls' division with a low of 75 points, followed by Friendswood, which came through with a low of 85 points.

The Longhorn girls placed eighth, with 22-6A foes Pearland and Alvin finishing ahead of them.

Sophomore Aracely Alvarado again led Dobie to the finish line as she was

sixth overall with a time of 19:17.7.

Isaura Correa's time of 20:28.0 had her finishing 20th, and Aliyah Sanchez was 52nd with a time of 21:38.0.

Mikayla Rodriguez was next as her time of 21:47.5 placed her 55th. Destiny Sidiropoulos clocked in at 23:29.5 for 100th place, and Christina Rodriguez was 118th with her time of 24:09.6.

Goose Creek Memorial was the overall team champion in the varsity boys' division with a low of 88 points, narrowly edging second-place Pearland, which got its five combined finishers across the line in 94 spots.

The Longhorn boys have worked through some injury issues seem-

ingly each week to this point.

At less than full strength again in this one, Dobie placed seventh as a team as sophomore Jordan Roman led the way with a 16th-place finish at 16 minutes, 54.3 seconds as he returned to the lineup after a near season-long ankle injury as he begins to tune up for the postseason.

Senior Johan Villavicencio was 20th overall as he clocked in with a time of 17:00.5.

Angel Montiel, another sophomore, was 40th-best with a finish of 17:40.2, and Jorge Rodriguez delivered a time of 17:44.7 for 50th place. Matthew Dunn was 57th at 17:57.6, and Gevin Vega clocked in at 18:18.8 for 76th place.

## Beltway battle pits JFD, Mavericks

Once again, there will be plenty at stake as Dobie and Pasadena Memorial meet Sept. 26 in the annual Battle of the Beltway as the Longhorns will go for their eighth consecutive victory in the rivalry that will again play out at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Memorial is the host this season and will also entertain athletes from feeder school Bondy as intermediate night will include the Patriots taking part in the pregame dash out onto the field. Dobie

fans, meanwhile, will sit on the visitors' side of the stadium for this one.

Securing the Battle of the Beltway trophy is certainly great for bragging rights, but there's plenty more at stake for both programs in this one.

Dobie, 1-2 this season, is coming off of a bye week after dropping a 26-0 decision at home against Dawson to begin 22-6A. The Longhorns are focused on getting a victory over the Mavericks as the first step in staying close to the lead-

***Battle of the Beltway***  
***Brazoswood at Memorial***  
***Sept. 25, 7 p.m.***  
***Veterans Stadium, Pasadena***

heavy battle at the top has already begun.

Dobie has Memorial and then will host Shadow Creek and take on unbeaten Pearland on the road in consecutive weeks, setting up a key three-game stretch of its own.

District frontrunners Pearland, Shadow Creek and Dawson have had little pushback while jumping to the front of the standings early on in 22-6A action.

While each of the first-place teams possess outstanding defenses, points have also been easy to come by for the trio and individual statistical leaders in the big offensive categories have lagged a little bit behind those of other districts.

Eric Mosely of Dawson has rushed for 231 yards

and a pair of touchdowns while averaging 11 yards per carry, and Shadow Creek's Tristan Willis has gone for 199 yards and three scores.

Sam Rayburn's H'Rei Jones has helped lead the Texans to a 1-0 start with 194 yards on just 9 carries in a huge win over South Houston

Shadow Creek quarterback Tavis Coleman has completed 20 of 31 throws for 378 yards and 6 touchdowns, while Manvel's Cam Renfro is 34 of 51 for 356 yards and three touchdowns.

Jake Westmoreland of Pearland has completed 11 of 18 throws for 308 yards.

Jaden Kendrick has been Renfro's top target at Manvel as he has 10 receptions for 124 yards.



Seniors Hunter Stacey (99) and Williard Joiner III (17) celebrated the Longhorns' 2024 Battle of the Beltway victory over Memorial but have since graduated as the locals will look to continue what is a string of seven consecutive victories over the Mavericks in the series dating back to 2018. The 2025 game is set for Sept. 26 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

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## Pioneer football is 3-1

Quarterback Holt Teichman threw touchdown passes to Noah Harris and Cade Griffin as Lutheran South improved to 3-1 overall ahead of its annual homecoming celebration with a 23-7 road victory at Anahuac Sept. 19.

Carson Rocha also returned an interception 42 yards for a touchdown as the Pioneers shut down Anahuac in the second half and won for the third time in four overall games.

## LSA volleyball rolling

Addy Musgrove and Aniston Collins continue to lead the way with nearly 200 kills each as the Lutheran South varsity volleyball team had won 18 of 24 overall matches heading into a match Sept. 24 after press time.

## LSA girls win cross country Invitational

The Lutheran South Academy cross-country program held a small three-program invite Sept. 20 at Challenger 7 Memorial Park in Webster as the varsity girls came away with a team victory in the 3,200-meter event, topping Bay Area Christian and Concordia Lutheran. Kennedy Farrell of Bay Area Christian was the top overall medalist at 14 minutes, 9.59 seconds as she edged out Lutheran South's Elizaset Hergenrader, who was second overall at 14:14.05. The other finishers for the champion Lutheran South squad included senior Carys Rodriguez, who was fourth at 14:44.22, followed by sophomore Jocelyn Rodriguez, who posted a time of 15:09.18 for sixth place. Junior Amy Campbell was seventh in a time of 15:17.67, and the Pioneers' fifth official qualifier was senior Lainie Ward, who clocked in at 15:23.00 for 10th place overall. The varsity boys' division covered a 5K course as Fort Bend Christian emerged as the team champion, scoring a meet low of 27 points. Lutheran South Academy was second with 42. Fort Bend Christian's Elijah Savage was the top overall medalist as he clocked in at 16:21.18. Lutheran South junior Jeremy Gaitan was third overall in a time of 17:37.71, and junior Theron Ayala was fifth with his time of 17:57.29. The Pioneers' Sam Hergenrader placed 10th with his clocking of 18:20.57, and 12th place went to LSA's Brock Boessling, a sophomore, who finished at 18:33.73. Lutheran South's fifth official finisher was Nicholas Pena, who was 16th with a time of 18:39.98.



## Usual frontrunners set within 22-6A volleyball

There is little doubt that each of the eight districts within the Region III ranks could lay claim to possessing the most competitive field in varsity volleyball, and nowhere is that more true than in 22-6A thus far in the 2025 season.

A year after all four postseason qualifiers collected more than 30 overall victories each, the same four programs have

been back at it.

Dawson had won 26 of its first 30 overall matches ahead of a first-place matchup Sept. 23 against Manvel, which had gone 22-8 overall. At 7-0 heading into the final match of the first half of league action, both the Eagles and Mavericks had created a barrier between themselves, third-place Shadow Creek and fourth-place Pearland in the standings.

Dobie started at 1-4 in the league while taking on Manvel and Dawson right out of the gate but rebounded with wins over South Houston and Rayburn to move into a fifth-place tie with Alvin.

The Longhorns are on pace to match their 2024 mark within 22-6A but could very well make a major move with plenty of time remaining to do so. Manvel settled for fourth place a season ago but has stepped up its game ahead of the matchup with Dawson, while 2024 league champion Pearland has fallen off just a bit.

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## Ortiz, Garcia catch up on court



Former Dobie varsity volleyball teammates Hope Ortiz (left) and Adalee Garcia had a chance to reunite earlier this month on the court. Ortiz is a freshman at Dallas Richland while Garcia is a freshman at McLennan Community College in Waco.

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	Alvin at South Houston	Alvin	Alvin	Alvin	Alvin
	Dawson at Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
	Manvel at PearlandGoose	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
	Creek Memorial at Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood
	Atascocita at C.E. King	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
	Lutheran South hosts St. John's	LSA	LSA	St. John's	LSA
	Friendswood at La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	LaPorte	La Porte
	Deer Park at Clear Creek	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
	Kingwood Park at Kempner	Kempner	Kingwood Park	Kingwood Park	Kempner
	Last Week's Results	8-2	6-4	7-3	7-3
Season record		29-11	26-14	26-14	28-12
					30-10

BAFL Week 7 Sept. 27 Cowboys' Peewee host Hitchcock, 8 a.m.
Cowboys' Freshmen host Hitchcock, 9 a.m.
Cowboys' Sophs. host Hitchcock, 11 a.m.
Cowboys' Juniors host Hitchcock, 1 p.m.
Cowboys' Seniors host Hitchcock, 3 p.m.
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BAFL Weekly Standings

Peewee Division			
Team	W	L	T
Wildcats	6	0	0
49ers	5	0	0
Pearland Texans	5	1	0
Cardinals	4	1	0
Panthers	3	2	0
Red Raiders	3	2	0
LP Texans	3	2	0
Patriots	3	2	0
Eagles	3	3	0
Manvel Texans	3	3	0
Buccaneers	2	3	0
Cowboys	2	3	0
Braves	2	4	0
Stingrays	2	4	0
Longhorns	0	5	0
Sharks	0	5	0
Gators	0	6	0

Freshman Division			
Team	W	L	T
Red Raiders	5	0	0
Manvel Texans	5	1	0
49ers	4	1	0
Cardinals	4	1	0
Panthers	4	1	0
Patriots	4	1	0
Buccaneers	3	2	0
Cowboys	3	2	0
Pearland Texans	3	3	0
Stingrays	3	3	0
Wildcats	3	3	0
Eagles	2	4	0
Longhorns	1	4	0
Sharks	1	4	0
LP Texans	1	4	0
Braves	0	6	0
Gators	0	6	0

Sophomore Division			
Team	W	L	T
Manvel Texans	6	0	0
Buccaneers	5	0	0
Cowboys	5	0	0
Red Raiders	4	1	0
Stingrays	4	2	0
49ers	3	2	0
Patriots	3	2	0
Sharks	2	2	1
Cardinals	2	3	0
Braves	2	4	0
Eagles	2	4	0
Gators	2	4	0
Wildcats	2	4	0
Pearland Texans	1	4	1
Longhorns	1	4	0
LP Texans	1	4	0
Panthers	0	5	0

Junior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	5	0	0
Manvel Texans	5	1	0
Red Raiders	4	1	0
49ers	4	1	0
Sharks	4	1	0
Wildcats	4	2	0
Cowboys	3	2	0
Patriots	3	2	0
LP Texans	3	2	0
Gators	3	3	0
Panthers	2	3	0
Cardinals	2	3	0
Eagles	2	4	0
Stingrays	1	5	0
Pearland Texans	1	5	0
Longhorns	0	5	0
Braves	0	6	0

Senior Division			
Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	5	0	0
LP Texans	5	0	0
Sharks	4	0	0
Red Raiders	4	1	0
Gators	4	2	0
Wildcats	4	2	0
Cardinals	3	1	0
Cowboys	3	2	0
Pearland Texans	3	3	0
49ers	2	3	0
Manvel Texans	2	3	0
Eagles	2	4	0
Longhorns	1	4	0
Panthers	1	4	0
Patriots	1	4	0
Stingrays	0	4	0
Braves	0	6	0

Dobie has owned Battle of the Beltway since 2018

Does anybody remember what they were doing on Oct. 6, 2017? Likely not.

It would probably take a little bit of a jogging of the memory for former Pasadena Memorial varsity football players to remember that they played

the key role in the history of the Battle of the Beltway series featuring their Mavericks going against the Longhorns.

Combined with a victory over the Longhorns in 2016, the Mavericks held bragging rights in the series as the Dobie football

program endured a three-year rough patch under then head coach Mike Norman's guidance.

**Oct. 6, 2017 – Memorial 38, Dobie 17** Junior

tailback Kris Morris had his best game as a Longhorn with 157 yards rushing including a 60-yard

touchdown scamper in the fourth quarter.

Unfortunately, Morris' work wasn't nearly enough to lift the Longhorns to a victory over Memorial as the Mavericks secured the Battle of the Beltway trophy for the second straight season

with a 38-13 victory.

The Mavericks predictably leaned heavily on senior tailback Alex Williams, who eclipsed the 200-yard mark on the ground while scoring five touchdowns.

Kicker Bubba Baxa, a University of Miami commit who would later transfer to the University of Houston, made good on a 54-yard field goal as Memorial controlled things for much of the way.

The Longhorns defeated only Rayburn and Pasadena that season, the third and final run of things for Norman. Nothing personal, things just did not work out.

Kevin Berneathy was named as the Longhorns' new varsity football head coach Feb. 7, 2018, and stayed four years. Demond Stafford followed as head coach in 2022 and 2023 after Berneathy's departure to La Porte.



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A 521-yard effort against Memorial was the capper as the locals regained the Battle of the Beltway trophy for the first time since 2015.

**Nov. 7, 2019 – Dobie 34, Memorial 0** Junior quarterback Cameron Gray continued his second-half push, rushing for three touchdowns as the Longhorns went on to win nine games in a regular season for the first time in 20 seasons with a 34-0 shutout of Memorial.

The Longhorns improved to 7-1 in district play along the way, claiming second place overall behind District 22-6A champion Atascocita. Humble wound up third, with Kingwood fourth.

**Nov. 13, 2020 – Dobie 52, Memorial 7** The memorable pandemic season forced the cancellation of the first week of the season, but that didn't stop the Longhorns from putting up the most offensive points in program history.

The locals went undefeated for the first time in program history at 9-0

**Oct. 22, 2021 – Dobie 57, Memorial 3** – It was largely the Jalen Baldwin show in the first half as the junior runner/receiver scored three touchdowns to push his team out to a 36-3 lead at the break.

Baldwin's 43-yard reception and subsequent 4-yard touchdown run put the Longhorns up 6-0 early, and he then victimized the Mavericks with a 68-yard scoring burst with 52 seconds left in the opening quarter for a 14-3 lead.

Dobie defensive end Gerard Joseph had a 43-yard scoop and score of a memorial fumble in the first quarter, and junior quarterback Cameron Gray ran for two touchdowns and threw for another as the locals took a 28-0 lead in the first quarter on the way to an easy victory.

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Dobie quarterback Cameron Gray got in on the fun at the 8:07 point of the second quarter as he hurdled a Memorial defender at the 3-yard line on his way to a brilliant 11-yard scoring effort, and Baldwin went 77 yards down the right sideline for another big play as the Longhorns began to cruise in what would be Berneathy's final season.

The win also allowed the Longhorns to tie a program record with a 15th consecutive victory over a Pasadena ISD component.

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7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/> or <https://www.aahouston.org/meetings/> for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit [www.hasca.com](http://www.hasca.com) or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.  
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the rabbi, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.  
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 - 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.  
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.  
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, at the Life Recovery Church, 5215 Preston Ave., Pasadena TX, 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.  
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Friday's notice.  
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email [huff\\_reunion@juno.com](mailto:huff_reunion@juno.com) for details.  
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.  
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 chapter meets at the Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call 832-858-4617 or 713-875-8820.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
**Carmelites** - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland. For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Friday's notice.  
Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - casual ballroom dance, open to the public, held every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to come with or without a partner. The dance itself is free as music is provided by volunteer, Neva Schroder. The city requires an activity card for participants in all of the city's many activities. Call the park office 281-554-1180 for answers to any questions regarding the activity card. Visitors are welcome to walk in to observe or participate.  
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m., Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.  
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



JFD's Moise leads way up front

Senior Jessica Moise (2) has come up with more than 50 kills up front for Dobie as she has more than done her part at the net. Heading into a match against Alvin Sept. 23 after press time to close out the first half of league play, both the Longhorns and Yellowjackets were 3-4 for a fifth-place tie in the standings with plenty of work to do to catch up to the current top four postseason contenders. Moise, a co-captain for Dobie, will begin the second half of 22-6A action Sept. 26 at Manvel.



Garza aids Dobie's D on court

Alessandra Garza (19) has excelled in her role at libero for the Longhorns during a solid stretch of matches that has allowed the locals to push their overall record over the .500 mark. Through 53 sets played, Garza has received more than 200 serves and also contributed 129 digs from the back line. She is one of four sophomores on the Dobie roster.

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The KIRK MONT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2025 on October 15, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. at 10102 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, Texas 77089. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: Carlos Lopez, Deborah Carroll, Jean Ann Williams and Michael Grizzaffi  
AGAINST the proposal: None  
PRESENT and not voting: None  
ABSENT: Lonnie Piquiet

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.478000 / \$100 Adopted	\$ 0.498000 / \$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ 0.020000 / \$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		4.184100%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 216,346	\$ 214,713
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 216,346	\$ 214,713
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,034.13	\$ 1,069.27
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+ \$ 35.14
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+3.398025%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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24-6A tri-champions set early tone

Early indications are that defending 24-6A tri-champions Dickinson, Deer Park and Clear Springs will yet again be front and center of the varsity football playoff race.

Dickinson, out of the game with an impressive 4-0 start, had little trouble cruising past visiting Clear Creek as the league race opened Sept. 19, while host Deer Park squared its record at 2-2, taking care of business against visiting Clear Falls.

Clear Springs perhaps had the easiest of times, dominating the action against winless Clear Brook as each of the three programs announced that they will be in the mix as the season progresses.

Brazoswood was the other opening week winner, defeating visiting Clear Lake.

Jayse Washington had a pair of touchdown catches and star running back Malachi Gamble had a pair of touchdown runs as the Gators scored the final 52 points of the game to soundly defeat 1-3 Clear Creek by a 59-7 count.

Deer Park came into the game against Clear Falls with a bit of momentum after having defeated Barbers Hill the week prior, and the Deer made it two in a row by taking down the Knights 49-35.

Deer quarterback Haden Lafrenz had a hand in five different touchdowns in his finest game as a varsity starter, and the Deer made just enough plays on defense in the fourth quarter to hang on for the victory.

The game was actually tied at 35-35 entering the fourth quarter, and Deer

Park came up with a defensive stop to stall a potential Clear Falls' scoring drive before Christian Gamiez ran 11 yards for the go-ahead touchdown.

Lafrenz tossed his second scoring pass of the game later in the final quarter as the Deer emerged victorious in what became an offensive shootout throughout.

Clear Falls' Barker has been the most productive offensive player across the district through four games as he has passed for 1,283 yards and 11 touchdowns after having transferred from Galveston Ball.

Aguirre, getting his first chance as a full-time starter with Dickinson after sharing time as a sophomore at the position, has also thrown over 11 touchdowns through

four games while passing in rushing with 484 yards for 978 yards. Teammate and has scored five touchdowns.

Clear Creek hosts Deer Park  
Sept. 25, 6 p.m.  
Challenger Stadium  
Clear Brook hosts Dickinson  
Sept. 26, 7 p.m.  
CCISD Veterans Stadium  
Clear Springs at Clear Lake  
Sept. 26, 7 p.m.  
Challenger Stadium  
Brazoswood at Clear Falls  
Sept. 25, 6 p.m.  
CCISD Veterans Stadium



Clear Brook Junior quarterback Samuel Alfred (13) and his teammates showed some positive things offensively in the 24-6A opener against Clear Springs despite falling to 0-4.

Photos by Andy Tolbert



Freshman running back Moziah Hayling (2) has gotten in on the action for Clear Brook early this season as the Wolverines work to emerge from an 0-4 start that included a loss to Clear Springs Sept. 19 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

Battle of the Beltway owned by JFD

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They would extend that record to 16 overall a week later by crushing Sam Rayburn.

Oct. 7, 2022 – Dobie 52, Memorial 27 – The Longhorns went just 4-6 in Stafford's debut season in 2022, but it didn't stop the locals from posting 50 points or more for a third straight season against the Mavericks during a 57-27 victory.

In the 2022 version of the Battle of the Beltway between Dobie and Pasadena Memorial, the Longhorns kept possession of the trophy in large part due to a 29-point first quarter output that produced a 23-point lead after 12 minutes.

Sophomore Cameron Mathews returned a kick-off 83 yards for a touchdown and later added a 78-yard scoring reception in the first quarter, then had a pair of touchdown runs in the second quarter as the Longhorns put this one away early.

Oct. 26, 2023 – Dobie 42, Memorial 27 – The Longhorns came from behind in this one, as the Mavericks actually led at halftime but then watched Dobie put together a huge third quarter on the way to the victory.

A touchdown in the final minute of the first

half gave the Mavericks a 13-7 lead at the break, but the Longhorns used a 21-point third quarter to seize control of the game and ultimately win the Battle of the Beltway trophy for a sixth straight time.

The Longhorns benefited from an interference call to get to midfield on their opening drive of the second half. From there, Da'Marcus Hodges had a pair of big first-down runs, and Cameron Mathews paid it off with a 16-yard run for a 14-13 lead with 8 minutes, 18 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

Dobie would not trail

again from that point forward. The Longhorns' Aiden Sanchez, Dempsey Spears and Desmond Talib combined for a tackle for loss on Memorial's next drive.

An intentional grounding call against Mavs' quarterback Logan Johnson on third down ultimately led to the Longhorns starting their next drive on the Mavs' 49. Mathews ran for seven yards on first down before receiver Ethan Nguyen took the end-around 42 yards for a touchdown and a 21-13 lead at the 6:13 mark of the third quarter.

Another tackle for loss from Spears and Talib halted the Mavs before Mathews dashed 23 yards for a 28-13 lead. Memorial's problems continued with a turnover on downs, and Mathews this time raced 48 yards to pay dirt as Dobie led 35-13 with 10:42 left in the game.

Sept. 27, 2024 – Dobie 44, Memorial 35 – Dobie celebrated the conclusion of a successful homecoming week by defeating Pasadena Memorial, holding the Mavericks scoreless until the final minute of the second half to win its seventh straight

game in the battle of the Beltway series.

The two teams traded scoring drives for much of the first half as the Longhorns emerged at the intermission with a 28-27 lead.

But with linebacker Desmond Talib coming up with two of his three quarterback sacks in the second half and the rest of the defense making key stops when needed, Dobie was able to emerge victorious.

Da'Marcus Hodges had a pair of scoring runs after halftime, including one from 16 yards out and another from four yards out to extend the Longhorns' lead.

Kicker Martin Munoz capped the Longhorns' scoring with a 21-yard field goal with just over two minutes to play.

Ahead 44-27 and the game comfortably in hand, the Longhorns aided Memorial with a pair of personal foul penalties down the stretch as the final score appeared closer than it was.

In this current 22-6A alignment, the Battle of the Beltway has also served to keep the winner alive for a playoff berth.



Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris relished the excitement that came with his first victory over Memorial in the Battle of the Beltway series in 2024 and will look to lead the Longhorns to what would be an eighth consecutive victory over the Mavericks in the series Sept. 26.

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