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### Breaking news:

At press time Tuesday, local officials announced Harris County was once again unable to pass a property tax rate at Commissioners Court when Republican commissioners Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey failed to appear, preventing the court's Democratic majority from having the necessary quorum to vote on the issue.

The Republican commissioners are reportedly opposed to a tax rate increase proposed by the Democrats. Without at least four of the five commissioners present to vote, a state law requires the county to revert to its previous tax rate. See next week's *Leader* for more information.

### Shred-it/NNO event planned

Harris County officials will host a National Night Out event Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the county courthouse annex at 10581 Scarsdale at Beamer. Begun in 1984, NNO is a nationwide program to foster better relationships between local police departments and the communities they serve.

This year's event will feature a document-shredding service provided by the Harris County Federal Credit Union. Community members are encouraged to bring old financial documents, statements, tax returns or other personal items to securely shred for proper disposal.

### 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 McCrutchon 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.

### 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 and a 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.

### 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.

### Local COVID cases decrease

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community has declined again after briefly spiking the previous week, with decreases being reported in all three local ZIP codes.

As of Tuesday, Sept. 27, there were 221 active cases in 77089, down 39 from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 136 deaths the previous week.)

In ZIP code 77075, there were 183 active cases, down 26 from the previous week. To date, there have been 80 deaths in the ZIP code. (Harris County reported 81 deaths the previous week.)

In 77034, there were 180 active cases, down 18 from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up two 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 northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed 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. Thursday, March 31.

### 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.

### Sagemont to meet Oct. 4

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings take place the first Tuesday of each month.

## 3 suspects charged in Alameda Mall burglaries

### Police: stolen merchandise totaled \$500,000+

Three suspects were arrested early Wednesday, Sept. 21, after allegedly burglarizing two stores inside Alameda Mall.

Deputy J. Mitchell with Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office was actively patrolling the mall parking lot around 3:20 a.m. when a burglary-in-progress call was dispatched inside the mall.

While searching the area, Mitchell located an occupied vehicle with its headlights off parked across the street from the mall. As Mitchell approached the vehicle, he noticed the front license plate was covered with a piece of clothing.

Mitchell detained the driver and immediately observed two males wearing dark clothing running through the mall parking lot. One of the fleeing suspects reportedly pointed a handgun at a wrecker driver who was also in the parking lot.

As Mitchell attempted to escort the detained subject to his patrol car, the man broke away from his grasp and began to flee on foot with handcuffs. Mitchell was able to apprehend the subject who was later identified as 28-year-old Telvin Leavean McMillion.

Responding Precinct 8 and HPD units arrived on scene and set up a perimeter of the area.

One of the fleeing suspects was found hiding in nearby bushes and was identified as 39-year-old Jubbar Ballee Boothe. Boothe was found to be in possession of several trash bags, burglary tools and an assortment of jewelry.

The third suspect was found hiding in a dumpster and when apprehended, a handgun was recovered from inside. That suspect was identified as 27-year-old Cameron Zonell of Houston. A check of Houston's information revealed a prior felony conviction for robbery.

An on-scene investigation revealed that two stores were broken into inside the mall and more than \$514,000 worth of merchandise was

stolen in total. Pendulum Jewelry was one of the affected establishments. At press time, the second store remained unclear.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted several charges on all three subjects. McMillion was charged with escape and burglary of a business, Boothe was charged with burglary of a business and Zonell was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, felon in possession of a weapon and burglary of a business. All three suspects were transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center. Their bonds had not yet been set at press time.

## SoHo names king, queen



Shown above are South Houston High School's 2022 homecoming king, senior Jeremiah Sheppard-Rubio (left), and queen, senior Sara Gaeta. Rubio is a student at SHHS Early College, is a member of the SHHS varsity football team and is a 3 year letterman. After graduation, he plans to play college football and pursue a degree in marketing. Gaeta is president of Trojan Theatre and co-president of Varsity Orchestra. After graduation, she plans to attend Sam Houston State University and major in theatre.

## HPD investigates multiple killings

### 2 fatal shootings occur - 1 involving off-duty officer

A man was fatally shot around 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the 100 block of Winkler Drive near the Gulf Freeway.

The identity of the deceased male, 73, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

Officials said the shooting will be referred to a Harris County grand jury to see if any charges will be filed.

According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers and Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to a shooting at a residence at the above address and found the victim lying on the living room floor with at least one gunshot wound.

HFD paramedics pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

The shooter told officers the male, with whom she had a prior dating relationship, came into her

house and they got into a physical altercation. Fearing for her safety, the female grabbed a gun and fired it at her ex-boyfriend.

This case was presented to the Harris County District Attorney's Office, who determined it would be presented to a grand jury for review.

### Officer-involved shooting

Houston police are investigating a second fatal shooting, this one involving a police officer.

The off-duty Liberty County law enforcement officer is accused of fatally shooting an armed suspect at the Gulfgate Center Mall about 11:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11.

The identity of the deceased male is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

The law enforcement officer who discharged his weapon - an investigator in the Liberty

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## Local groups to host job fair Sept. 29

The Pearland Economic Development Corporation is collaborating with the Pearland Chamber of Commerce and Workforce Solutions Pearland Career office to host a job fair to be held on Thursday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pearland Recreation Center, located at 4141 Bailey Road in Pearland.

The event will feature close to 50 employers from 11 industries including manufacturing, health care, construction, government, hospitality, automotive, education, administrative,

transportation, insurance and more. Businesses that have committed to attend the fair include Lonza, Endress+Hauser, Kelsey-Seybold, Burns and McDonnell, City of Pearland, Aggreko, Emerson, Third Coast Terminals, Kemlon, Hilton Garden Inn, Marriott, Keating Toyota, Alvin Community College, Waffle House, Dover Precision Components, Brask Inc, Allied Fire Protection and Portable Air.

"We have received a tremendous response

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## "Pearland Circle" reopens to traffic

### Residents say new design causes confusion

The "Pearland Circle" on Pearland Parkway recently reopened to traffic following an approximate 1.5-year closure for improvements.

City of Pearland officials said the work involved converting the existing traffic circle into a smaller roundabout in an effort to slow traffic and prevent accidents.

Work on the project began in January 2021, following a design phase that took place the previous year.

The project was part of the Pearland's 2019 bond referendum.

To change the traffic circle to a roundabout, the structure's diameter was reduced from 425

feet to 180 feet. The decreased diameter circle forces traffic to slow down, whereas a traffic circle, with its larger diameter, is designed to allow vehicles to travel at relatively high speeds.

Approved in January 2019, the \$4.11 million agreement with Teamwork Construction to perform the work on the circle included two other projects. One of the additional endeavors involved installing a traffic signal at Pearland Parkway and Forest Park/Summit Spring Lane, while the second additional project(s) involved installing a left-turn lane at Pearland Parkway and Oak Ridge Drive; installing a traffic signal

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## Chavez named new Meador principal

### Bolton retires following 40+ years of service

Jennifer Chavez, former assistant principal at Jessup Elementary, has been named the new principal at Meador Elementary School, replacing Beverly Bolton, who recently retired after serving Pasadena ISD more than four decades.



Jennifer Chavez

Chavez grew up in the Sagemont area and is a Dobie graduate.

She started her educational career as a paraprofessional at Houston ISD in 2007 while attending night school full-time for four years, starting at San Jacinto College South and then the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in interdisciplinary studies in early childhood from the University of Houston. After graduating from college, Chavez joined Pasadena ISD as a teacher and continued her educational studies, earning a master's in educational leadership from the Uni-

versity of St. Thomas. She taught third grade for a couple of years before being promoted to the position of Jessup Elementary's assistant principal, a role she served for five years. As an AP, she also served as the summer school program manager each year for the following elementary schools: Jessup, Hancock, Garfield and Bush.

In May 2022, the Pasadena ISD board of trustees approved Chavez to lead the Meador team as its new principal.

"The Meador staff welcomed me with open arms and continues to support the innovative ideas that we as a team have established for our school," Chavez said.

The transition from Jessup to Meador was an emotional journey, but a welcome move, Chavez said, since she can return to her Sagemont roots.

"It has been full circle for me to now be able to serve the Sagemont community in this capacity. As I have met and spoken with parents at Meador, it truly is an amazing feeling to be a part of the Meador family," she said.

Her primary goal this school year is to provide

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## City warns of West Nile virus threat

In the wake of recent rains, local health officials are urging residents to take precautions against contracting the West Nile virus.

The Houston Health Department is warning against the virus, as standing water from the storms creates potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Historically, from mid-July through early October the department will receive reports of human West Nile virus infections. This year, Houston has seen one reported infection and no deaths.

If infected with the virus most people experience mild illness characterized by flu-like symptoms including fever, headache, body aches, and occasionally a skin rash and swollen lymph glands. West Nile virus infection in severe cases can develop into encephalitis, inflammation of the brain or meningitis, inflammation of the membrane surrounding the brain.

Severe infections can cause high fever, headache, stiff neck, disorientation, coma, tremors, muscle weakness and paralysis. Symptoms usually develop three to 15 days after infection with the virus.

Although the elderly and those with weakened immune systems are at the highest risk of severe illness, the virus poses a risk to all residents.

Residents are strongly recommended to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites:

- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts, especially from dusk to dawn.

- Use insect repellent that contains DEET. Children require insect repellents that contain less than 10 percent DEET. Do not apply DEET on babies. Adults need insect repellents that have more than 10 percent DEET.

- Keep the storm sewers clean to reduce mosquito breeding:

- Sweep up lawn clippings, leaves and limbs from sidewalks, driveways, curbs and gutters.

- Don't let lawn water or car washing water enter the street.

- Pick up litter and other debris from the yard and the street.

- Keep the mosquitoes out of the house:

- Keep doors and windows closed.

- Seal cracks and gaps in the house.

- If mosquitoes are in the house, use flying insect spray, following label instructions.

- Other actions to prevent mosquito breeding:

- Empty, remove, or dispose of anything in the yard that can hold water: flowerpot saucers, cans, toys, litter, rain barrels, plastic sheeting, etc.

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## Pearland Parkway work complete



The "Pearland Circle" on Pearland Parkway recently reopened to traffic following the completion of a \$2.7 million construction project aimed at reducing accidents along the area thoroughfare. Many residents, however, say the improvements actually cause confusion, making the circle potentially more dangerous than before the repairs were made. The project was part of the Pearland's 2019 bond referendum.

## Local library events set

### 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. 29, 4 - 5 p.m. Family storytime.

Monday, Oct. 3, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Open lab - computer class. Bring one's computer questions to their open lab for computer help. Staff will be available to answer one's questions and provide one-on-one assistance. Registration is required.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 4 - 5 p.m. Kids craft.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 6 - 7:30 p.m. English class - dreams and goals - living English lessons. Registration is required.

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

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.

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 [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. 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

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. 29, 5 - 6 p.m. Readers rendezvous book club.

Saturday, Oct. 1, 3 - 4 p.m. Korean language reading class. Registration is required.

Monday, Oct. 3, 4 - 5 p.m. Hispanic Heritage month: Papel Picado.

Monday, Oct. 3, 5 - 6 p.m. Tween DIY club - silhouette art.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Story time.

### 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.

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## Local library events set

### 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>.

## Deaths

### Raymond Thomas McInnis



Raymond Thomas McInnis received his angel wings Sept. 22, 2022, in Houston to be with the Lord.

McInnis was born in Youngstown, Ohio Nov. 1, 1936, where he lived until February 1950 when his family moved to Pasadena. McInnis graduated from Pasadena High School in 1954. He spent summers working at a grocery store, and later went to work for Goodyear in Pasadena. This is where he spent the next 30 years working his way to becoming a plant supervisor, before retiring in May 1996.

He had a unique ability to instantly become friends with people. He always brought out the good in others no matter what. McInnis was a devoted Christian who helped anyone in need and loved life. Therefore, so many people whose lives he touched called him friend. McInnis was very in-

involved in the men's group at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

His life revolved completely around his church, spending time with his family, attending sporting events, helping others, explaining life to his children and reading his Bible. He was amazing at keeping up with all his grandchildren's sports schedules, family birthdays and weddings and making many great family memories that will stay in their hearts forever.

McInnis is preceded in death by his father John Earl McInnis, his mother Mary Elizabeth McInnis, his wife Gloria Diana McInnis and his daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Ron Busby.

He is survived by his daughter Darla (Gregg) Hurst, as well as by Kevin McInnis, Dana Gaspard, Gloria Caballero, Jose (Amy) Maldonado, Diana Maldonado, Frances (Robert) Harlow; his grandchildren, Jeremy (Randy) Sandel, Justin (Kristan) Sandel; and three sons, Chris (Chelsea) Sandel daughter and son, Amy (Nick) Cronan, two daughters and son, Brittany (Joe) Jordan, Chelsey (Brian) Owen, Tiffany (Ty) Maines and two sons, Whitney (Franklin) Addison, son and daughter, Jose A. Maldonado III (Marisa), Samantha Maldonado and two daughters, Brianna Maldonado, Marisa Maldonado, Juliana Maldonado, Robert Caballero Jr., Erin (AJ) Weber, Sophia Caballero and two daughters, Ameris (Mark) Stahman and daughter, Christian (Mikaela) Harlow and son, Joshua and Johnathan Harlow; sister Peggy Hughes and brother Richard (Jeanne) McInnis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be dearly missed by many, and his family wishes for him to rest peacefully.

The funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022, at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Houston, with visitation prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family asked to consider giving the gift of life and donating blood in Raymond's name to a local blood bank as he had done.

Guests were asked to dress in Houston Astros or Houston Texans attire for the celebration at the church.

### Christopher Daniel May



Christopher Daniel May passed away on Sept. 22, 2022, in Houston at the age of 44. He was born on Dec. 22, 1977, to Linda and Dan May and grew up in the South Belt area. He is preceded in death by his father; grandfather Gerald Holley and grandpar-

## GRADcafé to open at library

There will be a ribbon-cutting for the new GRADcafé at Parker Williams Library, located at Scarsdale and Beamer, set to take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29.

Part of Project GRAD, GRADcafé is a collaboration between Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Harris County Public Library and Tejano Center for Community Affairs.

The GRADcafé project is aimed at helping individuals get a college degree or trade certificate.

The program works with local public schools, community colleges and universities.

For additional information, visit [gradcafe.org](http://gradcafe.org).

## HPD investigates 3 shootings

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County District Attorney's Office - was not injured.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the off-duty investigator was in uniform and working an extra-employment job

at a restaurant at the above address when he and a male patron got into a verbal altercation.

The male left the restaurant and returned carrying a tire iron. The male charged toward the investigator

while holding the tire iron in a threatening manner. At that time, the investigator discharged his firearm, striking the male, who then ran from the restaurant to the parking lot where he collapsed.

Paramedics pronounced the male dead at the scene.

As is customary when a law enforcement officer discharges a weapon in the city limits of Houston, this incident is being investigated by the HPD Special Investigations Unit and the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

## Chavez now principal

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ongoing support to students and staff in addition to helping them achieve success.

"My hope is that I can establish a campus culture that staff and students get excited about and look forward

to every day when walking into Meador," Chavez said.

"Education was and has always been my number one career choice and continues to drive my motivation to lead Meador to our new celebrations and successes."

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## WATER DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The SAGEMEADOW U.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on October 12, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at Sagemeadow Utility District Building, 10755 Hall Road, Houston, TX 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](http://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.

<b>FOR</b> the proposal:	Dean Baier, Seth Webb, Edward Figueroa, David Montgomery and Glenn Williams
<b>AGAINST</b> the proposal:	None
<b>PRESENT</b> and not voting:	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

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 \$ .50000/\$100 <small>Adopted</small>	This Year \$.50000/\$100 <small>Proposed</small>
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ .50000/\$100	\$.50000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.00000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 205,198	\$ 226,488
General homestead exemptions available <i>(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)</i>	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 205,198	\$ 226,488
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,025.99	\$ 1,132.44
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$ 106.45 10.37%	

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE 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 eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The board of directors proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of rehabilitation of aging infrastructure.

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.

**Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011**

## WATER DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The CLEAR BROOK CITY M.U.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on October 19, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at 11911 Blackhawk Boulevard, Houston, TX 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.

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<b>FOR</b> the proposal:	Jim Bishop, James Towey, Chuck Tylka, Chris Clark and David Flickinger
<b>AGAINST</b> the proposal:	None
<b>PRESENT</b> and not voting:	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

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	Last Year \$.59000/\$100 <small>Adopted</small>	This Year \$.54000/\$100 <small>Proposed</small>
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.59000/\$100	\$.54000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ -.05000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-8.47%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 248,433	\$ 274,763
General homestead exemptions available <i>(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)</i>	\$ 49,687	\$ 54,953
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 198,746	\$ 219,810
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,172.60	\$ 1,186.97
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$ 14.37 1.22%	

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At Clear Falls event

# Brook students crowned winners

Sept. 16 and 17 found Clear Brook High School's debate team at the Clear Falls Knight Invitational Tournament where they took home multiple awards, not the least of which was second place sweepstakes and almost 60 points toward individual state goals.

Wolverine Debate took 26 team members, both novice and varsity, to compete. Of the two teams competing in World Schools Debate, both were victorious, with the team consisting of Gabriel Torres, Daniela Paul and Ava Soza finishing in first place, and the team of Qaswa Khan, Simran Lama and Maha Majid coming in second. Both teams received six and four states points respectively.

Debaters were not the only successful competitors at Falls, and Brook's individual events competitors brought home even more trophies. Misbah Aziz, Safa Prasla, and Hareem Tariq earned first, second, and third respectively in Informative Speaking, which earned them each six, four and three state points. Sheba Joshy placed second in Dramatic Interpretation, and Isabelle Wills and Aqsa Babar took home first and second place in Original Oratory,

earning themselves their first state points of the 10 that they are seeking. Novice competitors also ventured out at this meet with seven in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking and three in Impromptu Speaking. Of these 10 novices, Stephen Wiggins placed sixth in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking while his teammate Emily Joseph placed first. Emily's sister, Elaina Joseph placed second in Impromptu.

Last - but certainly not least - varsity member and team historian Ariella Calili placed second in Champion Domestic Extemp. The points earned here, in addition to her placement at Fulshear High School a few weeks ago, now makes her one of the most decorated speakers thus far at Clear Brook with six state points.

This strong start of Clear Brook's debate team at the Clear Falls tournament spells the beginning of another very successful year, following last year's competitive season which ended with 15 state qualifiers and six national qualifiers.

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# Wolverine debate team qualifies for state



The Wolverine Debate team was at Spring Woods High School participating in their annual swing tournament. At the end of the arduous two-day meet, the team returned with its first team qualification for state and more members who are closer to the brass ring. Varsity member and junior Sheba Joshy placed first in Dramatic Interpretation to achieve this status, while Misbah Aziz placed third in Informative Speaking, adding three points to her state total which now stands at nine. In addition, the World Schools Debate team of Daniela Paul, Gabriel Torres and Ava Soza fought their way to the quarterfinals round which earned them two points, bringing their total to eight. Also making it to the semifinal rounds in their respective events were Hareem Tariq, Safa Prasla, Isabelle Wills and Ayla Yoakum. The team will continue their season at Bellaire next weekend. Shown above, from left to right, are Sheba Joshy, Ayla Goodin, Abiha Altaf, Gabriel Torres, Ava Soza, Maha Majid, Isabelle Wills and Daniela Paul.

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# CCISD students named 2023 Nat'l Merit semifinalists

Clear Creek ISD has 22 semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Out of 16,000 total students from across the country, these academically talented high school seniors advanced after receiving top scores on the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. They will have an opportunity to continue in the competition to become finalists for 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth more nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 340 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Congratulations are in order to the following students. Clear Brook High School Janani K. Murugan Catherine K. Nguyen Clear Creek High School Madelyn K. Funke Nicholas A. Grudzinski Emily Wang Clear Falls High School Spencer H. Dwyer Alexander K. Meyer David L. Zhang Clear Lake High School Husni M. Abu-Awad Christopher M. Deng Samantha R. Madsen Amanda A. Morse Caroline N. Nguyen Divya S. Valipe Ainiu L. Wang Joy H. Wang Clear Springs High School Mariam M. Aziz Parker Jia Christopher J. Jin Aidan R. Jones Micah A. Keown Pauline Thompson

# Wolverine earns perfect AP score

CCISD recognized Clear Brook High School senior Safa Prasla (shown above) for excellence after she earned a perfect score on the Advanced Placement Research Exam in spring 2022. She was also one of only 306 students in the world to earn every point possible on the exam, receiving the maximum score on each portion. "Safa is one of our super seniors that we know is going to soar in life with all of her academic accomplishments thus far at Clear Brook," said Dr. Sharon Lopez, Clear Brook High School principal. "She leads the way on the Brook Debate team and is very successful bringing home many medals and awards. We are not surprised by her perfect AP Score, as this young lady continues to be a top academic contender in the senior class." "This outstanding accomplishment is likely a direct reflection of the top-quality education being offered at Clear Brook High School," said Trevor Packer, head of the Advanced Placement Program. "We applaud Safa's hard work and the AP teacher responsible for engaging students and enabling them to excel in a college-level course."



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## LyondellBasell and SJC collaborate for Trees for Houston



Shown above are event planner and external relations personell Kristine Thompson (left) of San Jacinto College and manager and global corporate citizenship personell Elizabeth Weiss of LyondellBasell. San Jacinto College and LyondellBasell gave away more than 2,500 trees this month through a partnership with Trees for Houston. The drive-thru tree giveaway event took place at the LyondellBasell Center for Petro-Chemical, Energy & Technology at the San Jacinto Central Campus. Community members could choose from American beautyberry, bald cypress, Dorsett golden apple, Eastern redbud, loblolly pine, river birch, Shumard oak and wax myrtle varieties, with volunteers loading the trees into their vehicles. Sept. 17 was also LyondellBasell's Global Care Day, and the tree giveaway honored the company's outgoing CEO, Bob Patel, and his commitment to a better environment.

## "Pearland Circle" complete, reopens

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at Broadway and Windward Bay; and constructing a left-turn lane at Dixie Farm Road and Long Oak.

Like the changes set to be made to the traffic circle, the traffic signal to be installed at the intersection of Pearland Parkway and Summit Springs/Forest Park Lane is aimed at reducing the number of traffic accidents in the area. Currently, the intersection allows for uncontrolled left turns in all directions and presents safety concerns. The city hopes the upcoming work at Windward Bay work and associated projects will mean safer left turns without sacrificing traffic flow.

Pearland Parkway will receive improvements with the addition of a traffic signal at the Forest Park intersection and converting the traffic circle to a roundabout with bypass lanes. The bypass lanes avoid the roundabout to allow traffic to moving in the same direction and reduces the current configuration and vehicle conflict points. The roundabout includes acceleration lanes to allow traffic to merge safely into the bypass lanes.

City officials said bundling the projects together under the construction umbrella of one company helped lower costs.

This strategy brought the cost of the Windward Bay project down by more than \$500,000. Originally projected to cost \$3.2 million, the

Pearland Circle project, also decreased, lowering to around \$2.7 million under the new agreement.

Work on all three projects is now complete. Engineers were forced to alter their original plans for the Pearland Circle improvements, as they had not properly accounted for additional traffic associated with the newly opened University of Houston-Clear Lake Pearland Campus, particularly during rush-hour traffic.

Area residents largely appear to disapprove of the intended improvements, with 100 percent of the comments on the City of Pearland's website criticizing the design, saying it causes confusion and actually creates more danger.

"The new situation does not seem like an improvement to me but I'm willing to give it a try," a user named Juniebird posted. "I like the idea of a traffic circle. I would really hate to see another stop light on that road."

A user named Ks366 posted a similar response.

"I agree," said Ks366. "Difficult to know where you should go."

## Pasadena ISD hosts job fair at BHI



Pasadena ISD officials hosted a job fair for the support services departments of Pasadena ISD at Beverly Hills Intermediate. Shown above, from left to right, are Troy McCarley, associate superintendent, Toni Lopez, associate superintendent, Bobbye McCain, executive director and Dr. DeeAnn Powell, PISD superintendent. District officials are planning for another job fair in the near future, but a date has not been set yet. Visit the Pasadena ISD website at [www.pasadenaisd.org](http://www.pasadenaisd.org) for job opportunities.

## Pearland job fair delivers openings aplenty

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from the community and look forward to creating some lasting career connections," according to Mou Sarkar, Workforce director, PEDC.

Available job openings range from process and field technicians, construction workers, HVAC technicians, welders, machinists, customer service and sales, health-care workers, drivers and warehouse workers to project

managers, professional staff and engineers. Interested candidates should come ready to interview and bring copies of their resumes.

The job fair is free and open to the public. Preregistration is strongly encouraged but not required. Onsite registration will be available the day of the event.

Candidates attending onsite will have a chance to win a variety of door prizes, get con-

nected to community career resources and have an opportunity to meet quality employers ready to hire.

To learn more about the upcoming job fair or for preregistration information, visit [www.pearlandedc.com/jobfair2022](http://www.pearlandedc.com/jobfair2022) or contact Mou Sarkar via email at [msarkar@pearlandedc.com](mailto:msarkar@pearlandedc.com).

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### Over The Back Fence by Natalie

**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. 29 through Oct. 5.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting to **Gabriela Rodriguez** Sept. 29.

**Burnett Elementary**  
**Van Caroselli** enjoys a birthday Oct. 2.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Light the candles on a triple-layer cake Sept. 30 for **Sarah Dudley, Katrina Mitchell** and **Valley Richardson**. Break out the balloons and party favors Oct. 2 for **Liz Taylor**. Send a special birthday greeting Oct. 3 to **Chris Baldauf**.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Give a birthday shoutout Oct. 1 to **Lisa Grissinger**.

**Meador Elementary**  
Share a birthday cake Sept. 29 with **Lucila Solis**. Send warm wishes for a nice birthday to **Nora Gonzalez** Oct. 4. Break out the balloons and party favors Oct. 5 for **Michael Butler** and **Shirley Hawley**.

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a special birthday cake for

**Jennifer Dowell** is Oct. 2. Remember to wish **Lourdes Guenard** and **Michael Orta** a happy birthday Oct. 4.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Light the candles for a birthday celebration for **Kristin Pryor** Oct. 4.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Oct. 5 is a day of celebration for **Scarlett Walker** for her birthday.

**Meillio Middle School**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Kellie Bishop** and **Heather Kaboutari** Oct. 1. **Shannon Martinez** enjoys a birthday Oct. 2. Light the candles Oct. 4 for **Tyler Oakes**.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Join in the birthday fun Sept. 29 with **Clarissa Ledezma** and **Crystal Lilly**. Remember to wish **Steven Brown** a happy birthday Sept. 30. The day for cake and ice cream for **Tucker Haas** is Oct. 1. Send a special birthday greeting Oct. 5 to **Erin McBride**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
The day to wish **Stacey Kennedy** a happy birthday is Sept. 30.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Send a birthday greeting Oct. 1 to **Karissa Guerrero**. **Cathy Broussard** enjoys a birthday Oct. 2. Give a shoutout Oct. 3 to **Mikel (Jacob) Arnold**.

**Dobie High**  
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 **Miguel Torres**. Happy birthday wishes are sent Oct. 2 to **Ryanne Sinski**.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
Thursday, Sept. 29: **Antonio Morua**, **Marian Adams**, **Adriana Sepulveda**, **Ken Rodrick** and **Gwen Lopez**; Friday, Sept. 30: **Jason Cook** and **Myra Janacek**; Saturday, Oct. 1: **Amy Malone**, **Jeffrey Restrepo**, **Wendy Sattiewhite**, **Linda Garies**, **Cindy Que**, **Cyndee Davila**, **Dena Roessler**, **Yvonne Mintz** and **Rebekka Barker**; Sunday, Oct. 2: **Racquel Rojas**, **Tomeka Anderson**, **Diana Holbrook**, **Paula Smith** and **Lori Pytko**; Monday, Oct. 3: **Amanda Gonzales**, **Thomas Chapa**, **Roberto Trevino** and **Yvonne Moore**; Tuesday, Oct. 4: **Malcolm Chambers**, **Audry Williamson** and **Michelle Almaguer-Saenz**; and Wednesday, Oct. 5: **Deborah Helm**, **Nicole Nalepa** and **Robin McDaniel**.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.155605 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of San Jacinto Community College District.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.155605 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.148513 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.158015 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 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 2021 tax year and the 2022 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 greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that San Jacinto Community College District is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON October 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Thomas S. Sewell District Administration Building, 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, San Jacinto Community College District is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Trustees of San Jacinto Community College District at their offices or by attending the public hearing 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>	Marie Flickinger	John Moon Jr.
	Keith Sinor	Erica Davis Rouse
	Dan Mims	Larry Wilson
<b>AGAINST the proposal:</b>	None;	
<b>PRESENT and not voting:</b>	None	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dr. Ruede Wheeler	

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](http://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.

	2021	2022	Change
<b>Total tax rate \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.167967	\$0.155605	decrease of -0.012362, or -7.36%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$138,683	\$157,553	increase of \$18,870, or 13.61%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$232.94	\$245.16	increase of \$12.22, or 5.25%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$111,551,089	\$119,502,958	increase of \$7,951,869, or 7.13%

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

## Remember When

**45 years ago (1977)**  
Texas Commerce Bankshares planned the construction of a bank at the corner of South Belt and the Gulf Freeway.

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting featured the candidates for Houston's mayoral race. Candidates attending the meeting were James McConn, Frank Briscoe and Dick Gottlieb.

**40 years ago (1982)**  
Sara Whitehead was crowned homecoming queen for Dobie High School.

San Jacinto College regents approved setting the district tax rate at 10 cents per \$100 valuation, a 48 percent increase over the 6.75 cents per \$100 in 1981.

A traffic survey was being conducted at the corner of Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway as a result of a request from Houston Councilman Frank Mancuso.

**35 years ago (1987)**  
Dobie's new mascot, Louie the Longhorn, made his debut at a football game against Sam Rayburn.

A Harris County jury awarded a company owned by Republican state Rep. Randy Pennington \$503,000 in damages after finding that a former political opponent of Pennington's was involved in the publication of libelous letters against him and his company.

**30 years ago (1992)**  
For the first time ever, Dobie agriculture students took the grand championship steer and grand reserve champion at the Pasadena Livestock Show. Dobie senior Cerita Townley's steer, Shiloh, was grand champion, and junior Matthew Moore's steer, Outlaw, was reserve champion.

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League 12 year-old all-stars received accolades from dignitaries such as Councilman Frank Mancuso, state Sen. Chet Brooks and Judge George Risner at a reception held at St. Luke's Catholic Church. The team also received letters from President George H. W. Bush, Gov. Ann Richards, and Mayor Bob Lanier.

**25 years ago (1997)**  
Traffic mobility in the South Belt area got a positive boost by being able to exit the Gulf Freeway on the South Belt (Beltway 8) connector and exit at Beamer Road. The second connector that opened was the Gulf Freeway north of Scarsdale Boulevard and connecting with South Belt heading west.

Kirkwood South Christian Church celebrated its 19th anniversary.

**20 years ago (2002)**  
The Meyer family, 20-year residents of the South Belt area, had their rented home, at 12006 Almeda Road, burned to the ground. According to Luke Mauro, a senior investigator for the Houston Fire Department, the fire was arson.

Local Farmers Insurance agents, as well as their counterparts throughout the state, were trying to recover from what they said was bad information from the media and state politicians. According to local agent Rick Tinker, Farmers Insurance was not leaving the state as had been commonly reported.

**15 years ago (2007)**  
The family of Rikki Danielle Sanchez filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the city of Houston, once again raising the issue of the Houston Police Department's pursuit policy. Sanchez was killed in April when her truck was struck by a suspected car thief fleeing from police on Astoria near Teaneck. She left behind a husband and two small children.

Despite pleas from local politicians and military brass, personnel from the 147th Fighter Wing of the Texas Air National Guard officially announced that their fleet of F-16 jet aircraft would be phased out of Ellington Field by Feb. 1. Its air sovereignty alert duties would be replaced by a squadron of F-16s from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th Fighter Wing, located in Tulsa.

The Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association honored former Pasadena Independent School District Aquatic Coordinator Dennis Shippey with the Theron Pickle Lifetime Achievement Award for 2007. Shippey, who was the PISD Aquatic Coordinator from 1988 to 2004, along with being the head swimming coach at Dobie from 1976 to 2004, was recognized for his outstanding contributions to interscholastic swimming and overall life-

time achievements to swimming in the state of Texas.

**10 years ago (2012)**  
The lawsuit filed by Zerrick Guinn against Chris Diaz, challenging the results from the primary runoff election for the Democratic nomination for Harris County Precinct 2 constable was thrown out Tuesday, Oct. 9, when a state judge ruled there was not enough time to change the ballots before the November election, should Guinn be victorious. Guinn had intended to prove that Diaz's 17-vote win on election night was the result of illegally cast mail-in ballots and other fraudulent practices. Before hearing any testimony on Guinn's behalf, however, visiting Judge Suzanne Stovall said before moving forward with the trial she needed to first determine if there was enough time to alter the ballots before the election if Guinn won the case. Stovall predicted the trial would likely last three days, ending on Oct. 12. If Guinn were declared the winner, Diaz would have five business days in which to appeal. Diaz's attorney, Buck Wood, made it clear he would wait until the fifth day to do so, bringing the earliest date that an appellate court could hear the case to Oct. 19 - just three days before early voting. Both Harris County election administrator John Gorman and County Clerk Stan Stanart testified that it would have been too risky to make the necessary changes to the ballots in time. After hearing Gorman's and Stanart's testimony, Stovall concluded not enough time was available to warrant going forward to review Guinn's supporting evidence. Diaz went on to face South Belt resident Chris McDonald in the November election.

A 15-year-old male was fatally shot at the Green Arbor apartment complex, located at 10601 Sabo, Friday, Oct. 5. Thomas Williams Jr., a sophomore at Dobie, was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Williams was playing basketball at the apartment complex and got into an argument with another player. At one point, the other male produced a pistol and shot Williams several times. Witnesses reported hearing six or seven gunshots.

**1 year ago (2021)**  
A pedestrian was killed in a bizarre hit-and-run accident around 3 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at the intersection of Hughes Road and Blackhawk. According to investigators, an adult white male, believed to have been homeless, entered into the intersection and laid down on his stomach. An unknown make and model white pickup truck was captured on a nearby homeowner's surveillance system traveling north on Blackhawk before striking the pedestrian and continuing north on the street. The man remained underneath the pickup and was dragged approximately 385 feet before separating from it. The male was found with no signs of life. Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene. His identity was not immediately determined.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Deer Park gets past Longhorns as 22-6A football opens

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

Dobie will be looking to turn its tide quickly as it takes on Pasadena Sept. 29 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium in Week 2 of District 22-6A varsity football action.

The Longhorns, who will occupy the visitors' side of Veterans Stadium in this one, will be trying to snap what is currently the program's first four-game losing streak since the 2017 season.

In the first week of league play, the Longhorns got more than 100 yards rushing from both senior Jalen Baldwin and sophomore Cameron Mathews but went scoreless in the second half of an eventual 35-21 loss to unbeaten Deer Park Sept. 22 at Veterans Stadium.

While Deer Park (5-0, 1-0) took the first big step in its 22-6A championship repeat bid by topping 2020 titleist Dobie, the Eagles fell to 2-3 overall while losing its 22-6A opener,

36-6, to South Houston Sept. 23 at Veterans.

So as the 22-6A schedule moves on to Week 2, Dobie and Pasadena will be intent on getting back on track.

Dobie, now 1-4 midway through the regular season, has built a stack of four straight Class 6A Division I playoff berths yet will be looking for its first win since the 2022 opener against Clear Brook Aug. 26 a month ago.

The Longhorns scored three touchdowns for the first time this season in the opener, but an inability to slow the Deer in the first half proved costly.

With Deer Park starting quarterback Rafael Robles out, the Deer started sophomore Jacob McAdams but also used fellow sophomore Landon Kieselhorst and junior linebacker Reed Mallett at the position.

Each quarterback threw a different look at the Longhorns. And with running back Erasmo Canales pounding away inside,

the Deer produced touchdowns on each of their four first half drives en route to a 28-21 lead.

Deer Park opened the game by going 61 yards in 12 plays to lead 7-0. Aided by a Dobie pass interference call near midfield that kept the march going, the Deer capped things as Mallett entered at quarterback and tossed a 10-yard scoring pass to tight end Drew Ganoce with 6 minutes, 53 seconds left in the first quarter.

After Dobie went 3-and-out, Canales had runs of 24 and 20 yards to go with a 7-yard reception to spark Deer Park's ensuing drive.

In all, the Deer needed just five plays to go 65 yards. This time, Mallett took the snap and bulled his way into the end zone from nine yards out for a 14-0 lead with 2:10 to go in the opening stanza.

It certainly wasn't the start Dobie had hoped for, but the Longhorns pushed back near the end of the first quarter.

Mathews went for 17 yards on first down out of the wildcat formation, and then got the Longhorns into Deer Park territory with a 5-yard gain. Baldwin then struck

him out of bounds at the 6.

Mathews then covered the rest of the drive, getting into the end zone for a 6-yard score to cut Deer Park's lead to 14-7 with 40 seconds left in the first quarter.



Back came the Deer as a solid kickoff return set up shop for the visitors at the Dobie 42. Canales and receiver Hayden Smith did much of the heavy lifting from there, and Canales threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to tight end Clayton McBride as the

Deer used a bit of trickery to take a 21-7 lead with 10:30 left in the half.

Mathews again hit the Deer with the big play less than two minutes later, getting to the edge and outracing the secondary en

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At left, Dobie senior Jalen Baldwin (4) goes airborne during the first half of the Longhorns' District 22-6A battle with the Deer Park Deer Sept. 23 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Deer Park built a 28-21 lead at halftime and went on to defeat the Longhorns 35-21 in a key opening week of District 22-6A action. The Deer remained unbeaten with the victory while Dobie fell to 1-4 overall. On this play, Baldwin was met by Deer Park defenders Reed Mallett (14) and Landon Sanders (21). Photo by David Flickinger

## Thompson volleyball sweeps Bears' series

The Thompson Intermediate girls' volleyball program stayed perfect through four weeks, moving to 16-0 overall across four divisions following a sweep of neighboring Beverly Hills Sept. 21 at Dobie High School.

The Lions' eighth-grade A squad scored a 25-17, 25-18 win, getting to 4-0 while Beverly Hills fell to 1-3 overall.

The seventh-grade A

match also went the way of Thompson, 25-9, 25-12, with Thompson improving to 4-0. Beverly Hills saw its record go to 1-3.

The Lions, 4-0 at the eighth-grade B level, downed Beverly Hills 25-13, 25-15, as Beverly Hills fell to 0-4.

Thompson, 4-0 at the seventh-grade B level, bested the Bears 25-14, 25-14, with Beverly Hills dropping to 0-4.

### Dobie vs. Pasadena Thurs., Sept. 29, 6 p.m. PISD Veterans Stadium

\*Dobie fans sit on visitors' side

Clear Brook stand-out receiver Michael Lewis (15) celebrates with teammate Jaiden Nation (25) after Lewis finished off a 54-yard touchdown reception in the first half of the Wolverines' District 24-6A opener against Clear Falls Sept. 23 at Challenger Stadium in Webster. Despite Lewis' solid night of play, the Knights went on to win easily by a 42-13 count.

Photo by Andy Tolbert



## 24-6A football chase under way; Falls cruises past Brook, 42-13

Clear Brook is still seeking its first win this season as it heads to Clute to take on undefeated Brazoswood Sept. 30 at Hopper Stadium in Freeport.

The Wolverines opened District 24-6A play by falling to Clear Falls 42-13 in a one-sided contest Sept. 23 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

Clear Brook's Michael Lewis was on the receiving end of a 54-yard scoring pass from quarterback Jesse Shelton, and Xavier McGhee had a 2-yard touchdown burst with under a minute to play. Lewis had four catches in the game for 71 yards.

Now 0-5 this season,

the Wolverines were held to 140 total yards and nine first downs.

And while the Wolverines will be hunting their first win of the season, Brazoswood will be looking to stay unbeaten.

The Bucs, 5-0 for the first time since the 2006 campaign, opened 24-6A action with a 42-21 win over host Clear Creek Sept. 23 at Veterans Stadium in League City.

Brazoswood senior quarterback Isaac Ponce ran the team's no-huddle offense very well, rushing 26 times for 143 yards and passing for another 167 yards. Bucs' running back Joe Trevino rushed for 100

yards.

Also on opening weekend, Clear Springs' tailback Xai'Shaun Edwards scored on a 6-yard run with a minute, 25 seconds to play as the Chargers capped a big second-half comeback with a 38-35 win over host Dickinson Sept. 23 at Sam Vitanza Stadium.

See related Clear Brook game photo on Page 6.

### Clear Brook at Brazoswood Fri., Sept. 30, 7 p.m. Hopper Stadium

## 1,500 runners attend Longhorn Stampede invite; JFD girls fifth

With the high school cross-country season nearing the district championship round next month, the Dobie program hosted one

of the largest meets of the season as many of the region's elite runners were in attendance Sept. 22.

The Dobie varsity girls,

aiming at a third straight District 22-6A title next month, looked every bit the part in taking fifth overall among 15 qualify-

ing programs.

Clear Falls, the best of District 24-6A, grabbed the top team honors as Knight runners Kaitlyn Gale (18:28.0) and Hailey Castillo (18:53.2) were the top two overall finishers.

The Longhorns, led by

senior Ashlee Garcia's seventh-place finish in a time of 20:20.5, got four of its five qualifying finishers into the top 22.

Junior Kyla Lobo was next for Dobie as she was 11th at 20:37, with senior Isela Munoz 13th in a time

of 20:39.5.

Dobie sophomore Lauren Garza was in at 20:56.9 for 22nd place, and senior Ashley Dunn rounded out Dobie's scoring as she was in at 23:25.3 for 68th place.

The Deer Park varsity boys' squad set the tone as the frontrunner for the District 22-6A Championships next month, winning the team crown in the 5K event. Manuel Garza of

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The Dobie varsity girls' cross-country team wound up fifth as a group at the Longhorn Stampede Sept. 22 at Dobie High School's main campus as more than 1,500 individual high school runners representing 49 programs competed in eight different events. In the 5K varsity girls' race, the Longhorns were led by, left to right, Ashlee Garcia (seventh overall), Kyla Lobo (11th overall) and Isela Munoz (personal best time, 13th place). Sophomore Lauren Garza was 21st overall. At right, JFD varsity boys' competitor Leovani Alvarez placed 19th overall at the 5K distance.



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# Dobie volleyball wins two straight



Junior outside hitter Naima LeBlanc (16), second on the Dobie varsity squad in kills, pounds down a kill against Memorial during the first round of District 22-6A play. Following straight-set wins over Channelview Sept. 20 and Sam Rayburn Sept. 23, the Longhorns improved to 3-2 in 22-6A ahead of a Sept. 27 match against South Houston to close out the first half of league action. Deer Park led the 22-6A standings at 4-0 at press time Sept. 27, while Memorial was second at 4-1. Both Deer Park and Memorial have first-round district victories over Dobie, which was 3-2 in league play and 15-16 overall. Alexa Gonzalez had 317 kills to lead the Longhorns, and LeBlanc had 161. Ariana Garza was third team-wide with 146.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## South Belt football predictions



John Bechtle



Emory Gadd



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Stephen Sutton



Debbie Vaughn

Pasadena vs. Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Pasadena Memorial vs. South Houston	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial
Humble vs. Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
Clear Brook at Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Brazoswood
Clear Lake vs. Clear Creek	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake
Clear Springs vs. Clear Falls	Falls	Springs	Springs	Springs	Falls
Kingwood Park at La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	Kingwood Park	La Porte	Kingwood Park
Crosby at Pasadena Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Memorial
Magnolia at Friendswood	Magnolia	Magnolia	Magnolia	Magnolia	Magnolia
Texas City at Port Neches Groves	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG	PNG
Last Week's Results	7-3	6-4	7-3	7-3	8-2
Season record	32-18	31-19	38-12	31-19	39-11

### 22-6A Football Standings

Team	Overall	22-6A
Deer Park	5-0	1-0
Memorial	3-2	1-0
S. Houston	3-2	1-0
Channelview	2-2	0-0
Dobie	1-4	0-1
Pasadena	2-3	0-1
Rayburn	2-3	0-1

## Deer Park takes down Dobie, 35-21

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route to an 83-yard score at the 8:45 mark.  
The seesaw battle continued as Deer Park went 73 yards in 13 plays, with Canales covering the final eight yards on the ground for a 28-14 lead 4:25 before halftime.  
The Deer then forced a three-and-out and took over at the Dobie 29 yard

line after the ball was snapped over punter Daniel Campero's head on fourth down.  
But Dobie's C.J. Richard first came up with a key interception in the red zone, and Baldwin stunned the Deer with an 80-yard touchdown dash with 22 seconds left in the half.  
At 28-21, it was any-

body's game to win. Yet the pace of the game slowed at that point. The Deer added an insurance touchdown as Mallett went 12 yards to the end zone with 12 seconds left in the third quarter.  
The Longhorns could not find the red zone in the second half and again had difficulties generating much offense in the

air. Dobie rushed for 273 yards in the game, including 205 yards on three plays.  
The Deer certainly have a distinct advantage in hand where it relates to the top seed in the Division I playoff bracket, but with five games remaining, the Longhorns have the opportunity to turn its tide starting this week.



Dobie linebacker Dempsey Spears (13) works to bring down Deer Park sophomore quarterback Jacob McAdams (16) during first-half action of the District 22-6A varsity football opener between the two teams Sept. 23 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. At right is Deer Park's Jacob Marichalar.

## Clear Brook football falls short against Knights



Clear Brook's Jaylon Richardson (22), the Wolverines' leading rusher this season, takes on Clear Falls' Jackson Waid (27) by opening 24-6A play with the win while the Wolverines slipped during the Knights' 42-13 win over the Wolverines Sept. 23 at Challenger Stadium in Webster. Clear Falls moved to 4-1 overall to 0-5.

Photo by Andy Tolbert

### Bay Area Football League Week 7 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
Manvel	19	26	7	12	6
Cowboys	18	25	21	19	13

### Week 8 Games – Saturday, Oct. 1

Cowboys at Pearland Texans, Dawson High School, 2050 Cullen Blvd.  
Dolphins host Pearland Patriots, Blackhawk Park

### Freshman Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Angleton	7	0	0
Southeast	6	0	0
League City	6	0	0
Hitchcock	6	1	0
Pearland Pats	4	1	0
Bay Area	4	2	0
Brazosport	4	2	0
Pearland Texans	3	2	0
La Porte	3	3	0
North Shore	3	4	0
East End	2	4	0
Barbers Hill	2	4	0
Magnolia Park	2	4	0
Pasadena	2	4	0
Sagmont	2	4	0
Alvin	1	6	0
Manvel	0	6	0
Santa Fe	0	6	0
Southbelt	0	6	0

### Sophomore Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Hitchcock	7	0	0
Bay Area	5	1	0
Pearland Patriots	5	1	0
League City	5	1	0
Sagmont	5	1	0
Pearland Texans	4	1	0
Magnolia Park	4	2	0
Alvin	4	3	0
Angleton	4	3	0
La Porte	3	3	0
Brazosport	3	3	0
Southeast	2	4	0
Barbers Hill	2	4	0
Pasadena	2	4	0
Manvel	1	5	0
North Shore	1	6	0
Southbelt	0	5	0
East End	0	6	0
Santa Fe	0	6	0

### Junior Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Pearland Pats	6	0	0
League City	6	0	0
Pearland Texans	6	0	0
Brazosport	4	2	0
Barbers Hill	4	2	0
Manvel	4	2	0
Angleton	4	3	0
Alvin	4	3	0
Magnolia Park	4	3	0
Hitchcock	4	3	0
Sagmont	3	3	0
Bay Area	3	3	0
East End	2	4	0
Southeast	2	4	0
Pasadena	2	4	0
Santa Fe	1	5	0
Southbelt	0	5	0
La Porte	0	6	0
North Shore	0	7	0

### Senior Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Hitchcock	7	0	0
Magnolia Park	6	0	0
League City	5	1	0
Pasadena	5	1	0
Manvel	5	1	0
Southbelt	4	2	0
Southeast	4	2	0
East End	4	3	0
Sagmont	3	3	0
Bay Area	3	3	0
Pearland Patriots	3	3	0
Barbers Hill	3	3	0
Alvin	3	4	0
Brazosport	1	5	0
La Porte	1	5	0
Santa Fe	1	5	0
Angleton	1	6	0
Pearland Texans	0	5	0
North Shore	0	7	0

### PeeWee Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Bay Area	6	0	0
Pearland Pats	6	0	0
League City	5	0	0
Hitchcock	6	1	0
Pasadena	5	1	0
Angleton	5	2	0
La Porte	4	2	0
Alvin	4	3	0
Sagmont	3	3	0
Santa Fe	2	4	0
Manvel	2	4	0
Magnolia	2	4	0
Brazosport	2	4	0
East End	2	5	0
Barbers Hill	1	4	0
Pearland Texans	1	4	0
Southeast	1	5	0
Southbelt	0	4	0
North Shore	0	7	0

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**  
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 30**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
1-3 p.m. Parker Williams Genealogy Group - meets at the library, Beamer at Scarsdale, 1-3 p.m. Meetings are free and open to the public. Email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net for details.  
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, OCTOBER 1**  
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, OCTOBER 2**  
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, OCTOBER 3**  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
5 p.m. New Directions Singles - Age 55 and older meets for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For details, call Grant at 281-814-4750.  
7 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational building, room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.  
7 p.m. AA - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479.  
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
2 p.m. National Association of Retired Federal Employees - meets at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. Call 713-944-2461.  
7 p.m. Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 713-253-2521. Visitors may attend two meetings free.  
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. Carmelites - meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake. Meetings are open to those 55+, with no dues. Call 713-444-6744.  
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is open. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate Wednesday sessions for casual ballroom dancing (no dance lessons). Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.  
7 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

## LEADER READERS

25 words: Personal: \$8 for 1 week/ \$21 for 3 weeks;  
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# GHAGBA preseason shoot highlights 22-6A



Players from across the Region III ranks gathered to celebrate the nearing of the high school basketball season at the Greater Houston Area Girls Basketball Association's annual preseason photo shoot. Those representing District 22-6A included, left to right, Pasadena Memorial's Denise Rodriguez (20), Deer Park's Abby Gilger (4), Jacque Giron (5) of Dobie and Pasadena's Angelynn Weaver (12). Preseason workouts can begin Oct. 19, with scrimmages starting Oct. 29. Dobie, the two-time defending District 22-6A champion and area play-off round-qualifier, opens the regular season Nov. 8 at North Shore. Giron is a returning 22-6A first-team All-District performer.

## OSU's Brooks plays early; Cowboys roll

At right, Oklahoma State University sophomore offensive tackle Jason Brooks (73), a Dobie graduate, has fit in nicely with the nationally ranked Cowboys, seeing action in each of the team's four games as part of a rotation up front. Brooks a Class of 2020 graduate, originally signed with Vanderbilt out of high school and joined OSU as part of the NCAA's transfer portal this offseason. A business major, Brooks is in his first season in Stillwater.

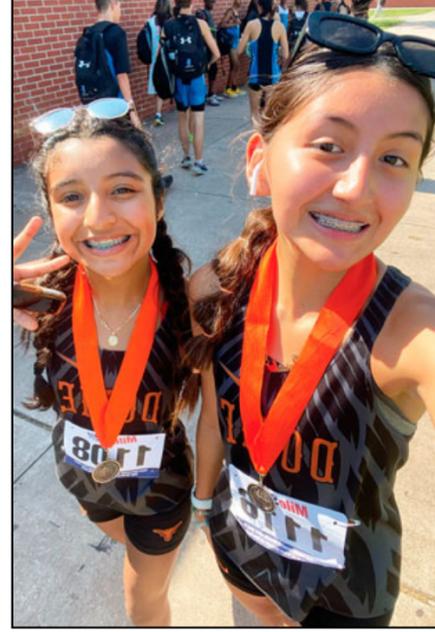


## Newsome rolling at Southeastern Louisiana



Kailin Newsome (6), a Class of 2020 Clear Brook High School graduate and the program's all-time leader in kills, has continued to be one of the nation's top performers in her return to the Southeastern Louisiana University volleyball program. The Southeastern Louisiana University volleyball team made it four conference weekly awards in four weeks as Newsome earned Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week award earlier this month. Newsome picked up the award for her play in three matches at home as the Lady Lions picked up their first conference win this season and added two more victories in the Battle of the Boot Tournament to go 3-0 for the week. Newsome picked up a new career high as she hit for a .516 average in a win over Louisiana-Monroe. She averaged 15 kills per match in the wins over Northwestern State, Louisiana-Monroe and Louisiana Tech. In sweeping all three matches, she averaged two kills per set and hit for better than a .300 average. This is Newsome's second SLC Offensive Player of the Week award this season, having previously earned the award back on September 5. SLU has won an award each of the four weeks the SLC has named Players of the Week so far in 2022, with Cicily Hidalgo joining Newsome as a winner on the offensive side and Ansley Tullis winning one on the defensive side. Newsome was an All-Conference performer at Southeastern Louisiana as a freshman and then played her sophomore season at Wichita State before transferring back to SLU prior to the start of the 2022-2023 academic year.

*Southeastern Louisiana photo*



Dobie junior varsity girls' runners Isaura Correa (left) and Mariah Medina paced the Longhorns in the two-mile event at the Longhorn Stampede Sept 22 at Dobie. A time of 15 minutes, 35 seconds in the race placed Correa 17th, while Medina was 19th in a time of 15:35.8.

## Dobie cross-country hosts 1,500 runners

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Deer Park was second individually at 16:10.9 and teammate Julian Andrade fourth (16:24.1) as the Deer posted a low of 62 based on the combined finishes of their top five competitors. Brock Glasscock of Baytown Sterling was the lone runner to crack the 16-minute mark as he snagged top overall medalist honors with a sprint to the tape and clocking of 15:57.9. Clear Brook's Joseph Trevino, who as a sophomore a season ago was a Region III meet qualifier, continued his terrific junior season as his time of 16:20.2 was fourth-best overall at the Stampede. The Wolverines did not have the required five runners needed to qualify in the team standings. As for Dobie, the Longhorns were 11th among the 16 qualifying teams. The Longhorns' Leovani Alvarez paced the locals as he was 19th overall at 17:04.3, and Maximiliano Delgado was 43rd with his time of 17:54.5. Elsewhere, the Longhorns' finishers included Jose Munoz (59th at 18:19.3), Simon Sepulveda (68th at 18:40.1), Conner Torres (75th at 18:52.1), Pedro Acevedo (77th at 18:53.5), Jorge Jasso (88th at 19:02.5) and Kim Padernal (106th at 19:32.9). Clear Brook's Tristan Ecord was seventh-best in the varsity boys' Division II race at 18:09 at 5K. In the girls' junior varsity, a time of 15:35 in the two-mile event placed Isaura Correa 17th, while Mariah Medina was 19th in a time of 15:35.8. Johan Villavicencio led the Dobie junior varsity boys' squad in the 5K event as his time of 20:07.7 was 15th best. At 20:51.1, Dobie's Franciso Dunn was 28th. Lucius Monarez (21:31.8) and Santino Perez (22:02.4) also competed.

## West Nile virus threat

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- Pet water bowls and birdbaths should be emptied and refilled at least twice a week.  
- Keep the rain gutters on the house clean and properly draining.  
- Repair household water leaks, and move air conditioner drain hose frequently.  
- Report water and sewer main leaks and breaks to 311. Anyone with West Nile symptoms should speak to a physician and get tested.  
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## JFD grad Flores is Defender/Week

At right, Howard Payne senior goalkeeper Eduardo Flores, a Dobie High School graduate, posted a shutout in a 1-0 win over Schreiner on his way to American Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Week accolades. Flores worked a clean sheet and grabbed nine saves. HPU tallied a 1-0-1 mark on the week and are 2-2-2 overall. As a junior in 2021, Flores was named an honorable mention selection within the American Southwest Conference as he played in each of Howard Payne's nine matches and logged 813 minutes of action in the nets with 45 saves. During his sophomore season in 2020, Flores was an All-Conference second-team keeper for the Yellowjackets. He began his collegiate career at Paris College after a two-year run at Dobie that included action in matches during the 2017 and 2018 campaigns. In the classroom, Flores is an engineering sciences major.



## WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY R.I.D. #1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on October 18, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. at 1301 McKinney, Suite 5100, Houston, Texas 77010. 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](https://www.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: David Flickinger, Mike Daugherty and John Bechtle, Jr.
- AGAINST** the proposal: None
- PRESENT** and not voting: None
- ABSENT:** None

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)	\$.28390/\$100 <small>Adopted</small>	\$.26000/\$100 <small>Proposed</small>
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ - .02390/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-8.41%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 244,181	\$ 271,726
General homestead exemptions available <i>(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)</i>	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 244,181	\$ 271,726
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 693.22	\$ 706.48
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ 13.26
and percentage of increase (+/-)		1.91%

## 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.

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.

**Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011**