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HPD's PIP set for Oct. 20

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway, Room 103. Guest speaker to be announced.

Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. PIP meetings typically take place the third Monday of each month. For additional information, contact HPD Officer C. Castillo at castillo@houstonpolice.org or 832-395-1777.

Sagemeadow to meet Oct. 16

Sagemeadow HOA will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. Guest speaker to be announced. Meetings are open to the public. All Sagemeadow residents are encouraged to attend. Meetings are typically held the third Thursday of each month. For additional information, visit www.sagemeadow.org.

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.

Sageglen to meet Oct. 20

The Sageglen Community Association will hold a homeowner meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork. Guest speaker to be announced. Light refreshments will be served. All Sageglen residents are encouraged to attend. Meetings typically take place the third Monday of the month. For additional information, call 281-481-2160.

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.

Ongoing city construction has also caused the partial closure of nearby Sageglen Drive between Hughes and Sagedowne.

New Covenant feeds needy

Each month, New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have food distribution events the first and third Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. The purpose of the events is to provide food to people in need. For additional information, contact the church at 281-484-4230.

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.

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

Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

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

The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 311.

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.

St. Luke to hold 50th anniversary gala

Local church to host Golden Jubilee Gala Oct. 11; elders to be recognized

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church will mark its 50th anniversary with a Golden Jubilee Gala Saturday, Oct. 11, at Star Reception Hall, located at 10190 Kingspoint.

The event will honor the parish's founding families, longtime members and its enduring legacy in the South Belt community.

History

Founded in 1975, St. Luke was established to serve the rapidly expanding South Belt area,

which had outgrown nearby St. Frances Cabrini Church. In its earliest days, parishioners gathered for Mass at Thompson Intermediate until the original church campus was constructed on Hall Road.

The parish's first pastor, the Rev. Jesse Judice, led the community through its formative years, overseeing the construction of the Hall Road sanctuary and establishing the parish's foundational ministries. Today, the Rev. Douglas Guth-

rie serves as pastor, continuing St. Luke's mission of faith, service and inclusion.

A diverse and expanding community

Over the decades, St. Luke has grown into a vibrant, multicultural parish. It now offers Spanish-language Masses and Vietnamese-language services, reflecting the diversity of its congregation. In 2023, the church expanded into Pearland, opening a satellite campus to accommodate continued growth.

Honoring elders

The Golden Jubilee Gala will feature dinner, music and a special recognition ceremony for longtime parishioners and founding families. Parish leaders say the event is not just a celebration of the past, but a recommitment to the values that have sustained the church for five decades.

"This milestone is a testament to the faith and dedication of our community," said Guthrie. "We

look forward to honoring those who built this parish and welcoming the next generation of believers."

Other special events

St. Luke's 50th anniversary celebration will continue Oct. 17-19 during its Feast Day weekend, which will include the following events.

- Friday, Oct. 17: Talent show.
- Saturday, Oct. 18: Feast Day.
- Sunday, Oct. 19: Special Jubilee Mass. (A 50th anniversary Mass was held Tuesday, June 17, to mark the actual anniversary date.)

Additional information

For additional information on St. Luke's Golden Jubilee Gala, visit stlukesatholic.com/events/2025-golden-jubilee-gala-a-celebration-honoring-faith-community.

Tickets to the event are sold out, according to church officials.

Pct. 2 joins National Night Out



Harris County Precinct 2 officials held their annual National Night Out gathering Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Scarsdale courthouse annex. This marked the 41st anniversary of the national event aimed at fostering better relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Shown above at the local event are, left to right, Constable Jerry Garcia, Judge Jo Ann Delgado and Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour.

Photo by David Flickinger

SJC's Mims to run for Congress

Longtime trustee running in newly redrawn TX-9 led by Al Green

This story has been removed due to severe factual errors! Please see next week's issue for corrections.

Commissioners approve \$2.8B budget

Court's Democratic majority split on 3-2 vote

Harris County Commissioners Court approved a \$2.8 billion budget for fiscal year 2026 in a 3-2 vote that exposed deep divisions within the county's Democratic leadership.

The budget, which prioritizes law enforcement pay raises and infrastructure, passed with support from Democratic commissioners Adrian Garcia and Lesley Briones, along with Republican commissioner Tom Ramsey. County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioner Rodney Ellis, both Democrats, opposed it.

The vote marked a rare public split among Democrats, who hold a majority on the court. Garcia defended his decision, saying the budget reflects the priorities of Harris County residents.

"We have made sure to prioritize the things that residents across Harris County wanted to see," Garcia said, who serves Precinct 2. "It began with public safety, emergency preparedness and public infrastructure. Those were the common threads."

The budget includes a hiring freeze and targets vacant positions to offset a projected \$200 million shortfall. Officials said community services like parks and road maintenance will remain intact, though departments must identify at least 10 percent in cost savings.

Hidalgo, visibly frustrated during the meeting, expressed regret over trusting Briones, whom she had previously supported.

"My top regret was believing somebody's words when they told me they were committed to community and ... truth and appointing that person as a judge," said Hidalgo. "And then redrawing a district for that person so they could win because I believed they were going to be a careful steward of tax dollars."

Hidalgo also warned that the budget could lead to cuts in air monitoring equipment, potentially weakening the county's response to chemical plant fires and environmental hazards.

The new budget took effect Oct. 1.

County offers free breast screenings

October marks Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October marks Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Harris County Public Health is urging community members to prioritize their health and wellbeing.

HCPH is dedicated to educating Harris County community members about the preventative measures they can take to reduce their risk of developing breast cancer and the importance of scheduling regular screenings for early detection.

HCPH is offering free clinical breast cancer screenings to eligible residents during October. The screenings will be available at HCPH Humble, Southeast and Antoine clinics; the East and Northeast Harris County Precinct 2 Access-2Health Smart Pods; and the mobile clinic located in Cypress Station.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women, affecting one in eight women in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 264,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer; sadly, more than 42,000 lose their lives to this disease. Black women have a significantly higher breast cancer death rate than white women.

Most cases of breast cancer are detected in women 50 years and older, although this disease can also affect younger women. Regardless of age, a breast cancer diagnosis and subsequent treatment can be challenging, but it may prove even more overwhelming for young survivors.

Breast cancer is commonly linked to women

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Pct. 2 joins multi-agency operation

Operation targeted violent criminals; 232 arrests made

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office joined other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies this past month in a joint operation aimed at taking the area's most violent criminals off the street.

Dubbed Operation Washout: Space City Takedown, the mission - which took place throughout the Greater Houston area Sept. 8 through Sept. 19 - was led by the U.S. Marshals Service Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force.

Other agencies taking part in the operation included FBI; Drug Enforcement Administration; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; U.S. Homeland Security Investigations; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; U.S. Border Patrol; U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas; Texas Department of Public Safety; Harris County Sheriff's Office; Harris County District Attorney's Office; Precinct 1 Constable Alan Rosen's office; Precinct 5 Constable Terry Allbritton's office; and the Houston Police Department.

During this multi-agency violent crime initiative, investigations and arrests were related to crimes consisting of murder, aggravated kidnapping, robbery, aggravated assaults with deadly weapons, narcotics, weapons violations (felon in possession of firearms), sexual assaults, failure to register sex offenders as well as immigration violations. Several of these investigations were

presented federally by the ATF, DEA and HSI.

By the numbers

- The following arrests were made during Operation Washout: Space City Takedown:
- 232 total arrests.
- 320 warrants cleared.
- 32 gang members arrested.
- 93 firearms seized.
- 3,595 kilograms of narcotics seized.
- \$68,903 U.S. currency seized.
- Six vehicles seized.

While conducting a search warrant at a residence in Southeast Houston, the agencies were able to seize a variety of narcotics and guns.

During the search, law enforcement agents seized more than 70,000 THC vape cartridges more than 30,000 THC edible products and 15 pounds of marijuana packaged for distribution. Also seized were 11 firearms that had been manipulated to be fully automatic.

Details about the operation were announced Tuesday Sept. 30, at a press conference led by Southern District of Texas U.S. Marshal T. Michael O'Conner.

Garcia took to social media to celebrate the operation's success.

"We appreciate our continued partnership with these agencies and will do everything we can to continue making our precinct one of the safest," the constable posted on his Facebook page.

City town hall meetings scheduled

HPD, HFD, SWMD, Public Works, Health reps to attend

Houston City Council Member Fred Flickinger will host two town hall meetings in the southern portion of District E this month, offering residents a chance to engage directly with city officials and community leaders on local issues.

The meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- Tuesday, Oct. 14, (Clear Lake area): Space Center Houston, 1601 E. NASA Parkway, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 21, (Edgebrook area): One Movement Bible Church, 10120 Hartsook St., from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

According to Flickinger's office, the town halls will feature updates on city initiatives, infrastructure projects and public safety. Residents will have the opportunity to submit questions

in advance, which will be read aloud during the meetings. Information tables will be available before each session, offering resources from city departments and community organizations.

Invitations to participate have been extended to representatives from the following departments: Houston Public Works, Houston Parks and Recreation, Houston Police Department, Houston Police Department, Solid Waste Management Department, Department of Neighborhoods and Health Department.

Residents can submit questions in advance through the District E newsletter or contact the council office directly via houston.tx.gov/council/e.

District D

At press time, District D had not announced any similar town hall meetings for this fall.



Fuqua game room raided

Precinct 1 deputies assisted the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Thursday, Oct. 2, in a raid on an alleged illegal game room on Fuqua at Sabo. The raid was similar to a pair of previous ones in the area to take place in recent months. At press time, it was unclear if the incidents were related. Some Facebook users said other South Belt game rooms were closed that night, but it was unclear if that was by choice or police intervention.

In My Opinion

B.R. shares thoughts on banning of books

Dear editor at South Belt-Ellington Leader,

I recognize that there will be disagreements over certain content. However, individuals should not be making decisions for other readers or for other parents about what is appropriate.

Services, materials, and facilities that fulfill the needs and interests of library users at different stages in their personal development are a necessary part of providing library services and should be determined on an individual basis.

School educators and librarians are professionals who are trained to not impose their own thoughts and opinions on which ideas are right, but to make knowledge and ideas available so that people have the freedom to choose what to read. Further, librarians and educators respect the rights of parents to decide which book their children are exposed to. They work closely with parents to help them decide the best books for their children.

Libraries provide access to books that offer teachable moments for readers of all ages and expand our understanding of people with different backgrounds, ideas, and beliefs. Reading materials available in the library are available to students for personal selection; they are not required books. Banning these materials will remove access for all members of the community.

Reading is an essential skill, comprehension and empathy are essential human qualities.

Sincerely,
Madi B.R.

Wood: So about that whole "Are we noticing this?" thing

Look, I get it. We're all busy. There's a new true crime documentary to watch, your sourdough starter needs feeding, and someone on the internet is wrong about something. But maybe—and I'm just spitballing here—we could take a moment to notice what's happening with immigration enforcement right now?

Here's the thing that should have everyone doing a double-take: The laws haven't changed. Read that again. The laws haven't changed. And yet, somehow, we've gone from treating immigration violations the way we've treated them for decades—as civil administrative matters—to rolling out the criminal justice welcome wagon like we're audi-

tioning for a dystopian reboot of "Papers, Please."

It's like if your HOA suddenly decided that parking violations weren't just fine-able offenses anymore, but instead required SWAT teams, criminal prosecutions, and maybe a little light imprisonment. Same rule about where you can park your Subaru, completely different universe of consequences.

For years—decades, actually—immigration violations have been handled through civil proceedings. Deportation hearings, immigration courts, due process (remember that old thing?). It wasn't perfect, but it also wasn't criminal court. Because here's a wild concept: overstaying a visa or crossing the border without authorization has traditionally been treated as a civil violation, not a crime. Like a really high-stakes parking ticket that could get you removed from the country, sure, but not a crime crime.

But now? We're criminalizing conduct that Congress never made criminal. We're treating people like they robbed a bank when they committed what is, legally speaking, the equivalent of a regulatory violation. And the most bonkers part? Nobody changed the law to make this happen. No new legislation. No act of Congress. Just a policy shift that treats "unlawful presence" like "criminal conspiracy" and hopes nobody notices the sleight of hand.

The problem isn't just that it's harsh—though, spoiler alert, it is. The problem is that it fundamentally rewrites how our legal system works without actually, you know, rewriting the legal system. It's executive overreach dressed up as "tough enforcement," and it sets a precedent that should terrify anyone who thinks the separation of powers is more than just a fun phrase we learned in eighth grade civics.

So where's the outrage? Where's the wall-to-wall coverage? Where are the constitutional scholars screaming into the void? Because right now, we're watching the normalization of treating civil violations as criminal ones, and the most common response seems to be a collective shrug.

This isn't complicated. You want to change immigration law? Great! Congress exists for that purpose. But using enforcement machinery to effectively rewrite the legal classification of conduct without legislation isn't "getting tough"—it's an end-run around the entire legislative process.

And maybe, just maybe, we should talk about that before it becomes so normal we forget it was ever different.

Just a thought,
Joe Wood



Dobie names 2025 HoCo court

Dobie High School announced its 2025 homecoming court Friday, Oct. 3. Court members shown above are, left to right, Freddy Ayala, Ricardo Ramos, Norman Fabian, Jordan Johnson, Esbiede Fonseca and Audrina Lanza. The 2025 homecoming king and queen will be crowned Friday, Oct. 17, during halftime at the Dobie varsity football game, as the Longhorns take on the South Houston Trojans.

Atkinson's September super scientists named

Atkinson Elementary School recently announced their super scientists for September. These students were selected from each grade level by their teachers.



Alyssa Mai Kindergarten



Hendrix Allen First grade



Tristan Russell Second grade



Sophia Talavera Second grade



Emma Barrera Fourth grade



Jason Morales Third grade

County offers free breast screenings

Continued from Page 1 but can also affect men. About 1 percent of breast cancer cases in the United States occur in men.

According to the CDC, 2,700 men are diagnosed with breast cancer, and 500 die annually.

In all, health experts expect around 266,700 total diagnosed cases this year, with approximately 42,500 deaths.

Everyone should be aware of breast cancer's

risk factors and symptoms, regardless of gender. Like many other diseases, people can have different signs of breast cancer, and some might not have any symptoms.

Some warning signs of breast cancer for which women should look for include the following:

- A lump in the breast or armpit.
- Thickening or swelling of part of the breast.
- Irritation or dimpling of breast skin.
- Redness or flaky skin in the nipple area or the breast.
- Pulling in of the nipple or pain in the nipple area.
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk, including blood.
- Any change in the size or the shape of the breast.
- Pain in any area of the breast.

The most common warning signs of breast cancer for which men should look are the following:

- A lump or swelling in the breast.
- Redness or flaky skin in the breast.
- Irritation or dimpling of breast skin.
- Nipple discharge or pain in the nipple area.
- Mammograms are X-rays of the breast and are the most effective and commonly used method for early detection of breast cancer. Regular mammogram screenings can significantly lower the risk of dying from breast cancer. Clinical breast exams, which one's doctor performs during annual well-woman exams or breast self-exams, can also help improve your chances of detecting breast cancer early.

Taking care of one's health can help lower the risk of breast cancer, even though some factors, such as aging or family history, cannot be changed. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle throughout one's life can reduce the likelihood of developing cancer and improve chances of surviving it if it does occur.

HCPH provides various clinical and preventive health services to meet the essential health care needs of Harris County residents. HCPH clinics offer low-cost or free check-ups, breast exams and mammogram referrals to qualified individuals.

Early detection saves lives. Those interested can raise awareness and take action by calling 832-927-7350 for eligibility and to schedule an appointment.

Alixes perform dance



Shown above are chairman of South Belt-Ellington Chamber Noble Alix (left) and daughter JaLynn Alix performing a Lariaette father/daughter dance routine. The duo showed their dancing skills at Dobie's football game against Shadow Creek High School on Thursday, Oct. 2, at PISD Veterans Stadium.

Trunk or Treat at St. Luke

Life Teen and Youth ministry will host this year's Trunk or Treat at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Friday, Oct. 24, at 6:30 p.m., at 11011 Hall Road. Join them for a fun-filled evening of costumes, decorated trunks, and plenty of treats for the whole family.

Want to participate? Sign up now to be one of the trunk hosts. One can decorate their vehicle and hand out candy in a safe and family-friendly environment. Sign up at stlukeccbchurch.com/goto/forms/32/responses/new.

Candy donations are needed. The group is accepting candy donations now through Oct. 20. Drop-off bins are located in the narthex and education building. The South Belt Leader will also collect candy at its office at 11555 Beamer Road for Trunk or Treat.

Come in costume, bring your friends, and enjoy a night of sweet community fun.

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, Oct. 9, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Kids craft time at the library. Registration required.

Thursday, Oct. 9, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Weekly English language classes. Registration required.

Monday, Oct. 13, 11 a.m. - noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 4 - 5 p.m. Get creative at Craft Lab. Registration required.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 4 - 5 p.m. Board games at the library. Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 6 - 7 p.m. Pajama storytime. Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 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-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, Oct. 9, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. - noon. Tai Chi.

Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Vietnamese classes: topic conversation. Registration required.

Saturday, Oct. 11, noon - 1:30 p.m. Bordado estilo istmeno/istmeno embroidery style.

Monday, Oct. 13, 4 - 5:30 p.m. 3D printer orientation. Registration required.

Monday, Oct. 13, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Personas que corren con libros, club de lectura. Registration required.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Pathways to citizenship class. Registration required.

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

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

Hours are Monday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
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- 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>.

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PISD's Lopez joins VYPE broadcast



Last week, Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. Toni Lopez was a guest in the booth for the VYPE Houston Thursday Night Showdown broadcast during the Dobie Longhorn varsity football game against the Shadow Creek Sharks to offer insights on the team and school district. Shown above at the game with Lopez are VYPE hosts Josh Koch (left) and Matt Malatesta. Shadow Creek defeated Dobie in the game 47-24.

Roberts names Aviators of the month



Fred Roberts Middle School recently named their Aviators of the month for September. These students were selected by school officials for exhibiting a positive attitude by showing kindness to others, demonstrating an excitement to learn and for being optimistic and proactive team players. Left to right, are Karen Pena (assistant principal), sixth-graders Kataleya Zavala, Juan Mondragon, fifth-graders Tekoah Herring, Jaqueline Merchante-Mejia and Crissy Higham (counselor).

Dobie students place in Creative Arts Division at the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo



Kaleb Jones placed third in the Creative Arts Division for his snickerdoodle cobbler.



Rebekah Hale placed first in the Creative Arts Food Division Bread Class for her banana bread.



Nayely Huynh placed second in the Creative Arts Photography Division for her photo entry.



Sadie Jones placed fourth in the Creative Arts Food Division for her cinnamon swirling apple fritter bread.



Jenna Molina placed third for her Creative Arts project and got an auction spot.



Jennifer Tran placed third in the Creative Arts Photography Division for her photo entry.

Dobie FFA students participate, place in Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo



Left to right, FFA members who participated in the PLSR Cattle Show are Melanie Sanchez (fifth place in her class), Abrianna Carbajal (second place in her class and eighth auction spot winner), Mathew Trevino (third-place winner and

10th auction spot), Kaleb Jones (third place in class), Julien Cano (fourth place in class), Pablo Reyes (fourth-place in class 2), Fernanda Flores (fourth place in class) and Jeremiah Griffin (fifth place in his class).



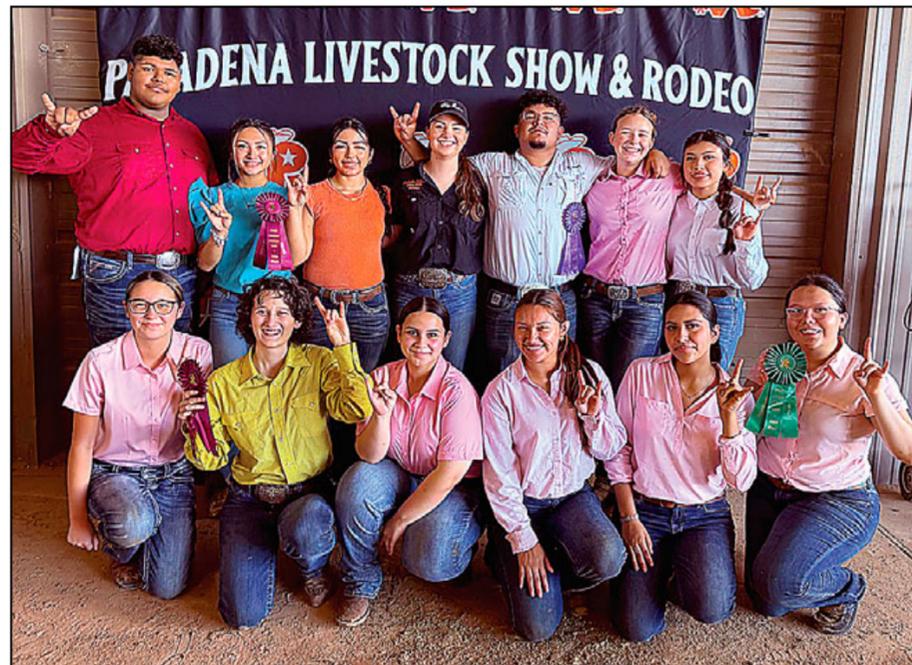
Dobie agriculture teacher Robert McGill, center, is shown with Jeremiah Griffin who placed fifth in heavy weight class and Vianka Alanis who placed third in class 3.



Dobie FFA student Jaela Williams is pictured with her lamb which placed fourth in lightweight class.



Pictured, are all FFA students who participated in the PLSR competitions. Left to right, are Luke Stacey (cattle exhibitor), Jeremiah Griffin (cattle, turkey, goat exhibitor), Kevin Rubio (swine exhibitor) holding his fifth-place ribbon for seventh class swine show, Julian Cano (cattle exhibitor) and Kiara Torres (swine exhibitor).



Pictured to the left are all of Dobie FFA students who participated in the Swine Show. Left to right, are (front row) Layla Davila, Thalia Oddo (sixth place in class 5), Marissa Martinez, Tiffany Contreras, Annalise Chavez, Mia Macias (fourth place in class 3), (back row) Xavier Martinez, Jennifer Tran (sixth place in class 1), Kaylee Robles, agriculture teacher Anabelle Sallee, Kevin Rubio (fifth place in class 7), Rebekah Hale and Evolet Rivera.

Frazier hosts mosaic art event for new SPARK Park



Frazier Elementary recently hosted a mosaic art event for students and their families to come together and create pieces to decorate their new SPARK Park. Pictured, are (front row) Elizabeth Howley (SPARK Park president), Isaac Romer (assistant principal), Adam Aguilar, Kristina Ponce (principal), Araceli Rodriguez (school counselor), (middle row) Jaime Walters (SPARK Park representative), Benjamin Guzman, Jakeb Monnat, Eli Monnat, Uriah Mason, (back row) Emma Ponce, Bella Ponce, Arabella Carillo, Luke Monnat, Logan Erickson, Aaron Lopez and Rose Toro (mural artist). Since 1991 more than 100 schools have chosen to incorporate public art including mosaics into their parks.

Dobie FFA supports Breast Cancer Awareness Day



Dobie High School students who are members of the Pasadena Junior Rodeo Committee recently engaged with the community to gather signatures as pledges of support and awareness of breast cancer by signing a "We Fight Together" board to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Left to right, are (front row) Isaac Martinez, Abrianna Carbajal, Ivanka Alanis, (back row) Xavier Martinez, Mathew Trevino and Jeremiah Griffin.

SJC's Mims to run for Congress

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This story has been removed due to severe factual errors! Please see next week's issue for corrections.

Thompson celebrates Custodian Appreciation Day



Thompson Intermediate School celebrated Custodian Appreciation Day on Oct. 2 by honoring their custodians who work to keep the school clean, safe and welcoming. Pictured, left to right, are Arnulfo Tovar, Perla Pena, Maria Conde Lara, head custodian Araceli Cavasos, Olda Vega, Areli Casarrubias and Ivonne Rojas. The custodial staff received special treats to celebrate the day.

Remember When

45 years ago (1980)
The first Dobie Band Festival was held Saturday, Oct. 11, sponsored by the Dobie band parents as a fundraising project for the school band. Food and drinks, arts and craft booths, garage sale-type booths, games, cartoons and a variety show were among the activities and attractions of the event. More than 200 games and exhibits were scheduled. The Dobie jazz band made its debut at the event.

30 years ago (1995)
Houston police officers recovered 12 rifles near a ditch behind the 11000 block of Sageriver after local residents alerted police late one morning when they saw two youths with the rifles wrapped in a blanket.

20 years ago (2005)
Murder and negligent homicide charges were filed on Michael Cook, 41, the driver of the bus that killed Ruth Young, 9. PISD employees involved in the altering of Cook's official employment records were no-billed by a Harris County grand jury.

15 years ago (2010)
An attempted abduction took place at San Jacinto College South. According to campus police, a female student was walking to her car when a male approached and tried to force her to get into his vehicle. The female student was able to get away from him and was not harmed.

10 years ago (2015)
The Rev. Sherman Wilson, the founding pastor of Sagemont Presbyterian Church (now known as A Community of the Servant-Savior), died Oct. 8 at the age of 93. Now located on Hughes Road across the street from Stuchbery Elementary, the church originally opened in the mid-1960s on Kingspoint in a small chapel on property that is now part

of Alameda Mall's parking lot. Wilson retired in the mid-1980s after serving 19 years. Church membership peaked under Wilson's leadership at around 350. The church was forced to rebuild in April 2010 after being destroyed by fire. Investigators immediately determined the cause of the blaze was arson, but no arrests were ever made in the case.

5 years ago (2020)
Personnel from the Harris County Pct. 2 Constable's office on Monday, Oct. 12, assisted U.S. marshals in the arrest of an alleged sex offender in the 11600 block of Chickwood. Led by the federal Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force, the law enforcement team was serving a warrant out of Travis County for aggravated sexual assault of a child. The suspect, David Nguyen, was arrested without incident. Nguyen, 73, was transported to the Pasadena Police Department Jail, where he was turned over to the Marshals Task Force.

1 year ago (2024)
Harris County Precinct 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez was injured after being dragged by a vehicle fleeing the scene of a traffic stop in the 11300 block of Hughes Road near Sageglen. It was later determined the vehicle had been reported stolen. Sanchez was transported to a nearby hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

Lariaette of the Week, Oct. 2



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week of Oct. 2 is sophomore Naomi Estrada, a first-year line member.

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NATALIE AND JOSE CELEBRATE 12TH
Best wishes for an enjoyable 12th wedding anniversary Oct. 12 are sent to **Natalie and Jose Abarca** from children **Kelvin Lopez, Noah and Elliana Abarca** and **Isabella Delgado** and husband **Sebastian** and their child **Esme Delgado**; mom **Ellie Flickinger** and husband **David**; and grandparents **David Flickinger** and **Kina Reyes**.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO CATHERINE
Dr. Catherine O'Brien is wished a happy birthday Sunday, Oct. 13, from family, friends and the *Leader* staff. She is currently teaching at a local university.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 9 through Oct. 15.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Longhorns look ahead to Pearland after Shadow Creek loss

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Missed opportunities might very well define the Dobbie varsity football program's 1-2 start to league play following a 47-24 loss to Shadow Creek as the Longhorns slipped to 2-3 overall ahead of an important trip to Pearland to take on an undefeated Oiler team that has rolled to an unbeaten 6-0 record to this point.

The Oilers lead the 22-6A standings at 4-0 after downing Dawson 17-13, also Oct. 3.

For JFD fans, it might feel like a little bit of déjà vu as the Longhorns have delivered the same record through five games as the group put together in 2024.

Last season did deliver a seventh consecutive playoff berth, so there's little doubt that the Longhorns feel as though if they can come through on some of those opportunities missed to this point, things can

turn around quickly. There is no shame in losing to Shadow Creek. Quarterback Tavis Coleman came into the game with more than 1,000 yards passing and continued to execute in the short- to medium-range passing game against the Longhorns.

But it's likely to be a pair of scoop and score touchdowns the Shadow Creek defense produced that the Longhorns will look back at as the difference in the defeat.

Pearland, Dawson and Shadow Creek certainly appear to have great opportunities in front of them to reach the postseason.

However, the Longhorns know that there is plenty of football to go with five games remaining on the schedule. It all starts at The Rig in Pearland Oct. 10.

Dobbie hung close with Shadow Creek through the first 12 minutes as the

Sharks led just 3-0. The Longhorns actually opened the game with a big play as senior speedster Marcus Jones fielded the Shadow Creek kickoff at his own 8-yard line and raced 51 yards down to the Shark 41 as the home team began its opening series in positive territory.

On first down, Dobbie quarterback Jalen Miles had a chance to hook up with receiver Nolen Thomas down the middle for what would have been an easy touchdown, but the connection simply was not made.

However, Shadow Creek was called for a personal foul on the play, setting up the Longhorns at the Sharks' 26.

Da'Marcus Hodges ran for four yards on first down, then made his way down to the 20 on second down. On third down, a two-yard pass completion set up a big decision.

The Longhorns elected to keep the offense on

the field, but a poor snap resulted in a turnover on downs as the Sharks took possession at their own 28-yard line.

Just as Dobbie had done in its loss to Dawson, a great-looking opening drive resulted in no points following a turnover on downs.

Shadow Creek proceeded to take its opening possession down the field but had to settle for a field goal as kicker Nick Saenz nailed his first three-pointer of the season, good from 30 yards out with 5:30 to play in the opening quarter.

The Longhorns' David Agyemang came up with

a quarterback sack to end the first quarter as Shadow Creek continued its drive holding a 3-0 lead after 12 minutes but still possessing the ball at the Dobbie 41.

But just as Jones had done to open the game for the Longhorns, the Sharks hit big on the first play of

the second quarter as Tavis Coleman hit Maddox Pitre over the middle with a short pass and he was able to maneuver his way through the Dobbie defense 41 yards for the touchdown.

Suddenly, Shadow Creek led 10-0 at the 11:48 mark of the second

quarter. Things got away from Dobbie quickly at that point as the locals opened the ensuing drive at their own 16-yard line.

On first down, a juggled exchange resulted in a scoop and score for Shadow Creek. Linebacker Giovanni Baker returned the ball 17 yards for a touchdown as the Sharks produced 14 points in 10 seconds.

Suddenly down 17

points, the Longhorns responded with a positive drive, and despite missing on a couple of pass completion opportunities, got a 39-yard field goal from comparo as the lead was cut to 17-3 with 9:32 to go in the half.

But back came Shadow Creek. Traveling 54 yards in just over a minute Coleman connected on a 22-yard touchdown pass

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JFD's Jones houses kickoff

Dobbie senior Marcus Jones (3) returned the opening kickoff against Shadow Creek for 51 yards to set the Longhorns up with terrific field position. Later, he returned another kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown as he continues to be one of the most dynamic return men in the Houston area. Jones and the Longhorns went on to lose the game to the Sharks but will look to bounce back against the Pearland Oilers Oct. 10 at The Rig in Pearland. Dobbie will enter the game at 2-3 overall, including 1-2 in league play. Jones and his teammates will be looking to make more big plays against the Oilers as they go against the current leader in the 22-6A race.

Photo by Kelvin Lopez



Dobbie tennis finishes with loss at Clements

Chloe Estes, Dulce Mejia, Jordan De Robles, Kevin Do, Tiffany Nguyen. Those five seniors led the way for the Dobbie varsity tennis team as the Longhorns successfully reached the postseason in 2025, finishing fourth before a bidistrict playoff round loss to No. 5 state ranked Clements Oct. 6.

What makes the names of those five players especially significant is that they may very well go down as the final senior group to play for legendary Dobbie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr., who continues to mull retirement.

"I am really proud of the group overall this sea-

son," Moreno said. "We knew coming into the season that we were going to be young and inexperienced and face some challenges against some of the tougher opponents that we play each season, but I really do feel like we improved each and every day out on the court.

Perhaps a great example of the daily improvement came as Moreno said No. 2 boys' singles player Logan Pham played his best singles match of the season against one of the area's top players.

"Some of the match scores maybe don't do a good job of indicating such, but a lot of the matches were closer than

they appeared. We had a challenge with winning super tiebreakers throughout the year and I really feel like we could have won more matches had we come through in some of those situations.

"Overall, I am just very proud to have coached these young men and women and look forward to seeing what they can do out there on the court this spring. It's always sad to see the team tennis season come to a close, but I really feel like we represented Pasadena ISD well as the only team that made the playoffs for my school district, so we are excited to have once again carried the torch, if you will."



Senior Johan Villavicencio and his Dobbie teammates will host the District 22-6A cross-country championships Oct. 9 at Dobbie main, with the JFD varsity boys squad aiming to repeat as league champions.

Dobbie hosts 22-6A runners at championships

The District 22-6A cross-country championships will play out early in the morning Oct. 9 as the Dobbie varsity boys' squad will chase a fourth consecutive regional berth along with what would be back-to-back league championships. The Longhorns will be a bit shorthanded for the postseason as defending 22-6A champion Cruz Jasso remains out due to injury, but senior Johan Villavicencio and sophomore Jordan Roman will lead the way.

Head coach Stephen Cross is also predicting solid things from freshman newcomer Robert Pfeister as well as Jorge Rodriguez,

22-6A Championships Oct. 9, Dobbie main Varsity Boys 8 a.m., other events follow

Mathew Dunn, Gevan Vega and Wilfredo Chinchilla. Seniors Oliver Guzman and Ivan Ayala are able to step in for depth should the Longhorns need leading up to the race.

Despite missing Jasso, Cross still believes his team has a shot at the championship with Pearland the top front-

runner along with solid groups from Manvel, Dawson, Shadow Creek and others.

The Dobbie varsity girls' squad will also go into the meet with high expectations as that group has largely been represented by Aliyah Sanchez, Isaura Correa, Mikayla Rodriguez, Skyler Mendiola,

Aracely Alvarado and Destiny Sidiripulous.

Clearly the road back to the district championship would be easier with Cruz in the lineup, but Cross is confident that the Longhorns have what it takes to get it done. Villavicencio has been a steady presence in the lineup for three seasons now and is very much in his element competing against the very best within the district.

Roman had an outstanding season as a freshman with Dobbie both in cross-country as well as track and field and then turned in a terrific summer performance. Suffice to say, he is also ready to show that he is once again one of the district's best moving forward.

With Cruz out of the lineup, other guys for the Longhorns will have the opportunity to step up. While Cross believes Pearland is now perhaps the team to beat, the Longhorns hope that running on their home course will be a benefit as they chase that fourth consecutive regional berth.

Moreno attends Ortiz's VB match



Dobbie tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. (right) traveled to Brenham last month and had a chance to catch up with Hope Ortiz, a Class of 2025 Dobbie graduate who is now playing volleyball at Richland College in Dallas. Ortiz also competed as a senior last spring with the Dobbie tennis program.

Dobbie at Pearland Oct. 10, 7 p.m. at The Rig

Pearland (6-0, 4-0) Pearland, quite simply, is in the midst of its finest season despite a terrific round of success over the years. The Oilers lead the district in total offense and average 447 yards per game while surrendering under 200 yards per game defensively. Running back Ja'Maurey Champion is averaging more than 10 yards a carry and leads the district with 851 yards and 13 touchdowns. Quarterback Jake Westmoreland has passed for 785 yards and nine touchdowns.

Dobbie (2-3, 1-2) The Longhorns are led by senior running back Da'Marcus Hodges, who is second in the league in rushing with 699 yards and 11 touchdowns. Quarterback Jalen Miles has passed for 319 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and sophomore running back Adrian Taylor has rushed for 319 yards and four touchdowns.

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Peewee Division

Team	W	L	T
Wildcats	8	0	0
49ers	7	0	0
Pearland Texans	6	1	0
Cardinals	5	2	0
LP Texans	5	2	0
Patriots	4	3	0
Red Raiders	4	3	0
Buccaneers	3	4	0
Cowboys	3	4	0
Eagles	3	4	0
Panthers	3	4	0
Stingrays	3	4	0
Manvel Texans	3	4	0
Braves	3	5	0
Longhorns	1	6	0
Sharks	0	7	0
Gators	0	8	0

Freshman Division

Team	W	L	T
Red Raiders	7	0	0
Cardinals	6	1	0
Manvel Texans	6	1	0
Panthers	5	2	0
49ers	4	3	0
Buccaneers	4	3	0
Cowboys	4	3	0
Patriots	4	3	0
Stingrays	4	3	0
Wildcats	4	4	0
Eagles	3	4	0
Longhorns	3	4	0
Pearland Texans	3	4	0
LP Texans	2	5	0
Sharks	1	6	0
Braves	1	7	0
Gators	0	8	0

Sophomore Division

Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	7	0	0
Cowboys	7	0	0
Manvel Texans	7	0	0
49ers	4	3	0
Patriots	4	3	0
Red Raiders	4	3	0
Stingrays	4	3	0
Wildcats	4	4	0
Cardinals	3	4	0
LP Texans	3	4	0
Braves	3	5	0
Gators	3	5	0
Sharks	2	4	1
Pearland Texans	2	4	1
Eagles	2	5	0
Longhorns	1	6	0
Panthers	0	7	0

Junior Division

Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	7	0	0
Manvel Texans	6	1	0
Red Raiders	6	1	0
Wildcats	6	2	0
LP Texans	5	2	0
Gators	5	3	0
49ers	4	3	0
Cowboys	4	3	0
Patriots	4	3	0
Sharks	4	3	0
Cardinals	3	4	0
Eagles	2	5	0
Panthers	2	5	0
Pearland Texans	2	5	0
Stingrays	1	6	0
Longhorns	0	7	0
Braves	0	8	0

Senior Division

Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	7	0	0
LP Texans	7	0	0
Cardinals	6	1	0
Red Raiders	6	1	0
Gators	6	2	0
Wildcats	5	3	0
Cowboys	4	3	0
Pearland Texans	4	3	0
Sharks	4	2	0
49ers	2	5	0
Patriots	2	5	0
Manvel Texans	2	4	0
Longhorns	1	6	0
Panthers	1	6	0
Stingrays	0	7	0
Braves	0	8	0

BAFL Week 8

Cowboys PW 42
Sharks 0

Cowboys Fr. 55
Sharks 0

Cowboys' Soph. 51
Red Raiders 0

Cowboys Jrs. 32
Sharks 12

Cowboys Srs. 6
Sharks 0

BAFL Week 9

Cowboys' Peewee
at Dickinson, 8 a.m.

Cowboys' Freshmen
at Dickinson, 9 a.m.

Cowboys' Sophs.
at Dickinson, 11 a.m.

Cowboys' Juniors
at Dickinson, 1 p.m.

Cowboys' Seniors
at Dickinson, 3 p.m.

South Belt football predictions

	 John Bechtle	 Emory Gadd	 Troy Leland	 Stephen Sutton	 Debbie Vaughn
Dobie at Pearland	Pearland	Dobie	Pearland	Dobie	Pearland
Channelview at Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood	Kingwood
CE King at Summer Creek	CE King	CE King	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
Friendswood at Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton
Kingwood Park at Crosby	Kingwood Park	Kingwood Park	Kingwood park	Crosby	Kingwood Park
Kempner at La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Porter at Pasadena	Porter	Porter	Porter	Porter	Porter
Second Baptist at Lutheran South	LSA	LSA	Second Baptist	LSA	LSA
Pasadena Memorial at Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Dawson at South Houston	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Last Week's Results	10-0	8-2	8-2	8-2	9-1
Season record	45-15	41-19	42-18	42-17	45-15

Shadow Creek's 31-point quarter burns JFD

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as the Sharks led 24-3 with 8:24 to go until halftime. Saenz came through with a 43-yard field goal at the 1:03 mark in the second quarter as Shadow

Creek led 27-3. An advantageous Shadow Creek defense then capped a 31-point second quarter as Baker delivered another scoop and score on a JFD fumble, this one

from 42 yards as the score ballooned to 34-3 at halftime. The Longhorns produced their first touchdown of the game with 4:43 to go in the third

quarter as Hodges burst up the middle for 5 yards and a touchdown, cutting Shadow Creek's advantage to 34-10. Coleman hit his second touchdown pass of the game, this one to Jacier Pace as the Sharks took a 40-10 lead with 1:27 to go

in the third quarter. Dobie's Jones, the most dangerous kicker returner in the district, hit the Sharks with another big return in response to the score as he took the ensuing kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown at the 1:15 mark of the third quarter.

Longhorn sophomore running back Adrian Taylor converted a fourth down with 8:25 to play as he raced 48 yards to the end zone for a touchdown. Hodges took the pitch on the two-point conversion and found the corner of the end zone, cutting

Shadow Creek's edge to 40-24. A late touchdown by the Sharks produced the final score of 47-24 as the winners improved to 2-1 in league play. The Longhorns fell to 2-3 overall in 2025, including 1-2 in the 22-6A standings.



Dobie senior running back Da'Marcus Hodges (1) has rushed for 699 yards and 11 touchdowns this season though being the focal point of most opposing defenses. Even with his team's loss to Shadow Creek, Hodges continues to put together a terrific individual season as he is the second leading rusher in the district. Photo by David Flickinger



At right, the Dobie defense came up with a team effort to bring down Shadow Creek running back Tristan Willis (5) during the Longhorns' district battle against the Sharks Oct. 2 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Those in on the play for Dobie included Colin Pendleton, Julius Sanchez and Noah Villareal. A 31-point second quarter largely paved the way for the visiting Sharks to claim a 44-27 victory over Dobie in the game. Despite the loss, the Longhorns are confident that they can maneuver their way up the standings over the next several weeks. The locals will visit the Pearland Oilers Oct. 10 at The Rig in Pearland. Photo by David Flickinger

Cowboys, Cowgirls name HC honorees



The Sagement Cowboys and Cowgirls celebrated their annual homecoming week by honoring its 2025 court champions. The winners included, left to right, (front row) prince Bentley Banhart, princess Maya Solis, (back row) king Kevin Richardson and queen Anaya Hernandez.

Gonzalez eclipses 1,000 assists

At right, Lamar University volleyball standout Alexa Gonzalez last month reached 1,000 career assists for the Cardinals as she has been the program's primary ball distributor since her arrival on campus as a freshman prior to the 2024-2025 season. Gonzalez, a Class of 2024 Dobie High School graduate, currently has 444 assists through 19 matches as the Cardinals have gone 8-11 overall, including 1-3 in Southland Conference play. The Cardinals will be back in action Oct. 9 as they play at McNeese. Gonzalez is one of the top producing players in Dobie program history as she is among the leaders in assists and kills for her career.



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 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
 7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.
Noon Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the rabbi, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
 8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at Cross Roads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
 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, OCTOBER 12
 8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.
 5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.
 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.
 8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA**. See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
Noon Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group - 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 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 6, at 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14
 10 a.m. Join Wise Owls on every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For companionship and games at United Methodist Church, 12501 Palmsprings Drive. Call Shirley at 713-449-9959.
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
 10 a.m. **CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
 10:30 a.m. **Tri County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$20. Exact cash or a check requested. To RSVP, visit www.tricountyrw.club/.
 11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at seahouston.toastmastersclubs.org. In-person address, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn, at 832-722-9061 for information.
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
 6 p.m./ 7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Noon Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group. See Friday's notice.
Noon Ballroom Dancing - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from noon to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.
 7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday'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 16
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." Monday through Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
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Dobie girls prepare for 2025-2026 basketball season; practice starts Oct. 22

Dobie Varsity Girls' Hoops 2025-2026 Schedule

Nov. 1	at Crawford's scrimmage	TBA
Nov. 4	at Friendswood scrimmage	TBA
Nov. 7	Baytown Sterling	7 p.m.
Nov. 11	Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Nov. 14	Channelview	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	George Ranch	7 p.m.
Nov. 20-22	McDonald's Invitational	TBA
Nov. 25	*at Alvin	1 p.m.
Dec. 2	*Manvel	7 p.m.
Dec. 4-6	at Jack Frost Invitational	TBA
Dec. 9	*Dawson	7 p.m.
Dec. 12	Yates	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	*at Memorial	7 p.m.
Dec. 19	*at Shadow Creek	4 p.m.
Dec. 29-30	at Fort Bend ISD Showcase	TBA
Jan. 3	*at Pearland	1 p.m.
Jan. 7	*South Houston	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	*at Rayburn	1 p.m.
Jan. 14	*Alvin	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	*at Manvel	1 p.m.
Jan. 21	*at Dawson	7 p.m.
Jan. 24	*at Dickinson	1 p.m.
Jan. 27	*Memorial	7 p.m.
Jan. 30	*at Shadow Creek	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	*Pearland	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	*at South Houston	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	*Rayburn	7 p.m.
*District 22-6A games		



Dobie senior guard and four-year varsity performer Audrey Volper (right) and Longhorn head coach Rachel Flores represented Dobie High School as the Greater Houston Area Girls Basketball Association highlighted the start of the upcoming 2025-2026 season with a photo shoot involving the top performers for many of the region's programs. High schools from across the state may begin preseason workouts Oct. 22. Dobie begins scrimmages Nov. 1 and will tip off the regular season Nov. 7 at home against Baytown Sterling.

Pioneers start district

Returning off a bye week, the Lutheran South Academy varsity football program will begin Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division 2 District 4 varsity football action Oct. 10, traveling to Second Baptist. LSA went 3-2 during non-district action and will look to get off to a hot start against a Second Baptist program that has struggled out of the gate at 1-4. Pioneer senior quarterback Holt Teichman will lead the way under center as he has completed 54 of 84 throws for 648 yards and six touchdowns through five games and has also rushed for three touchdowns. The LSA run game is led by Cortez Taylor as the sophomore has averaged nearly 8 yards per carry, rushing for 472 yards and three touchdowns, while senior Cade Griffin has rushed for 249 yards and a pair of scores. With all-state receiver Braeden Robinson out of the lineup, three different receivers have more than 100 yards receiving through the first half of the season.

LSA volleyball coasts

At 22-6 prior to play Oct. 7, the Lutheran South Academy varsity volleyball program had run out to a 4-0 record within the district as part of what has been a terrific regular season to this point. Sophomore Addy Musgrove continues to lead the way and kills with 245 for the season, with another 232 coming from senior Aniston Collins. Sophomore Charlie Marsico leads the way with digs at 277, followed by Musgrove with 174 and Collins with 132. Musgrove is the Pioneers' assist leader with 377, followed by Collins with another 340.

Lutheran South runs

The Lutheran South Academy cross-country program competed at the St. John's Maverick Rumble Oct. 4 at Spring Creek Park as the varsity boys' team finished 13th in the 17-team field. In the 5,000-meter varsity boys' division, Pioneer sophomore Jeremy Gaitan led the way as he was 42nd with a time of 17 minutes, 21.5 seconds. Theron Ayala of Lutheran South placed 60th at a time of 17:39.1, and teammate Sam Hergenrader placed 81st at 18:05.2. The Pioneers' other official scorers included Nicholas Pena, 84th in a time of 18:11.2, and Brock Boessling, whose time of 18:41.3 placed him 99th overall.

24-6A football takes a break before stellar final month

The District 24-6A varsity football ranks will take a break in the action Oct. 9-11 in preparation for what promises to be a terrific final month for the top playoff competitors.

A season ago it was Dickinson, Deer Park and Clear Springs finishing in a 6-1 three-way tie for the league championship, and to this point each of those three programs have already positioned themselves to repeat.

Dickinson has been as impressive as anybody in the city while racing out to a 6-0 record with a month ago in its season.

Quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre has arguably been the most impressive performer at his position throughout the league, which also features Kyden Barker at Clear Falls as well as dual threat signal caller Haden Lafrenz at Deer Park.

Before the break in the schedule, Dickinson, Clear Springs, Deer Park and Clear Falls all picked up impressive victories, with the Deer already owning a head-to-head victory against the Knights.

Make no mistake, the Gators, the Chargers, the Deer and almost assuredly the Knights will be in the postseason come November. It's all a matter of who finishes where.

As it stands, Dickinson and Deer Park would be ticketed for the Class

6A Division 1 postseason bracket, while Clear Falls and Clear Springs would represent 24-6A in the Division 2 mix.

There is really no big surprise here, but head coach John Snelson's Dickinson crew has produced a terrific run of the season with its 6-0 start.

Most recently, the Gators reduced a second straight 70-plus point outing, cruising past Clear Lake 71-14 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster.

Dickinson wasted no time in taking care of Clear Lake to the tune of a 58-0 halftime lead, highlighted by two touchdown runs from Malachi Gamble, another scoring dash by Kaileb Peterson as well as big plays from several other Gators in the game.

The Gators have now outscored their six combined opponents by a total of 317 to 123.

Not that the Gators should be worried, but the real proof of their 2025 regular season is upcoming.

Dickinson will go against Brazoswood Oct. 17 and will improve to 4-0 in league play, then will host Clear Falls and Clear Springs in consecutive weeks before closing the regular season at Dickinson Nov. 7.

Clear Springs has suddenly produced five consecutive victories following a 26-27 victory over

Brazoswood Oct. 2. The Chargers will now go up against Clear Falls Oct. 17.

Springs quarterback Kody Rosas has thrown for 690 yards and 10 touchdowns to this point while Sean Carter has 24 catches for 514 yards and five touchdowns.

Daran Bolden has rushed for 644 yards to give the Chargers additional offensive punch.

Speaking of 70-point performances, Deer Park has now won four consecutive games after opening the season with a pair of losses.

With a 70-14 win over Clear Brook, the Deer have now improved to 3-0 within league play and are no doubt excited about the final month of the regular season.

Over the course of the final month, the Deer have the clearest path to an unbeaten finish before playing at Clear Springs in week 10 and then hosting Deer Park in November to close out the regular season.

While Clear Falls is a game off the pace of the leaders following a league loss to Deer Park, Barker at quarterback and Zach Greer at receiver have played huge roles as the Knights have put together the most impressive offensive numbers in the league.

With apologies to Brazoswood, Clear Creek, Clear Brook and Clear

Lake, the final month of the most impressive matchups anywhere promises to produce several across the city.

24-6A Football Standings

Dickinson	3-0
Deer Park	3-0
Clear Springs	3-0
Clear Falls	2-1
Brazoswood	1-2
Clear Lake	0-3
Clear Creek	0-3
Clear Brook	0-3

22-6A Football Standings

Pearland	4-0
Dawson	3-1
Shadow Creek	3-1
Rayburn	2-1
Manvel	2-2
Dobie	1-2
Alvin	1-3
South Houston	0-3
Memorial	0-3

JFD tennis hosts former players



The Dobie tennis program hosted its annual exes matches as more than 20 former players were in action. The players included, left to right, (front row) Hung Doan ('03), Nancy Nguyen-Vu ('09), head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. ('99-present), Hallie Vu ('24), Kayla Tran ('24), Eric Huynh ('24), Amalia Reyes ('24), (back row) Sebastian Delgado ('20), Diego Flores ('25), Rigo Alanis ('25), Tre Ramirez ('25), Nestor Garza ('25), Dylan Ta ('21), Ryan Le ('24) and Steven Mullins ('04).



Former Dobie tennis players, left to right, Hung Doan ('03), Joseph "Phuc" Nguyen ('03), head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. ('99-present), Thien Nguyen ('03) and Kevin Phan ('09) had a chance to discuss old times during the exes matches Oct. 4.

24-6A Games

Falls vs. Springs
Oct. 17, 7 p.m.
Challenger Stadium

Creek vs. Brook
Oct. 16, 6 p.m.
Veterans Stadium

Dickinson
at Brazoswood
Oct. 17, 7 p.m.
Hopper Stadium

Deer Park at Lake
Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
Abshier Stadium

22-6A Games

Dawson at South Houston
Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
Veterans Stadium

Pasadena Memorial at Shadow Creek
Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
Freedom Field

Shadow Creek at Pearland
Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
The Rig

Manvel at Rayburn
Oct. 11, 2 p.m.
Veterans Stadium

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