



Mistletoe Market planned

The Mistletoe Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, at BellaVita, 1548 N. Riviera Circle in Pearland, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The holiday shopping experience will feature 70+ vendors selling jewelry, home decor, women's clothing, children's clothing and much more. Food and drink will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Military Moms and Wives of Brazoria County.

For additional information, call 281-464-3150 or visit club-bellavita.org.

Knights to hold fish fry

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will hold a fish fry Friday, Sept. 27, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinners will include fried fish, fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, corn on the cob and iced tea for \$15. Dine-in and take-out will be available.

New Covenant feeds needy

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, distributes food the second and fourth Saturday monthly from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies run out. The purpose is to provide food for community people in need. The next event is Sept. 28. For information, call 281-484-4230.

Kirkwood to meet Sept. 30

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

Sagemont to meet Oct. 1

The Sagemont Civic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer. Directors from the Sagemont Maintenance Fund will be in attendance to address questions or concerns. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Freeway Manor to meet

Freeway Manor Civic Club (for residents of Freeway Manor, Sun Valley and Gulfway Terrace) will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at One Movement Bible Church (formerly Bible Way Church), located at 10120 Hartsook St.

Hughes/Sabo closure set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice. The closure is associated with a city of Houston project to replace a force water main at the area intersection.

Telephone closure planned

At least one northbound and one southbound lane on SH 35/Telephone Road will be closed from Airport Boulevard to Bellfort Avenue daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (excluding Sundays) until further notice.

Beltway 8 closure planned

At least one northbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 will be closed from Greenshadow to SH 225 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until further notice. The closure is due to the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

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COVID cases reported

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in the South Belt community is roughly on par with the previous several weeks, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, Sept. 24, there were 295 active cases in 77089, no change from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

Statistics are updated weekly 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/cumulativedata.

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.

National Night Out celebrates 40 years

Multiple events planned for annual law enforcement/community event

Multiple local events are planned for the 40th annual National Night Out, set to take place Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Once again, Harris County Precinct 2 officials will host an event at the county annex located at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Taking part in the event will be Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia and Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado.

Also participating in the event will be the

Harris County Sheriff's Office, Clear Brook City MUD, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Ann Harris Bennett, Harris County Clerk Tanesha Hudspeth and Harris County District Clerk Marilyn Burgess.

The event will feature free popcorn and hot dogs while supplies last.

A second event will be held at the home of Sageglen resident Dawn McDonald – former wife of late police officer Chris McDonald; district director for state Rep. Dennis Paul; and lo-

cal Republican Party precinct chair – who will have an event at 11423 Sagevalley from 5 to 8 p.m. (See related letter on Page 2.)

The event will feature drinks, snacks and yard games. The function will also include elected of-

ficials, as well as candidate and election information and voter registration.

For additional information, call McDonald at 281-704-4765.

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Pct. 2 continues Edgebrook patrols

Deputies make 2 arrests in 2 days near Gulf Freeway

Local law enforcement continues to ramp up patrols near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway, an area known for high drug crime and homelessness, with Precinct 2 deputies making two arrests in just two days.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, Precinct 2 deputies were actively patrolling the area around the above intersection for individuals soliciting from a public roadway and impeding the flow of traffic.

Deputies observed a black male who was actively impeding traffic and walking in a public roadway. Deputies attempted to identify the male and upon doing so the male evaded on foot. After a brief foot pursuit the male was caught and detained. The male is known as "Blanket" and was identified as 24-year-old Demond Parish.

Parish was charged with evading on foot and was transported to Harris County Jail without incident.

Two days later on Monday, Sept. 9, Precinct 2 deputies were again actively patrolling the area



Brandon Skiles

of Gulf freeway and Edgebrook for individuals soliciting from a public roadway and impeding the flow of traffic.

Deputies observed a white male who was actively impeding traffic and walking in a public roadway. Deputies attempted to identify the male and upon doing so the male evaded on foot. After a brief foot pursuit, the male was caught and detained. The male was identified as 32-year-old Brandon Robert Skiles.

Skiles was charged with evading on foot and was transported to Harris County Jail without incident.

Crime and homelessness have been ongoing problems in the Edgebrook area throughout much of the last year, also attracting the attention of the Houston Police Department and Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office, both of whom have also stepped up their own patrols of the location in recent months.



Demond Parish

JFD names homecoming court



J. Frank Dobie High School announced its homecoming court members. Shown, left to right, are (front row) Kettia Sanchez, Isabelle Perez, Jitsel Cortez, (back row) Joel Reyes, Caleb Romar and Will Joiner. Dobie will announce its king and queen Friday evening, Sept. 27, during the football game to be held at Pasadena ISD Veterans Memorial Stadium in which Dobie will play Pasadena Memorial High School.

South Houston inducts 2024 Hall of Honor

2024 class of inductees includes 3 alumni, 2 former faculty members

Two former South Houston High School science teachers, as well as two South Houston alumni with career ties to space exploration, were among five individuals selected for induction in the school's Hall of Honor this fall.

The third alumnus to be honored, Michael Seale, Class of 1963, made his mark in the military as a master of material logistics – the science of moving things in inner space.

The most recent graduate in the bunch – Carla Thomas, Class of 1980 – ranks as one of the nation's leading aviation photographers and as a valued member of NASA's space support team based in California.

Brand Norman Griffin, Class of 1965, retired last year after a prominent career as a space futurist and space systems architect for various NASA contractors.

The two science teachers chosen represent opposite ends of South Houston's timeline.

Amon Alford, who joined the faculty in 1959 – shortly after the school opened -- made national headlines in 1963 with a nutrition research study involving students in his classes.

Patrick Fox, joined the faculty ranks in 2000 and taught a wide range of popular courses until 2022, when he passed away suddenly. Fox was the husband of Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox, a well-known family physician in the South Belt area.

Of the five new inductees, Seale, Alford and Fox are deceased.

The five inductees were honored during homecoming activities at the school Friday, Sept. 20, the day of the Trojans' homecoming game against Sam Rayburn.

The new alumni inductees bring to 71 the total recognized since the Hall of Honor initiative was launched in 2011. The faculty Hall of Honor, es-

tablished two years later, now has 42 inductees.

Alumni inductees

Michael Seale, Class of 1963

A former drum major for the South Houston band and an honored member of the band at Texas A&M, Seale served 27 years of active duty in the Air Force, rising to the rank of colonel.

He established himself as one of the most important components in Air Force transportation and logistics operations. Twice, he was chosen to handle high-level transportation positions at the Pentagon.

In 1990, he was named director of transportation for the Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base outside Omaha, Neb. Two years later, he took on a similar assignment for the Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Seale remained in government service for 17 years after his Air Force retirement as a compliance manager for Washington state's division of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Seale and his wife, the former Libbie Johnson, also a 1963 South Houston graduate, made their retirement home in Trophy Club, Texas, near Fort Worth. Michael passed away in 2022 in Grapevine.

Brand Norman Griffin, Class of 1965

An architect by training, Griffin followed a straight edge to the stars as an engineer for



Michael Seale



Brand Griffin

NASA contractors charged with producing design concepts for future space exploration.

Until his retirement last year, he served as program manager for Genesis Engineering Solutions in Lanham, Md. Griffin managed a program tasked with developing a single-person spacecraft for NASA.

Before joining Genesis, he worked for NASA's Advanced Concepts Office at the Marshall Spaceflight Center in Huntsville, Ala. At Marshall, he participated in the design of lunar bases and deep-space habitats.

Formerly, Griffin worked with Boeing as the

lead configurator for Space Station Freedom. His designs included an open-cockpit lunar hopper, a wheeled-landing pressurized rover, a horizontal lunar lander and the Skylab II habitat.

He amassed more than 50 hours of experience in NASA spacesuits conducting space station repair tasks in simulated weightlessness. His next-generation spacesuit was on display for 10 years at National Air and Space Museum in Washington.

Carla Thomas, Class of 1980

Thomas is a senior photographer at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center at Edwards AFB in California. Her specialty is aerial photography – and her assignments usually produce spectacular shots, many at high altitude while strapped into the backseat of an F-18 fighter jet.

A big part of her job is to visually document flight research programs. In 2008, she captured

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Whitmire speaks on State of the City

Mayor touts achievements in public safety during 1st 9 months

Nearly 2,000 people gathered at the Hilton Americas Tuesday, Sept. 17, to hear Houston Mayor John Whitmire deliver his first State of the City address, highlighting the many accomplishments of his first nine months in office.

Whitmire touted multiple achievements, including increased public safety and emergency storm response.

In the area of public safety, the mayor praised the historic \$650 million collective bargaining agreement reached with the firefighters union this past June, ending a years-long legal battle.

"We were fair to Houstonians, taxpayers and fair to the firefighters," said Whitmire. "You can't have a great city if you don't have suffi-

cient police, fire and EMS and all the things that go into quality of life."

Earlier this month, Whitmire increased Houston police pay by \$10,000 and added multiple other incentives, including a \$5,000 sign-on bonus.

"We're doing everything we can to recruit additional police officers and firefighters," said Whitmire.

During his brief time in office, Whitmire also shook up the leadership at the Houston Fire Department and Houston Police Department.

In late July, Whitmire appointed Thomas Muñoz as the chief of the Houston Fire Department.

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SoHo crowns king, queen

South Houston High School crowned its homecoming king and queen Friday, Sept. 20, during the school's varsity football game against Sam Rayburn. Diego Garcia was crowned king and Alondra Zavala was crowned queen. The Trojans were victorious over the Texans, beating them 30-0. The area high school also recognized its 2024 Hall of Honor inductees at the game. (See related story on this page.)

Photo by Gloria Wallace

Elected officials share their words

Commissioner Rodney Ellis responds to Texas AG's lawsuit

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis on Thursday issued the following statement in response to the Texas Attorney's Office lawsuit to prevent county officials from implementing the Harris County Community Prosperity Program.

"Harris County will continue to fight so that every family in the County has access to the opportunities and resources they need to prosper.

Meanwhile, Ken Paxton will stop at nothing to prevent Harris County from investing in families. His latest attack on

Harris County families that are struggling under the weight of economic inequality proves that he is on a crusade to score political points and protect a system that makes the rich even richer while starving seniors, children, parents, and working people of the re-

sources they need to get ahead.

This isn't a game for the people who are trying to take care of their families, put food on the table, and build a better future. They deserve better and I will keep fighting for them."

Rodney Ellis

Council Member Flickinger shares meetings, funding info

We've hit the ground running with the start of the school year and are already gearing up for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1. Since its founding in 1984, National Night Out has served as a national crime-prevention initiative aimed at furthering police-community partnerships, fostering neighborhood camaraderie, and deterring criminal activity. I'm looking forward to my first National Night Out as the District E Council Member visiting as many neighborhoods as possible and interacting with the community. I encourage you all to take the opportunity to participate in these events by reaching out to your community or HOA, to make sure we have your event on our radar please visit this link.

With public safety being a priority heading into fall, I wanted to share how my Council District Service Fund is being utilized this fiscal year. At the beginning of

each fiscal year, July, I submit projects for approval to the Mayor's Office and City Legal Department. These projects are based on the District E Case Work, which is derived from phone calls and emails from District E residents. Council District Service Funds are provided to each District Council Member through the City's General Fund and separated into two buckets. One bucket is for infrastructure-related projects used in District E mostly for panel replacements while the other is utilized for more diverse district needs like supporting police overtime.

Those submittals include our monthly weekend electronic recycling events, mowing across District E, removal of dead and dangerous trees along major thoroughfares, and over \$120,000 dedicated to increasing public safety for District E through Houston Police Department Over-

time Initiatives and Houston Fire Department equipment. Each of these projects is carefully selected to meet the needs of all District E residents. The infrastructure projects have also been approved and the expectation is for these projects to also be started before the end of the year. The infrastructure projects include panel replacements on Bay Area Blvd., Space Center Blvd, Clear Lake City Blvd., and Kingwood Drive. We look forward to working with our City Departments to start these projects before the end of the year.

Finally, I want District E residents to save the date for town hall meetings in October:

Edgebrook—Tuesday, Oct. 22; 6:30 to 8 p.m. OneMovement Bible Church; 10120 Hartsook Street.

Clear Lake; Thursday, Oct. 24; 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Bay Area Houston Economic Part-

nership 1150 Gemini Street

We invited CenterPoint to attend the town hall meetings to be able to speak about what they are doing in each area of the district to strengthen the resiliency of their infrastructure. I have extended invitations to several city departments, including Houston Public Works and Houston Parks and Recreation, as well as a range of community speakers and elected officials. In addition to various information tables for residents to peruse before the meetings begin. I look forward to everyone hearing these updates and addressing community questions, comments, and concerns. This is the perfect opportunity to engage with your community and have your questions answered. We hope you will join us. Please feel free to invite a neighbor, friend or colleague! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fred Flickinger

Commissioner Dawn Buckingham submits letters

Texas General Land Office Commissioner Dawn Buckingham submitted the following letter to The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Office of Leasing and Plans 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard New Orleans, Louisiana;

Dear Ms. Bigner, As Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office ("GLO"), I appreciate yet another opportunity to comment on a proposal by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM") to lease acreage in the Gulf of Mexico for commercial wind energy generation. I'm pleased - but not surprised - that the latest proposal comes contemporaneously with the cancellation of the larger Gulf of Mexico Wind Auction 2 for lack of commercial interest. I submitted comments to that proposal on April 29, 2024. Interestingly, BOEM's latest proposal is to lease approximately 142,528 acres directly to Hecate Energy Gulf Wind LLC ("Hecate"). According to Hecate's website, Hecate has apparently no experience in offshore wind projects and only two proposed upland wind projects currently in development.

1. As the steward of Texas' state-owned submerged lands extending from the shoreline out 10.3 miles to the boundary of federal waters, I have serious reservations about leasing vast swaths of the Gulf to a company that has yet to operate a single functional wind turbine to date.

To avoid belaboring the points made in my April 29, 2024, comment letter, I would like to incorporate it here by reference so that BOEM has an opportunity to address those concerns in detail.

2. Namely, (1) the demonstrated financial unworkability of offshore wind projects; (2) risks to the endangered Rice's

whale, sealife as a whole, and migrating bird species; (3) impacts to and displacement of local fishing communities; and (4) catastrophic damage to turbines posed by hurricanes in the Gulf.

Little has changed since April to alleviate even a single one of these serious concerns. In fact, in the four months since, we have seen new and growing evidence of the folly of offshore wind projects. Last month, among seemingly calm weather, part of a blade broke off a turbine at the Vineyard Wind farm off the coast of Massachusetts. A small portion of a single blade resulted in more than six truckloads of debris discharged into coastal waters beach closures along Nantucket Island.

3. This is not a fluke event. It follows several blades breaking off onshore and offshore turbines in Germany, Sweden, Lithuania, and the United Kingdom in recent years.

4. Amplifying these risks, BOEM now seeks to permit a wind farm in one of the most active hurricane corridors in the country. Ominously foreshadowing, at the same time as the Vineyard Wind debacle, Hurricane Beryl struck the Texas Coast causing an estimated \$28-\$32 billion in economic losses.

5. Hurricane Beryl passed directly through the path of the proposed Hecate leases and would have wrought havoc on a wind farm.

Meanwhile, BOEM has been working behind the scenes on its offshore wind leasing and permitting regulations which were finalized in late April. These regulations, designed to "streamline and modernize" the process, effectively softened financial assurances for offshore wind in

every conceivable way in order to tilt the scales in favor of new wind energy at the expense of prudent stewardship. It's clear the responsibility will inevitably fall upon the GLO and the Texas taxpayers to shoulder the burden with respect to pollution, debris, and impacts to Texas waters and beaches resulting from these wind farms.

Again, I must remind you that access to state-owned submerged land for transmission lines to shore requires an easement approved by the Commissioner of the GLO. As Commissioner, I am charged under the Texas Natural Resources Code with determining whether the granting of an easement is in the best interest of the state. As of now, I continue to see a number of significant concerns — economic, practical, and environmental — that must be addressed before a prospective wind lessee would be permitted to cross state-owned submerged land. Further, in light of BOEM's substandard financial assurance requirements, GLO may very well condition such approval on heightened bond and/or financial assurance measures above and beyond what may be required by BOEM.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these comments.

For Texas,

Dawn Buckingham, M.D. Commissioner, Texas General Land Office

Commissioner Buckingham Submits Second Letter to Biden-Harris Administration Opposing Proposed Third Offshore Wind Farm in Gulf of Mexico

Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D. submitted a second letter opposing the Biden-Harris Administration's

third proposal for an offshore wind energy lease. The new proposal, spearheaded by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), is to lease approximately 142,528 acres directly to Hecate Energy Gulf Wind LLC.

This latest proposal follows the cancellation of the larger Gulf of Mexico Wind Auction 2 due to a lack of commercial interest. Commissioner Buckingham submitted comments opposing that proposal on April 29, 2024.

"As Texas Land Commissioner, I am charged with determining whether granting an easement to access state-owned submerged land for transmission lines to shore is in the best interest of Texas. I continue to see significant economic, practical, and environmental concerns regarding a wind farm in the Gulf of Mexico," said Commissioner Buckingham. "Not only have I raised these concerns earlier this year to BOEM without a response, but I now also have extreme reservations about leasing vast swaths of the Gulf of Mexico to a company that apparently has no experience operating a single offshore wind turbine."

In her letter, Commissioner Buckingham notes, "...Hurricane Beryl struck the Texas Coast, causing an estimated \$28-\$32 billion in economic losses. Hurricane Beryl passed directly through the path of the proposed Hecate leases and would have wrought havoc on a wind farm... It's clear the responsibility will inevitably fall upon the GLO and the Texas taxpayers to shoulder the burden with respect to pollution, debris, and impacts to Texas waters and beaches resulting from these wind farms."

Shredding for South Belt area



Saturday, Sept. 14, AMOCO Federal Credit Union and Motu Stop partnered with the South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce to host a community wide paper shredd day. More than 120 people participated in safely disposing documents through Iron Mountain Secure Shredding. Samples of food and an iPad giveaway were offered. Pictured, left to right, are Anita Eakman (SBE Chamber of Commerce); Amir Subedi (Motu Stop); Lisa Holbrook (SBE Chamber of Commerce); Atul Jain (Motu Stop); John Herman (AMOCO FCU); and Kevin Venable (AMOCO FCU).

Memorial crowns king, queen



Pictured are Dayanara Grandos who was crowned queen and Angel Zuniga who was crowned king at Memorial High School's homecoming game against Dawson High School at Veterans Memorial Stadium on Sept. 19. Photo by Behind the Mavens, PMHS Photography

In My Opinion

Dawn McDonald writes Pct. 0996

Dear Precinct 0996 residents, My name is Dawn McDonald, and I am your neighbor as well as the Harris County Republican Party Precinct Chair for 0996. I also serve as an executive committee member of the Republican Party of Texas for Senate District 6, and I serve on the Sageglenn HOA, as well as the District Director for State Representative Dennis Paul.

I will be having a Texas National Night Out Event in the front yard of my home on October 1, 2024 from 5PM - 8PM. I invite everyone in our community to come by and meet me, other neighbors,

community leaders and hopefully some local candidates or elected officials or staff. I will have water, Gatorade and popcorn. Address is 11423 Sagevalley Dr. 77089. I will also have the opportunity for residents to check their voter registration, register to vote, get republican candidate information, election information, a voter guide and have campaign materials like push cards and yard signs.

So drop on by, say hi, stay for minute, get to know each other and lets make our community a better place with great neighbors.

For God and For Texas,

Dawn McDonald
Precinct Chair 0996
RPT SD 6 Committeewoman
Dawnmcdonald996@gmail.com

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit https://houstonlibrary.org/. For online learning, visit https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556 or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Children's museum of houston: the basic fun shop.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 3 - 4 p.m. Open Lab - computer class.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 5 - 6 p.m. English language learning.

Monday, Sept. 30, 11 a.m. - noon. Open Lab - computer class.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 4 - 5 p.m. Board games.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 6 - 7 p.m. Conversational living English lessons.

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, Sept. 26, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 2 - 4 p.m. Tech help.

Monday, Sept. 30, 11:15 a.m. - noon Family time.

Monday, Sept. 30, 2 - 4 p.m. Pathway to citizenship.

Monday, Sept. 30, 4 - 5:30 p.m. 3D printer orientation.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 6 - 8 p.m. Pathway to citizenship.

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.

- 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.

\$1,000 reward offered



Clear Brook City MUD is offering a \$1,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who vandalized district property the weekend of August 24-25, 2024. The power pole at Bishop Park was knocked down and the electrical box was tampered with and defaced. This recurring vandalism continues to cost area residents as these parks are owned by CBC MUD. CBC MUD will press charges on any person destroying district property. Tips can be sent in anonymously or by contact for the reward to the following: Capt. Marco Leal, Marco.Leal@cn2.hctx.net; dispatch 713-477-4070 (refer to Leal); or email tips to tips@cn2.hctx.net.

National Night Out celebrates 40 years

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More than 17,000 communities, representing all 50 states, took part in last year's campaign, attracting roughly 38 million participants.

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

Along with the traditional display of porch lights and front porch vigils, National Night Out 2024 will be celebrated by neighborhoods and communities with a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, contests, youth programs and visits from local police.

The Houston Police De-

partment, Harris County Sheriff's Office and the Harris County Precinct 2 and Precinct 8 constable offices will all be participating in various functions. South Belt residents within the city limits who are planning a block party and wanting to have a police visit should contact HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 281-642-

3848 or Buitron@Houstonpolice.org.

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

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

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Catholic Church
Rev. Douglas J. Guthrie, Pastor
11011 Hall Rd.
(between Beamer & Blackhawk)
www.stlukesatholic.com

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. and 10 a.m.*
Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*
Wednesday & Friday	9 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

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

All are welcome to come to worship and serve the Lord in a spirit of love, sharing, and hope.

New Covenant Christian Church
Day Care *Christian Based Child Care*

Now Enrolling

New Covenant Christian Church provides Christian based child care for the local community. Director Nedra Jackson and her staff are here to take perfect care of your children while you work.

281.481.2003
www.newcovenantchristianchurchhouston.com
10603 Blackhawk Blvd. Houston, TX 77089
Blackhawk @ Kirkfair

ST. LUKE FOOD FEST

Presented by

St. Luke the Evangelist

Thursday, October 3

Come and sample great food from local eateries and enjoy DJ music and fellowship!

5pm-7:30pm
KC Hall in Pearland
2320 Hatfield Rd | Pearland, TX 77581

\$25 presale \$30 at the door
\$10 Children (10 years old and under)

For tickets & more information visit www.stlukesatholic.com under Our Parish/Upcoming Events

Rodney Ellis
Commissioner

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HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 5th, 2024
11AM - 2PM

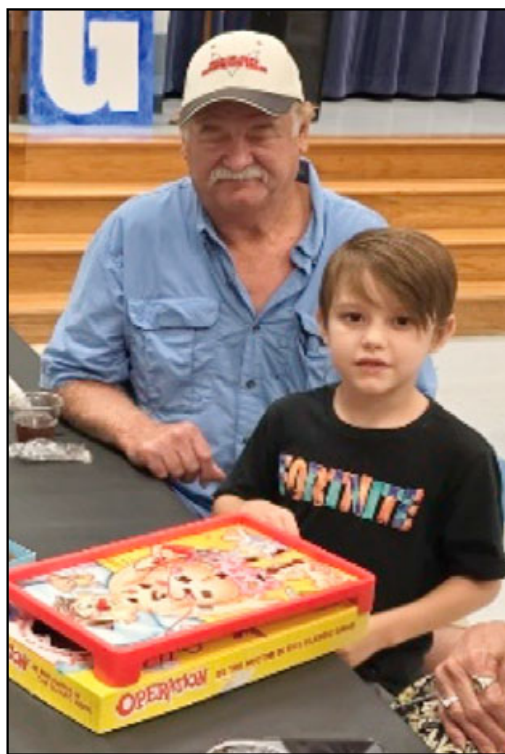
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COMMISSIONER
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Genoa Elementary hosts games with grandparents

Genoa Elementary held its "Games with Grands" Thursday, Sept. 10. Pictured below are school counselor Norma Sierra (left) and parent coordinator Abigail Ortega.



John Stogner (left) played Operation with his grandson, Wyatt Stogner.



Cora Arizpe (left) enjoyed time with her grandparents, Mario Diaz and Nancy Westerband.



Anthony Sierra (left) visited with his granddaughter, Cora Arizpe and Cora's mother, Cassandra Arizpe.



Dario Macias completed a puzzle with his grandmother, Ana Villarreal.



Jazmin Arredondo (right) took time for snacks and refreshments with her grandmother, Leticia Arredondo.



Hiliana Alonso played games with her grandmother, Alma Alonso.



Left to right, are Eliana Rosales (granddaughter), Rafael Varguez (grandson), Juanita Castro (grandmother) and Juanita Rosales (granddaughter) who shared chips and juice while visiting.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.154868 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of San Jacinto Community College District.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.154868 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.149818 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.158151 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 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 2023 tax year and the 2024 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 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON October 7, 2024 AT 7:00 PM AT District Administration Building, Rm 104-4624 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas 77504.

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:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR the proposal: Marie Flickinger John Moon Jr.
Michelle Cantú-Wilson Dan Mims
Larry Wilson

AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Keith Sinor Erica Davis Rouse

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.

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.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate \$100 of value)	\$0.146195	\$0.154868	increase of \$0.008673 per \$100, or 5.93%
Average homestead taxable value	\$171,171	\$181,988	increase of \$10,817, or 6.32%
Tax on average homestead	\$250.24	\$281.84	increase of \$31.60, or 12.63%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$126,493,915	\$132,841,202	increase of \$6,347,287, or 5.02%

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

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 2024 on **October 16, 2024, 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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FOR the proposal: Jim Bishop, James Towey, Chris Clark, David Flickinger and Chuck Tylka
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)	\$.51000/\$100 Adopted	\$.50000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.01000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-1.96%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 303,175	\$ 323,239
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 60,635	\$ 64,648
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 242,540	\$ 258,591
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,236.95	\$ 1,292.95
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ 56.00 4.52%

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 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

Remember When

45 years ago (1979)

An eighth-grader at Thompson Intermediate School was suspended after pulling a gun on his classmates during a math class. Frank Mancuso filed for his 10th term on the city council for Houston.

40 years ago (1984)

The defunct Brio Refinery at 2501 Choate at Beamer was named as one of four toxic waste sites in Houston by a New Jersey congressman who successfully sponsored legislation which would enlarge the superfund to \$10.2 billion from taxes on petrochemical products and crude oil. The first-ever dinner for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce was held.

35 Years ago (1989)

Three Dobie High School Future Farmers of America students – Justin Rascoe, Brian Berkley and Sheila Robbins – won grand championship honors for their entries at the Pasadena Livestock Show. Running its record to 3-0, the Clear Brook High School Wolverines' junior varsity football team won its district opener over C.E. King with a 28-19 victory.

30 years ago (1994)

The Pasadena Independent School District board voted unanimously to uphold the re-assignment of former Thompson Intermediate School math teacher Sarah Young.

Clear Brook High School students Aren Cambre, Mary Crouch, Sydney Devaty, Jimmy Duong, Emily Le, Marcy Moore and Niall Shanbhag were named Commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

25 years ago (1999)

A main water pipe in the ceiling of Thompson Intermediate School burst, filling the orchestra pit with approximately 3 feet of water.

Thomas Quinoes pled guilty to the carjack killing

of Joel Esparza. He received a life sentence.

20 years ago (2004)

The South Belt Security Alliance would no longer patrol areas within the city. Through a contract with the city, off-duty Houston police officers patrolled Sagemont and Kirkwood subdivisions. Constable Gray Freeman's office would continue to patrol subdivisions in the Clear Brook City, Sagemeadow and

Kirkmont municipal utility districts.

State Rep. Robert Talton announced the formation of Parents and Taxpayers for Accountability to oppose the \$299.88 million bond election proposed by PISD.

Former Dobie coach Mike Stephens was presented a plaque by current head coach Tommy Kaiser at a game which honored Stephens as a "Lifetime Longhorn."

Houston Mayor Bill White lauded District E Council Member Addie Wiseman for her leadership in passing a whistle blower policy. The policy set a time frame which required department directors to be responsive to employees' claims if they believed they had been retaliated against.

15 years ago (2009)

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Southeast Volunteer Fire De-

partment station, located at 10510 Scarsdale Blvd., took place Thursday, Sept. 24. SVFD Chief Chuck Tylka was hopeful construction will be complete by July 4, 2010.

10 years ago (2014)

According to police, a chase started before 9 a.m. in the town of Liverpool, south of Alvin, when officers responded to an aggravated assault call in which Ryan Champ allegedly pulled a

shotgun on someone. Brazoria County deputies attempted to pull Champ over, but he fled, driving north on Highway 35. Pearland police then joined the pursuit and were fired upon as the chase continued. Houston police joined in as the suspect headed east on Beltway 8. Multiple police units were in hot pursuit when Champ exited on Beamer northbound toward Kirkmeadow, coming to

a stop at his residence at the 11703 address. As the suspect was exiting his vehicle, he reportedly pointed a shotgun at a Pearland police officer, who then shot at the man. Champ then returned fire, and a massive shootout began. During the exchange of gunfire, the suspect went back to his vehicle and retrieved a handgun, then also shot it at officers. At some point during the shootout, Champ was struck and was pronounced dead at the scene.

5 years ago (2019)

Former Dobie student Jourdan Ellison was charged with capital murder for the fatal Sept. 4 shooting of Christian Lezama at his apartment in the 1800 block of St. Joseph Parkway. Investigators determined robbery to be the motive. According to multiple witnesses, Ellison, 17, pulled a gun on Lezama, 19, and demanded his necklace and diamond-plated teeth. When Lezama refused, he was fatally shot. Ellison had most recently attended class at The Summit, Pasadena ISD's alternative school.

On Friday, Sept. 20, at the Lutheran South Academy football game against Brookshire Royal, Beau Pscenic and Francesca Scott were crowned LSA's 2019 homecoming king and queen.

1 year ago (2023)

Houston firefighters responded to a house fire around 9:50 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, in the 300 block of Cobbleton Drive in the Sycamore Valley subdivision near Dixie Farm Road and the Gulf Freeway. According to Houston Fire Department officials, the electrical fire was unintentional. The fire caused an estimated \$70,000 in damage. No injuries were reported. In all, 49 personnel responded to this incident, including crews from stations 93, 23, 70, 71, 52, 61, 72, 94, 37, 24; Rescue 42; and Rehab 17.

Over The Back Fence by Natalie

HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY, CHRIS!

Birthday greetings are sent to **Dr. Chris Durham** Sept. 26, from his daughters **Abigail** and **Penelope** and son **Jackson Durham**.

JOHN CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LAURA

Birthday wishes are sent to former **Leader** staff member **Laura Benavides Scallan** Oct. 1, from the **Leader** staff.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 26 through Oct. 2.

Atkinson Elementary

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

Burnett Elementary

Join in a happy birthday chorus Sept. 29 to **Selene Lopez**. **Hana Khan** enjoys a birthday Oct. 2.

Frazier Elementary

Dina Edwards marks a day of celebration Sept. 26. Light the candles on a double-layer cake Sept. 30 for **Katrina Mitchell** and **Valley Richardson**. Break out the balloons and cake Oct. 2 for **Liz Taylor**.

Genoa Elementary

Light the candles for a birthday celebration for **Charlie Crissman** Sept. 28. Give a birthday shout-out Oct. 1 to **Lisa Grissinger**.

Meador Elementary

Marking a birthday Sept. 26 is **Connie**

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

Moira Elementary

The day for a birthday cake and ice cream for **Celena Hudspeth** is Sept. 26. The day for a special birthday cake for **Jennifer Dowell** is Oct. 2.

Melillo Middle School

Send a humorous birthday card to **Megan Medina** Sept. 28. Blow out the birthday candles for **Kellie Bishop** and **Heather Kaboutari** Oct. 1. **Shannon Martinez** enjoys a birthday Oct. 2.

Genoa Elementary

Sept. 28 is a day of birthday celebration for **Angelica Plummer**. Break out the balloons and party favors Sept. 30 for **Natalia Hernandez** and **Jacqueline Sosa**.

Melillo Middle School

Send a birthday greeting to **Megan Medina** Sept. 28. Break out the balloons and party favors Oct. 1 for **Kellie Bishop** and **Heather Kaboutari**. Light the candles Oct. 2 for **Shannon Martinez**.

Roberts Middle School

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

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.

Dobie High

Aaron Mathews celebrates a birthday Sept. 28. Three cheers for a wonderful birthday Sept. 30 for **Tiffany Bowyer**, **Kevin Cross** and **Stephen Cross**. Light the candles on a birthday cake Oct. 1 for **Miguel Torres**. Happy birthday wishes are sent Oct. 2 to **Rayanne Sinski**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Sept. 26: **Dina Edwards**, **Tripp Harris** and **Mike Flinn**; Friday, Sept. 27: **Nicole Garcia**, **Yvette Rodriguez** and **Ashley McGuinty**; Saturday, Sept. 28: **Megan Medina**, **Esmerelda Rodriguez**, **Anna Benavidez**, **Tam Vo** and **Christina Guth**; Sunday, Sept. 29: **Antonio Morua**, **Marian Adams**, **Adriana Sepulveda**, **Ken Rodrick** and **Gwen Lopez**; Monday, Sept. 30: **Jason Cook** and **Myra Janacek**; Tuesday, Oct. 1: **Amy Malone**, **Jeffrey Restrepo**, **Wendy Sattiewhite**, **Linda Garies**, **Cindy Que**, **Cynde Davila**, **Dena Roessler**, **Yvonne Mintz** and **Rebekka Barker**; and Wednesday, Oct. 2: **Racquel Rojas**, **Tomeka Anderson**, **Diana Holbrook**, **Paula Smith** and **Lori Pytka**;

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WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The KIRK MOUNT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024 on October 16, 2024 at 6:30 PM at 10102 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, Texas 77089. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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

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 \$0.478 / \$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.478 / \$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.478 / \$100	\$0.478 / \$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ 0 / \$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 202,153	\$ 216,346
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 202,153	\$ 216,346
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 966.29	\$ 1,034.13
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$ 67.84	7.020667%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate. The voter-approval tax rate is \$0.48 and therefore, notwithstanding the above, no election is required.

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Mayor on State of the City

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Muñoz, who retired from HFD as an assistant chief, most recently served as the city's emergency management coordinator and the acting director for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security. Muñoz succeeded Chief Samuel Peña and is HFD's 37th chief since 1895, when the department became nonvolunteer.

In early August, Whitmire appointed former Texas Ranger J. Noe Diaz the new chief of the Houston Police Department. Since March 2019, Diaz had served as the chief of police for the Katy Police Depart-

ment and has worked his entire professional career in various law enforcement positions.

A recurring theme in Whitmire's speech is ability to reach across the aisle and work together with members of the opposite political party – a trait he attributes to his 50+ years in the state Legislature.

"I will work with anyone if it's improving peoples' lives," said Whitmire.

Strange political bedfellows include Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Republican Harris County Commissioners Tom Ramsey.

"The sad news is the city of Houston ... and the county had

no relationship with state government," said Whitmire. "It became so personal between the elected officials of different parties, they wouldn't talk. They wouldn't collaborate. Houston suffered."

Despite his myriad accomplishments, Whitmire acknowledged the city has its fair share of challenges – something he promised to tackle head on.

"We have a great city, great people, but we have challenges just like all major cities do," said Whitmire. "If we work together, I'm prepared to give you eight years of some of the best years left in my life."

SoHo inducts 2024 Hall of Honor

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Carla Thomas

what was described as "the most spectacular photo of NASA's shuttle carrier aircraft ever." Thomas trained her camera on one of NASA's modified 747 carrier jets with the Orbiter Endeavor, en route from California to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, riding piggyback.

What made the photo particularly stunning was her overhead angle – taken while Thomas was sitting in an inverted F-18 over the Mojave Desert.

Her photographs have made the covers of "Aviation Week & Space Technology," "Aerospace America," "Flight Training" and other publications. Her work was

prominently featured in a 2009 issue of "National Geographic."

In 2015, Thomas was honored by Women in Aerospace as the recipient of the group's 30th Anniversary Commemorative Award for her outstanding photographic skills and for serving "as a role model for girls and young women in aerospace."

Faculty inductees
Amon Alford, chemistry
1959-1968

After four years on campus, Alford began to wonder if the students in his chemistry classes were eating right. He decided to conduct



Amon Alford

an experiment. Half his students volunteered to go on a balanced diet. The other half

agreed to stick with teenager staples, mostly soda and chips.

Sure enough, Alford's study found that the better the diet, the better the grades. The results made the front pages of newspapers across the country and helped put South Houston High on the map.

Alford was invited to address the American School Food Service Association convention in Atlantic City to give a presentation on his study. Other school district officials accompanied him on the trip.

His study was even used as the basis for a nutrition commercial that appeared on the CBS game show "What's My Line?"

Alford was more than just a chemistry teacher during his 10 years at South Houston. He was also an integral part of Coach Harry Morgan's football support staff, one of his primary duties being to administer oxygen to winded players on the sideline.

He also handled the design and construction of more than a dozen sets used for the first spring show staged by the Jannettes in 1967. He died in 1985.

Patrick Fox, science
2000-2022

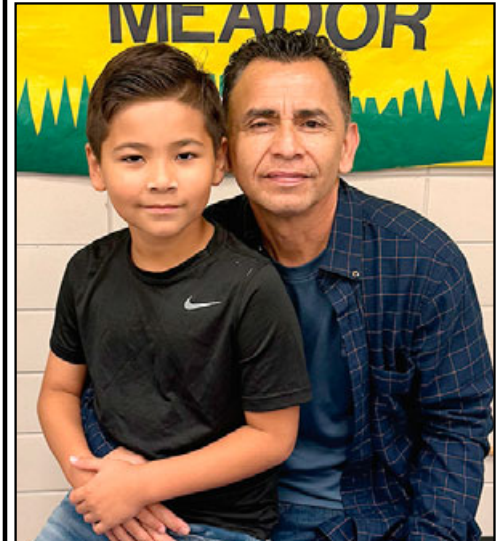
When Fox died sudden-

Meador celebrates Grandparents Day

Meador Elementary held their Grandparents Day celebrations on Sept. 9-13. Grandparents attended a shared breakfast and took photos with their grandchildren.



Ashlynn Meza (right) was visited by her grandmother, Odalis Erazo via FaceTime. Ashlynn's mother, Linda Espinoza-Erazo arranged the visit.



Daniel Busto (left) was joined by his grandfather, Adolfo Cortez.



Sharon Nance (left) celebrated with her grandson, Andrew Nance.

about the intricacies of biology, chemistry or astronomy, they could also find a support system that often bloomed into a friendship.

Fox attended high school at Father Flanagan's Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb. He excelled in all sports, especially football. He was named the team's most valuable player – and, as a senior, was selected Boys Town's Athlete of the Year. Years later, he joined the Army and served in Operation Desert Storm.

He later earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Houston and began a teaching career in the Pasadena ISD that covered 28 years.

His wife of 36 years, Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox, maintains her own record of service to her school and to the community. Campbell-Fox was inducted into the Dobie High School Alumni Hall of Honor (from the Class of 1976) in 2013.

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NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie football looks to extend winning streak over Mavs at homecoming

Dobie will look to highlight its annual homecoming celebration with a win on the football field as the Longhorns face the Memorial Mavericks in what promises to be a crucial head-to-head matchup within the framework of the 22-6A varsity football race.

The Longhorns have had a full week to prepare for the big game and will be looking to get even in the district race after a loss at Dawson in Week 1.

Meanwhile, Memorial must feel like a win is of paramount importance after the team has started 0-2 within the league.

Perhaps it's not time to panic, but with Shadow Creek, Dawson and Pearland already out to 2-0 starts within the district, staying within striking distance of the leaders is key. Dobie knows what it does well.

Senior running back Cameron Mathews has already rushed for more than 600 yards and nine touchdowns through the three games.

But with a minus 5 turnover ratio through the trio of games, the Longhorns know they need to

improve in that statistical category as the season moves on.

For the Mavericks, it may come down to making a big play or two at the end of games. After a blowout loss to Manvel in the district opener, the Mavericks went toe-to-toe with Dawson in Memorial High School's homecoming game Sept. 20 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, with Dawson emerging with a 48-45 victory.

Dobie has a string of six consecutive victories over the Mavericks in the head-to-head series, but this particular matchup for 2024 sets up to be one of the most competitive in recent seasons.

Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris said in some respects entering a bye week following a loss wasn't ideal, but the players were able to get a couple of days off the field, heal some bumps and bruises and get back to the basics of the game.

Whether a team is undefeated or trying to bounce back from consecutive losses, the goal is always the same. That includes, as simple as it sounds, being

better today than you were yesterday.

"These kids love football, they love their teammates and coaches and they love competing for and representing their school," Fitzmorris said. "This is still a very good football program and there is plenty of season remaining for us to reach our goals. It's a week by week thing."

"We turned the ball over nine times but still gave ourselves a chance against Dawson to win the football game in the final five minutes. Obviously, the turnovers have hurt us, but we also have to limit the explosive plays defensively."

"We still believe in our guys and believe in what we're doing out there. It's just a matter of executing on our end, tackling better in space and limiting those big plays. It all starts against Memorial, and despite their start, they can get some things done offensively."

The Mavericks, currently 2-2 overall along with an 0-2 start to District 22-6A play, lean on running back L.J. Delgado in the run game. Delgado through four games has rushed for 499 yards and seven touch-

downs, averaging just over 5.5 yards per tote.

Memorial has also benefited from the dual-threat capabilities of junior quarterback Logan Johnson, who has thrown for 709 yards and seven scores while adding 475 yards rushing and another three touchdowns.

Johnson's favorite targets have been his brother, sophomore Landon Johnson, and senior Jonathan Hernandez.

And while Dobie will aim to slow Delgado as well as the Johnson pair, the Mavericks' defense will no doubt look to contain the Longhorns' Mathews as much as possible.

With 632 yards rushing and nine touchdowns scored, Mathews is a threat to go the distance anytime he touches the football. Perhaps Memorial might be best served in controlling some of Dobie's other weapons throughout the night.

The game promises to be one of the most competitive between the two programs in recent years, and with as much as is on the line for both, it could go down to the final play.



Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris spent time at Pasadena Memorial as an assistant coach before being hired at Dobie. He'll now look to get a win in his first-ever homecoming game as the Longhorns and Mavericks go head-to-head Sept. 27 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Pasadena.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

Dobie hosts Pasadena Memorial
Sept. 27, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium

Pioneer cross-country wins at Covenant event

The Lutheran South Academy varsity girls' and boys' cross-country team claimed top team honors at the Covenant Christian Invitational Sept. 21, with Mia Fulton placing second overall in the girls' two-mile race in a time of 14:10.90.

Jayde Barefield was third for the Pioneers at 14:11.00, and Elisabeth Hergenrader fifth with her time of 14:40.60. Carys Rodriguez was seventh for LSA as she finished at 14:47.80, with Jemma Riekert 11th (15:07.00), Amy Campbell 12th (15:26.90) and Lanie Ward 14th (15:28.00).

The LSA boys also cruised to the team crown, with four of its qualifiers placing in the top seven spots of the 5,000-meter event.

Jeremy Gaitan was third overall as he clocked in at 17:43.80, one spot in front of his brother, Josh Gaitan (17:44.00), as the sophomores led the way for the locals. Nicholas Pena was sixth-best at 18:34.80, and the Pioneers' Theron Ayala was seventh in a time of 18:48.80.

In the junior varsity boys' two-mile division, LSA's Caleb Robert was fourth at 13:12.40, Brandt Smith's time of 13:46.40 was sixth and Nate Hergenrader earned seventh with a time of 13:52.60.

In the junior varsity girls' division, Madison Van Wie was fourth at 17:35.40 to lead the Pioneers at the two-mile division, with Jojo Miles fifth (17:45.00) and Madeleine Richards sixth (17:45.60).

Sahly Betancourt placed 10th in a time of 21:21.40.

Dobie cross-country shines at Stampede

Running on familiar turf, Dobie senior Lauren Garza was the gold medalist in the Longhorn Stampede cross-country invite Sept. 20 on the main campus as she finished at 19 minutes, 23.70 seconds.

The other top finisher for the Dobie varsity girls was Isaura Correa (20:22.47).

The Dobie varsity boys' team was fourth as a bunch. A time of 16:13.74 at the 5K distance placed Dobie senior Chris Lopez third overall, and freshman teammate Cruz Jasso timed in at 16:24.07 for fourth place.

Freshman Jordan Roman wound up 18th best at 17:10.31, and a time of 17:22.68 had Dobie junior Johan Villavicencio 24th overall.

The Longhorns' fifth official qualifier was Connor Torres at 18:35.38 for 54th place.

"We did well, finished fourth with some really good teams running," Dobie boys' coach Stephen Cross said.

"This late in the season, you're just hoping everyone is peaking at the right time and staying healthy. That will be key to a successful district run for us."



Dobie seniors Lauren Garza and Chris Lopez highlighted the locals' showing at the Longhorn Stampede cross-country Invitational, and freshman Cruz Jasso (above) continued his impressive debut season as he was fourth overall in the varsity boys' Division I event. With the 22-6A championships inching closer, Garza is intent on an eventual return to state, while the boys' squad is focused on a serious run at the 22-6A team crown.

Dobie team tennis hopes for strong finish as 22-6A slate narrows to three matches

Starting a final three-match streak against Sam Rayburn Sept. 24 after press time, Dobie tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. acknowledged that his team would need to run the table down the stretch to reach the postseason.

As unfamiliar as the position might have been for the Longhorns, Moreno said he was confident his crew could come through when it mattered most.

"We have just had a tough time closing out matches to this point in district play and really have put ourselves in this position," Moreno said. "A lot of times, we have played down to the level of the competition, and we can't do that."

"Dawson, Shadow Creek and Pearland are ahead of us in the standings and are likely to grab the top three playoff seeds. It's up to us to defeat Rayburn, Alvin and Manvel in these final three matches to be able to get to the playoffs."

An extremely tough nondistrict schedule combined with a vastly more

competitive field of programs within the 22-6A ranks have combined to allow Dobie just six overall wins this season.

At 2-3 with the losses to Dawson, Shadow Creek and Pearland, the Longhorns put themselves on a bumpy road, yet it is a road that can be navigated successfully with some key wins down the stretch.

"The kids are working hard and the effort is there," Moreno said. "It has really been our inability to close out some individual matches that either could have made a difference in an overall team tennis match or certainly made the score closer in the end."

"It's all about getting to 10 victories before the other team does, and we know we need to do a better job of finishing matches to get that done."

Dobie has not lost to another Pasadena ISD program in more than a decade, and Manvel at times has had trouble fielding a full team. Moreno also believes the Longhorns have what it takes to defeat Alvin, so finishing

with three wins to end district play and get to the postseason is certainly doable.

Moreno has praised the play of Chloe Estes at No. 3 on the girls' singles ladder, and added that Estes and doubles partner Dulce Mejia have done very well as the program's top girls' doubles duo.

On the boys' side of things, Jordan De Robles has given the Longhorns confidence in a victory throughout much of the season from the No. 6 singles slot.

Pioneers remain unbeaten

Lutheran South Academy remained undefeated through the first month of the varsity football season for the first time in nine years, building a 24-8 halftime lead over Anahuac, then holding on late for a 54-51 victory.

Lutheran South last started a season 4-0 in 2015, winning six overall games to open that campaign before finishing

10-2 overall. The Pioneers will travel to St. John's Sept. 27.

The Pioneers rushed for five touchdowns in the game and got another scoring throw from quarterback John LeBlanc. LSA's kicking game delivered 12 points overall, including a pair of field goals from kicker Rhet Lavergne.

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Area volleyball teams look to stay close within district races

A string of three consecutive losses in district play left the Dobie varsity volleyball team at 2-4 overall in league play

heading into a key matchup at Alvin Sept. 24 after press time.

Dobie dropped a straight-set decision at

South Houston Sept. 17, but then bounced back to defeat Sam Rayburn three days later to get the 2-4.

Dobie had matches

against Alvin and Manvel (Sept. 27) to close out the first half of district play before hosting Dawson Oct. 1 to begin the final

eight-match stretch of the regular season.

At Clear Brook, the Wolverines dropped matches against Clear Springs, Bra-

zoswood and Deer Park to begin 24-6A play and fell to 15-17 overall.

Lutheran South entered district play Sept. 24 at home against Emory Weiner with a 20-4 overall record, including four straight victories.

The Pioneers will play at Logos Prep Academy Sept. 26, then return home for a huge match against Fort Bend Christian Academy Oct. 1.



Dobie senior defensive specialist Miah Hypolite (20) reacts to field a serve during the Longhorns' loss to South Houston Sept. 17 at Trojan Gymnasium. At 1-4 in league play, Dobie is aiming to get on a winning streak to close the first half of league play.



Sophomore Alyssa Goree (15), hammering a serve against South Houston, has played well for a Dobie varsity volleyball team that has experienced a few hurdles in league play but is aiming to get things turned around match by match.

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Peewee Division

Team	W	L	T
Manvel Texans	6	0	0
Cowboys	5	0	0
Pear. Patriots	5	0	0
49ers	4	1	0
Pear. Texans	4	2	0
Red Raiders	3	2	0
S.E. Wildcats	3	2	0
Stingrays	3	2	0
Ang. Wildcats	3	3	0
S.E. Wildcats	3	2	0
Stingrays	3	2	0
Gators	2	2	0
Panthers	2	4	0
Eagles	2	4	0
La Porte Texans	1	4	0
Longhorns	1	5	0
Raiders	0	5	0
Sharks	0	6	0

Freshman Division

Team	W	L	T
49ers	5	0	0
Panthers	5	0	0
Pear. Patriots	5	0	0
Manvel Texans	5	1	0
Cowboys	4	1	0
Buccaneers	4	1	0
Red Raiders	3	2	0
S.E. Wildcats	2	3	0
Gators	2	3	0
Eagles	2	4	0
Sharks	2	4	0
Pear. Texans	2	4	0
Stingrays	1	4	0
Raiders	1	4	0
Longhorns	1	5	0
Ang. Wildcats	1	5	0
La Porte Texans	0	5	0

Sophomore Division

Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	5	0	0
La Porte Texans	5	0	0
Angleton	5	1	0
Cowboys	4	1	0
S.E. Wildcats	4	1	0
Pear. Patriots	4	1	0
49ers	3	2	0
Red Raiders	3	2	0
Gators	1	2	0
Longhorns	2	4	0
Pear. Texans	2	4	0
Panthers	2	4	0
Raiders	1	4	0
Stingrays	1	4	0
Eagles	0	6	0
Sharks	0	6	0

Junior Division

Team	W	L	T
Pear. Texans	5	1	0
Angleton	5	1	0
Buccaneers	4	1	0
S.E. Wildcats	4	1	0
Red Raiders	4	1	0
Pear. Patriots	4	1	0
Eagles	4	2	0
La Porte Texans	2	3	0
Gators	2	2	0
Manvel Texans	2	3	0
49ers	4	1	0
Raiders	2	3	0
Cowboys	1	4	0
Sharks	1	5	0
Stingrays	0	4	0
Panthers	0	5	0
Longhorns	0	6	0

Senior Division

Team	W	L	T
Red Raiders	5	0	0
Stingrays	4	0	0
Sharks	5	1	0
Cowboys	4	1	0
Manvel Texans	4	1	0
49ers	4	1	0
Pear. Texans	4	2	0
Longhorns	3	3	0
Gators	2	2	0
Eagles	2	4	0
La Porte Texans	1	4	0
Panthers	3	2	0
Buccaneers	1	4	0
Pear. Patriots	0	5	0
S.E. Wildcats	0	5	0
Raiders	0	5	0

BAFL Week 7
Sat., Sept. 28
Cowboys' Peewee at Hitchcock, 8 a.m.

Cowboys' Freshmen at Hitchcock, 9 a.m.

Cowboys' Sophomores at Hitchcock, 11 a.m.

Cowboys' Juniors at Hitchcock, 1 p.m.

Cowboys' Seniors at Hitchcock, 3 p.m.

Cowboys' Summary

Cowboys' Peewee 5-0, second place

Cowboys' freshmen 4-1, tied for fifth

Cowboys' sophs 4-1, tied for fourth

Cowboys' juniors 1-4, 13th place

Cowboys' seniors 4-1, tied for third

South Belt football predictions

	John Bechtle	Emory Gadd	Troy Leland	Stephen Sutton	Debbie Vaughn
Pasadena Memorial vs. Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Memorial
C.E. King at Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Clear Creek at Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
Clear Brook at Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
South Houston at Alvin	Alvin	South Houston	Alvin	Alvin	South Houston
Shadow Creek at Dawson	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Pearland at Manvel	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
La Porte at Friendswood	La Porte	La Porte	Friendswood	La Porte	La Porte
Galveston Ball at Baytown Sterling	Ball	Ball	Ball	Ball	Ball
Lutheran South at St John's	LSA	St. John's	St. John's	LSA	St. John's
Last Week's Results	8-2	9-1	7-3	10-0	8-2
Season record	27-13	27-13	30-10	29-11	32-8

Dickinson, Deer Park score big wins in 24-6A

Defending 24-6A champion Dickinson and league newcomer Deer Park were among the big winners as the realigned District 24-6A varsity football race began a seven-week run to the playoffs.

Elsewhere in Week 1 action, Clear Springs easily got past Clear Brook by a 43-13 count, with Clear Lake building a 38-14 halftime lead against Brazoswood before cruising to a 54-14 victory.

At least for one week of play, things went relatively as expected, as Clear Creek, the Wolverines and Buccaneers figured to have to pull an upset here or there to find themselves in contention for the post-season come November.

Dickinson, which went against three bonafide playoff contenders while escaping the nondistrict portion of the schedule at 1-2, had little trouble with the Wildcats on opening night at Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City.

Clear Creek actually fashioned an 11-play, 80-yard drive to take a quick 7-0 lead before the Gators responded with six consecutive touchdown drives.

In the end, Dickinson cruised to a 56-13 win over the Wildcats while looking very much in control of its own destiny in the 24-6A ranks.

After the Wildcats' score, Ja'Marion Payne of Dickinson took in a short pass and dashed down the sideline for 66 yards and a score that tied things at 7-7.

The Gators pushed the lead to 21-7 as first Malachi Gamble had a 55-yard touchdown run, and quarterback Joshua Arthur hooked up with Jeremiah Scoby for 37 yards and another touchdown.

Clear Creek had a chance to tighten the game but fumbled at the Gator 2-yard line.

Dickinson then marched down the field and got a 27-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre to Payne.

Leading by three touchdowns at halftime, Dickinson continued with the big scoring plays in the second half.

Arthur found receiver Mason Peterson for 41 yards and a touchdown, Marzellus Hunter returned a Clear Creek punt 64 yards for a score and Jaeden Bowie dashed 71 yards to the end zone as Dickinson pulled away.

Off and running with a big night against the Wildcats, Dickinson will look to keep things going Sept. 27 against Clear Brook at Sam Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson.

Clear Brook, now 1-3 overall this season following its 43-13 loss to Clear Springs in Week 1, will look to get even in league play despite what promises to be a tall task against the Gators.

In that Clear Springs/Clear Brook opener, the Chargers looked very much the part of a post-season contender in getting the easy win over the Wolverines.

Corey Hosea of Clear Springs rushed for three touchdowns, including 3, 24 and 7 yards.

The Chargers' Daran Bolden rushed for 112 yards and a touchdown, and teammate Adam Hawkins piled up 96 yards on the ground. Bolden's touchdown run covered 74 yards.

Clear Brook's Mossimo Alvarez had an 89-yard kickoff-return touchdown

to highlight the scoring for the Wolverines.

Clear Springs won for the third time in four overall games to start the season and, most importantly, will have plenty of momentum going into a matchup against Clear Lake Sept. 27 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

Clear Lake quarterback Penny Robinson will go into the matchup against Clear Springs with plenty of his own confidence after torching Brazoswood for 234 yards passing and three touchdowns.

The Falcons' Calab Benjamin rushed for 153 yards against the Bucs, and receiver Talandis Cotton had four grabs for 136 yards.

Deer Park announced its arrival in the 24-6A ranks with a wild, back-and-forth 36-34 victory over Clear Falls Sept. 19 as league play opened at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

Clear Falls actually led 16-7 at one point, but the Deer later put together 22 unanswered points and held off a late charge by the Knights to take the win.

The first-ever matchup between Deer Park and Clear Falls held the potential of being the most competitive game of the weekend, and it certainly was.

Clear Falls had little trouble scoring points, but then again fell short of the end zone on a couple of critical possessions and committed several defensive penalties that allowed Deer Park drives to continue.

Knights' quarterback Jacob Champagne was 15 of 30 through the air for 285 yards, and Zach Greer caught six passes for 143 yards.

Deer Park will host

Clear Creek Sept. 27 at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park.

The Knights, now 2-2 overall and heading to Brazoswood to take on the Bucs Sept. 27 at Hopper Field in Lake Jackson, held the lead in the second half before the Deer eventually scored 22 unanswered points at one point.

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Shadow Creek, Pearland and Dawson go to 2-0

Shadow Creek, Dawson and Pearland stayed undefeated through the first two weeks of 22-6A varsity football action with impressive victories.

Dawson overcame a 31-27 halftime deficit to Memorial, ruining the Mavericks' homecoming outing with a 48-45 victory in Week 2 action at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The Eagles wound up with 582 yards of total offense while the Mavericks ended up with 553 total yards despite the loss.

Shadow Creek quarterback Joseph Stewart Jr. threw for four touchdowns to help lead the Sharks to a dominant 43-20 victory over Manvel in Week 2 play.

The Sharks, now 3-1 overall and unbeaten at 2-0 in 22-6A play, led 28-0 at halftime and 43-6 through three quarters. Manvel, an easy winner over Memorial to open league play, fell to 1-1 early on in league play.

Stewart, who has fit in nicely with the Sharks after transferring following last season from Fort Bend Hightower, completed 12 of 17 passes for 296 yards. Chris Stewart had five catches for 132 yards and two scores, while Jacorey Watson added three catches for 60 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Manvel quarterback Cam Renfro completed 24 of 32 passes for 207 yards and a pair of scores, but three overall turnovers and eight penalties frequently stalled potential scoring drives for the Mavericks.

Shadow Creek will head to The Nest to take on Dawson Sept. 27 as a pair of 2-0 squads meet to stay unbeaten in the 22-6A mix.

Pearland just may find things a little more challenging in the third week of league play as they travel to Manvel to take on the Mavericks Sept. 27 at Manvel High School.

The Oilers, now 3-1 overall in 2024, opened its

run through 22-6A with consecutive 59-0 wins over Sam Rayburn and Alvin.

Through the first four weeks of the season, Pearland junior quarterback Jake Westmoreland has passed for 312 yards and four touchdowns, senior running back Tate Chisholm has rushed for 255 yards and four touchdowns, while senior backfield mate Cam Bush has rushed for 176 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Junior receiver Jordan Hernandez has 15 catches for 240 yards and four touchdowns. What a week it was in the District 22-6A ranks.

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Clear Brook receiver Jayden Price (4) and Eli'Jah Rubins (3) have been solid contributors on offense for a Wolverine varsity football team that will head into Dickinson Sept. 27 looking to slow down the defending league champions. Price, a senior, has caught 10 balls for 172 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while the sophomore Rubins has 33 carries for 132 yards and a score through four games.



Senior Cameron Mathews of Dobie has been nothing short of spectacular through his team's first four games, as he has rushed for 632 yards and nine touchdowns. He has easily been the district's top performer at running back and will look to give the Longhorns a big lift as they go against Pasadena Memorial Sept. 27 at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Pasadena. The Longhorns are working on a string of six consecutive victories over the Mavericks to this point.
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7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. **NA - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services or Judaism classes, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
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.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
Noon **AA - Imperfect Nooners**. 1:30 - 3 p.m. 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.
Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - 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 (not dance lessons). Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets 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. **AA - St. Luke's 12 Step Recovery** open meeting in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
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7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. **NA - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
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Pioneers remain unbeaten

Continued from page 5 Hank Hughes had two sacks on the defensive side for the Pioneers, and Griffin and Bradford also had sacks. Roberson, Noah Harris and David Streeter had interceptions in the victory for Lutheran South.

JFD baseball hosts golf

The Dobie Diamond Club, the official booster club of the Dobie baseball program, has finalized plans for the Longhorns' annual fundraising golf tournament. The 2024 event is set to be held at the Pasadena Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, Nov. 16. Foursome teams are encouraged to enter at \$500 per team, while individual player registration will also be accepted at \$125 per player.

Tent sponsorships are available for \$250 each, and hole sponsors are \$125 each. Registration includes a light breakfast as well as lunch. Check-in is at 7 a.m., and the tournament will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Proceeds from the event will be utilized to cover a variety of costs associated within the baseball program throughout the school year. For more information, direct email to jfdobiediamondclub@gmail.com.

Dobie baseball plans bingo

The Dobie baseball program's Dobie Diamond Club will present a Bingo Night Saturday, Oct. 5, as the evening will feature plenty of games, fun, food and prizes. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the bingo will begin at 7 p.m. Players within the Longhorn baseball program are selling tickets, so those interested in attending are encouraged to make contact with a player.

The event will be held in the cafeteria at the Dobie main campus. For additional information, or to secure tickets at \$25 each for the evening's 10 games of bingo, direct email to jfdobiediamondclub@gmail.com.



Dobie guard Audrey Volper (1) will begin her third varsity season with the Longhorns as preseason girls' basketball workouts may begin across the state as of Oct. 16. Dobie also has a new head coach as Rachel Flores takes over.

High school girls' basketball will start statewide Oct. 16

October 16 represents the first day of high school girls' basketball practices in the state of Texas, and there will be a couple of interesting storylines to follow coming out of the Clear Brook and Dobie programs as the calendar continues to move toward opening tipoff, which comes Nov. 1.

At Brook, the Wolverines figure to get the band back together as former district Most Valuable Player Rezia Castillo returns from missing her entire junior season.

She will be joined by seniors Kamryn McLaurin, Chardell Terrell, Katelin Seymour, and Junior Morgan Williams to provide plenty of talent and play-making ability to the lineup. Clear Brook won the district title two years in a row prior to last season as Dickinson marched in and grabbed the crown at 12-0.

Going up against what was one of the area's toughest all-around schedules, the Wolverines ultimately finished 15-17 overall, including an 8-4 run through the 24-6A ranks. Dickinson went undefeated to win the district title and figures to once again be one of the front-runners this season.

Also of note, Warren Brooks, who formerly led the Clear Brook program, is entering his third season at Deer Park, having led his program to league titles in each of the past two seasons. The big news at Dobie to start the school year was the arrival of first-year girls' head basketball coach Rachel Flores.

As the Longhorns prepare to embark on a 2024-2025 season that very well could bring about one of the most competitive districts in the area, Flores has had her team hard at work in preparation. Pearlard is the top newcomer in the 22-6A ranks, having reached the regional final a season ago. Dawson and Shadow Creek are also extremely competitive from season-to-season.

While Pearlard, Dawson and Shadow Creek figure to bring plenty of competition to the court as newcomers in the 22-6A mix, Manvel is making the jump to class 6A following a 31-7 overall season in which the Mavericks reached the 5A regional quarterfinals before losing to Barbers Hill.

JFD grads part of UNLV football's success



Johnathan (above) and Jalen Baldwin (right), both Dobie graduates who contributed quite a bit to the success of the Longhorns' varsity football program during their respective careers, are having a ton of fun as members of the Nevada-Las Vegas Rebels football team. At 3-0 to open the 2024 season, the Rebels are ranked nationally for the first time in program history, entering the USA Today poll at No. 25. The last time the Rebels began a season at 3-0 was 1984 as a member of the Pacific Coast Athletic Association. UNLV has previously received individual votes in national polls but has never reached a top 25 ranking previous to now. Johnathan Baldwin, who was the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player in 2020 while leading Dobie to the league championship, is in his senior season with the Rebels at safety. During the Rebels' hot start, Johnathan Baldwin ranked second on the team in total tackles with 15 and had an interception return for 15 yards. Jalen Baldwin is a freshman defensive back at UNLV but has not logged any stats early on. He is a class of 2023 Dobie graduate.

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Dobie grad Brooks to transfer

At right, Dobie graduate Jason Brooks Jr. announced via social media Sept. 17 that he will enter the NCAA transfer portal Oct. 1 and be eligible for the 2025 season as a graduate transfer. A stand-out interior offensive lineman, Brooks spent the previous two-plus seasons at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. With a single season of eligibility remaining, Brooks presents possible suitors with a plug-and-play option up front. Brooks was a three-time All-District lineman with the Longhorns during a three-year varsity career and was a key member of the 2020 district championship club.



Former JFD players reunite at Lee

At right, Haley Precella and Naima LeBlanc, both Class of 2024 Dobie High School graduates and solid contributors to a Longhorns team that won 32 overall matches a season ago, took to the court as opponents Sept. 17 in Baytown as Precella's Panola Ponies defeated Lee College in four sets. Precella (right) played in two of the sets and had two kills to go with two digs. As for LeBlanc (left) with Lee College, she had seven kills and eight digs while playing in three total sets. Panola, 5-12 overall, and Lee College, 6-11 overall, compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 14 ranks.



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