

Leader seeks submissions

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

Kirkmont I to meet Sept. 10

Kirkmont I HOA will hold its board meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will serve as guest speaker. All Kirkmont I homeowners and residents are encouraged to attend.

Dobie to hold open house

Dobie High School (main campus) will hold its open house Monday, Sept. 15, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The event will provide parents an opportunity to meet teachers and support school organizations by purchasing spirit gear. The open house will also feature light performances from band and orchestra students. A food truck will be on site for refreshments.

HPD's PIP set for Sept. 15

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway Classroom No. 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.

Sageglen to meet Sept. 15

Sageglen Community Association will hold a homeowner meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork. Light refreshments will be served. All Sageglen residents are encouraged to attend. For additional information, call 281-481-2160.

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.

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 Sagmont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Sept. 13, 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

One outside lane of the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Beamer to Hughes Road/Sabo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays through Wednesday, Sept. 3.

One outside lane of the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Fairmont Parkway to Red Bluff in Pasadena continuously through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

One inside lane of the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Greenshadow to Red Bluff in Pasadena continuously through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

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

Hughes/Sabo closures set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo Road will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice. Westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads may also be intermittently closed at Hughes/Sabo until further notice.

Golfcrest to host Aramco Houston Championship

International women's golf tournament to feature fun for entire family

The South Belt community is about to take center stage in the world of women's golf as the prestigious Aramco Houston Championship tees off at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland, from September 5-7.

This marks the first time the PIF Global Series – a groundbreaking initiative on the Ladies European Tour (LET) – lands in Texas, and it's the first time Golfcrest has hosted such an international event.

"Hosting the Aramco Houston Championship is a landmark moment for Golfcrest Country

Club," Golfcrest General Manager Rene Rangel said, noting the course was built to challenge elite players.

Golfcrest's challenging layout, fast greens and natural water features will provide a true test for these world-class athletes.

To be broadcast live on the Golf Channel, the tournament will feature 104 elite professionals competing in 26 teams of four over the first two days, with the individual title decided on Sunday. Expect to see big names like Alison Lee, Carlota Ciganda and Patty Tavatanakit battling it

out for a share of the \$2 million prize purse.

Beyond the fairways: family fun

This isn't just a golf tournament, according to organizers; it's a community celebration with fun activities planned for the whole family.

The event will feature family friendly entertainment throughout the weekend, including the following attractions:

- Live music performances.
- Food and drink vendors offering local favorites.
- Games and interactive fan-zone activities.

The tournament is open to the public. One does not have to be a member of the country club to attend.

Tickets are \$15 Friday, \$20 Saturday, \$20 Sunday or a three-day pass for \$50. Children ages 16 and under attend free all weekend. To purchase tickets, visit www.tixr.com/groups/aramco-houston/events.

For additional information about the Aramco Houston Championship golf tournament, go to the Visit Pearland event page at visitpearland.com/aramcohoustonchampionship.

Apollo 13 astronaut visits PISD



A group of Pasadena ISD staff members recently had the honor of hearing from former astronaut Fred Haise (right), Apollo 13 lunar module pilot and a part of one of NASA's most historic missions. Haise is shown above at the function with Pasadena ISD Director of Communications Art Del Barrio, who moderated the event.

Photo submitted

Officials promote suicide awareness

September marks National Suicide Prevention Month

As September marks National Suicide Prevention Month, Houston joins communities across the country in raising awareness, promoting mental health resources and honoring lives lost to suicide.

With suicide remaining one of the leading causes of death in the United States, local organizations are stepping up efforts to support those in crisis and prevent future tragedies.

Nationally, more than 49,000 Americans died by suicide in 2023, according to the CDC – averaging one death every 11 minutes. In Texas, the suicide rate stood at 14.4 per 100,000 residents, with more than 4,300 deaths statewide. Locally, the Harris Center for Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) reports that teens and young adults in Houston die by suicide at the highest rates compared to other age groups.

Community events

This year, the Houston Area Suicide Prevention Coalition (HASPC) is hosting a series of events aimed at education, healing and connection. Planned 2025 events include the following:

- **Applied suicide intervention skills training:** Sept. 4-5, at the Council on Recovery, 303 Jackson Hill St. This event is a two-day workshop for community members and professionals. Registration is required.
- **Unite the Fight Festival:** Sept. 13, at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway in Pearland. This festival is a free, family-friendly event featuring mental wellness resources, enter-

tainment and interactive experiences.

- **Storytelling workshop:** Sept. 20, at Hope Barn, 25610 McDonald Road in the Woodlands. This is a safe space for individuals to share personal experiences with suicide and mental health.
- **Morning Matters Series: Preventing Suicides Together** is quarterly sessions that foster collaboration among professionals and community members.

Veterans

Veterans continue to be disproportionately affected. The VA's 2024 report estimates 17.6 veteran suicides per day, though independent studies suggest the number may be closer to 44 daily deaths, including overdoses and self-injury mortality.

In response, federal and local agencies have renewed their commitment to veteran-focused mental health initiatives.

The Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program has been expanded through the HOPE for Heroes Act, allowing the VA to better collaborate with community organizations and improve outreach.

"Meeting veterans where they are... allows more veterans to access resources to help them through a mental health crisis," said Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), who chairs the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Local support

The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD leads the charge locally, offering a 24-hour Men-

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Tensions rise in county's Democratic leadership

Commissioner Garcia publicly challenges Hidalgo's recent budget proposal

A political rift has deepened within Harris County's Democratic leadership as Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia publicly challenges County Judge Lina Hidalgo over proposed budget cuts that he claims would devastate essential services in his precinct.

At the heart of the dispute is a projected budget deficit – estimated between \$209 million and \$270 million – that has prompted Hidalgo to call for significant reductions in precinct-level spending.

Hidalgo addressed the matter at a recent press conference following Commissioners Court.

"What are you willing to sacrifice from your \$90.3 million budget per precinct to cover the \$200 million deficit?" Hidalgo hypothetically asked of commissioners. "Unless my colleagues can make money grow on trees, yes, there will be cuts to basic services. Let's not pretend otherwise."

Garcia, however, has pushed back, holding his own press conference, along with Precinct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones, another fellow Democrat. The pair stressed that cost-saving measures can be taken without sacrificing local services.

"We're looking at everything," said Garcia. "Looking at it doesn't mean it's going to get cut. We're going to make smart, strategic decisions."

This point was re-enforced by Briones.

"Because we're rolling up our sleeves and doing the hard work, we have identified key areas where we can continue delivering priority core county services but doing it more effectively and efficiently."

Garcia said such cost-cutting steps might include shifting clinical service expenses to state revenue funds and investing in infrastructure upgrades to avoid costly contracts.

According to Garcia, Hidalgo's budget pro-

posal would eliminate funding for the following services:

- Repairing and maintaining roads.
- Flood prevention through ditch maintenance.
- Operation and maintenance of parks, trails and playgrounds.
- Keeping community centers open.
- Providing summer camps for children.

The commissioner said county libraries and health clinics are also at risk of losing funding.

Garcia has taken to social media to voice his concerns.

"The county judge proposes making cuts to core county services that Precinct 2 provides you," a recent post on the commissioner's Facebook page read. "However, no cuts and no new taxes are needed to maintain core county services. For months, Commissioner Garcia has worked with county departments to find opportu-

nities to balance the budget and increase efficiency without sacrificing the services Harris County residents depend on to stay safe and thrive. Act now to save our parks, community centers, roads and ditches. The county judge's proposal would shut down the Precinct 2 services and facilities you rely on."

Garcia also recently criticized Hidalgo's handling of Commissioners Court decorum, following a chaotic meeting last month where Hidalgo was censured by a 3-1 vote. Garcia joined Briones and Republican Commissioner Tom Ramsey in supporting the censure, citing "disruptive and disrespectful" behavior.

"It's truly disheartening to observe Judge Hidalgo engaging in such disruptive behavior once more," Garcia said following the incident. "We must hold ourselves to the highest standards. It was particularly offensive to witness her trying

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Trump endorses Paul for Senate

Campaign kickoff BBQ to feature Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick

In a major boost to his newly launched campaign for Texas Senate District 11, longtime State Rep. Dennis Paul has received the endorsement of President Donald Trump.

The announcement came just weeks after Paul formally declared his candidacy for the seat being vacated by Sen. Mayes Middleton, who is running for Texas attorney general in 2026.

Paul, a Republican who has represented House District 129 since 2015, is now aiming to bring his decade of legislative experience to the upper chamber. In addition to covering much of the South Belt community, Paul's district includes Seabrook, Webster and parts of Friendswood and League City.

"This endorsement from President Trump is a tremendous honor," Paul said in a statement. "I've always stood for conservative values, and I'm proud to have the support of a leader who shares those principles."

Trump's endorsement follows a high-profile nod from Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who praised Paul's "laser focus on serving the people of his district" and called him "a tremendous asset to the Texas Senate."

Republican domino effect

Paul's Senate bid is part of a broader political reshuffling among Texas Republicans. Middleton, who currently holds the District 11 seat, announced his campaign for attorney general earlier this year. That race opened up after current

Attorney General Ken Paxton declared his intention to challenge U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the 2026 Republican primary.

Middleton's departure has triggered a cascade of candidacies, with several prominent Republicans vying for statewide office and others stepping up to fill the vacancies left behind.

Who's running against Paul?

While Paul has quickly consolidated support among top GOP figures, Democrats are also eyeing the seat. Former Galveston County Judge Susan Criss and retired educator Margarita Ruiz Johnson have both launched campaigns to represent Senate District 11. Criss, a former prosecutor and district judge, is emphasizing coastal protection and criminal justice reform, while Johnson is focusing on education, veterans' benefits and health care access.

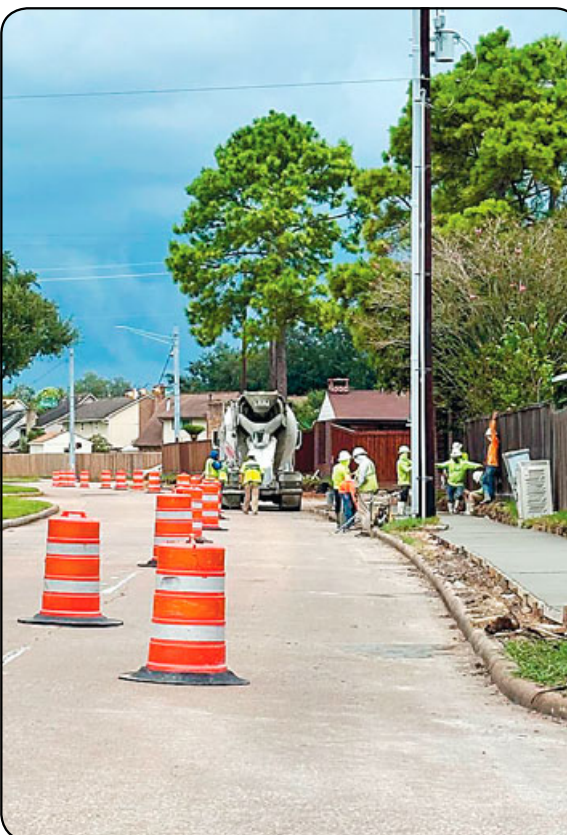
Who's running to replace Paul?

With Paul vacating his House seat, the race for District 129 is heating up. Republican Scott Bowen, a former Clear Creek ISD school board member, has announced his candidacy and already secured endorsements from Sen. Middleton, Reps. Briscoe Cain and Cody Vasut, and a majority of local precinct chairs.

Democrat Doug Peterson, who ran against Paul in 2024, is also expected to enter the race again. Peterson, a retired NASA official and environmental advocate, previously campaigned

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Blackhawk sidewalk construction continues



Work continues on the Harris County Precinct 2 project to make street and sidewalk improvements on Blackhawk between Scarsdale and Beltway 8. According to officials, all defective concrete street panels will be replaced along the area thoroughfare, and all sidewalks will be widened from 4 to 6 feet. (Some areas currently without a sidewalk will now have a 6-foot sidewalk installed.) The \$2.7 million project is expected to cause intermittent road closures. Drivers are urged to use caution. Construction is expected to be complete in the coming weeks.

Photo by James Bolen

Horner visits grandmother at hospital



Doctors, hospital staff, patients and their visitors enjoyed several special musical performances from the grandson of local residents Jacquelyn and Louie Wiess of the South Belt area. Jence Benjamin Wiess Horner was visiting from Southern Pines, N.C. to celebrate his 11th birthday when his grandmother Jacquelyn became hospitalized at Houston Methodist Hospital. By day, Jence would tour the local area museums such as the Museum of Fine Arts, the Houston Museum of Natural Science and the De Backey Library and Museum. A night, Jence would wait in the main lobby of Houston Methodist Hospital to visit with his grandmother. While there, Jence would play the lobby's grand piano with his proud grandmother by his side. These nightly performances drew the attention of many, who would stop to photograph, video or simply applaud and congratulate Jence on his performance and talent. Some of the hospital physicians even joined him at the piano and provided their own thoughts on their musical studies, adding that the physicality of the piano strengthened their later surgical hand skills. Jence's memorized playlist included examples of classical, blues, ragtime and salsa, along with his own variation on Pachelbel's Canon. When asked about his training, he praised his grandmother for her inspiration and love of music over the years. He also complimented his piano teacher, Deanna Duby of North Carolina, who began his formal training at age five. Asked about his future dreams, Jence stated that he would like to attend MIT and become an engineer, as that is his first love. He also considers becoming an infectious disease specialist and, of course, a concert pianist – "because you know I can do it all!"

Walgreens hosts vaccination clinic at BHI

Walgreens Pharmacy staff will be hosting a vaccination clinic at Beverly Hills Intermediate on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. administering free flu shots to anyone interested, including those who are uninsured.

Master Gardeners set September meetings

The following meetings have been set for September by Master Gardeners: Powerful Perennials by Harris County Master Gardeners on Monday, Sept. 8, 10 – 11:30 a.m. "Plant once, enjoy for years" garden stalwarts provide beauty, pollinator value and easy care. Free virtual lecture hosted by Houston Community College. Register in advance to receive link: hcc.idloom.events/gardening-series/register. Genoa Friendship Garden - Open Garden Day on Monday, Sept. 15, 8:30 – 11 a.m. Free tour of Genoa Friendship Gardens, 1210 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Tour a variety of planting exhibits, meet, and talk with Harris County Master Gardeners. txmg.org/hcmga. Powerful Perennials by Harris County Master Gardeners on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 11 a.m. – noon. "Plant once, enjoy for years" garden stalwarts provide beauty, pollinator value, and easy care. Free virtual lecture hosted by Harris County Public Library via Facebook live. No reservation required: facebook.com/harriscountypyl/events.

Suicide-awareness events planned

Continued from Page 1 tal Health Crisis Line at 713-970-7000 and deploying Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams to assist individuals in urgent need. Other key resources include the following: – **Crisis Intervention of Houston/Harris County** **Hotline:** 832-416-1177. – **LGBT Switchboard Houston:** 713-529-3211. – **Texas Youth Helpline:** 855-311-1790. – **Veteran Suicide Prevention Office (VA Hous-**

ton): call 713-794-7002 or visit HOUSPC@va.gov. – **National Lifeline:** Call or text 988, or chat at 988lifeline.org. – For Spanish speakers, support is available at 1-888-628-9454.

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. 4, 3 – 4 p.m. Open lab computer help. Registration required. Thursday, Sept. 4, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Weekly English language classes. Registration required. Monday, Sept. 8, 10:15 a.m. – 10:45. Toddler playtime. Registration required. Monday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m. – noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required. Tuesday, Sept. 9, 4 – 5 p.m. Board games at the library. Registration required. Tuesday, Sept. 9, 4 – 5 p.m. Get creative at Craft Lab. Registration required. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 6 – 7 p.m. Pajama storytime. 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, Sept. 4, 10:15 a.m. – 10:45. Toddler time. Friday, Sept. 5, 1 – 3 p.m. Genealogy. Saturday, Sept. 6, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi. Saturday, Sept. 6, 10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Vietnamese classes: topic conversation. Registration required. Monday, Sept. 8, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required. Monday, Sept. 8, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Laser cutter craft: custom earrings. Registration required.

Monday, Sept. 8, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi. Tuesday, Sept. 9, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 10 – 11 a.m. Senior coloring club. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Apple paper craft.

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, 10 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.

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David Flickinger, owner

274 DUI arrests made over holiday

Harris County area law-enforcement agencies arrested 274 motorists for driving under the influence during the Labor Day weekend, according to preliminary results.

"We are grateful that no one was killed by a drunk driver and all law-enforcement officers made it safely back to their families," said Harris County Precinct 1 Constable Alan Rosen. "Harris County remains ground zero for drunk driving in Texas and we must continue to do more to change

that." The arrests came as part of a special initiative to crack down on impaired driving during what is traditionally one of the most dangerous weekends of the year. Rosen's office hosted many of the county's law enforcement agencies this weekend as part of a "No Refusal" effort to keep the community safe. That included a "one-stop shop" at the Harris County Courthouse Annex on North Shepherd to offer all agencies an additional way to expedite

the processing of motorists who were arrested. Other local law enforcement agencies assisting Precinct 1 in the recent effort included Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, Precinct 2 constable's office, Precinct 3 constable's office, Precinct 4 constable's office, Precinct 5 constable's office, Precinct 6 constable's office, Precinct 7 constable's office, Precinct 8 constable's office and METRO Police Department.

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on flood mitigation, reproductive rights and green infrastructure.

Campaign kickoff: Barbecue with Dan Patrick

Paul will officially kick off his Senate campaign with his annual barbecue fundraiser, featuring Patrick as a

special guest. The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, at Walter Hall Park, 807 SH 3 N in League City.

The event promises food, fellowship and a chance to hear directly from Paul and Patrick about their vision for Texas.

Tickets are \$50 (\$30 for Republican activists), and sponsorship opportunities are available, ranging from \$250 to \$20,000.

For additional information, to purchase tickets, or to become a sponsor, visit www.dennispaul.com/bbq-fund-raiser.

SJC presents "Be Kind, Rewind"

A nostalgic journey through 70s, 80s and 90s culture

The San Jacinto College South Campus Gallery is proud to present "Be Kind, Rewind," a vibrant and playful exhibition created in collaboration with Matt and Sara Broussard of the Houston Toy Museum. This exhibition invites visitors to step back into the world of childhood nostalgia, celebrating the toys, games, and pop culture of the 1970s, 80s and 90s.

From Barbie, G.I. Joe, and Tonka trucks to Dungeons & Dragons and Atari, "Be Kind, Rewind" showcases the icons that shaped generations. Alongside these artifacts, the exhibition features interactive video game stations, a VHS movie library, and immersive spaces where visitors can relive their mem-

ories and "choose their own adventure."

"This exhibition is all about play, memory and community," says Gallery Director Bradly Brown. "We wanted to create a space where people can not only view these nostalgic objects but also interact with them in ways that encourage social connection and shared experiences."

Exhibition is now open and continue through Nov. 6. Admission is free and open to the public.

Exhibition Schedule

Opening Reception – Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2–5 p.m.

Weekend Reception – Saturday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

PISD fine arts sets dates

Pasadena ISD has announced dates for its September and October fine arts performances.

Choir region preview concert – Monday, Sept.15, 7 – 8 p.m., at Dobie High School main campus auditorium.

Fall choir concert – Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6 – 7 p.m., at Fred Roberts Middle School cafeteria.

Third-grade Patriotic show -salute to America – Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6 – 7 p.m., at Moore Elementary cafeteria.

High school bands UIL 6A marching contest – Saturday, Oct. 25, 8 a.m. – noon, at Alvin ISD Freedom Field.

CCART meets Sept. 9

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 9. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway, in Seabrook. The program will be presented by area wood artist and photographer, Julie Laverell. There will also be flu shots available.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee and will be followed with a salad luncheon. Members are asked to bring a salad, sandwiches or dessert. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Texas-retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$50.

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Death

Bart McHenry



Bart McHenry, left this world on Aug. 18, 2025. From the moment they were born, Bart and his twin brother, Bar-

ry, shared not only a birthday but a lifelong bond. They were constant companions throughout their lives.

Bart also shared a special bond with his older sister, Sheron McHenry. Together, they made up a family that faced both joys and hardships, and the loss of their parents, Nick B. McHenry Jr. and Dorothy M. McHenry. Bart carried their love forward in the way he cared for those around him.

Bart is also survived by his brothers Barry McHenry and Nick B. McHenry III and many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Carolyn Ford.

Bart will be remembered

for his kindness, his honesty and the way he could light up any room. His absence leaves a space that words cannot fill, but his love and the memories shared will always remain with his loved ones.

A celebration of life to honor Bart's homecoming was held on Sept. 3 at Paint's Underground Pizza in Victoria.

Leader obituary policy

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

AARP Webster to meet

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 invites one to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook 77586. They meet in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway. One is invited to come to meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies, and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month there is entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors, followed by a social activity.

The program will be presented by Deann Luprete, licensed insurance broker, who will discuss and highlight details about Medicare and other valuable important senior information. The Sept. 11 social activity will be lunch from Raising Cane's. They are offering one a lunch of three chicken fingers, Cane's sauce, Texas toast, chips, drink and dessert. The cost is \$8. If one wasn't able to sign up at the Aug. 14 meeting, one can sign up before the Sept. 11 meeting which begins at 10 a.m.

AARP Chapter also organizes day trips for AARP Chapter 199 members by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next bus trip will be on Friday, Sept. 26, to The Railroad Museum in Galveston and will include a sack lunch from Rail Yard. Members may register and pay for this trip at the Sept. 11 monthly meeting. One must be a member of our Chapter 199 to participate in the bus trips.

If one is interested in joining AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP and show one's current national membership card to join any local chapter. AARP chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact President Veronica Stanford at 409-256-1195 or at veronica_stfrd46@yahoo.

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to use children as props for her political agenda. The people of Harris County deserve better."

Meanwhile, Democratic Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis has emerged

as a quiet but firm supporter of Hidalgo. He cast the lone dissenting vote against the censure and has consistent-

ly aligned with Hidalgo on key budget issues. Ellis also

joined Hidalgo in opposing a recent motion to post pay raises for the county's eight elected constables, which passed 3–2.

The political drama comes amid broader bud-

get negotiations, with commissioners and county staff working to finalize a plan by

September.

Garcia and Briones argue that the deficit can be reduced to around \$150 million without eliminating staff or cutting core services, citing strategies like hiring freezes and reallocation of federal funds.

Hidalgo, however, remains skeptical.

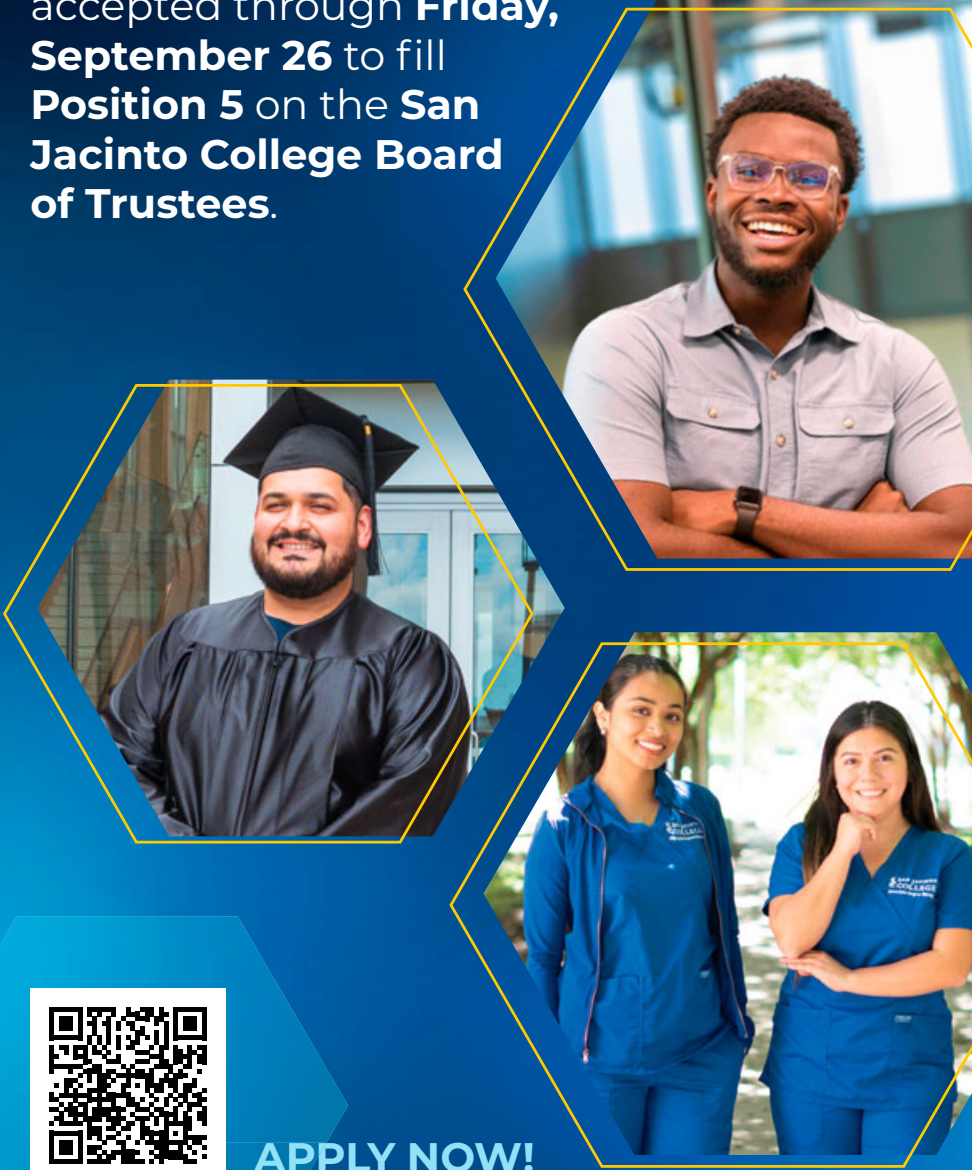
"People should look at

the numbers and past meetings," said Hidalgo. "There's a lot of smoke and mirrors going on, but the people of this county are smarter than that."

Commissioners Court is expected to hold additional budget hearings in the coming weeks, with a final vote anticipated to take place mid-September.

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The Fleet Week Houston website and logo recently launch

As momentum builds for the first-ever Fleet Week Houston, the local steering committee has unveiled a dynamic new logo and launched a user-friendly website to engage the community in this landmark celebration of military service.

The website, fleetweekhouston.com, serves as a central hub for exploring the event schedule — from an expo and local festivities to tours of sea vessels — and provides ways for Houstonians to demonstrate support for active-duty personnel through volunteering, sponsorships and more. The new digital resource highlights sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities, volunteer sign-ups, and detailed event navigation, empowering residents to join in supporting this storied U.S. Navy custom. The city of Houston, Houston First Corporation, Port of Houston, Harris County Precinct 2 and other local partners are enthusiastic about showcasing the region's hospitality to service members and visitors.

Fleet Week Houston logo

"This will be the first time that Fleet Week is held in the city of Houston, and as mayor, I am proud to partner with the U.S. Navy and other representatives to host a fantastic week of events," Houston Mayor John Whitmire said. "From the parade of ships to live music, a Houston Texans fan zone, the East End block party and the city of Houston's Veterans Day Parade, we will honor the tradition of Fleet Week while putting a special Houston twist on the activities. I encourage people to take a look at the new logo and website to get ready."

Set for Nov. 5-12, Fleet Week Houston will mark the first time the U.S. Navy has brought this tradition to Texas, featuring three naval vessels and more than 1,000 sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. The weeklong lineup includes ship tours, family-oriented activities, educational outreach, community service projects, business forums and lively celebrations. Houston will also host the U.S. Marine Corps' 250th birthday on Nov. 10 and celebrate the Navy's yearlong commemoration of its own 250th anniversary.

"As a Houstonian, I'm

thrilled that my city will have the opportunity to experience this time-honored tradition with the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard," said steering committee co-chair Reda Hicks. "And as a military spouse, I'm thrilled that we will have the opportunity to showcase what an incredible, military-friendly place Houston is to live, work, play and serve together."

Visitors and vendors shouldn't miss the Fleet Week EXPO on Nov. 8 and 9 at Post Houston, packed with interactive displays, entertainment, expert talks, demonstrations, and a taste of Houston's local culture, cuisine and businesses. Post Houston will serve as the departure point for shuttle buses to ship tours at

the port. Sponsorship and EXPO opportunities are available, and information about each can be found on the website.

"We are thrilled to bring Fleet Week to Houston for the very first time — Houstonians will get to know our Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, hear their real stories, and see exactly what the sea services do every day to keep America safe and strong," said Rear Adm. John W. Hewitt, Commander, Navy Region Southeast. "Houston has incredible energy as a dynamic city, and we're excited to strengthen our military and community ties. As the Navy and Marines Corps mark 250 years of service to the nation, this feels like the perfect moment to build lasting connections."

South Belt area parents share first-day school photos of 2025-2026



South Belt area parents shared their children's first-day school photos of the 2025-2026 school year. These pictures have earned the families Moody Gardens tickets. The *Leader* staff extends wishes for a successful year to all students and staff.

At left, Queen of Angels Academy students second-grader Sophia Ladner (left) and kindergartener Margaret Ladner looked forward to their first day of school.



Emily Rodriguez was ready to attend 2025-2026 classes at Melillo Middle School.



Sophia Garza began the 2025-2026 school year at Thompson Intermediate and will play volleyball. She is looking forward to playing softball for Hustle Nation.



Class of 2035 student Kingsman Rios (left) and his sister Journey Rios started the 2025-2026 school year at Barbara Cockrell Elementary.

Binnickers celebrate 50 years



Fifty years ago, on Sept. 6, 1975, Ronald Binnicker married the love of his life, Kerry Barrett, at Forest Oaks Baptist Church. What began as a promise on that day has grown into a lifetime of love, laughter and family. Together, they raised daughters Erica (Sheldon) Devantier, Virginia (Justin) Lopez, Elizabeth Binnicker and Allison (Teddy) Bowers. Their greatest joy now comes from being "Grandma and Grandpa" to cherished grandchildren Selah and Shaun Devantier; and Lydia

and Judith Bowers. Ronald dedicated 40 years of service to CenterPoint before retiring in April 2017, while Kerry devoted her life to raising their daughters and creating a loving home. Today, they enjoy retirement together, spending time with family and making new memories. As they celebrate this golden milestone, their family honors the love, faith, and commitment that has guided them through five decades. Here's to Ronald and Kerry — 50 years together and forever to go.



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Dobie High School FFA students attend GCM Buckle Bash Prospect Show in Baytown



Dobie FFA recently participated in the Baytown GCM Buckle Bash Prospect Show, the last prospect show before the upcoming bigger show later this month. Pictured above is Jeremiah Griffin who placed third in Ring A.



Dobie FFA students who participated in the show included, left to right, Pablo Reyes, Luke Stacey, Julian Cano and Jeremiah Griffin.



Julian Cano and his entry placed second in Ring A and third in Ring B.



Jenna Molina shows off her entry and her ribbon. She placed fifth place in Ring A and second in Ring B.

Lariaette of the Week, Aug. 29



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week of Aug. 29 is sophomore Nina Lowtan, a first-year line member.



Dobie FFA students Jenna Molina (left) and Vianka Alanis entered their projects in the Baytown show.



Former Dobie FFA chapter president Hunter Stacy (left) joined his younger brother Luke Stacy who placed third in Ring A and second in Ring B.

Remember When

45 years ago (1980)

Two bodies were discovered at the Green Arbor Apartments on Sabo. The body of a 14-year-old was discovered by another family member in his apartment. The youth had apparently died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head. When the apartment personnel heard the ambulance for the boy, they decided to check on a 64-year-old man who lived in the complex and discovered that he had died in his apartment several days before of carcinoma of the lung.

Sagamont Civic Club sent out letters to deed restriction violators in a massive crackdown on violations in the 1,850-home subdivision.

A driver ran his vehicle off the road, spun around and landed in the HL&P ditch between I-45 and the feeder road after falling asleep at the wheel.

Electrical service in the area around South Belt and Hughes Road was interrupted for approximately one hour. According to HL&P officials, the substation breaker was thrown after children in the area repeatedly threw a football into the primary wires, knocking them together.

Three homes within a one-block area in the Wood Meadow subdivision were vandalized.

Rain-slick streets at South Belt and Sageoak were the scene of a five-car collision that began when a woman was signaling to turn left off South Belt and was struck from the rear. The four vehicles at the rear were issued tickets for violations by Houston Police officers.

east on Beamer Road. More than 200 construction workers, contractors, engineers, designers and hospital personnel attended the ceremony. The facility, set to open in November 1986, would replace the one on Bellfort.

Some 80 water main leaks had been repaired in area subdivisions over the previous month in response to a request by the South Belt Coalition. Crews had fixed leaks in the Sagemont, Beverly Hills, Scarsdale and Rainbow Valley subdivisions and would continue to work in the area until all known leaks were repaired.

The abandoned fire station on Sagearbor and Sagedowne underwent renovations in the form of boarding windows, cleaning

up broken glass, mowing and removing concrete. The station was on the Houston's Department of Public Works Utility Operations maintenance list after residents complained teenagers were frequenting the old building. It was abandoned the previous year when firefighters were moved into Station 70 on Beamer Road.

35 Years ago (1990)

During registration at San Jacinto College South, the college reached a milestone by registering its 5,000th student to attend class.

Many South Belt area residents stopped by Fast Signs near Alameda Mall to sign a giant banner in support of American troops participating in Operation

Desert Shield. Through a nationwide effort by the company, 100 banners were to be sent to the Middle East.

Oak Haven Apartments, a planned community for senior citizens and handicapped adults, was preparing for residents to move in beginning in October.

Two armed bandits hit the Texas Commerce Bank on South Belt Drive and stole an undisclosed amount of money.

30 years ago (1995)

Nine fields at the youth sports complex at El Franco Lee Park on Hall Road were being readied for play in the spring. Five Little League fields, three girls' softball fields and one unfenced community-use baseball

field neared completion under Phase I of the project.

Slight increases to supplemental salaries for coaches and intermediate school music teachers were approved by Pasadena school trustees; and high school band, choir and orchestra directors and assistants and major department chair would get more substantial raises to their stipends.

Former Thompson Principal Vicki Thomas replaced longtime Pasadena school administrator Lewis Anderson for the position of associate superintendent for campus development.

25 years ago (2000)

Lightning struck the home of Billy and Ada Burk. Southeast Volunteer

Fire Department fought the fire.

Pasadena and Clear Creek school districts banned all outdoor activities due to heat.

20 years ago (2005)

South Belters rallied to help victims of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The *Leader* office became a drop-off point for emergency food, water, clothing and household items to aid victims who had been displaced to the Houston area from New Orleans.

The Ellington Field-MD Anderson Hospital land exchange was completed. This allowed more than 2,000 reserve personnel to move from the location on Old

Spanish Trail to facilities at Ellington. MD Anderson Hospital took over the 43-acre site in order to expand medical facilities.

A gaming establishment at the former Kidney Center on Kingspoint was the victim of burglars who reportedly stole 30 eight-line machines. That same building had been raided six months earlier by Houston police. At that time, \$16,000 in cash was confiscated, and 90 machines were removed.

15 years ago (2010)

Gary Brian Pearson, 56, was killed on the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua. According to police, Pearson was traveling south on the freeway on a motorcycle and made an unsafe lane change in front of a Lexus sport utility vehicle. The Lexus then struck the motorcycle from behind, and Pearson lost control. He died at the scene. The driver of the Lexus was not injured. No charges were filed.

Just two days later, Ricardo Plasencia, 52, died from injuries he incurred on the Gulf Freeway near Scarsdale. Police records indicate Plasencia was driving on the freeway when he failed to maintain a single lane of traffic and struck a street light and freeway pillar. Blood test results determined Plasencia was under the influence of alcohol.

10 years ago (2015)

A man was arrested early Sept. 3, after allegedly setting two fires at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. David Williams, 33, initially checked into the hospital for an injury around 1 a.m., but became agitated and left the emergency room. He proceeded to the adjacent professional building and set two fires. Hospital security responded but Williams reportedly ignored commands to exit the building and proceeded to destroy contents of the building. When Houston police arrived at the scene, Williams exited the building and was detained without incident.

The hospital suffered extensive damage caused by fire, smoke, water and vandalism. Fire department

officials said the damages exceeded \$1 million.

5 years ago (2020)

An alleged robber was fatally shot around 10 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10, at an apartment complex in the 10100 block of Windmill Lake Boulevard. The male shooter, 21, also suffered a gunshot wound and was transported to an area hospital in stable condition. According to police, the victim had just parked his vehicle when the suspect approached him with a pistol and demanded his keys.

While still holding him at gunpoint, the suspect allowed the victim to remove some personal items from the vehicle. At this time, the victim was able to retrieve his own gun, and fearing for his life, turned it toward the suspect.

Both individuals exchanged gunfire and each was struck at least once. The victim was able to run away and call 911. Paramedics responded to the scene and transported him to the hospital. Officers found the suspect a short distance from the robbery scene, where he was pronounced dead. No charges were immediately filed.

1 year ago (2024)

A bicyclist was killed in a hit-and-run accident around 10:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, in the 15900 block of the Gulf Freeway service road near FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road. The identity of the dead male was not immediately made available. According to Houston Police Department officials, the male was on a bicycle and traveling north on the service road near the above address when he was struck by a vehicle of unknown make or model also traveling north on the service road. The vehicle did not stop to provide assistance and fled in an unknown direction. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the incident and pronounced the male dead at the scene. A witness stated the suspect vehicle may have been a Jeep Wrangler. No immediate arrests were made.



Over The Back Fence by Nicole

ELLIE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Best wishes are sent Thursday, Sept. 5, for a very special birthday to **Ellie Flickinger** from husband **David** (*Leader* president); mother **Kina Reyes**; daughter **Natalie** and husband **Jose Abarca**; grandchildren **Kelvin Lopez**, **Noah** and **Elliana Abarca**, **Isabella** and husband **Sebastian Delgado** and their child **Esme Delgado**; father-in-law **David Flickinger**; family and friends; and staff at the *South Belt Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 4 through Sept. 10.

Atkinson Elementary
Send a humorous birthday card Sept. 9 to **Diane Davis**.

Burnett Elementary
Stephanie Mason is sent a birthday greeting Sept. 10.

Bush Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 5 to **Lily Campos**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Patricia Woernley** Sept. 8. Sept. 9 is the day for a party for **Melany Castro** and **Amber Torrez**.

Frazier Elementary
Light the candles on a cake Sept. 6 for **Jessica Vela**. **Paula Golden** enjoys a memorable birthday Sept. 8. Bring out the cake and ice cream on Sept. 9 for **Martha Lerma**, **Juana Huerta**, **Amie Rodriguez** and **Michelle Villanueva**.

Genoa Elementary
Yolanda Aranda enjoys a special birth-

day Sept. 5. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Sept. 6 to **Lucero Gonzalez**. Send a birthday greeting Sept. 10 to **Brenda Valenzuela**.

Hancock Elementary
Nilda Chavez enjoys a birthday Sept. 5.

Meador Elementary
The day for a party for **Lauren Riojas** is Sept. 8.

Moore Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 4 to **Elainna Drumgoole**. Sept. 10 is the day for **Maria Molina** to enjoy cake and ice cream.

South Belt Elementary
Share a slice of birthday cake with **Anh Ton** Sept. 5.

Stuchbery Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Brandy Sears** Sept. 5. Send a humorous birthday card Sept. 6 to **Arianna Gonzalez**. Light the birthday candles Sept. 9 for **Oralia Cavazos**.

Melillo Middle School
Remember to wish **Evelyn Lopez** a happy birthday Sept. 7.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Break out the balloons and the birthday cake Sept. 10 for **America Mendoza**.

Thompson Intermediate
Birthday greetings go out to **Fallon Lynch** Sept. 5. Share a slice of birthday cake with **Ca-Lishea Woods** Sept. 7. **Christopher Hayes** celebrates a birthday Aug. 8.

Dobie High
Sept. 6 is the day for a party for **Yvette Betancourt**. Light the candles on a cake

Sept. 7 for **Ismael Garay**. The day for a double-layer cake for **Dianne Berreth** and **Alexis Gomez** is Sept. 8. Celebrating a special birthday Sept. 10 is **Mildred Mathews**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Sept. 4: **Ashlie Files**, **Lashanda Scott**, **John Laird**, **Nikki Spriggs**, **Angie Reynolds**, **Jerry O'Brien**, **Betty Thomas**, **Darin Peltier**, **Tommy Walke**, **Joe Scanlin** and **Denise Turnage**; Friday, Sept. 5: **London Shelton**, **Stacy McNaughton** and **Cathy Tate**; Saturday, Sept. 6: **Coleen Terrell**, **Jennifer Navarro**, **Titus Purdy**, **Robert Evans**, **Jill Lambert**, **Debbie Bennett**, **Christina Gordon**, **Candi Beasley** and **John Evans**; Sunday, Sept. 7: **Gerard Dougherty**, **Shaun Stevenson**, **Shelly Robinson**, **Perla Gonzales**, **Leann Stokes**, **Edna Salinas**, **Angie Hernandez** and **Yvette Rodriguez**; Monday, Sept. 8: **Scott Carpenter**, **Donna Fress**, **Blades Barber**, **Joy Witt**, **Susan Jackson**, **Deondre Corbin**, **Rick Coates**, **Mike Kickirillo** and **Carl Heinritz**; Tuesday, Sept. 9: **Sonny Salazar**, **Carolyn Simon**, **Maria Aguilar**, **Jack Staudt**, **Martin Garcia** and **Sarah Joseph**; and Wednesday, Sept. 10: **Shelle Ortiz**, **Veronica Adame**, **Robert Resendez**, **Emily Auffarber**, **Suzy Krienitz**, **Diane Hall**, **Christy Cobb** and **Charles Monty**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Longhorns rout Wolverines 65-6; aim at Klein Bearkat rematch

A pair of varsity football teams that combined for 140 points on the opening weekend of the regular season will now go head-to-head in what promises to be an offensive shootout of epic proportions as the Dobie Longhorns play

host to the Klein Bearkats Sept. 6 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Klein, a 45-29 winner over the Longhorns in Week 2 action a season ago, is off to a rousing start in 2025 after a 75-20 rout over Conroe Oak Ridge.

Closer to home, Dobie got contributions from across its roster while cruising past an undermanned Clear Brook squad to the tune of 65-6 at Clear Creek ISD Veterans Memorial Stadium in League City.

The Longhorns had little trouble in keeping the Wolverines in check from a defensive standpoint but will no doubt need to step up in a big way against a Klein squad that got big contributions from his skill position players in the opening week.

Against the Wolverines in League City, Dobie got three rushing touchdowns and a 15-yard touchdown catch-and-run from standout running back Da'Marcus Hodges as he got off to a terrific start and what figures to be the first of many as a featured weapon for the Longhorns moving forward.

Titus Randle started at quarterback and had a 23-yard touchdown run, while Jalen Miles also saw action under center and was responsible for the

15-yard scoring throw to Hodges.

Dobie's other talents at

running back, Adrian Taylor (38-yard touchdown run) and Tyler Owens (21-yard touchdown run) also turned in solid debut performances at the varsity level on the offensive side of things. Receiver Dynzeil Louis got in on the act as he had a 29-yard run for a score.

Senior linebacker Rashaud Howard came up with a big play on the defensive side for the Longhorns as he tipped a pass over the middle to himself and returned it 39 yards for a touchdown as the Dobie defense turned in a stellar effort.

See photos on Page 6



Longhorn senior running back Da'Marcus Hodges is hoisted in celebration by senior offensive lineman Camron Robertson (63) after scoring one of his three rushing touchdowns during Dobie's 65-6 victory over Clear Brook Aug. 29 in League City.

Photos by Thadis Pegues



Dobie senior linebacker Rashaud Howard (7) snatched up a tipped pass and raced 39 yards for a touchdown to highlight the Longhorns' stellar defensive performance against Clear Brook and a season-opening blowout win.

Week 2 Action Dobie hosts Klein Sept. 6, 6 p.m. PISD Veterans Stadium

Klein Bearkats (1-0) A 45-29 winner over the Longhorns a season ago, the Bearkats are already off to a quick start this season following a 75-20 victory over Oak Ridge to open the season. Quarterback Grant Stratta passed for 214 yards and three touchdowns in the win over Oak Ridge, Edward Kelly Jr. rushed for 180 yards and three touchdowns and wideout Torrey Paul had 105 yards receiving and scored twice.

Dobie Longhorns (1-0) Dobie ran through the Clear Brook defense again and again during a 65-6 victory over the Wolverines in League City. Senior running back Da'Marcus Hodges ran for three touchdowns and caught another one to the tune of four total scores in the game while both quarterbacks, Titus Randle (28-yard touchdown run) and Jalen Miles (15-yard scoring pass to Hodges), also stood out. Senior linebacker Rashaud Howard also had an interception return for a touchdown.

JFD cross-country girls win Goehring 5,000; Jasso also stars

Aracely Alvarado, Isaura Correa and Aliyah Sanchez all finished within the top nine to help the Dobie varsity girls' cross-country team win

the Red Division team championship at the Charlie Goehring Invitational

at South Houston High School. Mikayla Rodriguez was

12th for the Longhorns and Skylar Mendiola was the fifth official finisher

as the locals came through with a tremendous overall effort to grab top team

honors.

Dobie sophomore Cruz Jasso, already the reigning individual gold medalist from District 22-6A, has continued to grow his star power in 2025 as he was first to the finish line in the Red Division in a time of 16 minutes, 23.30 seconds to win gold at the Goehring event.

Senior Johan Villavicencio turned in an impressive run of his own of 16:46.90 to finish third overall as he also led the Longhorns to second place overall as a team.

The group from Goose Creek Memorial High School was dominant in the event to win the team crown on the boys side of things.

In the girls' race, Hazel Vowell of Fort Bend Travis was the overall gold medalist and she finished at a time of 19 minutes, 18.50 seconds.

Jadyn Acuna of fort bend Elkins was second at 19:50.50, while Alvarado, a junior, was third with her clocking of 19:59.30.

Correa, a senior, placed fourth at a time of 20:39.80, and Sanchez, a junior, placed 9th in a time of 21:37.20.

Dobie's effort was completed as sophomore Michaela Rodriguez posted a time of 22:27.60 for 12th place, and Skylar Mendiola, a junior, was 18th in a time of 23:00.50. Destiny Sidiropoulos, a sophomore, took 28th in a time of 22:53.50.

With Jasso and Villavicencio leading the way on the boys' side for the Longhorns, sophomore Jorge Rodriguez placed

11th in a time of 17:49.00, and Angel Montiel, another sophomore, clocked in at 18:50.80 for 35th place. Junior Matthew Dunn closed out Dobie's official scoring as he was 38th with a time of 18:54.90.

The Dobie boys' squad has dealt with some injury issues to this point in the season, but head coach Stephen Cross is anticipating that his crew will be back to close to 100 percent by the time district rolls around and that the locals can repeat. See related photos on Page 6.



JFD girls find stride at SoHo

At right, the Dobie varsity girls' cross-country team, including, from left, sophomore Destiny Sidiropoulos, juniors Aliyah Sanchez, Skylar Mendiola and Aracely Alvarado, senior Isaura Correa and sophomore Mikayla Rodriguez combined to win the Red Division team championship at the Charlie Goehring Invitational at South Houston High School. Alvarado (third place overall), Correa and Sanchez earned top-nine finishes along the way.

JFD volleyball reaches title match at Labor Day invite



Junior Alyssa Espinosa (1) and senior Kylar Joseph (4) were All-Tournament selections after leading the Longhorns to the championship match in the Division 1 bracket of Dobie's own Longhorn Labor Day Classic Aug. 28 and Aug. 30 at Dobie main.



Dobie sophomore middle hitter Kailani Rudd (14) makes a pass during her team's district loss to Dawson. Despite a slow start to league play, Dobie reached the championship match in their own Labor Day Classic.

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

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

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

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

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

BAFL Week 3 LP Texans PW 20 Cowboys 12
Cowboys' Fr. 30 LP Texans 0
Cowboys' Soph. 50 LP Texans 0
LP Texans Jrs. 7 Cowboys 6
LP Texans Srs. 27 Cowboys 0
BAFL Week 4 Cowboys' Peewee host 49ers, 8 a.m.
Cowboys' Freshmen host 49ers, 9 a.m.
Cowboys' Sophomores host 49ers, 11 a.m.
Cowboys' Juniors at host 49ers, 1 p.m.
Cowboys' Seniors at host 49ers, 3 p.m.

South Belt football predictions	 John Bechtle	 Emory Gadd	 Troy Leland	 Stephen Sutton	 Debbie Vaughn
Dobie hosts Klein	Dobie	Dobie	Klein	Dobie	Klein
Clear Brook hosts Eisenhower	Eisenhower	Brook	Brook	Eisenhower	Eisenhower
Dickinson hosts C.E. King	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Atascocita hosts Katy	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Katy	Atascocita
Pasadena Memorial hosts Porter	Porter	Porter	Porter	Pasadena Memorial	Porter
Fulshear hosts Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Ridge Point
North Shore hosts Crowley	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
Deer Park hosts Woodlands	Woodlands	Woodlands	Woodlands	Deer Park	Woodlands
Barbers Hill hosts Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel
Willowridge hosts Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Friendswood	Fiendswood
Last Week's Results	6-4	7-3	5-5	8-2	7-3
Season record	6-4	7-3	5-5	8-2	7-3

Jasso, Villavicencio pace Dobie boys runners



Sophomore Cruz Jasso was first to the finish line in a time of 16 minutes, 23.30 seconds to win gold at the Goehring event.



Senior Johan Villavicencio turned in an impressive run of his own of 16:46.90 to finish third overall. See the full results on Page 5.

Gators score signature win over Katy

Opening week victories during nondistrict play don't typically mean much come November, but the Dickinson Gators certainly set the tone within the District 24-6A ranks following an impressive 34-21 road win over state power Katy Aug. 30 at Legacy Stadium, capping the first week of the high school season with a bang.

Senior quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre came up big with 221 yards and three touchdowns through the air against an exceptionally talented Tiger secondary.

Star running back Malachi Gamble, already the 24-6A Most Valuable Player from a season ago, torched Katy for 170 yards on just 16 totes.

The Gators led 13-7 at halftime before both teams stepped up the action in the third quarter. Gamble's brilliant 69-yard scoring run on the Gators opening drive at the third quarter gave the locals a 20-7 lead, but Katy responded immediately with a 62-yard kickoff return touchdown by Kaleb Harrison.

Aguirre responded with touchdown passes to Kaleb Peterson and Braden Glover as Dickinson came up with several big plays in the third quarter.

Darian Coleman had a pair of fumble recoveries, and the Gator defense limited Katy to 155 overall yards in the game as part of a tremendous performance in all three phases of the game. It was Dickinson's first victory over the Tigers in six overall games.

Dickinson was one of three tri-champions in 24-6A, with Deer Park and Clear Springs, the other champions, taking losses on opening weekend. Deer Park took on 5A regional finalist La Porte as the Bulldogs opened their new state-of-the-art stadium for business.

Deer Park led La Porte by three scores at one point but saw the Bulldogs bounce back with a fourth-quarter touchdown en route to an eventual 35-31 victory.

Clear Springs, meanwhile, took on 6A Division 1 power Ridge Point at Hall Stadium within Fort Bend ISD, falling behind 28-0 in the first half and eventually losing 63-23.

Clear Falls, which also advanced to the postseason in 2024, was part of an offensive shootout along with Hightower at Challenger Stadium in Webster, with the Hurricanes escaping with a 42-37 victory as the two teams combined from nearly 800 yards of offense.

Clear Falls quarterback Kyden Barker threw for a pair of touchdowns and ran for another, but the Hurricanes, also a play-off qualifier last season, proved to be one step ahead in the end.

Longhorns score fourth straight series win over Wolverines, now face Klein



At left, Dobie running back Adrian Taylor (9), picking up a nice block from Longhorn junior offensive lineman Maximus Esqueda (56), made a terrific shift to the offensive side of the football on opening night as he rushed for 111 yards and a touchdown on just eight carries as the locals blew past Clear Brook 65-6 in League City. It was the Longhorns fourth consecutive victory in the neighborhood series.

At right, sophomore Tyler Owens (21) was a nice addition to the Longhorn offensive backfield as he had a touchdown on opening night to help lift his team to a big victory. Next up, the Longhorns will take on a Klein team that opened its season by scoring 75 points against Oak Ridge. Dobie will host Klein Sept. 6 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
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, SEPTEMBER 5
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. **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 CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
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.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
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** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group** - See Friday's notice.
5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.
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, SEPTEMBER 9
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 sehouston.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, SEPTEMBER 10
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group** - See Friday's notice.
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.
Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from 12:30 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, one may ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
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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District’s induction ceremony coming Sept. 20 at Challenger Stadium

Clear Brook’s Alexander Guidry collected gold in her day

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

The Clear Creek ISD Hall of Honor will welcome its 2025 class of all-time athletics greats Sept. 20 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster during a special afternoon ceremony, and former Clear Brook sprinter Erica Alexander Guidry will be part of just the third set of inductees from Clear Brook High School as she will be recognized for delivering one of the greatest track and field careers in Texas.



Erica Alexander Guidry
Alexander Guidry quite simply ranks as the top sprinter in Clear Creek ISD history, if for no other reason than her six state gold medals during her illustrious career with the Wolverines.

As an elementary school student, Alexander Guidry said she recalls field day activities in which her classroom

would score, for instance, 80 points, with Alexander Guidry being responsible for 50 of those points. She went on to dominate in similar fashion at Brookside Intermediate and had a reasonable expectation of doing very well with the Wolverines as she began her freshman season.

Still, Alexander Guidry says the focus that she and her parents had was singular in nature. Parents Nedra and Eric were star athletes in their own rights as collegiate performers at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Nedra Alexander was a track and field standout, while Eric Alexander played basketball for the Miners. Clearly, they had a little bit of background knowledge on what it would take for their daughter to be successful in her athletics career.

“I of course wanted to do well, but the goal all along was to be able to earn a college scholarship and be able to get my education paid for and not have any student debt when I was done in my education journey,” Alexander Guidry said.

“I have to admit that I would not have been able to perform and be put in places that I was with a chance to have success if it weren’t for my mother. She was so supportive, and of course transported me everywhere that I needed

to be to all of the various practices and meets over the years. Without her, none of it would have been possible.”

Alexander Guidry said she purposely alternated events during her four years with the Wolverines in order to display versatility on the track that she hoped would make herself more attractive to collegiate coaches and programs.

And what a career she put together, winning six gold medals and a silver medal over the course of three seasons from 2006 through 2008 at the UIL state championships in Austin.

As a senior in 2008 and having already signed to attend the University of Southern California, Alexander Guidry was the most dominant individual athlete at the state championships as she captured three gold medals to cap off a tremendous career at Clear Brook.

That season, Alexander Guidry posted a mark of 19 feet, 6 1/2 inches for the gold medal in the long jump.

She sprinted to a gold medal in the 100 at 11.48 seconds, then captured a third gold medal with a time of 23.53 in the 200. Dallas Skyline won the Class 5A team championship that season with 50 points, followed by Alief Elsik’s 40 points for second place.

Alexander was solely responsible for Clear Brook’s 30-point total as the program finished third in the state team standings.

As a sophomore in 2006, Alexander won a state championship in the 100 and was second in the 200. A year later as a junior, Alexander captured golds in both the 200 and 400.

Transferring to Texas Tech after one season at USC, Alexander went on to enjoy a successful career both collegiately with six first team All-American nods and on the U.S. and international stages.

Her goal of earning a college degree through her efforts on the track realized, Alexander Guidry said that beyond focusing on a possible professional career in the sport, she did not have an off-the-track plan in mind when she began college. She studied exercise science.

Yet it wasn’t long before she realized that coaching and guiding future generations of both cross-country and track and field athletes was a passion for her.

And like many great athletes from generations gone by, Alexander Guidry prefers to focus the attention on her student-athletes, working to give them the best possible opportunities for themselves both on and off the oval.

Truth be told, Alexander Guidry spends absolutely no time explaining to her students today about how great she was. It’s not about her anymore, and that’s fine.

She made the most of her talent and internal drive, and now focuses on helping her students achieve similar goals. Professionally, Alexander returned to her alma mater coaching the Wolverines’ cross-country and track and field programs before joining Clear Springs in the same role beginning in 2024-2025.

Her brother, Eric Alexander II, serves in the same roles on the boys’ side of things at Clear Springs. During her time with the Wolverines, she helped guide sprinter Camryn Dickson as Dickson reached the state track and field meet in three different seasons, winning medals each time. Dickson, now a senior at Texas A&M University, has put together an exceptionally successful career with the Aggies to date.

As she reflects on joining the Clear Creek ISD Hall of Honor next month, Alexander Guidry said she hopes that her daughter will one day be able to look back at some of the accomplishments of both her mother and her grandparents and realize that anything is possible through hard work and tenacity, a pair of traits that Guidry Alexander, certainly one of high school track and field’s all-time greats, fueled her on her own journey.

“I was blessed with great genes,” Alexander Guidry said. “Both of my parents were standout college athletes themselves. “As for me, yes, I had talent but I also had the work ethic. Nothing was handed to me. I knew that if I wanted to achieve something, I had to go out there and earn it.

“I am honored and humbled to be able to enter the Hall of Honor. It’ll be a special day for myself and my family. It’ll be a day that we can all reflect on some of the things that I was able to do out there on the track. But I didn’t do it by myself, and that’s why it’ll be nice to have family there with me to enjoy the occasion.”

Baldwin lands on Pack’s practice squad



Dobie Class of 2021 graduate Johnathan Baldwin has been added to the Green Bay Packers’ squad ahead of the 2025 regular season-opening weekend. Baldwin, a football/basketball standout with the Longhorns, put together an impressive four-year stay at the University of Nevada Las Vegas and joined Green Bay last spring as an undrafted free agent and subsequently participated in preseason activities with the Packers before being released at the end of training camp. Baldwin, the 2020 District 22-6A Most Valuable Player at running back, was then added to the practice squad.

22-6A football programs see mixed results during opening week

Dobie, Pearland and Manvel all came up with exceptionally impressive victories during the first week of the high school football season within 22-6A, while other post-season contenders such as Shadow Creek and Dawson fell short against top-rated opponents.

Longhorn fans can read more about their team’s dominating victory over Clear Brook beginning on Page 5, but suffice there was plenty to like as the locals scored a 65-6 victory over the Wolverines, who will take on Eisenhower in Week 2 while hoping to come out on the winning end.

Elsewhere within the district, preseason district champion favorite Pearland was as impressive as any team in the region on opening weekend after putting together a 52-28 victory over a tough Fulshear program.

In an early matchup of programs that will definitely be part of the post-season come November, the Oilers continually

used the big play, including a scoop and score defensive gem from Joseph Credit in the win Aug. 28.

Oiler quarterback Jake Westmoreland completed 12 of 15 throws for 152 yards and also ran for a long touchdown. Sophomore running back Royce Swan led the Oilers with 77 yards rushing and also scored a pair of touchdowns in the win.

Jordan Hernandez, one of the top receivers in the Houston area, caught four balls for 60 yards and also had a little fun as he completed a 17-yard throw to Westmoreland for a touchdown.

Manvel, which ultimately reached the second round of the postseason a year ago, also came up big with a relatively easy win over mistake-prone Galveston Ball.

The Mavericks built a 22-0 first-quarter lead and went on to defeat a Torquad that racked up more than 100 yards worth of penalties in the game en route to a 52-21 win for Manvel.

Maverick quarterback Cam Renfro showed off his dual threat abilities throughout the game as he passed for 188 yards and rushed for 146 more in the win. Manvel also got rushing touchdowns from three different running backs.

Sam Rayburn and Pasadena Memorial also made Pasadena ISD proud with victories in the opening week as the Texans began their season with a 38-9 home win over Spring Woods, while the Mavericks came through with a 22-19 win over Channelview on the road.

After getting shut out last season in a matchup

against Summer Creek, Shadow Creek put together a much better performance against the defending 6A Division 2 state finalists but ultimately saw the Bulldogs come away with a 37-32 victory.

Elsewhere, South Houston fell victim to the big play in a 41-20 loss to Baytown Lee in head coach Lamont Mayberry’s debut for the Trojans. Alvin was a 55-14 loser to Bastrop, and Dawson was on the short end of a 35-20 score against Region 2 power Bridgeland.

Sam Rayburn quarterback H’rei Jones (10) enjoyed a big night of

fensively as the Texans over Spring Woods Aug. 28 at Pasadena ISD’s Veterans Stadium.

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Sam Rayburn senior H’Rei Jones (10) came into the regular season as arguably the Texans most explosive player on the field, and he wasted little time making his presence felt as he returned a pair of kickoffs for 121 yards, including a 72-yard touchdown return that helped the Texans ultimately cruise past Spring Woods 38-9 in Week 1 action.

Free COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 9AM - 12PM

MOTU 12210 Truck Stop Valero Hwy 3

12210 Galveston Rd (Hwy 3), Houston, TX 77034

Plus, FREE E-Waste Recycling at Ellington Field

Clear Lake Ellington Field | 246 Loop Road, Houston, TX 77034

The City of Houston District E will provide electronic recycling services during the same time.

*5 item limit. Acceptable items, please review: www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/electronics_recycling.html

Week 2 Play Within 22-6A
Pasadena Memorial hosts Porter
Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m.
Veterans Stadium

South Houston at Bellaire
Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m.
Butler Stadium

Manvel hosts Barbers Hill
Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m.
Maverick Stadium

Alvin hosts Dulles
Sept. 5, 7 p.m.
Alvin ISD Memorial

Rayburn at Pasadena
Sept. 5, 7 p.m.
Veterans Stadium

Shadow Creek at Clear Creek
Sept. 5, 7 p.m.
CCISD Veterans Stadium

Dawson hosts Elkins
Sept. 5, 7 p.m.
The Nest

Dobie hosts Klein
Sept. 6, 6 p.m.
Veterans Stadium

Pearland at Houston Memorial
Sept. 6, 6 p.m.
Tully Stadium

SOUTH BELT-ELLINGTON

Chamber of Commerce

Evening of Cuisine

6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18

at the Lone Star Flight Museum

A delightful culinary event designed to tantalize your taste buds. From savory appetizers to sumptuous main courses and indulgent sweets, this event promises a memorable dining experience.

Advance tickets \$40. \$45 at the door. Kids 4-12 are \$10.

Kids under 4 years old are free. VIP tickets are \$60 (VIP entry at 5:15 p.m.).

Scan the QR code below for more information.

Participating Restaurants

Avenida Brazil

Bakkhus Taverna

BJ’s Restaurant & Brewhouse

Chicken Salad Chick Pasadena

Jerry Garcia, Harris County

Constable Precinct 2

Crazy Alan’s Swamp Shack

Dave & Buster’s

Dobie High School Culinary

Fogo de Chão

Jeremiah’s Italian Ice

Las Haciendas

Luna’s Mexican

Restaurant-Friendswood

MacAbaugh’s Cafe & Catering

McAlister’s Deli

Minuti Coffee

Mixing House

Mornings Kolaches

P.F. Chang’s

Raising Cane’s Baybrook

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers

Ryan’s Smokehouse

San Jacinto College

Culinary Department

Savannah Cafe & Bakery Webster

Scrumptious Houston

Shake Shack Baybrook

Via 313 Pizza

Walk Ons

Whiskey Cake Kitchen & Bar Baybrook

More information available at

<https://southbeltchamber.com/evening-of-cuisine-2025>