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Knights hold blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive Sunday, Sept. 17, at St. Luke the Evangelist, located at 11011 Hall Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. Donors must bring identification. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/geo.

Heavy trash pickup dates set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Sept. 14 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Sept. 15 (second Friday of the month). September is for tree waste only. Pickups may be delayed. For additional information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

New Covenant feeds needy

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, will distribute food the second and fourth Saturday monthly from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies run out. The purpose of the pantry is to provide food to community people in need. For more information, call 281-484-4230.

Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Sept. 9, 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.houstonwaste.org or call 311.

Kirkmont I to meet Sept. 13

Kirkmont I HOA will hold a board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk, Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be this month's featured speaker. Homeowners and residents are encouraged to attend.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Pct. 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series. The next event is Thursday, Sept. 7. For information, call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Local COVID cases reported

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community increased in ZIP code 77089 this past week but remained stagnant in the area's remaining two ZIP codes, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, Sept. 5, there were 102 active cases in 77089, up 14 from the previous week. To date, 142 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 13 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 22 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.

According to Harris County officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data.

Gulf Freeway closures set

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 517 in League City to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road in Dickinson/Texas City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road in Dickinson/Texas City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Sailfish Street in Hitchcock daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30. One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Sailfish Street in Hitchcock to Galveston Causeway Bridge in Tiki Island daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

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

Sageglen to meet Sept. 18

Sageglen Community Association will hold a homeowner meeting Monday, Sept. 18, at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork, beginning at 7 p.m. All Sageglen residents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 281-481-2160.

Commissioners Court approves bond election

\$2.5B measure would fund improvements to Harris Health System

Harris County Commissioners Court recently approved an order for a bond election for the November 2023 General Election to finance upgrades to the Harris Health System.

The \$2.5 billion bond would help finance the rebuilding and upgrading of Harris Health's facilities, which are quickly reaching their end of

use and have been operating at near-full capacity for years. If passed in the November 2023 ballot, this bond referendum will provide much-needed investment for the public safety net.

"Without immediate public investment, our hospitals and emergency rooms will continue to exceed capacity on a daily basis," said Arthur

Bracey, MD, chair, Harris Health System board of trustees. "We need to act now to address the immediate needs but also prepare for the inevitable growth in demand as Harris County grows."

The \$2.5 billion bond would make the following improvements and expansions to facilities within the Harris Health System:

- Construct a Level I-capable trauma center at Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) Hospital. Level I trauma centers provide the highest level of trauma care to critically ill or injured patients on a 24/7 basis.

- Renovate the existing LBJ Hospital to address current service gaps and increase the availability of outpatient services.

- Increase capacity at Ben Taub Hospital by adding approximately 120 patient rooms, extending the facility's lifespan by at least 15 years.
- Create three new community clinics in high-need areas.

LBJ Hospital and Ben Taub Hospital have not undergone significant upgrades or renovations since their initial construction 30 years ago. Harris County's population has nearly doubled during that time and both hospitals are currently operating at or over capacity.

"LBJ and Ben Taub were built over 30 years ago, and in that time our community has grown exponentially," said Esmael Porsa, MD, presi-

dent and CEO, Harris Health System. "The addition of a Level I-capable trauma center will be the first of its kind in Harris County outside of the Texas Medical Center and is vital in meeting the needs of our region."

The American College of Surgeons recommends having one high-level trauma center for every 1 million people, making the proposed Level I trauma center a critical addition to the county's health care infrastructure.

Harris County currently has two adult Level I trauma centers, serving a population of almost 4.8 million. Houston is the second fastest-growing major metropolitan area in the United States, with Harris County projected to have more than 6 million residents, with more than 1.5 million uninsured people by 2050.

Over the next 10 years, the bond is projected to have minimal impact on the average homeowner with a cost of approximately \$6/month.

In addition to the bond package, Harris Health intends to raise \$100 million in philanthropic support and an additional \$300 million from operational savings to help offset the total \$2.9 billion strategic capital improvement plan.

Individuals can register to vote or update their registration by visiting www.harrisvotes.com before Oct. 10.

For additional information about the upcoming bond election, visit www.harrishealth.org.

Burned house to be demolished



Following two years since a fire destroyed this home on Sageburrow in the Sagemont subdivision, it is set to soon be demolished, thanks to the efforts of the Sagemont Civic Club, District D City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz (shown giving a "thumbs up") and the Leader. Destroyed by fire in August 2021, the house has been abandoned since the incident and deemed an eyesore and safety hazard by area residents. A second nuisance, a house on Sageheather, abandoned roughly 15 years ago, is also slated to be demolished. Photo by Marie Flickinger

City approves HFD upgrade funding

\$2M budget to fund 10+ new emergency vehicles

Mayor Sylvester Turner and Houston City Council recently approved an upward of \$2 million dollar budget which will allow the Houston Fire Department to acquire necessary station and fleet upgrades.

In an effort to better serve the citizens of Houston, the HFD will receive 10 hybrid electric Ford F-150 pickup trucks. City Council approved the purchase of 52, hybrid electric Ford F-150 pickup trucks in the total amount of \$2,158,182 for Department of Neighborhoods, Houston Police, Houston Fire and General Services departments.

These vehicles will be used by the department's personnel to provide services to citizens throughout the City. The hybrid electric Ford F-150 pickup trucks will replace vehicles in the Arson and Professional Standards Office that have reached end of useful life and this procurement supports Mayor Sylvester Turner's Houston Climate Action Plan. The funding for these vehicles is included in the FY2024 Capital Improvement Plan.

City Council also approved \$215,356 to purchase modular building replacements for HFD Station 101. The modular building replacements for Station 101 will replace the existing modular building that is past its life expectancy, requiring frequent costly maintenance. The modular building serves as a dormitory for firefighters, containing bedrooms, restrooms and showers.

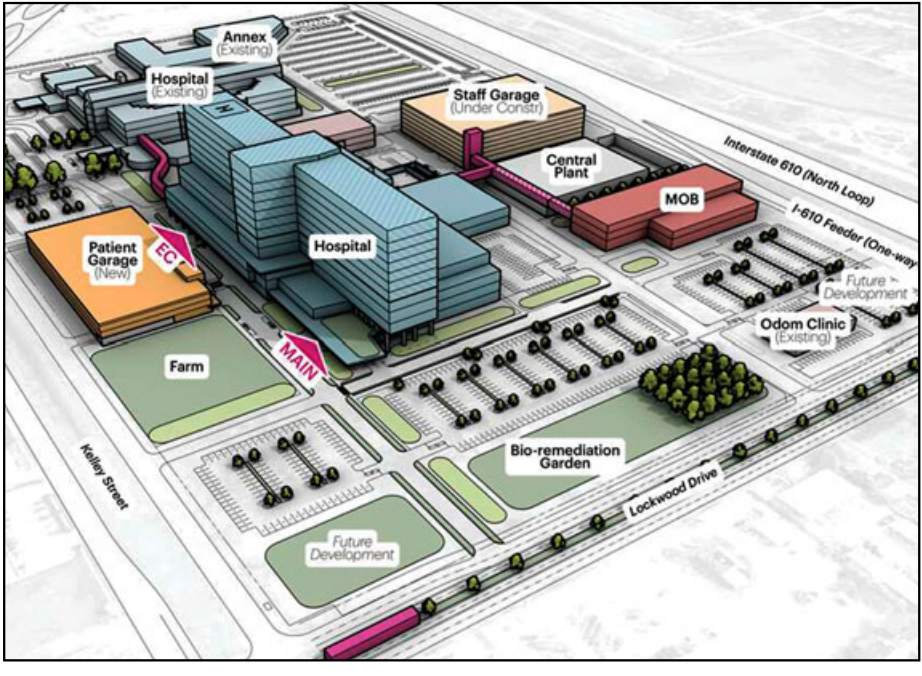
The HFD will also receive one GMC 2500HD truck through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) purchasing cooperative in the total amount of \$104,992.92. This vehicle will serve as a replacement for a currently outdated and aging vehicle. The new GMC truck will be used to sustain and enhance the teams' capabilities to respond to local and/or regional emergencies.

Over the last six years, Chief Samuel Peña and the administration have worked to replace aging vehicles, and addressing facility needs. These purchases will serve to sustain and enhance the department's capabilities to respond to local and regional emergencies.

Flood control project underway



Work continues on the Harris County Flood Control District's South Shaver Stormwater Detention Basin, located near South Shaver and SH 3/Old Galveston Road. Part of the county's 2018 bond program, the new basin will detain around 420 acre-feet, or 138 million gallons, of stormwater. HCFCD and Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office plan to beautify the basin once complete.



An artistic rendering is shown above of the Harris County Health System's proposed upgrades.

Apartment complex catches fire

Houston firefighters responded to an apartment fire around 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, in the 10200 block of Windmill Lakes Boulevard.

According to Houston Fire Department officials, firefighters arrived on scene within seven minutes to find light smoke coming from the side of an apartment building.

Fire was on the second-floor side balcony and contained between the brick and the building. Crews extinguished the fire, and a primary search was completed.

HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin of the fire. While the fire appeared to be accidental in nature, the cause of the blaze remained under investigation at press time.

No injuries were reported. The fire caused around \$20,000 in damage, fire department officials said.

In all, 35 personnel were dispatched to this incident, including crews from stations 26, 70, 52, 61 and 93.

Husband sought in wife's fatal stabbing

The Houston Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in locating a man who they said is a person of interest in the fatal stabbing of his wife in southeast Houston.

Juan Jose Trillo-Calvo, 50, is wanted for questioning and is not charged in the case. The victim is identified as Veronica Elizalde, 50.

On August 7, HPD patrol officers were called



Trillo-Calvo

to a residence in the 6800 block of Airport Boulevard at around 3:10 p.m.

Police said when they arrived at the scene, they found Elizalde with multiple stab wounds. Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

Detectives would like to speak with Trillo-Calvo, the victim's husband, who has not been seen since the incident occurred. Trillo-Calvo is known to travel to San Antonio, investigators said.

Anyone with information on Trillo-Calvo's whereabouts is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

BAHEP holds meeting on Ellington

Col. Travis Walter speaks on base's present and future

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership recently hosted Col. Travis D. Walters, 147th Attack Wing Commander, Texas Air National Guard, Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, who spoke to BAHEP's members on Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base - Today and Tomorrow.

Prior to Walters' presentation, Brian Freedman, BAHEP president, welcomed attendees and introduced various elected officials, representatives, and leaders present at the Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook. He emphasized the importance of the dialogue about Ellington and other regional matters.

Freedman also recognized new members, prospective members, and uniformed service members in attendance, thanking them for their engagement and support.

Sponsors of the meeting were acknowledged, as well, and Scott Watson from United Commercial Energy Partners, a platinum sponsor, briefly spoke about his organization's support and the significance of BAHEP's role in the community.

Freedman then introduced Walters and said in part, "I'm honored to introduce Col. Walters. As you'll see in his bio, Col. Walters is not just a decorated officer; he's a symbol of commitment, leadership, and above all, service."

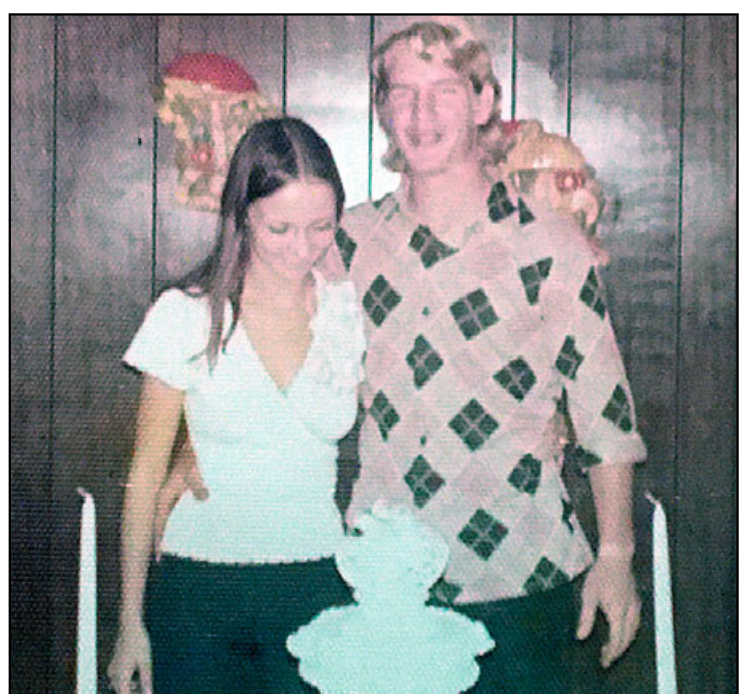
"A proud graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, his flight log boasts over 700 hours, including 50 in combat. From the nimble T-37 to the powerful C-130, his hands have piloted the controls of some of our nation's most vital aircraft. It's not just in the air where Col. Walters

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Sullivans celebrate 50th

Wendell and Debbie Sullivan have been South Belt residents since 1970 and met at J. Frank Dobie High School that same year. They married on Sept. 7, 1973, and feel blessed with two beautiful daughters, Wendy Sullivan (fiancé Jason Thornhill), Whitney Roberts (husband Mark Roberts); and grandson Wayde Roberts, who, according to Wendell, "has both of us wrapped around his fingers."



John Williams

Longtime South Belt resident John Williams has died. His funeral services are being conducted by Forest Park East Funeral.

The visitation is Friday, Sept. 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 1804 S Friendswood Dr. A committal service will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, from 1:30 to 2 p.m., 21620 Gulf Fwy.

See next week's *Leader* for John Williams' obituary.

Terrence (Terry) Raymond Groff Jr.



It is with heavy hearts the family announces the passing of Terrence (Terry) Raymond Groff Jr. on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, at his home in Pearland, surrounded by family. Terry was a longtime resident of Sagemont. He was 78 years old. Terry's presence in his family's lives was a source of warmth and wisdom, and his memory will forever be etched in their hearts.

Terry was born on Nov. 19, 1944, to Terrence and Anna Groff of Houston. Upon graduating in 1963 from Milby High School, he attended the University of Texas before enlisting in the United States Air Force. He served during the Vietnam era and was honorably discharged in 1969 at the rank of staff sergeant.

While home on leave during the summer of 1967, Terry and Carol Moulden were convinced by friends to go on a date. They married the following year, sharing a bond that served as an example of unwavering love and partnership for 55 years. Terry and Carol navigated the journey of life side by side, casting an enduring glow of inspiration upon all fortunate enough to witness their remarkable love story.

As a father, he poured his heart into anything Brian was involved in, guiding and instilling in him values of empathy, resilience and the importance of family. He enjoyed his involvement with the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League and spent countless hours with Brian at the Dobie FFA Project Barn. He was a proud "Aggie Dad" and rarely missed a fishing trip with his son.

Terry began his career at Houston Lighting & Power in February 1970, and after 29 years of service, he retired from CenterPoint Energy (formerly HL&P) in 1999 as the engineering and distribution supervisor for South Houston. He thoroughly enjoyed the energy industry and the people with whom he worked and met along the way. Later in his career, he became involved in the Pearland Rotary Club and served on the executive board for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce.

Terry pursued numerous passions and interests in his spare time. He was well known for his attention to detail and craftsmanship, especially when restoring antique furniture. Saltwater fishing never took a back seat to other hobbies, as he spent as much time on the water as possible. Later in his senior years, he picked up pickleball (before it was cool) and excelled in the competitive senior circuit. He often shared his knowledge and enthusiasm for his many hobbies with those around him, especially how to properly cast a fishing rod.

Terry had an innate ability to connect with people, leaving a lasting impression. He brought an enduring sense of wisdom and guidance to all those fortunate enough to

Deaths

know him. He was a man of great integrity, kindness and compassion, leaving a lasting mark on the lives he touched. Terry's memory will forever live on in the hearts of his family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing him. "Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed, and very dear."

Terry was preceded in death by his parents and leaves behind his wife, Carol; son, Brian Groff and wife Jaime; sister, Jerry Ann Gregory; brother-in-law, Robert Lee Moulden; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A visitation with the family celebrating Terry's life will take place on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer, Houston, TX 77089. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center in memory of Terry Groff.

"If others wonder why I'm missin', just tell 'em I've gone fishin'." - Groff family.

Sue Cater Barnett



Sue Cater Barnett, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and devoted servant of the Lord, peacefully passed away Sept. 1, 2023, in Friendswood, surrounded by her loving family. Born Jerry Cater on July 30, 1950, in Little Rock, she adopted the name "Sue" during high school and became Sue Barnett upon her marriage to George Bryan Barnett, affectionately known as Bryan. Sue's life was a testament to love, faith and the enduring power of family bonds.

Sue's journey was marked by love, faith, and a deep commitment to her family. In 1970, she united in marriage with Bryan, embarking on a life filled with joy, shared challenges and unwavering devotion to one another. Their love story served as an inspiration to all who had the privilege of witnessing it. Bryan's passing in 2018 left a void in Sue's heart, but their enduring love continued to guide her throughout her life.

Sue's love extended beyond her husband, into the hearts of her three cherished children: Jackie (Eddie) Prim, Jeff (Dana) Barnett and John (Lynn) Barnett. She was the epitome of a devoted mother, always offering guidance, support and unwavering love. Her children, in turn, learned from her the importance of family, faith and power of a loving home.

Sue's legacy also encompasses the beautiful tapestry of her 17 surviving grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, who affectionately called her "Grammy." Her love for them knew no bounds, and she delighted in watching them grow and flourish, always offering her unconditional love and wisdom.

One of Sue's greatest passions was her involvement in the Sagemont Church choir, where her beautiful voice lifted the spirits of the congregation as she sang praises to Jesus. Her faith was not just a part of her life; it was the very foundation upon which she built her family and left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Sue's adventurous spirit led her to missionary travel in Africa and Israel, where she formed deep and lasting friendships while serving others. These connections were a testament to her compassionate heart and dedication to making a positive impact in the world.

The funeral service to celebrate Sue's remarkable life will be held Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road, beginning with visitation at 10 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m., and lunch afterward. At 2 p.m., she will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 8601 Alameda Genoa Road.

Sue will be remembered as a woman of unwavering faith, a loving mother and grandmother, and a true disciple of Christ. Her memory will forever remain in her family's hearts, guiding them with her love and devotion, and her legacy of love and faith will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Texas' population, economic growth, leads to \$100 billion transportation plan

By Steven D. Alvis
Texas Transportation Commissioner
Since my appointment in March of 2023 by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to the Texas Transportation Commission, I've gained a greater appreciation about the Texas Department of Transportation and how vital the 10-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP) process is to Texans and the economy by guiding the development of transportation work across the state.

I'm thankful to Governor Abbott for appointing me to the Commission as Texas and the Greater Houston community continues to see unprecedented growth. It is of the utmost importance to meet the demand with historic funding that will help TxDOT deliver on its commitment to ensure that people and goods can move safely and efficiently in the state by improving transportation safety, addressing congestion, and helping maintain roadways across the state.

For the first time in its history, TxDOT's 10-year UTP has surpassed \$100 billion in future projects. It also estimates \$34.2 billion in development costs and \$7.5 billion in routine maintenance contracts for a total investment of \$142 billion. That eye-catching amount reflects the rapid growth and booming economic activity touching every corner of the Lone Star State. It's also \$15 billion more than last year and shows a major investment in our infrastructure when compared to the UTP a decade ago when it was \$34.3 billion. In the Houston area alone, TxDOT has more than \$14.2 billion in projects slated in the next 10 years.

These figures represent real improvements for all Texans that will help improve quality of life and bring economic benefits. The average \$10.6 billion a year in the UTP over the next decade is expected to yield an estimated \$18.8 billion per year in economic benefits, according to the Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

TxDOT has planned, and will continue to plan, for this growth and play a critical role in

providing the needed infrastructure to help move people and products. That's where Unified Transportation Program comes in.

The benefits go far beyond just congestion — these projects benefit everyone. Improvements to our roadways provide Texans with best-in-class infrastructure not only for drivers, but for bicyclists and pedestrians as well. From improving HOV lanes and public transit to enhancing the movement of freight, the projects we fund in the UTP provide multi-modal options to get people and products where they need to go.

The UTP will include major projects in the Houston District such as some of the work on I-10 in Fort Bend County, the Grand Parkway in Brazoria and Galveston Counties, and help clear the way for future portions of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP). The NHHIP is the planned reconstruction of I-45 north Freeway between Houston's downtown and the North Sam Houston Tollway, also known as Beltway 8. The NHHIP not only brings these roadways up to current standards, it also prepares for the future by improving resiliency to weather events, providing safer, more efficient travel for motorists and handling the increasing trade that is moved through the Port of Houston.

In my first year as a Texas Transportation Commissioner, I am extremely proud to play a part in this historic 10-year transportation plan. We'll see the benefits from this plan for years to come as we continue to drive our economy and the state to new heights.

With this historic investment, we're showing our commitment to keeping Texans safe on Texas roads and connecting the people and places that matter most in current and innovative ways. Texans deserve the best, and they can rest assured that Governor Abbott and Texas transportation leaders are fulfilling on our promise to provide them with a safe and reliable transportation system. Get the full UTP at <https://ftp.txdot.gov/pub/txdot/tp/utp/utp-2023.pdf>.

Officials share their words

Cornyn, Cruz support NASA

U.S. Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz recently sent a letter urging leadership of the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations and Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science to provide robust funding for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Johnson Space Center in Houston to help address the strategic threats facing our nation from adversaries like China and Russia.

The Senators also expressed their opposition to a proposed extraterrestrial sampling facility that would undermine JSC's streamlined ability to process astronomical and lead to costly delays that waste taxpayer dollars.

They wrote: "As you develop the final FY24 Commerce, Justice Science (CJS) appropriations bill, we urge you to, at a minimum, provide stable funding for science and space programs implemented by NASA, especially those programs involving human space exploration. Given that space technological innovation is a critical aspect of our ongoing strategic competition with China and Russia, we would also encourage you to consider possible funding increases in strategic areas of national importance such as human exploration and space operations."

"We firmly believe that centralizing these activities at JSC promotes the optimal use of resources. The infrastructure and personnel available at JSC have been carefully developed and refined over the years to meet the unique challenges of handling extraterrestrial samples securely and efficiently."

"The final FY24 CJS bill should address all national security requirements, including growing multi-domain threats posed by strategic competitors, such as China and Russia, and must include robust funding for NASA and the key science and space exploration missions that it oversees."

From John Cornyn, Ted Cruz

BAHEP holds meeting featuring Col. Travis Walters

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has made his mark, however. Whether in the Pentagon or the heart of Texas, his presence has been felt.

"As the Wing Commander, he now leads over 1,000 citizen-aimen, steering MQ-9 Reaper operations across the globe. It's a role that requires vision, courage, and a commitment to excellence. And yet, behind the medals and the titles, you'll find a person of genuine humility, a leader who understands that success is a collective effort, and a mentor who is developing the next generation of airmen."

"Col. Walters recognizes the strategic importance of Ellington in both domestic and global operations, and he has been instrumental in fostering growth and enhancing readiness. His focus on training, infrastructural development, and collaboration with various military branches has led to a more robust and dynamic military presence at the base and positioned them, and the region, for future growth."

In his presentation, Walters discussed the various aspects of Ellington Field and its significance in the community. He highlighted the collaborative effort between military services and civilian partners on the base.

He emphasized Ellington Field's role as a multifunctional

installation housing different branches of the military, including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Corps.

Walters also acknowledged the economic impact of the military presence in the region. He provided insights into the operations of the National Guard and the multiple roles it plays, both in federal missions and responding to state-level emergencies.

Walters spoke of the MQ-9 Reaper, an unmanned aerial platform used for reconnaissance and armed missions. He explained the capabilities and features of the MQ-9, highlighting its extended flight duration and surveillance capabilities.

He also touched on the Air Support Operations Squadron's role in integrating air and ground operations during conflicts.

The colonel then explained how the National Guard plays a role in domestic operations, such as assisting during natural disasters like winter storm URI.

He emphasized the Guard's commitment to serving both nationally and locally.

Walters then spoke of ongoing and planned developments at Ellington Field. He presented a map highlighting new buildings, remodeling projects, new roads, and land acquisition.

Lions set Walk for Sight

The Pasadena Lions Club invites all PISD students, staff, families and locals to join in their Walk for Sight, set for Oct. 28 at 8 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The fundraising window is from Sept. 11 to Oct. 28.

This fundraising event supports PISD health services such as nurse memberships and eyeglass vouchers. See to Succeed transportation, vision screeners, Excellence in Wellness Award support, PE/Health memberships/fees and PE/Wellness equipment.

To register for the Walk for Sight and to donate, visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/walkforsight2023/> or text WFS2023 to 50155.

CCART schedules next meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its first meeting of the 2023-2024 year on Tuesday, Sept. 12. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

The program will feature Texas Senior Medical Patrol—Medicare Fraud. Additionally, there will be flu shots available, and there will be a book sale benefiting the Children's Book Project.

The group will begin gathering at 9:30 a.m. for coffee. Following the meeting there will be 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.

Webster AARP sets Sept. meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will hold their next meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway. Everyone is invited to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts.

The program and social will be presented by Stephanie Fitzgerald with the Alzheimer's Association.

AARP Chapter 199 also organizes day trips for members exclusively by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next bus trip will be on Wednesday, Sept. 27, which will involve lunch at Topwater Grill in San Leon and then a tour of Railean Distillers in San Leon. There is a 20-person minimum for this tour which includes a souvenir shot glass and tasting. Cost of the trip will be \$13.00/person plus lunch (exact change or check requested). Members may register and pay for this trip at the Sept. 14 meeting. If the 20-person minimum is not reached, the day trip will be canceled.

For those interested in joining AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8.00 per year per person and proof of membership of national AARP. For more information, contact Lynne Justis at 832-212-5417, aarpchapter199@yahoo.com.

Local library events set

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

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. 7, 3 - 4 p.m. Open lab - computer class. Registration required.
Thursday, Sept. 7, 4 - 5 p.m. Family storytime. Registration required.
Monday, Sept. 11, 3 - 4 p.m. Open lab - computer class. Registration required.
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 4 - 5 p.m. Retro games. Registration required.
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 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.

Additional resources
The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstonlibrary.org under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.

Parker Williams Library
Parker Williams Library is open. 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. 7, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Conversation club.
Thursday, Sept. 7, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.
Monday, Sept. 11, 6 - 7 p.m. Family story time.
Monday, Sept. 11, 6 - 7 p.m. Conversation club.
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1 - 2 p.m. Pre Interview practice.
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 11:15 - 12:15 p.m. Family Place- Child workshop.

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

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Meador Elementary faculty and staff sip on Sonic slushies



Meador Elementary teachers and staff were treated with Sonic slushies delivery by the administration team after the first week of school. Shown, left to right, are Kevin Fox (assistant principal) and Jennifer-Chavez (principal) serving John Holder (librarian).

Above, left to right, Amanda Johns, second-grade teacher; Klarissa Trevino, second-grade teacher; Chavez; and Melissa Hinojosa, second-grade teacher are all smiling sipping their slushies.

Left to right, Malorie Ehrlich, PE teacher; Vianney Trevino, PE aide; Chavez; Merida; and Stephanie Bounds, PE teacher were among staff members treated with the Sonic refreshments.

SJC offers free books, tuition up to 3 years

The Promise @ San Jac scholarship ensures all high school graduates who live in the college taxing district – including those in portions of Clear Creek, Pearland and Humble ISDs, as well as all of Channelview, Deer Park, Galena Park, La Porte, Pasadena and Sheldon ISDs – can earn a workforce credential or an associate degree at San Jacinto College with 100 percent of their tuition, books, and supplies covered.

This also includes some portions of the South Belt area that are in Sageglen, Green Tee and Vella De Verde.

The scholarship doesn't have any GPA or financial restrictions, meaning all graduating seniors in the college's taxing district qualify.

The deadline to pledge to become a 2024 Promise Scholar, and to apply to the College, is Feb. 22, 2024.

"We encourage all high school seniors in the Class of 2024 to take advantage of this incredible opportunity," said Dr. Allatia Harris, vice chancellor of strategic initiatives, workforce development, community relations, and diversity at San Jacinto College.

"The Promise Scholarship allows students who thought college was out of reach because of finan-

cial constraints to realize their dreams and live up to their educational potential. Whether they want a workforce certificate to obtain a good paying job or to complete their associate degree and transfer to a university, Promise Scholars can focus on the schoolwork, not how they're going to pay for it."

Thanks to a \$30 million donation from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott in 2021, along with donations from San Jacinto College employees, industry partners and community members, the college is able to support all in-district high school seniors who enroll and attend San Jacinto College full time starting the fall after their high school graduation.

The Promise scholarship is a last-dollar scholarship that covers students' remaining financial need after federal and state aid, grants, and other scholarships are applied, so students must apply each year for the FAFSA or TASFA. Students must also maintain a 2.0 GPA and take 12 hours each fall and spring semester to remain eligible for the scholarship.

To learn more about the Promise Scholarship and view enrollment and eligibility requirements, visit www.sanjac.edu/promise-student.

Dobie's 2023-2024 administrative staff



Shown is J. Frank Dobie's administrative team for the 2023-2024 school year. Left to right are (first row) Teresa Jack, counselor; Adriana Robinson, Dobie9 assistant principal; George Cervantes, Dobie9 principal; Ryan Peel, dean of Early College High School; Dr. Jorly Thomas, principal; Leah Walker, counselor; Lyndsi Price, assistant principal; (second row) Marcia Griffin, assistant principal; Denice Smajstria, counselor; Kristen Alexander, Dobie9 assistant principal; Jennifer Haynes, counselor; Kelcey Davis, counselor; Dr. Lauren Calderaro, assistant principal; (third row) Audra Lozano, college central director; Lisa Louper, Dobie9 counselor; Chad Kearbey, Dobie9 counselor; Leslie Constant, assistant principal; Hector Del Rio, assistant principal; Erin Richardson, counselor; (fourth row) Angi Watkins, Early College High School counselor; DeRonda Pitre-Preston, counselor; Carey Sink, assistant principal; Tonie Noise, assistant principal; Louis Cannon, assistant principal; and Neal Brownlee, Dobie9 assistant principal.

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Dobie High faculty welcomes new student teachers

Adriana Robinson, Dobie9 assistant principal, shared with the *Leader* this news regarding their teaching staff. "This year we have the pleasure of having two student teachers for Spanish on campus, being mentored by Karol Chamorro and Iris Lai Zayas. "We're only a couple of weeks into having these students on campus and when I say Chamorro and Lai Zayas have welcomed them with open arms, it is an extreme understatement. Chamorro's welcome wall includes Brianna Damian's name." Lai Zayas has even had Ely Ramirez meet her daughter and they are both in all of the team pictures because they are truly considered to be a part of the world language team. "I have never seen a welcome for a student teacher like this and I just had to share. "We always love having student teachers at Dobie9, and this year is no exception.

"These ladies are certainly raising the bar with welcoming and immersing them in our Dobie9 family and we're so very grateful to work with them."



Shown left, in front of the welcome wall is Dobie9 Spanish teacher Karol Chamorro (left) and student teacher Brianna Damian. Above, left to right are members of Dobie's language team Ely Ramirez, Damian, Chamorro and Iris Lai Zayas.

Sagemeadow Yard of the Month



Above is the Rodriguez family, left to right, Joe, Berzayda, Roman and Berzayda. They were recently awarded Sagemeadow Yard of the Month for July 2023. They remarked that they take great pride in making their home look the best they possibly can.

Thompson staff celebrates College Day



Every Thursday Thompson Intermediate celebrates College Day. Shown celebrating College Day are Thompson staff members, left to right (front row) Ca-Lishea Woods, intervention coach; Tannis Griffin, principal; (back row) Christine Veltman, assistant principal; Denise Media, LAR coach; MaryBeth Nicol, librarian; Gina Teston, math coach; Kelli Moneyhun assistant principal; and Arianna Ibarra, science coach.

Tri-County Republican Women meet Sept. 12

The regular meeting of the Tri-County Republican Women's Club will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Networking will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 11:00 a.m. The speaker for the September meeting is Julie Pickren, state board of education member for District 7. Pickren has a longstanding education leadership experience while serving in many capacities including serving as a board member of two Christian private schools, an Alvin ISD trustee from 2015-2021 and an education policy advisor for many states. During her tenure as Alvin ISD trustee, Pickren saw many successes and awards. Alvin ISD is a fast growing school district that built nine new schools while honoring the state compressed tax rate, thus, saving the taxpayers millions of dollars. She has received many awards for fiscal responsibility and student success and an Honor Board award. Pickren is proud of her record as being a huge proponent for teachers. Under her leadership, Alvin ISD lead the state with teacher salaries and benefits and had one of the highest amounts of their M&O budget directly tied to the classroom. Pickren believes that together, one can prepare children to achieve the American dream with Texas values through education. Pickren represents the state board of education district 7 counties of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Gal-

Harris County makes gains in jail standards

The Harris County Jail has made significant strides toward achieving full compliance with state requirements, according to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. The commission recently reported on the initial findings of a week-long compliance inspection. Previously documented compliance issues related to health care services in the jail have now been corrected, the commission found. However, the commission reported that chronic understaffing has resulted in an inability to consistently meet state requirements related to the observation of people in jail, minimum staffing ratios, and time delays during the booking process. Currently, the jail has nearly 180 vacant detention officer positions, further compounded by an inmate population approaching 9,500. Jail Commission inspectors cited the backlog of cases pending in Harris County's criminal courts as a major factor contributing to the situation. The average stay for a person booked into the Harris County Jail is nearly 200 days, compared to about 30 days at the typical Texas jail. Harris County Commissioners Court recently approved a \$2,000 annual retention stipend for detention officers, with the first payments scheduled for October. A recent independent analysis of the jail's staffing situation recommended a minimum 12 percent pay increase for detention officers, and Sheriff Ed Gonzalez has informed Commissioners Court members that implementing this pay raise is his top priority for the coming fiscal year. Commission members have said they may order Harris County to outsource more of the jail population to for-profit jails outside Harris County if staffing issues are not rectified soon. The preliminary findings of the inspection note improvements in delivering quality health care services in a timely manner. The responsiveness of the staff and the overall cleanliness of the jail were also included as improvements the inspection team recognized. The Harris Health System has taken on the responsibility of providing medical care within the jail. The county's commitment to enhancing medical services is evident in the increase of annual jail medical spending to \$93.9 million, marking a 24 percent rise since 2021. This effort has led to notable improvements in reducing wait times for health care services and streamlining the distribution of prescription medications. The jail's mortality rate for 2023 is lower than the statewide average and lower than the average among Texas' largest county jails. Gonzalez has ordered increased screening of employees and visitors entering the jail to prevent the distribution of potentially deadly illegal drugs that have led to at least one jail death so far this year. Gonzalez has also invested more department resources into investigating illegal contraband in the jail. To improve accountability and transparency in the jail operation, Gonzalez has ordered the implementation of a body-worn camera program in the jail, which will be among the first of its kind in Texas jails. "I want to commend our Sheriff's Office team for pulling together to make significant progress toward our goal of making the jail safer for everyone who lives and works there," Gonzalez said. "They deserve the full support of our leaders and our community for the valuable service they provide under extremely difficult circumstances." The Harris County Jail is among a list of 10 noncompliant jails in the state of Texas. The final inspection report from the Texas Jail Commission on Jail Standards will be released soon. The Harris County Sheriff's Office is committed to cooperating closely with all relevant stakeholders to address the identified deficiencies and ensure a safe and secure environment for those in our custody and those who care for them.

Meador staff displays school spirit

Meador Elementary principal Jennifer Chavez (left) and counselor Tara Merida are all smiles debuting their campus' new Mustang wall, Merida describing it as "beautiful and bright." Here, they display their South Belt pride for both Meador and the Dobie Longhorn football team.



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20 years ago (2003)
Jannis Lowery, a bank officer at Community State Bank, uncovered a scam operating in the area when a customer of the bank tried to deposit a counterfeit check.
25 years ago (1998)
San Jacinto College South experienced a 5.2 percent increase in enrollment. The school added 264 students for the spring semester.
30 years ago (1993)
County Commissioner El Franco Lee joined local sports officials Les Haulbrook (construction director for the South Belt Area Sports Association), SBASA president Joe Bennett and Pony-Colt president Alan Coffman to break ground for the new sports complex being developed on Hall road by the county with help from the local sports associations.
35 years ago (1988)
South Belt area residents were under the additional protection of the South Belt Security Alliance after an agreement between the alliance and Harris County Commissioners Court.
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Stifling defense, Mathews have JFD unbeaten

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Dobie will enter third-week play against Dickinson intent on keeping the train rolling as a quick 2-0 start to the regular season has played out about as close to plan as the Longhorns could have hoped.

A 27-10 win over Grand Oaks Sept. 1 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena gave the Longhorns an impressive unbeaten start to the 2023 campaign and came with plenty of highlights.

Defensive end Rodrick Drumgo led a menacing effort against the Grizzlies that produced five sacks, three from Drumgo, and the unit went nearly three full quarters without surrendering a touchdown.

On the offensive side of things, the line created space for junior tailback Cameron Mathews throughout the night as he

Dobie (1-0) hosts Dickinson (0-1)
Veterans Stadium, Pasadena
Sept. 8, 7 p.m. kickoff

rushed for 222 yards and three scores. Through two games, Mathews has now amassed 403 yards rushing.

Over the two weeks, the Longhorns' veteran defense went nearly seven full quarters without surrendering a touchdown.

Clear Brook managed just a field goal in Dobie's 35-3 win Aug. 25, and Grand Oaks found itself down 17-3 midway through the second half before finding the end zone.

Taking advantage of a short field late in the third quarter of a two-score game, Grand Oaks got

a 9-yard touchdown run from quarterback Grant Smith with 59 ticks remaining in the third quarter.

The score brought the Grizzlies within 17-10 in a hurry, but Dobie extended the lead with a 40-yard field goal from Daniel Campero with 6:46 to play, and Mathews' third touchdown of the game, an 18-yard burst in the final minute, provided the final margin of victory.

The reality is the Longhorns will need to be at their best Sept. 8 as the Dickinson Gators visit Veterans Stadium for a 7

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With 222 yards rushing and three touchdowns in all, Dobie junior back Cameron Mathews (2) lifted the Longhorns to a 27-10 victory over Grand Oaks Sept. 1 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Mathews, who has gained 403 yards and scored four touchdowns during his team's 2-0 start, will lead Dobie against Dickinson Sept. 8 back at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Photo by Kelvin Lopez



Dobie's Christopher Lopez (left) turned in a personal record time on his way to a fifth-place overall finish at the Charlie Goehring Invitational hosted by South Houston High School, completing the varsity boys' three-mile run at 15 minutes, 25.25 seconds. Teammate Damian Rosas was 20th in the Sept. 1 competition in a time of 16:25.06.

Longhorn cross-country teams excel at SoHo's Goehring event

The second full week of meets behind them, high school cross-country runners across the state are rounding into top form in anticipation of the final month before district championships arrive.

Count Dobie among those feeling good about things as personal records are being set and medals are being collected by several top runners.

Dobie was among the talented boys' and girls' programs at the South Houston High School-hosted Goehring Invitational Sept. 1.

In the varsity girls' three-mile event, Do-

bie junior Lauren Garza ran with eventual overall champion Bissinatt Abdelasis of Elsie before taking second place.

Abdelasis was in at 18 minutes, 29.71 seconds for the win, while Garza also cracked 19 minutes at 18:43.52 for a PR at that distance as she was runner-up.

A time of 20:10.56 earned Dobie senior Kyla Lobo the 20th overall spot in the event.

Time will tell if the Dobie varsity girls' team is able to extend its string of league titles to four next month, but there's little doubt that Garza and Lobo

remain individual medal hopefuls.

Beyond those two at the Goehring event, junior Leyla Martinez finished at 22:59.07.

Two Longhorn boys' runners also excelled at the three-mile distance.

Junior Christopher Lopez put up a time of 15:25.25 for fifth place overall, and the Longhorns' Damian Rosas also made the top 20, taking 20th overall with his time of 16:25.06.

After that, sophomore Johan Villavicencio ran well for Dobie as he was in at 16:49.51 for 34th place, and a time of 17:02.19 had Dobie junior Connor Torres 43rd.



At left, the Sagement Cowboys held homecoming festivities during action against the Magnolia Park Sharks at El Franco Park Sept. 2. A highlight of the day came as league officials crowned their king, queen, prince and princess. Those winners included, left to right, princess Avery Pavlock, queen Brooklynn Hebert, king Fabian Rodriguez and prince Xavier Williams. For a look at the current Bay Area Football League standings, see Page 8.

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Sept. 11-12 PISD FB
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Beverly Hills vs. Jackson
All games start at 5 p.m.



Thompson Intermediate head football coach Doug Sawyer led the Lions into the start of the Pasadena ISD regular season Sept. 4-5, and the locals will face Park View Sept. 11-12 while Beverly Hills battles against Jackson the same two days.

JFD volleyball wins Labor Day event

While it's been 10-plus seasons since Deer Park last suffered a loss in district play, Dobie appears to be talented enough to apply plenty of pressure on the Deer as the 22-6A varsity volleyball race sends the Longhorns to Deer Park Sept. 9.

Dobie, blending plenty of third-year veteran skill and leadership with youth-

ful exuberance, already has 20 regular-season wins heading into that league opener, while head coach Cortni Cox has guided the Deer to 18 wins of their

own. The Longhorns played very well in tournament appearances at Dickinson and George Ranch but perhaps saved their best as

they hosted the Dobie Labor Day Classic Aug. 31 and Sept. 2.

Dobie first defeated Danbury, Klein Forest and Eisenhower in pool play Aug. 19, then took down Nimitz and Goose Creek Memorial to capture the championship trophy Sept. 2.

Beating Shadow Creek in a Sept. 1 head-to-head matchup as well, the Longhorns got overall win No. 20 and ran their winning streak to eight prior to a nondistrict match Sept. 5 after press time against La Porte.

The Longhorns won't make nor break their overall season regardless of their Sept. 9 outcome at Deer Park, but the match

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22-6A Volleyball Opener
Dobie at Deer Park
Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m.



Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton (left) has watched as newcomers like freshman Amaya Langellier (right) have blended with a solid group of returnees, producing a terrific run through tournament and nondistrict play as the schedule leans toward District 22-6A action.

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Ballard eyes fast start with Miners

At right, Jeremiah Ballard, a Class of 2021 Dobie graduate and member of the Longhorns' 2020 District 22-6A varsity football championship squad, is entering his redshirt sophomore season at the University of Texas El Paso with big plans at his receiver spot. The Miners figure to lean on senior Tyrin Smith after he had more than 1,000 yards receiving on 71 grabs with seven touchdowns in 2022. Still, UTEP offensive coordinator Scotty Ohara said in a preseason release that Ballard has turned heads in the offseason for the better. "Jeremiah (Ballard) is another one. We've been waiting for him to break out, and he probably had the best offseason of the entire group. He's really doing good things in fall camp, and it's not surprising to me because of his focus level." Ballard played in 11 games in 2022 and had 10 receptions for 118 yards while contributing on special teams.



South Belt football predictions

					
	John Bechtle	Emory Gadd	Troy Leland	Stephen Sutton	Debbie Vaughn
Dickinson at Dobie	Dickinson	Dobie	Dickinson	Dobie	Dickinson
Klein Forest at Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs
Clear Lake at South Houston	Clear Lake	South Houston	South Houston	Clear Lake	Clear Lake
Bridgeland at Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Houston Lamar at Clear Falls	Lamar	Lamar	Lamar	Lamar	Clear Falls
Deer Park at Beaumont West Brook	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
Summer Creek at Klein Collins	Summer Creek	Klein Collins	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Klein Collins
Clear Brook at Pasadena Memorial	Memorial	Memorial	Clear Brook	Memorial	Memorial
C.E. King at Pearland	C.E. King	C.E. King	C.E. King	C.E. King	C.E. King
Tomball at Dawson	Tomball	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Tomball
Last Week's Results	7-3	6-4	8-2	7-3	7-3
Season record	13-7	15-5	16-4	16-4	15-5

Dobie football is unbeaten

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p.m. kickoff. While head coach John Snelson's team is 1-1 following an opening night loss to Atascocita and a 42-34 win against Ridge Point over the first two weeks, the Gators are legit. A Dobie win will qualify as a true signature moment for the program. The Longhorn defense has been truly great

over the two wins, and Mathews is special. He had 24- and 32-yard scoring runs in the first half, and sophomore Demarcus Hodges added his own brand of tough running for a second straight week while collecting 85 yards on the ground. Aside from that third-quarter score on a short field, the Longhorn defense was great for the

second straight week, getting sacks from a variety of front seven personnel. Drumgo now has three on the young season, while junior Aiden Sanchez has another. Meanwhile, Mathews has been downright explosive while delivering one of the Houston area's strongest starts, and kickoff return man Marcus Jones is a true weapon.



Remembering Ike tennis arrives

The Dobie varsity team tennis program is one of the hosts as the annual Remembering Ike Invitational plays out Sept. 8-9 at several Gulf Coast area locals. Dobie will take on the Shadow Creek Sharks Sept. 8, with all first-round events set to play out beginning at 2:30 p.m. The event is in remembrance of the 2008 weather event that became Hurricane Ike and damaged many homes and businesses in Galveston, including that of Dobie head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. and his family. The hurricane weak-

ened prior to continuing landfall in Galveston on Sept. 13 before becoming an extratropical storm on Sept. 14.

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Remembering Ike Tennis
Sept. 8 First Round
BURNT ORANGE DIVISION
Katy Taylor at Clear Springs
Ridge Point at Pearland
George Ranch at Friendswood
Shadow Creek at Dobie
WHITE DIVISION
F.B. Austin at Texas City
Nederland vs. Copperas Cove
(at UT Medical Branch)
Willis at Dickinson
Baytown Lee at Galveston Ball
All matches starting at 2:30 p.m.

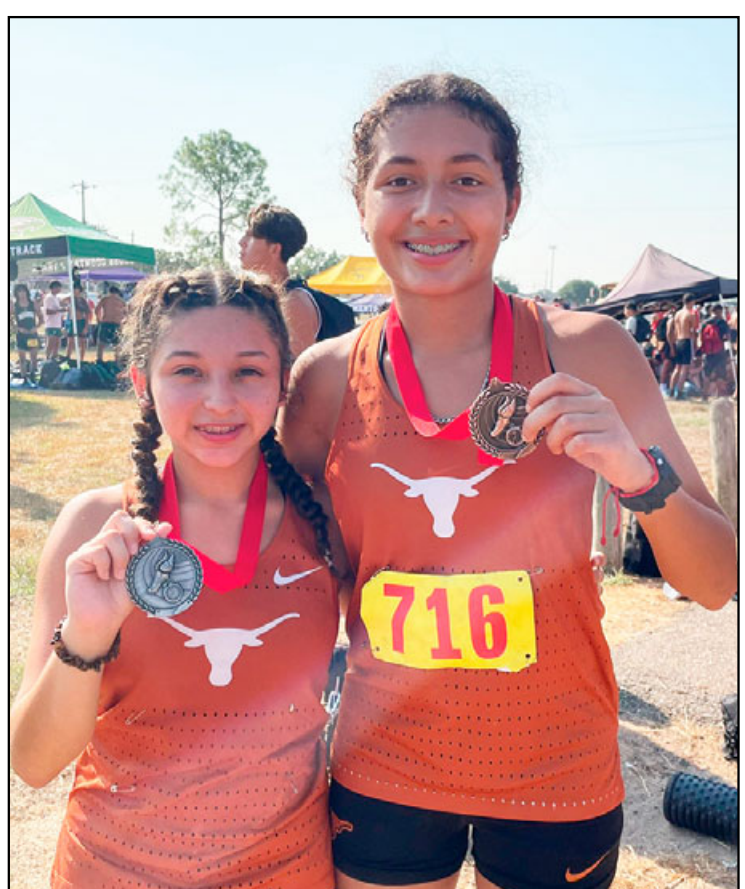
Wolverines topple Lee

The Clear Brook varsity football team evened its record at 1-1 with a 35-32 win over Baytown Lee Sept. 1 in Baytown. The Wolverines trailed 11-0 early on but used a 28-point second quarter to take control. Clear Brook will next face Pasadena Memorial Sept. 7 in Pasadena.

Including an opening-week 35-3 win over Clear Brook, the Dobie defense went nearly seven full quarters without surrendering a touchdown. Against Grand Oaks, the Longhorns got terrific pressure up front, as shown above as Roderick Drumgo (44) and Dempsey Spears (13) combined to bring down Grizzly running back Angel Sepulveda (2) during their 27-10 win Sept. 1 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Photo by Kelvin Lopez

Dobie came up with a terrific defensive effort in a 27-10 win over Grand Oaks Sept. 1 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as Dempsey Spears (13) and Desmond Talib (10) combined for an early tackle for loss on Grizzly running back Devon Wallace (3). That and several similar big plays set the tone as the Longhorns improved to 2-0 ahead of a big matchup against Dickinson Sept. 8 back at Veterans Stadium. Photo by Gloria Wallace

Garza, Lobo lead Dobie runners



Dobie junior Lauren Garza (left) delivered a three-mile personal record time of 18 minutes, 43 seconds to claim second place overall at the Goehring Invitational Sept. 1 at South Houston High School. Teammate Kyla Lobo was ninth in the final results. See more Dobie cross-country on Page 5.

Lutheran South cross-country competes at S.A. Patriot invite

The Lutheran South Academy cross-country program traveled to San Antonio Sept. 2 for the 21st Annual Patriots Invitational, hosted by San Antonio Patriots Home-school Athletics. The Pioneers' Gaitan brothers, seniors Marcus and Matthew as well as freshman Jeremy, compet-

ed in the ultracompetitive Open division, which featured several of the state's prominent public school programs as well as those in the private division. Austin Vandergrift's Hudson Haley was the top overall medalist as he finished at 14 minutes, 35.74 seconds in the three-mile Boys' Open Division.

As for the Gaitans, Marcus Gaitan was 20th overall with a time of 15:20.75, while Matthew Gaitan's clocking of 15:41.59 was good for 48th place. Jeremy Gaitan, continuing an impressive start to his high school career, placed 74th at 16:09.50 as he was the third best freshman finisher.

Sophomore Reid Toner finished at 16:57.94, with Josh Gaitan in at 18:05.88. Sam Hergenrader, a sophomore, crossed the line in a time of 18:14.56. The rest of the LSA boys' varsity team competed in the three-mile standard division, with Nicholas Pena leading the way with an 87th-place

clocking of 18:36.54. Others running for the Pioneers included seniors Andrew Morales (19:19), Nathan Robert (19:44.76), Noah Robert (20:10.81), Esteban Betancourt (20:49.76), junior Manuel Diaz (21:19.57), senior James Anthony (21:20.57) and junior Ryan Jackson (21:30.55).

At 13:17.79, senior Lydia Ward paced the Lutheran South varsity girls at the two-mile distance as she was 59th. Sophomore Elisabeth Hergenrager (13:42.42), juniors Mia Fulton (14:00.29) and Cassidy Pfeiffer (14:30.30) and sophomore Lanie Ward (14:32.40) also ran.

JFD runners earn medals at Creek

At right, the Dobie cross-country program collected its share of medals Sept. 1 at the Clear Creek Invitational with a terrific performance from each of its squads. From left, Lauren Garza was second in the varsity girls' event, Christopher Lopez placed fifth in the varsity boys' race, ninth place in the varsity girls' event went to Kyla Lobo, Damian Rosas was 20th in the varsity boys' event and Pedro Acevedo was third in the junior varsity boys' race.



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEP. 7

7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787 or visit https://www.houstonalanan.org/.

1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 beforehand.

7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets at either Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce calendar or call 281-485-3634.

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship and Bible study groups at 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285.

2 p.m. **Grief Support Group** - Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. Call 713-944-9186.

5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.

8 p.m. **AA** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.

7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.

8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.

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

9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.

11 a.m. **Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict.

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9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for tours of exhibits.

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.

1:30 - 3 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Volunteers teach dance lessons with a different rhythm each month. Park activity card holders attend free. Call 281-554-1180.

6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923.

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.

7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 chapter meets at the Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call 832-858-4617 or 713-

875-8820. 7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, SEP. 12
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

10:00 a.m. **CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Monday's notice.

10:30 a.m. **Tri County Republican Women** - General meeting will be held at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Exact cash or a check requested for \$15 lunch. To RSVP, visit www.tricountyrw.club/ or call 832-250-8901.

11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - Club #05324194 meets in-person at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org or call 832-722-9061.

7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 13
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday notice.

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park. Casual ballroom dancing offered. Call 281-554-1180 for details.

7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.

7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.

8 p.m. **AA** - See Friday's notice.

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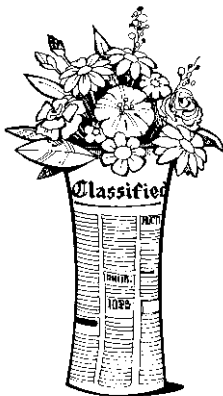
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League City	2	2	0
Pear. Texans	1	2	0
Alvin	1	3	0
Brazosport	1	3	0
La Porte	1	3	0
Magnolia	0	4	0
East End	0	4	0
SE Houston	0	4	0

Freshman Division

Angleton	4	0	0
Bay Area	4	0	0
La Porte	4	0	0
Sagemont	3	1	0
League City	3	1	0
Hitchcock	3	1	0
Manvel	2	1	0
Pasadena	1	2	0
Pear. Pats	1	2	0
Alvin	1	3	0
Magnolia	1	3	0
Brazosport	1	3	0
Pear. Texans	0	3	0
East End	0	4	0
SE Houston	0	4	0

Sophomore Division

Hitchcock	4	0	0
Angleton	3	1	0
SE Houston	3	1	0
Brazosport	3	1	0
Magnolia	3	1	0
League City	3	1	0
La Porte	3	1	0
Bay Area	2	2	0
Alvin	2	2	0
Pear. Pats	1	2	0
Pear. Texans	0	3	0
Pasadena	0	3	0
Manvel	0	3	0
East End	1	3	0
Sagemont	0	4	0

Junior Division

Sagemont	4	0	0
Angleton	4	0	0
Bay Area	4	0	0
Hitchcock	4	0	0
League City	3	1	0
Magnolia	2	2	0
La Porte	2	2	0
SE Houston	2	2	0
Pasadena	1	1	0
Alvin	1	3	0
Pear. Texans	0	3	0
Manvel	0	3	0
Pear. Pats	0	3	0
Brazosport	0	3	0
East End	0	4	0

Senior Division

League City	4	0	0
Pasadena	3	0	0
La Porte	3	1	0
Magnolia	3	1	0
Hitchcock	3	1	0
Manvel	2	1	0
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Baldwin holds big plans with UNLV



Dobie graduate Johnathan Baldwin is back at the University of Nevada Las Vegas after he started all 12 games at safety for the Rebels. Baldwin finished fourth on the team with 56 total tackles, including one tackle for loss and also led the team with seven pass breakups. Baldwin was named Mountain West Defensive Player of the Week on Nov. 28, 2022 after a breakout performance that sparked his team to a 27-22 victory over archrival Nevada Reno in the season finale. Heading into his junior season, Baldwin all-conference candidate patrolling the Rebel secondary is a returning starter at safety. His brother, Dobie Class of 2023 graduate Jalen Baldwin, is a freshman receiver with the Rebels.

Baldwin scores Ireland honor

The University of Nevada Las Vegas Athletics Department announced that football's Johnathan Baldwin was named winner of this year's Bill Ireland Award, which was handed out at the Rebels' Welcome Back event at the Thomas & Mack Center.

The honor is given annually to a student-athlete who shines brightest in their respective sport while competing against Nevada Reno as part of the Silver State Series.

The Ireland honoree, selected through a vote by members of the UNLV Athletics Strategic Communications department, must come from a Rebel team that won its competition versus the Wolf Pack during the year, have made

a significant impact on that outcome and also be in good academic standing.

Baldwin, then a sophomore from Dobie, led the Rebels to victory over in-state rival UNR, 27-22, to take home the Fremont Cannon.

He returned a fumble 55 yards for a touchdown to spark the Rebels' comeback after trailing 13-0.

In all, Baldwin scored a defensive touchdown, grabbed one interception, tallied eight tackles and two pass breakups, the last of which came on fourth-and-goal to preserve the thrilling victory.

Other nominees for UNLV's Ireland Award this year, who led their teams to wins over their rivals to the north, were De-

si-Rae Young of women's basketball, EJ Harkless of men's basketball, Jacob Sharp of baseball, Taylie Liddell of women's soccer and Gabby Arretche-Ramos of volleyball.

The award is named in honor of Ireland, who was deeply tied to the history of the Wolf Pack and Rebels athletics programs.

A 1952 graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno, Ireland was the Wolf Pack's first baseball coach (1961-67). After his time at UNR, he went on to UNLV where he became the Rebels first football coach (1968-72) and later served as athletics director (1973-80).

Ireland is also credited with helping create the famed rivalry trophy the Fremont Cannon.



Dobie High School Class of 2021 graduate and current UNLV junior football player Johnathan Baldwin was named winner of this year's Bill Ireland Award, which was handed out at the Rebels' Welcome Back event at the Thomas & Mack Center.



Dobie won its Labor Day Classic tournament with five straight wins as, left to right, freshman Amaya Langellier (1), Ariana Garza (8), Aly Frias (17) and Lexie Gonzalez (11) were All-Tournament selections.



Playing in their final regular-season high school tournament, the Dobie varsity volleyball team's seniors celebrated winning the championship at the Longhorns' Labor Day Classic Aug. 31 and Sept. 2. Those seniors included, left to right, (front row) Ari-

Dobie volleyball squad winner of eight straight

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With an early look at both the present and future, the Longhorns have also received terrific hitting from freshman Amaya Langellier, and the entire roster has delivered when called upon.

Now, the Longhorns are ready to turn their full attention to the District 22-6A race,

Pioneer football wins 29-7; even at 1-1 over two weeks

Kai Conerly rushed for two scores and quarterback John LeBlanc threw for two more as Lutheran South Academy downed St. Michael's 29-7 Sept. 1 to even its record at 1-1 thus far in 2023.

The Pioneers spotted St. Michael's a 7-0 lead before reeling off 29 unanswered points in the win. LeBlanc went 38 yards through the air to Brae-

Robinson on the slant and then hit PrynceJohn Hill on a deep fade for 21 yards and a touchdown as the Pioneers led for good at 13-7.

Conerly burst 23 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter and the Lutheran South defense came up with a safety before Conerly's 82-yard touchdown run capped the scoring.

Onozie at Albany State



Dobie Class of 2022 graduate Natalie Onozie has transferred to Albany State University in Albany, Ga., where she will be a sophomore with the NCAA Division II Golden Rams women's volleyball program. The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference ranked Albany State second in its preseason predictions for the East Division, with the Golden Rams having posted a 19-8 overall record, including 17-4 in conference play in 2022. Onozie, who as a senior at Dobie was the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player and finished her high school career with 463 kills, 852 digs and 1,297 assists, played her freshman collegiate season at Alverno College in Milwaukee. She started 24 of 25 matches and had 185 kills to go with 116 assists and 144 digs. Onozie is majoring in nursing.

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