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FREE TAX PREP
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is offering free tax prep for Brazoria County residents earning up to \$55,000 in 2021. Appointments are offered from 9am to 4pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays until April 14 at the United Way of Brazoria County, 4005 Technology Rd., Ste. 1020 in Angleton. Bring valid photo ID, SS card or tax ID number, all W-2 forms, copy of prior tax return, 1099 form (if applicable), and 1095A form (if applicable). To make an appointment or for more information call 979-849-9402.

April 9

FUMC PEARLAND EGG HUNT
First United Methodist Church Pearland Egg Hunt is slated for Saturday, April 9 at 10am. Egg hunts for all ages, crafts, and breakfast tacos! Pre-register to skip the line and ensure your kid's wristbands are ready when you arrive. Go to fumc-pearland.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1039/responses/new.

SPRING MARKET & EGG HUNT

New Hope Church Spring Market & Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 9 from 10am to 4 pm at 3640 CR 58 in Manvel. The market is a fundraiser that supports the NHC Camp Scholarship fund for New Hope Kids and New Hope Student ministries. For more information visit <https://newhopechurch.tv>.

HOUSE CONCERT

Pearland House Concerts presents Scotty Alexander on Saturday, April 9 from 6 to 9pm at 2845 Westchester Circle in Pearland. The charity for April is The Sanctuary Adoption Services Fort Bend Expansion. Dinner is included with your ticket and seating is first come first serve. Water and tea provided - BYOB. Suggested donation \$35. Food is served at 6pm with music starting at 7pm. Sign up at www.eventbrite.com/e/phc-presents-the-scotty-alexander-band-live-april-9-tickets-243857703957

April 10

BROOKSIDE VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

Brookside Village Farmers Market will be held Sunday, April 10 from 9am to 1pm at Lawhon Elementary, 5810 Brookside Road in Pearland. Local vendors including food producers, makers, kids activities, live music and more!

April 13

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Pearland Tom Reid Branch Library Family Fun Night is set for Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30pm. Bring the whole family for a night of games around the library. Board games, jumbo blocks, mini golf and more! Free to public. The library is located at 3522 Liberty Drive.

April 14

MUSEUM PRESENTATION

Brazoria County Historical Museum presents "Honor and Legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers" on Thursday, April 14 at 6pm. Captain Paul J. Matthews, founder of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, will discuss the Buffalo Soldiers of the U.S. 10th Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army. The museum is located at 100 E. Cedar St. in Angleton.

April 16

OLD PEARLAND FARMERS MARKET

Old Pearland Farmers Market will be held Saturday, April 16 at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. Bring cash but many vendors also use Venmo and cards. Overflow parking is located at City Hall Annex Lot, 3523 Liberty Drive.

April 30

SWEETHEART DANCE

Pearland Silverlake Lions Club Mother & Son Sweetheart Dance will be held Saturday, April 30 from 5:30 to 8:30pm at the Lions Club of Pearland, 3350 S. Main St. To purchase tickets go to <https://bid-pal.net/motherson22>.

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TOUGH PLAYOFF LOSS - Pearland sophomore forward John Baker pushes the ball up the field vs Strake Jesuit in the area round of the Class 6A Region III quarterfinal playoffs. The Oilers would fall 3-0 to the state-ranked Crusaders, ending their run for the 2022 season. Despite the loss it was the best soccer season for Pearland since 2006, with a final record of 15-8-3 overall and 8-4-2 in district play.

Pearland falls to Strake Jesuit 3-0 in region quarterfinals

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Oilers came up short to district rival Strake Jesuit 3-0 in the Class 6A Region III quarterfinals, but head coach Scott MacNeish and his band of brothers should not be hanging their heads in defeat.

The Oilers boys soccer program is on the rise and, despite the loss, made historic strides for this season and the success they experienced.

Pearland (15-7-3) made the playoffs last year for the first time in ten years and their 15 wins this season are more than their last two seasons combined.

After beating cross-town cousin Dawson

last year in the district finale to either advance or stay home in the playoffs, this season the Oilers built on that experience to get two playoff wins beating Clear Falls 3-1 in bi-district and Humble 2-0 in the area round — the Oilers were in the regional quarterfinals for the first time since 2006.

"Last year, we were just happy to be in," said MacNeish in another publication. "Anything else was bonus. This year, we would have been seriously disappointed not to win the first round.

"Now it's one of those things where I want them to enjoy it and play free. There's a calm confidence from this team right now. The boys feel they can battle through anything."

Despite the loss, MacNeish is building a solid soccer program in Pearland that will get even better as each year passes.

"It's been hard," MacNeish said. "We went through some rough years when I got here (eight years ago). About five years ago (the 2019 season) was probably our low. We were in last place. We had to reassess where we were at."

In 2018-19, MacNeish was blessed with a great freshman class who are this year's seniors and the results have been amazing.

There are 13 seniors on this year's roster and they are the ones who have been responsible for setting a new standard and tradition.

PHC presents Texas singer Scotty Alexander

By KAROLYN GEPHART

Reporter News Staff

Pearland House Concerts (PHC) is proud to welcome Scotty Alexander from 6 to 9 pm Saturday, April 9.

Alexander makes his home in Bandera and is a veteran singer, songwriter and recording artist that has over 10,000 live shows to his credit as a solo or supporting act for artists including Wayne Newton, Neal McCoy, Easton Corbin, Brian White, Cody Johnson, Cody Jinks, Sundance Head, Kevin Fowler and more.

Alexander is a world class studio musician on fiddle, guitar, banjo, bass and has performed since the age of 6. In the years that followed Scotty appeared on Star Search and performed with his band at nightclubs and fairs all through his teenage years. His early years also took him to Texas where he performed with Mickey Gilley several times at the original Gilley's in Pasadena, TX. In 1994 he moved to Las Vegas to co-host in an

award-winning production show called "Country Tonight."

In 1999 Scotty went to work for the legend Wayne Newton. He played guitar, fiddle



banjo and mandolin on stage and eventually became Newton's music director until 2007. He moved to Nashville and worked as a writer/artist. In 2019 he released a new album and another followed. He is a five-time Texas Country Music Nominee.

The dinner/concert will begin with dinner at 6 pm. The charity for the event is TBD.

Dinner is included with each ticket and seating is first come first serve. The event will be outside Covid precautions. Water and tea are provided and all attending are welcome to BYOB. These are casual, intimate shows and the suggested donation is \$35. Food is served at 6 pm and music begins at 7 pm.

Tickets are on Eventbrite.

The event takes place at 2845 Westchester Circle in Pearland. Parking is available in the parking lot of the business on the corner and behind the back fence as long as it is not muddy. Please do not park on the street.

For more information on PHC, visit <http://PearlandHouseConcerts.com/>

Time to prepare for area Easter Egg fun

By KAROLYN GEPHART

Reporter News Staff

Children in the area are preparing their Easter baskets for fun activities involving eggs.

They will get a chance to meet the Easter Bunny at Pearland's Spring Fling Saturday April 9 from 9 am to 2 pm at 3939 Allen Road in Pearland. Along with a bounce house, the event has the Easter Bunny hiding over 800 eggs for hunting. The event benefits the Pearland Canine Resource Center. A classic and import car show will be held along with a 20 plus item silent auction and 50 plus vendor market. Matt Beisner from Dog Impossible and Grey Wolf Canine Rehab will be talking about dog behavior. He will also be doing mini classes.

First United Methodist Church Pearland Egg Hunt is slated for Saturday, April 9 at 10 am. Egg hunts will be offered for all ages along with crafts, and breakfast tacos. Pre-register to skip the line and ensure wristbands for kids are ready upon arrival. Register at fumepearland.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1039/responses/new.

Also in Pearland April 9 will be the 2nd Annual Springtime Show-N-Shine at the VFW Post 7109 at 4202 W. Walnut. The annual car show will also offer 50/50 raffles and a big Easter Egg Hunt. The event will run from noon to 7 pm.

New Hope Church Spring Market and Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April

9 from 10 am to 4 pm at 3640 CR 58 in Manvel. The market is a fundraiser that supports the NHC Camp Scholarship fund for New Hope Kids and New Hope Student ministries. For more information visit <https://newhopechurch.tv>.

On Sunday, April 10 in Friendswood, Easter in the Park is returning to Stevenson Park at 1100 S. Friendswood Drive. The Lions Club and the City of Friendswood are hosting the event. A huge Easter Egg Hunt and photos with the Easter Bunny will be offered. The



event is free for ages 0-10 and there will also be an adaptive egg hunt offered.

Alvin Parks and Recreation Department are offering a Lights Out Easter Egg Hunt for ages 0-12 on Thursday, April 14 at 8 pm in Briscoe Park. The event is free but pre-registration is required. For more information, go to www.alvin-tx.gov or call 281-388-4299. Register at <https://app.booking.ca/alvinrecreationpub/>.

Egg Hunt in the Hangars is being offered by the Lone Star Flight Museum Saturday, April

16. Admission is \$5 for all ages. The events take place between 9 to 11 am. From 9:30 to 9:45 am, ages 3 and younger will have their hunt in the Flight Academy and Heritage Gallery. From 9:50 to 10:05 am, children ages 4-6 will hunt in Waltrip Hangar. Children ages 7 and 8 will hunt in Heritage Hanger from 10:10 to 10:25 and those ages 9 and 10 will have their Easter Egg Hunt in the LSFM Ramp from 10:30 to 10:45 am.

The event will also have EGGciting activities, prizes and photo opportunities throughout the event. Golden Eggs at the event will hold special items from the LSFM gift shop. LSFM is located at 11551 Aerospace Avenue in Houston.

Children in the area are not the only ones who will be having Easter Egg fun. The Alvin Parks and Recreation Department is hosting their Adult Easter Egg Hunt April 14 at 9 pm in Briscoe Park. The event is open to all ages 18 and over. The fee is \$15 per person with limited space available. There will be raffles to win large prizes such as a Penn Fishing Pole, Piscifun Tackle Bag, a TV, Whataburger for a year, a free month car wash and more. Why should children have all the fun? For more information call 281-388-4299.

Stanfield Properties 5th Annual Jelly Bean Fling will be held Saturday, April 16 from 11 am to 2 pm at 807 S. Friendswood Dr. in Friendswood. Free professional photos with the Easter Bunny, food trucks, and a huge Easter Egg Hunt will be offered.



FHS ONE ACT PLAY ADVANCES TO REGIONALS

The Friendswood High School Theater Department took first place at Area in UIL One Act Play and will advance to Regionals on April 22. Students performed an abbreviated version of their Fall production, *Macbeth*. Team members Hayden Hobbs and Balint Kidd were also awarded All Star Cast. Coy White received Honorable Mention All Star Cast. Jason Enoch was awarded Best Tech. Madeline Raska was awarded Best Crew.

Pearland ISD Full-time Pre-K and Kinder Enrollment now underway

Save time. Enroll online.

Pearland Independent School District offers a nurturing, world-class environment for Pre-K and Kindergarten students to learn and thrive. Parents of qualifying students may now begin the early enrollment process online via New Student Online Enrollment (NSOE).

Pre-K Early Enrollment:

- This is a full-day program offered at all elementaries
- Students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2022
- Must live in Pearland ISD school zone
- Must meet one of the eligibility criteria below to qualify for the program:

Limited English Proficient: Be unable to speak and comprehend the English language. (Eligibility is based on results of Language Testing performed by Pearland ISD)

Educationally Disadvantaged: Eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), including students who receive any of the following benefits:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Foster Care or Previously in Foster Care: Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Placement Authorization Form 2085, Court Order, or DFPS Letter of Verification required.

Homeless: Children who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and/or who are sharing housing with others due to the loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason may qualify. Student Residency and Assistance Questionnaire (SRQ) required.

Military Families: The child of a parent who is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States,

including the state military forces or a reserved component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority or the child of a parent of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserved component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty.

Star of Service Award: The child's parent/guardian has received the Star of Texas Award as a peace officer, firefighter, or an emergency medical first responder.

Kindergarten Early Enrollment:

- Students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2022
- Live in Pearland ISD school zone

How Do I Begin Enrollment?

Visit www.pearlandisd.org/kinder or www.pearlandisd.org/prek to begin the early enrollment process for 2022-23.

All students enrolling in Pearland ISD must complete the process online. The district uses a New Student Online Enrollment (NSOE) portal where parents must enter all your information and upload all the required documents.

Early pre-kindergarten enrollment is only for students who will attend their zoned campus and have all the required documents at early enrollment time.

Required Documents to upload:

- Deed or current home lease (current Pearland ISD property tax statement may be used in place of deed to home; apartment lease must list parent as lessee and student as occupant)
- Current utility bill (water, gas, electricity) with correct address of residence (in parent/guardian name)
- Photo ID of parent enrolling student (current state, federal or international photo ID)
- Birth certificate showing parent enrolling student named as parent (official preferred, certified copy acceptable)
- Immunization record (official)
- Student's Social Security card (SSN is recommended but not required. A student who does not provide or have a SSN will be assigned a state identification number)

For general enrollment questions contact Julie Juneau at juneauj@pearlandisd.org, for Pre-K questions, contact Stephanie Weaver at weaverst@pearlandisd.org and for Dual Language Program questions please contact Dr. Susana Franco-Fuenmayor at francofuenmayors@pearlandisd.org.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Drainage and flood prevention have been and will continue to be an important issue for the Friendswood Community. Having personally been involved with the floods from Allison, the damage from Ike and the recovery efforts after Harvey, the need for vigilance is always on my mind. Leadership at the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District (GCCDD) must balance: tax payer needs, budgets, partnerships, staffing requirements and the ever changing political landscape of our County, State and Nation. I have spoken with numerous experts and leaders in our community about the work that Marcus Rives has done during his service on GCCDD.

The recommendations I have received, and my own knowledge of Marcus's service, gives me great confidence in recommending him to Friendswood.

We need leaders like Marcus to continue to complete and improve our drainage projects. It's only a matter of time before we see our next storm, let's keep Marcus as a Director on GCCDD. Early voting starts on April 25 at the Activities Building in Downtown Friendswood.

Dave Smith
Former Mayor of Friendswood

Dawson students bound for state SkillsUSA competition

Four Dawson High School students will be competing at the state SkillsUSA competition to be held April 1-3 in Corpus Christi, TX.

Students recently rose to the top in their area of expertise at the District 9 SkillsUSA competition which took place Feb. 25-26.

Winners advancing to state include. . .

Digital Cinema Production: Matthew Dennis and Kael Pisano

Television Production: Hadiya Henderson and Hector Del Castillo

SkillsUSA strives to help students become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens through a structured program of citizenship, leadership, employability and technical and professional skills training.

More than 300,000 students and advisors participate in SkillsUSA annually.

Friendswood FFA to have open house, Easter activities

Friendswood FFA welcomes the community to their Annual Barn Open House in Friendswood from 10 am to 2 pm Saturday April 16. The facility is located at 1400 Baker Rd.

FFA members are eager to show their livestock projects that they are raising for the Galveston County Fair. They have cattle, pigs, lambs, goats, turkeys, chickens, and rabbits.

They will have a come and go Easter egg hunt so they encourage children to bring their baskets.

There will also be a photography station with live rabbits for free Easter pictures.

Students will be competing in a stall decorating contest and those visiting will be the judges.

This event is open to the Friendswood community.

Foreman to speak at Friendswood Chamber 35th Honors Luncheon

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce is preparing for its 35th Annual Honors Luncheon for the Class of 2022 from Friendswood High School and Clear Brook High School. The luncheon will take place April 28 from 11 am to 1 pm at First Baptist Church Friendswood.

Each year the Chamber hosts a luncheon to honor the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Recipients and Top Ten graduating students from Clear Brook and Friendswood High School along with their counselors and principals.

"This is a very exciting and heart-warming event to witness how our students have excelled in their education career before heading off to their next milestone in life," Chamber President Carol Marcantel said.

Guest speaker this year is Friendswood Mayor Mike Foreman. Foreman is a retired U.S. Navy pilot and a NASA astronaut. While with NASA, Foreman was part of a mission that delivered the Japanese Experiment Module and the Canadian Special Purpose Dexterous Manipulator to the International Space Station. Foreman was also a crewmember of the STS-129 mission in November 2009, according to Wikipedia. In 2018, he was elected mayor of Friendswood. He and his wife Lorrie are active in the Friendswood community.

First Baptist Church Friendswood is located at 202 E. Heritage Drive. For more information call 281-482-3329 or visit info@friendswoodchamber.com.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Original Mobile Game

- Across**
- "Dear old" guy
 - Chef's sprinkle, sometimes
 - Canine scourge
 - Egg cells
 - Los Angeles suburb
 - "South Pacific" hero
 - Bossy
 - Golden Horde member
 - Didn't have enough
 - Oolong, for one
 - They get what's coming to them
 - Resister
 - Symbol of Americanism
 - 30-day mo.
 - X rating?
 - Bird word
 - Bug
 - Most dense
 - "Anything that can go wrong will"
 - Wood sorrel
 - Ashtabula's lake
 - Abominable types
 - "Laugh-In" segment
 - Approx.
 - Mandrake, e.g.
 - Locomotive
 - The old college cheer
 - Linda ___, Supergirl's alias
 - Calendar abbr.
 - White House nickname
 - Radiant
 - Something 25 Across would say
 - "Remember the ___!"
 - "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
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 - Child's play?
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 - At full speed
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 - For toasting
 - Always, in verse
 - "American ___"
 - Nile wader
 - "Little Women" woman

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- Buzzed
- Fraternity letter
- Big bang producer
- Wile E. Coyote's supplier
- Decant
- Finnish Port
- "Socrates" composer
- Bit of kindling
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- Hammer part
- Eye piece
- Bush
- Curly cabbage
- It comes to mind
- Freshman, probably
- A mirage does it
- ___ Rose
- Hawaiian tuber
- Like show horses
- Bachelor's last words

- Appraise anew
- Endangered cats
- Cabernet, e.g.
- Look up to
- Cereal grasses
- Hindu queen
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- Auto option
- Neighbor of Libya
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THE BUDDING GARDENER

By MICHELLE THOMPSON

Tis the Season for Garden Tours

I love visiting other people's gardens to get ideas for my own yard, check out different styles of landscaping and discover new plants or combinations of plants. While it's nice to drive by and see front yards, back yards reveal homeowners' passions, leisure interests and hobbies. One way to get invited to the backyard is by invitation with a ticket to a garden club sponsored garden tour.



In March I headed to the River Oaks Garden Club's Azalea Trail, an opportunity to see some of Houston's most exceptional gardens. Tickets included entrance to two public gardens at Bayou Bend and The Rienzi along with the The Forum of Civics (garden club home) and four private gardens.

This year there was an abundance of beautiful garden club created floral displays outside dotting the properties. Tour attendees were directed to the backyards where glimpses of kitchens and other living areas could be viewed only through oversized windows and patio doors. With no lines to enter the residences this year, touring times were shortened yet felt more leisurely.

River Oaks garden club design teams did a fantastic job of creating an abundance of floral displays, decorated outdoor dining areas and numerous vignettes. One home had a table setting featuring navy, orange and yellow European style dishes complemented by bright containers of yellow tulips, deep blue delphinium and yellow alstroemeria. An Arts & Crafts styled home featured a 1930 Model A Roadster with an abundance of spring flowers filling up a rear travel trunk and large sprays of flowers flowing out of an opened car door. The lavish display of agapanthus, liatris, pink roses, daisy like chamomile flowers, yellow daffodils and gladiolas in the roadster was a show stopper with the double seated bike showcasing large floral displays in front and back bike baskets coming in a close second. There were many other notable displays including a beautiful peony and hydrangea swag on a wrought iron entrance rail, many compositions made from flowers that looked like cakes, ice-



cream sundaes, a backgammon board, butterflies and floral chair pads. Homeowner gardens featured statues, large and small, swimming pools with water features and one grassy area featured two "ladies" playing croquet with human like forms clothed in white alyssum, white petunias and one dressed with a layered tropical leaf skirt with a back facing geranium and ivy bustle reminiscent of *The Gilded Age*. Yet another house paraded a line of bikes and the rickshaw, highlighting flowers in numerous attached baskets.

If you would like to attend a garden tour, there is one coming up April 23 & 24 in Friendswood sponsored by the Heritage Gardeners Garden Club. Tickets will gain entrance to five private gardens and the Briscoe Gardens, the garden club's public garden. Each homeowner's style is apparent in every one of the unique garden spaces. The title themes on the ticket hint at what you'll discover in each of the landscapes.

The "Mediterranean Oasis" features an elegant pool area surrounded by numerous majestic palm trees with soothing sounds from waterfalls not far from an outdoor kitchen and entertainment areas, one which features a six hole putting green, all surrounded by colorful flowering annuals.

Relaxing blue and purple hues dominate in the pool area, outdoor playset and flowers at the beautiful and cozy yard of "Family Time".

A pool, Koi fish filled pond with waterfall, orchid wall and many different kinds of plants including succulent collections are featured in a Master Gardener's "Tropical Hideaway".

Hardcore vegetable gardeners will be impressed by the large edible garden at the "Friendswood Farm". The farm also features cute rabbits, bee hives, rows of plumeria, fig trees and blackberry vines.

A lot of creative surprises await at the expansive property of "A Whimsical Walk". Here you'll want to linger to search out all the different areas of garden art and hanging planters, visit the "She Shed" and view some very unique containers filled with plants.

The Heritage Gardeners Spring Garden Tour is April 23 & 24 from 1-5pm. Tickets can be purchased at the clubhouse on the days of the tour. The clubhouse, located at 112 W. Spreading Oaks, Friendswood, TX will be open 9am to 5pm, during the garden tour, for both the Spring Market that Saturday and a new Gardeners Market on Sunday. A Native Plant presentation is scheduled April 23 at 11:30am inside the clubhouse. For more information on Heritage Gardeners events go to www.facebook.com/FriendswoodHeritageGardeners.

Michelle Thompson is a Galveston County Master Gardener and is a member of Heritage Gardeners of Friendswood. She served as President 2018-2020.

Alvin ISD student selected as Distinguished Young Woman of Brazoria County

Distinguished Young Women is a unique program that combines the chance to win college scholarships with a program that offers Life Skills training to prepare young women for the world after high school. Each year the program makes over \$1 billion dollars in scholarships available, and it costs nothing to enter! Distinguished Young Women of Brazoria-Galveston Counties is one of hundreds of local programs across the country.

Each Distinguished Young Women program evaluates participants in the following categories: Scholastics (25%), Interview (25%), Talent (20%), Fitness (15%), and Self-Expression (15%). Two representatives will advance to the state level this upcoming January. All state winners participate in the National Finals in Mobile, Alabama in June 2023.

This year's local program was held in Pearland at The Lakes at Countryplace Clubhouse. \$1400 in cash scholarships were awarded and all the participants are eligible for

College-Granted Scholarships at schools around the country.

Alvin ISD had several students participate in the program. Congratulations to Shadow Creek High School junior Juliet George. Juliet was selected as the Distinguished Young Woman of Brazoria County for the Class of 2023. She took home a \$500 cash scholarship.

Also, congratulations to Alvin High School's Gracey Kettler. She was chosen as the Self-Expression Category winner and is the recipient of a \$100 cash scholarship.



New park chair honors former KFB leader

A new butterfly chair has been unveiled next to the Fairy Trail entrance in Stevenson Park in Friendswood. The chair has been dedicated to Keep Friendswood Beautiful's past Chair, Natasha McAdoo.

Members of Keep Friendswood Beautiful along with the Parks and Recreation Department, City Council, and the McAdoo family and friends gathered together for the unveiling recently in the park.

McAdoo has served as chair from 2019-2022 and sat on the board for eight years. During this time she led KFB to become a highly recognized organization in Friendswood.

The Fairy Trail was McAdoo's vision to create a trail in Friendswood. With many hours of grant writing and planning, the trail became a reality in 2020. The Friendswood Fairy Trail is now known as a wonderful experience for children to do in the Houston area. KFB members have received inquiries nationwide on how to create a fairy trail as well as from a town in Canada.

In 2021, under McAdoo's leadership KFB has been awarded grant funding that ultimately made Friendswood more beautiful.

McAdoo has been a leader and friend to all volunteers, civic organizations and the staff of the City of Friendswood.

ACC to host job fair April 13

Alvin Community College will host a Job Fair on April 13 to help members of the community meet with local employers.

Sixteen employers will be on hand at the fair to visit with potential employees. The fair is open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

"The job fair is an opportunity for students, alumni and the community to see what's available in the job market," said Sarahy Farley, Career Services coordinator. "It also brings our area employers to establish and maintain a connection with the community."

The job fair will be Wednesday, April 13 at the Science Building Lobby from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Employers include at the fair will include Ascend Performance Materials, BASF, Charter Healthcare, City of Angleton Police Department, City of Pearland Parks & Recreation, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, Galveston County Health District EMS, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Port Freeport, Thelma Ley Anderson YMCA, Turner Industries Group and UTMB.

Free food will also be provided. Those seeking employment are asked to bring a copy of their resume to share with the employers at the site.

For more information call 281-756-3560.



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FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

ON PRIVILEGE

“But you’re a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

- 1 Peter 2:9-10

Every once in a while, I feel like I’ve been tossed into the growing pile of men labeled those with... “white, male, privilege.” I don’t bring up the topic... it’s usually someone else and the comments are less specific in terms of names, addresses and phone numbers but nonetheless I’m given the look that the only reason I’m able to do anything at all or have had one iota of success in life is because my parents gave me no choice. And when that happens, I normally balk at the notion.

My parents didn’t grow up with privilege. They were poor. Their fathers drank too much. My father’s parents divorced when he was fourteen... in the middle of WW2. My mother was the seventh of nine children. When she was eight years old her mother was killed by a hit and run driver. Not long after that her father ran away from home... for 23 years. That sounds a lot more like desperation than privilege as I wouldn’t want those kinds of life details for my children and grandchildren... nor yours... nor anyone’s...

In its truest sense ... ‘privilege’ is a special right, an advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group... according to a quick google search... and I might add in most cases privilege is an unsolicited gift or earned. Some might say... so is a slap in the face.

When St. Peter wrote what we call his first letter... it was addressed to the Jewish people who had dispersed to other regions around the Mediterranean Sea... and there were many of them... often ridiculed and chided for what others viewed as a privileged heritage. But, as one reads that letter it’s easy to see how Peter points out everything has

changed because of Jesus’ life, death, resurrection and return to glory with the Father via his ascension into heaven... not a privilege but a purpose as the story declares... as long as we cannot save ourselves from sin and destruction... only Jesus could. Then did... with Peter pointing out... “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” (1 Peter 2:7b) describing a great irony that the limestone left behind (*rejected*) used to build the walls around Jerusalem became the site of Jesus’ crucifixion... the remaining stone labeled... “Golgotha” ... the ‘hill of the skull’ ... as from a distance people could see a face... like we would see a carved pumpkin... haunting eyes, a nose and mouth leftover from the better stones removed. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built over it and stands in Jerusalem to this day.

As I write these words, I’m mindful that Holy Week is just days away. Palm Sunday is on the doorstep and pushes us toward remembering the last supper and holy meal Jesus shared with his closest friends, the events of Good Friday where God was silent to the cries of a one and only son dying the cruel death of crucifixion but having that event overturned by Jesus’ glorious resurrection from the grave announcing eternal life to all who would believe... which makes all the difference for each day I live...

Yet, I’m mindful, also, the world can still be a mess... not a result of a privilege from God but a result of selfishness, greed, and a lack of desire for a justice for all... Faith matters. It does. It will. It always will... for if what we believe deep in our hearts leads us to a life of praise of God and service to our neighbor... that is a privilege I will always embrace. I hope you can, too.

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Gige is a long-time resident of Pearland, having pastored four churches over the last four decades in Texas and Louisiana. Read more following Brian’s blog ‘murmurings’ at <https://briangige.wordpress.com/>. Send comments and/or questions to godworks247365@gmail.com.

Pearland ISD announces teacher, employee honorees

Pearland ISD proudly announces its 2021-22 campus teacher and paraprofessional award winners and principals and employees of the year.

Each year the district honors outstanding teachers, administrators and staff who go above and beyond to inspire students and create a supportive educational environment.

District elementary and secondary teacher award winners will be named at the employee service awards celebration on April 29.

Principals of the Year

Rebecca Morris, Challenger Elementary
Jason Frerking, Pearland Junior High South

Campus Teachers of the Year

Carlos Pineda, Carlestone Elementary
Jennifer Hinojosa, Challenger Elementary
Carly Hernandez, Cockrell Elementary
Becki Schuck, Harris Elementary
Yvonne Garcia, Lawhon Elementary
Dale Nguyen, Magnolia Elementary
Hina Uddin, Massey Ranch Elementary
Jennifer Guthrie, Rustic Oak Elementary
Juliet Marie Allison, Shadycrest Elementary
Melynda Wood, Silvercrest Elementary
Jenna Berlanga, Silverlake Elementary
Marty Gibson, Alexander Middle School
Angelina Bouchard, Jamison Middle School
Christine Meador-Garcia, Rogers Middle School
Melissa Vera, Sablatura Middle School
Jill Laird, Berry Miller Junior High
Krystal Flores, Junior High East
Holly Hall, Junior High South
Valarie Kubos, Junior High West
Troy Myers, Dawson High School
Megan Pelc, Pearland High School
Kyla Mora, Turner College & Career High School
Tiffany Shelton, PACE Center

Campus Glenda Dawson First-Year Teachers

Rylee Deckard Figueroa, Carlestone Elementary
Cheryl Behm, Cockrell Elementary
Angie Mendez, Lawhon Elementary
Tara Randall, Magnolia Elementary
Joseph Ray, Massey Ranch Elementary
Jacqueline Townsend, Rustic Oak Elementary
Kailey Waddell, Silverlake Elementary
Tyler Hensley, Alexander Middle School
Nicholas Bretzke, Jamison Middle School
Kristina Taylor, Rogers Middle School
Savannah Sheppard, Sablatura Middle School
Javier Cervantes-Tinajero, Pearland Junior High East
Aaron Koterwas, Pearland Junior High South
Morgan Taylor, Pearland Junior High West
Ryan Woods, Dawson High School
Sergio Medrano, Pearland High School

Paraprofessionals of the Year

Nohemi Cruz, Carlestone Elementary
Kaylie Fogelman, Challenger Elementary
Frankie Zucha, Cockrell Elementary
Warren Burgess, Harris Elementary
Lisbeth Vega, Lawhon Elementary
Melissa Blythe, Magnolia Elementary
Shanna Harris, Massey Ranch Elementary
Karina Errasti, Rustic Oak Elementary
Sheila Glover, Shadycrest Elementary
Maritza Elizarraras, Silvercrest Elementary
Rebecca Treadway, Silverlake Elementary
Brittany Reed, Alexander Middle School
Colleen Sauter, Sam Jamison Middle School
Ana Garcia, Rogers Middle School
David Torres, Leon Sablatura Middle School
Annette Chapa, Berry Miller Junior High
Nicole Gunn, Pearland Junior High East
Kalan Estes, Pearland Junior High South
Cheryl Crocker, Pearland Junior High West
Viviana Guzman, Turner College & Career High School
Michelle Frissell, PACE Center
Amanda Ramirez, Glenda Dawson High School
Jessica Mora, Pearland High School

Employees of the Year

Olga Pochyniuk, Food Service
Gina Dombrosky, ESC
Dale “Rudy” Sandoval, Transportation
Noelia Cano, Operations
Benny Wheeler, Maintenance



FHS STUDENTS EARN MEDALS AT SKILLS USA CONTEST

The SkillsUSA state contest was held recently in Corpus Christi. Overall, FHS had 60 students compete in nearly 20 events. Gold medalists have qualified to compete at the national contest this summer in Atlanta. Audio/Radio Production: Gold - Nicholas Garcia & Elizabeth Sala (qualified for Nationals), Bronze - Isabelle Le & Clayton Morgan; TV/Video Production: Gold - Ryleigh Kennedy & Carleigh Williams (qualified for Nationals); Broadcast News Production: Silver - Jackson Austin, Spencer Jones, Jonathan McCoy, Sienna Shutts, Bronze - Luke Blain, Steven Faltysek, Erica Howard, Sara Nabizadeh; TV Production Technical Test: Bronze - Tommy Dearmond.

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ACC HOSTS DISCOVERY DAY

Alvin Community College hosted students from area high schools during the Discovery Day event on April 1. High school students had an opportunity to learn more about the programs and degrees available at ACC while also playing fun activities and free food. More than 400 students participated in the event from throughout the region from Alvin, Pearland and Danbury ISDs. Students also signed up to win one of three, \$250 scholarships. For more information about ACC visit www.alvincollege.edu or call 281-756-3500. Pictured: A local high school student learns about how to conduct an EKG during Discovery Day on April 1.

SPORTS

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

A gift to be shared all year round

One of the "Happy Days" episodes that I will always



remember was when the Fonzy made a mistake and was faced with having to say he was sorry to Richie. Each time he

would build up his courage to say he was "wrong" — but as he got ready to say the word his mouth wouldn't allow him to formulate the word — no matter how hard he tried.

The reason why was that the Fonzy was never "wrong" - or so he thought. He did his best to say "wrooooooooooooooogggggg" — but it never would come out clearly.

The fact is - we all make mistakes and to those we have offended — we need to seek their forgiveness. When I get myself straightened out - then maybe I will be qualified to help someone else.

I believe I have lived long enough to be qualified to say the following.

Because we all fail at times in life — I believe it should be our posture in life to be willing to forgive before we condemn. I agree that those in the limelight have a little more responsibility as to their actions, but we all fail no matter the size of our audience.

As we approach the Easter celebration, it seems that we live in a world where forgiveness is not a high priority in life.

There is one sin — one failure that is doing more to hold back the power of God the lives and hearts of Christians more than any other sin — and that is the sin of an unforgiving spirit.

Mark Twain once said, "Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it."

I have found that 'forgiveness' is a word that applies to me in seeking and granting it. There are times that I have to seek the forgiveness of those I have offended. At other times, I must grant forgiveness to those who request it from me. Pity the person who does neither, who thinks they have wronged no one or are above righting a wrong they may have created.

The key is forgetting - not remembering. Because every time you forgive a person - you are to forget - so if they sin against you - it would be as if it were only the first time. Isn't that the way it with the Lord? At least you better hope it is!

It is quite possible that some of you have never received the full pardon and forgiveness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is possible that you are not able to forgive others because you have not received God's forgiveness in your own life.

My late mother's favorite Bible verse was: "And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

As we soon celebrate Easter, shouldn't we be reminded of those eternal words spoken in love from the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Those words still echo across the heavenly skies and down to the valley of despair.

Old friend Robert said, "Forgiveness reflects the highest human virtue, because it so clearly reflects the character of God. A person who forgives is a person who emulates godly character."

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FRIENDSWOOD GOAL - Friendswood's Olivia Schmidt scores her second goal against Manvel for a 2-0 lead. The Lady Mustangs would score two more times to get the 4-0 playoff win to advance to the Class 5A Region III semifinals against Pflugerville Hendrickson. Friendswood is 24-1 overall and have not allowed a score in all 24 wins.

Friendswood girls shut out Manvel 4-0 to advance

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
 Reporter News Staff

It is never easy for a team to beat another team after beating them once before — much less to defeat a team for a second time during the season.

However, the Friendswood girls had the task of beating Manvel for a third time since they had already played them twice as district rivals.

The Lady Mustangs shut out the Lady Mavericks 4-0 and 2-0 during league action and they took care of business in the 5A Region III quarterfinals 4-0 to end the season for Manvel.

The win sends Friendswood to the region semifinals to play Pflugerville Hendrickson who beat A&M Consolidated 7-6 in a shootout.

Friendswood head coach Laura Peter laid out the game plan for the Lady 'Stangs to score

early and get the momentum of the match.

"I know there were nerves, so I told them, 'Look, in the first 10 minutes, you have to work for a goal, because if we score in the first 10 minutes, that changes the momentum,'" said Laura Peter, whose team improved to 25-1-0 overall with the win. "It was really great to get on the scoreboard that early and try to take control of the game."

In the ninth minute of the first half, Olivia Schmidt fired a shot from more than 20 yards out in the left corner of the goal to give Friendswood a 1-0 lead.

Schmidt found the net again about two minutes later as she beat the goalkeeper one-on-one giving Friendswood a 2-0 advantage.

In the 18th minute, Brooke Spinks lobbed a long pass into the penalty area to Lauren

Littleton, who flicked a header past the keeper to put Friendswood ahead 3-0.

Brynn Farrar put the exclamation point on Friendswood's win by blasting a shot from around 25 yards out into the goal making the final score 4-0.

Friendswood is now 24-1 on the season while recording their 24th shutout thanks to the starting back line of defenders Littleton, Emma Saldana, Rachael Wiest and Breanna Friberg, and goalkeeper Ellen Fairbanks, who only had to deal with one Manvel shot on goal.

"I don't even know if they know they get to miss school next Friday because I haven't told them that yet," Peter said with a laugh. "I wanted to wait until we got there before we discussed it. I think this year it's going to feel different. ... Hopefully, it's going to be special."



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TAYLOR

All-Greater Houston standouts honored

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
 Reporter News Staff

It is an honor to be named as one of the top student-athletes in the Houston area and local standouts in various sports have recently been recognized as an All-Greater Houston athlete.

Here are the following area student-athletes that have been selected.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Selected to the second-team All-Greater Houston basketball team are two players from Shadow Creek. These two players helped the Sharks to a 29-4 season record while advancing to the Class 6A Region III finals where they came up short to the Atascocita Eagles. The shared the District 23-6A crown with the Dawson Eagles as both teams posted 11-1 league marks. The players include:

Senior guard **Cameron Amboree** who averaged 18 points per game, five assists ppg and four rebounds ppg.

Senior forward **Shawn Jones** who averaged 18 points per game, 4.2 assists ppg and two assists ppg.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Two girls selected to the All-Greater girls first-team were honored and were instrumental in their teams having great success this season.

Manvel senior guard **Jordyn Marshall** led the Mavericks to a 34-4 overall mark and a 15-1 district record for the District 22-5A crown. Manvel fell to College Station 54-50 in the 5A regional semifinals. Marshall averaged 19 points per game, four rebounds ppg, four assists ppg, and three steals ppg.

Pearland junior forward **RyLee Grays** was



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selected as the District 23-6A "Most Valuable Player." Grays averaged 17.8 points per game while hitting 91-of-168 free throws. Grays collected 188 rebounds, 40 steals, 11 blocked shots, and 27 assists. The Lady Oilers finished 28-10 overall and 11-1 in league play to share the 23-6A title with Shadow Creek.

Selected to the All-Greater Houston third-team was Shadow Creek senior guard **Brooklyn Brown** surpassed the career 1,000 point mark this season. Brown averaged 14.6 points per game while hitting 52-of-171 three pointers and 61-of-84 free throws (73%). Brown grabbed 231 rebounds, dished out 67 assists while getting 92 steals with 27 blocked shots.

Shadow Creek senior **R'Mani Taylor** was named the District 23-6A "Offensive Player of the Year." Taylor averaged 14.2 points per game while hitting 46-of-153 three-point shots. Taylor hit 83-of-116 free throws (72%) while snaring 141 rebounds and dishing out 135 assists with 86 steals and three blocks.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Friendswood freshman **KK LeBlanc**, who placed second in the girl's 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.20 for the silver medal at the 5A state swim meet, was named to the All-Greater Houston swim team. LeBlanc swam a leg on the state champion 200-yard free relay team as well as swimming a leg on the 400-yard free relay team that placed fourth in the state. LeBlanc also placed fourth in the 100-yard free event. As a team, the Friendswood girls placed third in the state with 138 points to finish behind Class 5A state champion Lubbock (163) and Prosper Rock Hill (144.5).

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3519 Liberty Dr., until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2022, and all proposals will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join the meeting by calling into the meeting at: Dial in #: 281-652-1955; Meeting #: 1775#; Access Code #: 0971# on that date for:

**Garden Acres Road Repair
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: INFRAS.STREET
BID NO.: 0322-07**

The project will entail an asphalt road repair service to improve road network conditions within the Garden Acres Subdivision (Laurie St., Gardenia St., Lazy Bend St., and Thelma St.). Work to be performed generally includes base repair, milling of asphalt and repaving of listed streets.

A **mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held at Engineering & Public Works Service Center, located at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **11:00 a.m., CST, Thursday, April 7, 2022.**

All bids should be submitted through the E-Bid system located on the City's website at: . All interested Bidders are advised to register as a "supplier" on the City's E-Bid System at the above website by clicking on "Supplier Registration" and completing a short registration questionnaire. Electronic Bid Documents, including Plans, Technical Specifications and Bid Forms are available for download after registration is approved by City Purchasing office. No plan fees or deposits are required for bid documents obtained through the City's E-bid System. Questions regarding electronic bidding should be directed to City Purchasing Office at .

Bid Documents are also available for review at the following plan houses:

Amtek Plan Room	(713) 956-0100
The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc.	(713) 334-7100
Associated Builders & Contractors of Greater Houston	(713) 523-6222
Dodge Reports	(713) 316-9411

Bid Security, in the form of Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Bid Bond, payable to the City of Pearland in the amount of 5% of the total base bid price, must accompany each Bid proposal. See Instructions to Bidders for Bond submittal information and instructions.

The City of Pearland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Leslie Crittenden
City Secretary, City of Pearland

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**Road Network Condition Assessment
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: TR2202
RFP NO.: 0222-03**

The project will result in surveying, using Laser Road Surface Testing technology, approximately 980 lane miles of roadway within the City limits. The information collected will include road surface, curbs, ramps, sidewalk and gap-analysis, striping and signage. Using GIS and Asset Management systems, the offeror will develop a 10-year comprehensive plan to maximize City resources.

A **mandatory** pre-proposal conference will be held at Engineering & Public Works Service Center, located at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **10:30 a.m., CST, Thursday, April 7, 2022.**

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ORDINANCE NO. 2000T-36

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Pearland, Texas, for the purpose of amending to the Unified Development Code of the City of Pearland, Texas, Ordinance No. 2000T, Amendments to Chapter 2, Section 2.5.2.1, the Residential Land Use Matrix, and Chapter 2, Section 2.5.2.2, the Non-Residential Land Use Matrix, to change or add new land uses to the table and the zoning districts that would allow them by right (P) or by Conditional Use Permit (C), including Alternative Financial Services, Cigars or Tobacco Store (Retail Only), Vape, Smoke, or Head shops (Retail Only), Cannabidiol (CBD) Retail, Mini-Warehouse/Self Storage, Studio or Learning Center for Fine or Performing Arts, Dwelling -Four-Family (Quadruplex), Auto Glass Repair/Tinting and Auto Interior Shop/Upholstery. Amendments to Chapter 2, Section 2.5.3.2, Regulations Specific to Use, to add additional regulations specific to certain land uses, including Alternative Financial Services, Cigars or Tobacco Store (Retail Only), Vape, Smoke, or Head shops (Retail Only), Cannabidiol (CBD) Retail, and Mini-Warehouse/Self Storage. Amendments to Chapter 5, Section 5.1.1.1, General Definitions, to redefine certain land uses or create definitions for new land uses in the Land Use Matrices, including Alternative Financial Services, Cigars or Tobacco Store (Retail Only), Vape, Smoke, or Head shops (Retail Only), and Cannabidiol (CBD) Retail; containing a savings clause, a severability clause, and an effective date and other provisions related to the subject.

Leslie Crittenden
Pearland City Secretary

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2022-09 CITY-WIDE PARKS AND FACILITY LANDSCAPE SERVICES

Sealed Competitive Bids shall be submitted via two (2) electronic copies, each copy on one flash drive or CD. Each flash drive/CD must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match identically. The PDF files must include the ink signature of a person with the authority to bind the vendor into a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with BID NO. 2022-09, and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary, and are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546 before 2:00 P.M., Thursday, April 21, 2022.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bids received. The contract, if any, will be awarded to the bidder who provides the goods and/or services at the best value for the City based upon the evaluation factors included in the bid specifications. The City pays for goods and services according to the provisions of Chapter 2251 of the Government Code.

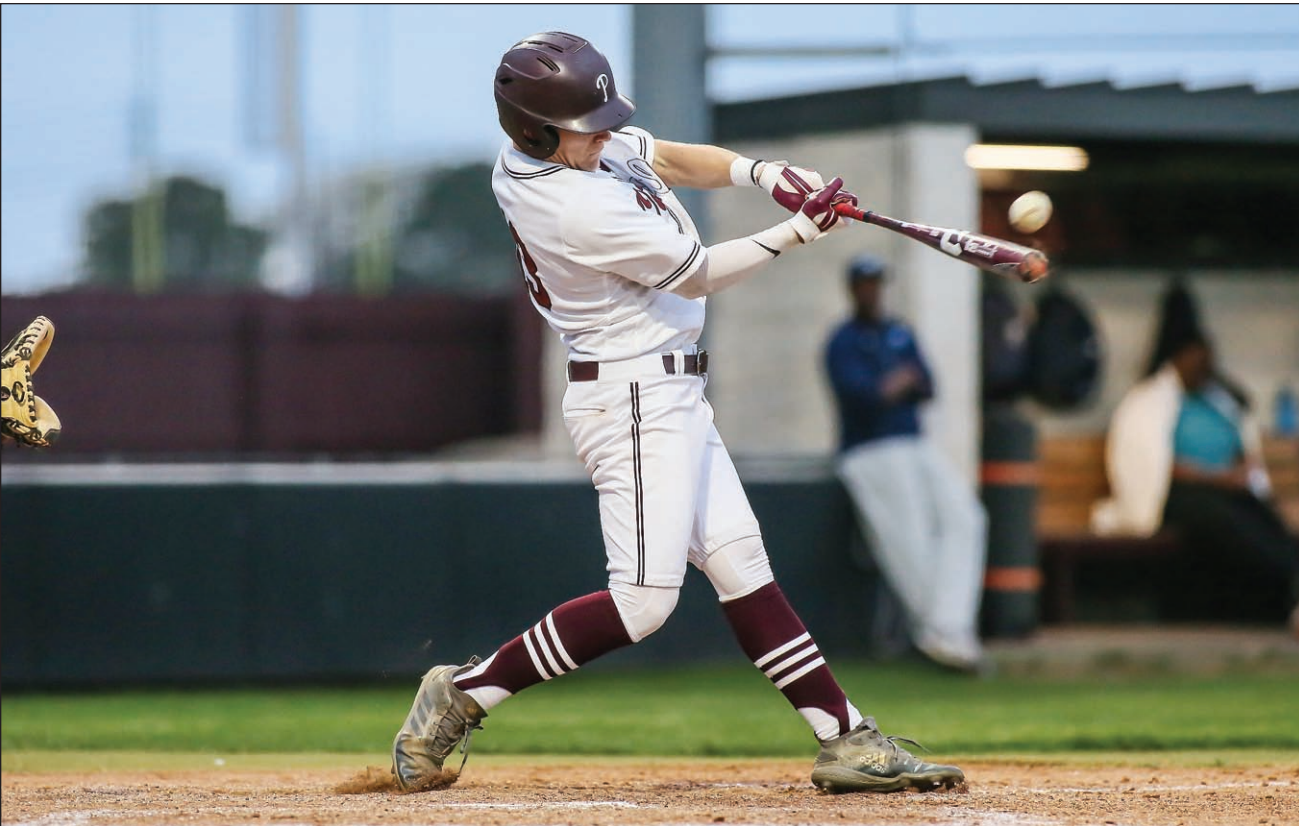
Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City's website at <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Bids.aspx> or may be reviewed/inspected during regular business hours in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., at Friendswood City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

For additional information, please contact James Toney, Parks and Recreation Director at (281) 996-3220 or via email to rec@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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OVER THE FENCE

Pearland senior outfielder TJ Sweat hits a two-run blast vs Alief Elsik. Catcher Justin Ogle also hit a two-run homer as the Oilers crushed the Rams 17-3. The series sweep over Elsik keeps the Oilers tied with Alvin for first place in district with Alief Taylor next on the schedule. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Pearland ISD hosts athletic physical days

Pearland Independent School District sports medicine staff will host athletic physical days in April and May with local physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants performing the exams.

Pearland ISD students currently in grades 6-11 who plan on participating in any athletics class, sport, high school marching band, drill team or cheerleading for the 2022-23 school year may attend.

Limited tickets for the physical exam will be sold *online only* for \$25. Students must have a ticket for the appropriate time slot to enter the building for the physical exam. Pearland ISD will not accept students on the day of the physical exam that have not purchased a ticket online.

Students must bring contacts or glasses to the exam.

Pearland ISD Athletic Physical Dates:

Saturday, April 9

Pearland High School (enter through Searcy Cafeteria)

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Cost: \$25 online only (pearlandisd.org/domain/3329)

Saturday, May 14

Dawson High School (main entrance)

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Cost: \$25 online only (pearlandisd.org/domain/1462)

The Pearland ISD Athletic Pre-participation/Athletic Physical Form must be on file before an athlete, cheerleader, dancer, high school marching band or color guard may participate in any in-season or off-season activities, including athletics classes and/or try-outs.

All athletic physicals must be dated on or after April 1, 2022, and completed on the Pearland ISD 2022-23 UIL Pre-participation Forms, which will be available after April 1 from a coach or athletic trainer at the student's campus.

Students may also have their athletic physical completed by their family physician.

Clear Brook athletic trainers recognized for Safe Sports Award

The Clear Brook High School sports medicine program was recognized for the second time by the National Athletic Training Association (NATA) with the 1st Team Safe Sports School Award for going above and beyond to help ensure the safety of their student athletes.

To earn the 1st team award, a school must have met all recommended and required elements of the Safe Sports checklist. Schools must apply through an in-depth questionnaire that assesses adherence to best practice standards for their sports medicine program. Clear Brook currently has 13 student athletic trainer aides as part of the program this school year.

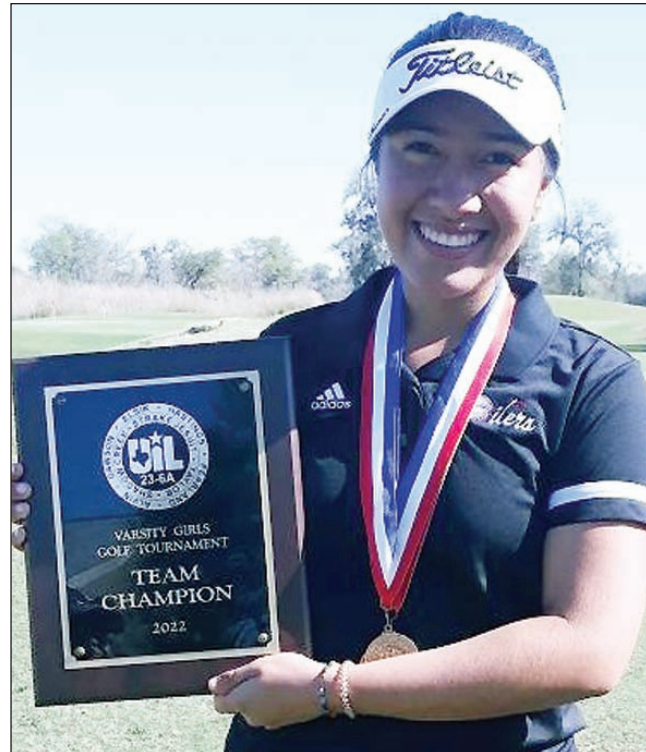
"This award champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that have met the recommended standards to improve safety in sports," said Clear Brook Head Athletic Trainer Steve Tran. "It reinforces the importance of providing the best level of care, injury prevention and treatment to our parents and our community. We want the community

and Clear Brook families to know that we take this obligation very seriously and we are humbled by this honor."

Clear Brook first received this award in 2017 and will continue to be recognized as a Safe Sports School through 2023 with this renewal. Below are recommended and required elements that the school met:

- Creates a positive athletic health care administrative system.
- Provides or coordinates pre-participation physical examinations.
- Promotes safe and appropriate practice and competition facilities.
- Plans for selection, fits function and proper maintenance of athletic equipment.
- Provides a permanent, appropriately equipped area to evaluate and treat injured athletes.

To learn more about the Safe Sports School Award, please visit www.athletictrainers.org.



DISTRICT MEDALIST - Pearland's Alexa Vela claimed medalist honors at the District 23-6A girls golf tournament. Vela shot a 27-hole total 83-41=124 to edge Addie Poulin who shot 83-42=125 for second place. The Pearland A team captured the team title with a total of 342-166=508.

Pearland girls capture District 23-6A golf crown

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The Pearland Lady Oilers golf teams finished first and second to capture the District 23-6A championship and advance to the Class 6A Region III golf tournament that will be held at Eagle Point Golf Course on April 18 and 19 in Mont Belvieu.

Alexa Vela finished in first place for medalist honors after shooting 83-41 for a 27-hole total of 124.

Addie Polin shot 83-42 (125) for second place followed by Isabella Partida (85-42=128), and Taylor Battle (90-41=131). All four golfers were named first-team All-District.

As a team, the Pearland A team shot 342-166 for a first-place total of 508 while the Pearland B team shot 397-193 for a 590 score and second place.

The Dawson A team finished in third place with a team total 430-193=623 while the Dawson B team finished in fourth place with a team score 446-226=672.

Other golfers included Carina Benavides (95-44=139), Sam Truong (96-44=140), Bryleigh Medearis (97-45=142), Celeste Gonzales (98-46=144), Landry Poulin (96-48=144), Isabel Velez (100-51=151), and Andrea Vela (103-48=151). These golfers were selected to the second-team All-District.

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