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## Around Town

**Feb. 2**  
**HERITAGE GARDENERS MEET**  
Heritage Gardeners will have speaker AJ Olson, owner and operator of Hippie Fertilizing and a local soil enthusiast, speak Feb. 2 at their club meeting. He will offer holistic and Regenerative Lawn Care information. Anyone interested is invited to attend at 10 am. Meet and greet begins at 9:30 am at 112 W. Spreading Oaks in Friendswood.  
**LIBRARY TRIVIA NIGHT**  
Tease your brain and win bragging rights at Friendswood Library's Trivia Night at 7pm on Thursday, Feb. 2. The free trivia game played in teams. Online only. To get the ZOOM link call 281-482-7135 Menu 2 or email [reflib@friendswood.com](mailto:reflib@friendswood.com).

**Feb. 3**  
**LAS VEGAS NIGHT**  
The Galveston County Fair and Rodeo Association will host their annual Las Vegas Night Feb. 3. The night of gaming fun will take place at #10 Jack Brooks Park, Hwy. 6, in Hitchcock. For more information email [gcfm@maganamedia.com](mailto:gcfm@maganamedia.com).

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
A blood drive will be held Friday, Feb. 3 from 1:30 to 5:00pm at the Friendswood Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr. Each donor will receive a 1/4 zip pullover and Mardi Gras Tickets. Walk-ins welcome. To sign up go to <https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/geo>.

**Feb. 4**  
**FARMERS MARKET**  
The next Friendswood Farmers Market is set for Saturday, Feb. 4 in Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. from 9am to 1pm (next to City Hall). For more information visit [friendswoodmarket.com](http://friendswoodmarket.com).

**COFFEE WITH CATS AND DONUTS WITH DOGS EVENT**  
Pearland Coffee Roasters will be providing coffee for the City of Friendswood - Animal Control Coffee with Cats and Donuts with Dogs adoption event on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9:30am - 12:30pm. Come enjoy some breakfast treats and find a new best friend.

**Feb. 8**  
**BRISKET FUNDRAISER**  
Friendswood High School's Competition BBQ Cookoff Team - the Friends Wood Smokers - is holding a Super Bowl Brisket Fundraiser to help raise funds for the team. Briskets are \$100 each and must be ordered and paid online by Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pickup will be available on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 3:00 to 6:00pm at Friendswood High School. To order visit <https://fisd.revtrak.net/bbq-club/#/v/FHS-BBQ-Club>.

**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION**  
The Friendswood Senior Citizens Program will hold its Mardi Gras Celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Friendswood Activity Center at 416 Morningside Dr.

**Feb. 10**  
**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY**  
Stanfield Properties Food Truck Friday - Valentine's Date Night will be held Friday, Feb. 10 from 6pm to 9pm at 807 S. Friendswood Dr. Food trucks, cash bar, desserts, live music. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and your someone special.

**Feb. 10 & 11**  
**ONLINE PLANT SALE**  
Galveston County Master Gardeners will host their Ready, Set, Spring! Sale online Feb. 10-11 from noon Friday until noon Saturday at <https://store.galvestonmg.org>. Fruit and citrus trees, tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, bulbs and perennials and more. For more information go to <https://txmg.org/galveston/>.

**Feb. 11 & 12**  
**PETER PAN PERFORMANCE**  
Friendswood Contemporary Ballet presents "Peter Pan" with performances on Friday, Feb. 11 at 6pm and Saturday, Feb. 12 at 3pm at Friendswood Junior High, 1000 Manison Parkway. Artistic Director, Madison DeShane, brings to life the story of Wendy, the Darling sisters and everyone's favorite woodland fairies in this pre-professional ballet. Tickets can be purchased at <http://friendswoodcontemporaryballet.com/peter-pan/>

**Feb. 17**  
**FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON**  
Houston Metro Go Texan Committee - NASA/ClearCreek/Friendswood Subcommittee presents the 56th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on Friday, Feb. 17 from 11am to 5pm at the Lonestar Flight Museum, 1551 Aerospace Ave. in Houston. Fashion show, entertainment, lunch, and auctions. For donor opportunities, tickets or more information call 210-382-5083 or email [anasarodeo@yahoo.com](mailto:anasarodeo@yahoo.com). The event provides scholarships to Friendswood ISD seniors.



Friendswood's Hanger Squares keep things moving during a recent beginner class held at Jones Hangar, a former airplane hangar now owned by the city and used for recreation.

## Do-si-do-ing through the decades

*Square dance very much alive in Friendswood*

By KAROLYN GEPHART  
Reporter News Staff

The Hanger Squares want to teach others the fun and fellowship that comes with square dancing. They are offering square dance lessons in Friendswood at Jones Hangar at 901 Buckingham in the Regency Estates subdivision.

Lessons at the club begin Feb. 11. They will be from 6:30 to 8 pm and cost for lessons is \$20 per person per month. Square and line dancing runs from 8 to 9:30 pm.

Lessons are for singles, couples, teens and adults. Beginners are welcome.

The group has an interesting history that began with their location: Jones Hangar in Friendswood.

Jones Hangar was an airplane hangar on an estate owned by Dr. Bill Jones. The hangar was at the end of his private landing field, and housed his two-engine airplane most of the time. On Saturday evenings, the hangar doors were thrown open, the plane was rolled out and the hangar was turned into a square dance hall for a couple of hours. After the dance, the plane was rolled back in and the hangar reverted back to its original use.

Jones sold his property but donated the hangar and its grounds to the City of Friendswood who use it for recreational use. It is now in the middle of the Regency Estates subdivision.

The Hanger Squares dance club came about through the Family Riders equestrian club. In 1974, the Family Riders began having occasional square dance sessions in the Hangar. These square dance lessons led to the organization of the "Hanger Squares". The word "Hanger" was originally misspelled and because of a strong sense of tradition among club members over the years, the name was never changed.

Through the years, many club callers have been part of the group. Club Callers for 2023 are Gary Belcik and Gary Sanders. Both will be the dance instructors during the upcoming lessons. Belcik also calls for Strawberry Squares on Monday nights in Pasadena. Sanders is currently club caller for six clubs, the Hip to Be Square Club in Livingston, the Strawberry Squares, the Lake Jackson Promenaders, the Conroe Country Cousins, the Alvin Country Squares, and the Hanger Squares, Friendswood. Sanders became club caller for Hanger Squares August 25, 2018 (alternating Saturdays with Gary Belcik).

Joyce Jackson started dancing with Hanger Squares in 2012 after retiring from US Army with 24-plus years. She had originally taken square dance lessons in 1986.

"I was a little nervous because it had been so long since I had square danced, but I went to Hanger Squares Intro to Square Dance and lessons and they made me feel welcome as if I was an old friend returning," Jackson said. "They gave me such encouragement, that I joined the club and have danced with them ever since. It has given me the opportunity to meet and make new lasting friendship and the opportunity to travel to different clubs in the Texas area."

Part of the club's annual traditions is an Anniversary Dance. This year the dance will be Feb. 4 at Jones Hangar from 7 to 9 pm.

An Alternate Dance Location is the Friendswood Activity Center (FAC), 416 Morningside Drive where the Hanger Squares dance the second Saturday of every month in 2023.

For more information on the club, go to [www.hangersquares.org](http://www.hangersquares.org) or follow Hanger Squares Square Dance Club on Facebook.

## Chamber celebrates 2022 excellence with awards

Recognizing excellence in 2022, the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Casino Night and Awards program at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center Jan. 21.

The theme this year was *Welcome Aboard! Cruising into 2023!*

Business of the Year for 2022 was Serendipity I Luxury Wellness.

Lindsey Vaughn of RE/MAX American Dream, the Chris and Lindsey Vaughn Team was named Businessperson of the Year.

Ambassador of the Year for 2022 was awarded to Dan Garza of AMTEX Loan.

Heard / Merman Law firm were named Rookies of the Year.

Chamber President and CEO Carol Marcantel was recognized for 30 years with the Chamber and presented The Helping Hand Foundation, Cole Gordon Citizen of the Year Award.

Terry McKee and Bayway Auto Group were awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

The Chairman Award was given to Pastor David Lorenz of First Baptist Church.

Retired Board members were honored that night. They include Linda Fee of Plylox, Inc who served from 2017-2022; Bill Enochs 2019-2022; Sarah Ferguson of

Home Bank 2019-2022; and David Torok of the Torok Law Firm 2019-2022.

Sponsors included Gala Deck Heard Merman Trial Lawyers; Lido Deck UTMB Health; Promenade Deck Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital; Ventura Deck Photo Booth HomeTown Bank; Sky Deck Advanced Dermatology, Intents Services LLC, Norman Frede Chevrolet, AMOCO Federal Credit Union, Frost, Cole Gordon The Helping Hand, LPH Enterprises, Plylox, Mayes Middleton State Senate, San Jacinto College South, and Texas First Bank.

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## February to be busy month for seniors

By KAROLYN GEPHART  
Reporter News Staff

February is a month of fun activities for seniors in Friendswood.

The celebration of Mardi Gras has become an annual tradition and the 2023 Mardi Gras Celebration is set for Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 11 am to 1 pm. Seniors are encouraged to wear their favorite Mardi Gras mask and beads to highlight the festivities. There will be Zydeco music, Cajun style food and of course, King Cake.



Valentine's Day is also an annual tradition at the Senior Activity Center with a Valentine Luncheon planned for Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 11 am to 1 pm. Seniors are encouraged to wear something pink, purple or red. Games, food, fun and prizes are all planned for the event.

February also means rodeo and this year's Go Texan Luncheon is set for Thursday, February 23 from 11 am to 1 pm. The attire is western wear and boots to celebrate the rodeo theme.

Trips planned for February include a trip to Pasadena Little Theater to see The Outsider from 7 to 11 pm Feb. 10; lunch at Tookie's Seafood Restaurant Feb. 16; a trip to Saint Francis Wolf Sanctuary Feb. 21 from 9 am to 4 pm; a tip to the Hometown Opry Feb. 24 from 6 to 11 pm and the big trip: Friendswood Seniors Go Cruising from Feb. 25 to March 4.

To get more information on any of the trips or events, contact the Senior Activity Center at 281-482-8441.

The Activity Center is located at 416 Morningside Drive in Friendswood.



## Student BBQ team to host Super Bowl Brisket fundraiser

Friends Wood Smokers, a competitive high school BBQ cookoff team from Friendswood High School, are hosting a fundraiser to make everyone's Super Bowl party a huge success with food.

They want to do the cooking for everyone's Super Bowl Party and are kicking off their first Annual Super Bowl Brisket Fundraiser that can be ordered and paid online.

The deadline to order is Feb. 8 at noon. Pickup will be Saturday, Feb. 11 from 3 to 6 pm at Friendswood High School at 402 Greenbriar in Friendswood.

The team has partnered with the Cole Gordon Helping Hand Foundation and is offering Helping Hands Homemade Barbecue Sauce for \$10. The Super Bowl Brisket order is \$100 but amounts can be increased on the order form.

The team reports they are proudly smoking briskets from Stone Cold Meats.

For more information contact [cjones1@fisd.k12.net](mailto:cjones1@fisd.k12.net).

To order, visit <https://fisd.revtrak.net/bbq-club/#/v/FHS-BBQ-Club>.

# PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

Below are highlights from reports filed this week by the Pearland Police. Incident and arrest reports are public record and are available in full online at [p2c.pearlandtx.gov](http://p2c.pearlandtx.gov).

**• Thursday, Jan. 26**  
Police responded to two reports of aggravated robbery, the first at 7:40 a.m. at 1000 block of Main St. and another made 10 minutes later in 1900 block of Main. Warrant arrests were made Thursday morning in the 2500 block of Cullen Parkway and 1200 block of Dixie Farm Road.

An arrest for unlawful carrying of a weapon was made at noon in the 14700 block of South Freeway.

Vehicle parts were reported stolen, 2100 block of Business Center Drive.

A death investigation was conducted at 5:20 p.m. in the 16100 block of South Freeway.

A death investigation was conducted at 5:52, 2700 block of Miller Ranch Road.

Burglary of vehicles were reported just before 6 p.m., 2500 block of Shelby Drive.

A 41-year-old Cypress woman was arrested at 8 p.m. for felony theft, 10100 block of Broadway St.

A DWI arrest was made at 11:21 p.m., 16900 block of Highway 288.

**• Friday, Jan. 27**  
A DWI arrest was made just after midnight, 16900 Highway 288.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made just before 1 a.m., 16900 block of Highway 288.

An arrest for family violence was made at 10:13 a.m., 3300 block of Ashton Springs Lane.

A death investigation was conducted at 9:37 a.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A 32-year-old Alvin woman was arrested at 1 p.m. for theft with a previous conviction, 100 block of Winding Road.

DWI arrest was made at 7 p.m., 5000 Broadway St.

A local man, 45, was arrested for his second DWI at 8:20 p.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

Assault family violence was reported at 8:45 p.m., 3700 block of Eaglet Trail.

**• Saturday, Jan. 28**  
A DWI arrest was made just after midnight at 2700 Manvel Road.

A Houston woman was arrested for theft at 2:40 a.m., 11800 block of South Sam Houston Tollway.

A DWI arrest was made at 2:50 a.m., 14768 South Freeway.

Vehicles were broken into in the 3500 block of Business Center Drive.

A Houston woman, 38, and a Missouri City woman, 56, were both arrested just after 1 p.m. for assault causing bodily injury, 2805 Business Center Drive.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 4:13 p.m., 1710 Broadway St.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury was made at 5:43 p.m., 11000 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Warrant arrests were made in the 8400 block of Broadway, 8700 block of Broadway and 14700 block of South Freeway.

**• Sunday, Jan. 29**  
A Houston man was arrested at 2:38 a.m. and charged with violation of a protective order, 1000 block of North Sunset Drive.

A DWI arrest was made at 3:26 a.m., 9600 block of Eden Ridge Lane.

A DWI arrest was made at 3:28 a.m., 7100 block of Broadway at Manvel Road.

Vehicle theft was reported at 10:15 a.m., 2600 block of Pearland Parkway.

Disorderly conduct reported at 10:20 a.m., 3500 block of Curley Maple Drive.

Theft from a building was reported at 11 a.m., 3100 block of Dixie Farm Road.

A death investigation was conducted at 12:29 p.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

Criminal trespass was reported at 2 p.m., 7300

block of Broadway St.

A mental health incident was reported at 2 p.m., 2900 block of Peach Hollow Circle.

Vehicles were burglarized in the 2300 block of Cunningham Drive.

An arrest for assault was made at 6:34 p.m., 1100 block of Bobby St.

Vehicle parts were reported stolen from 11200 block of Broadway St.

A local man was arrested for possession of a controlled substance at 8:11 p.m., 4800 block of W. Walnut St.

Two people were arrested for shoplifting at 9:20 p.m., 1919 Main St.

A death investigation was conducted at 11:50 p.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

**• Monday, Jan. 30**  
A 19-year-old Pearland resident was arrested just before 6 a.m. Monday and charged with vehicle burglary, 3500 block of Broadway.

Arrest warrants were served Monday in the 3600 block of County Road 45, 8900 block of McHard Rd., 2900 block of Main St., 2800 block of Business Center Drive, 3500 Dixie Farm Road, 19200 block of Gulf Freeway and 2500 block of Cullen Parkway.

Criminal mischief was reported at 1 p.m., 3000 block of Manvel Road.

Two people were arrested at 8:45 p.m. for possession of drug paraphernalia, 7000 Broadway St.

**• Tuesday, Jan. 31**  
A Houston man was arrested at 11:37 a.m. and charged with assault by physical contact and disorderly conduct, 3200 block of Broadway St.

A 48-year-old Zavalla, Texas woman was arrested at 11:55 a.m. and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, 5700 Broadway St.

A 23-year-old Houston man was arrested in the 3200 block of Broadway and charged with disorderly conduct just before noon.

# FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

JANUARY 23 thru JANUARY 29

## BURGLARY

Jan. 24 (4:17 a.m.) A burglary of a building was reported at See B Seen Eye Care & Optical Bar, 1501 W. Parkwood Ave. Officers responded to an alarm at the business and found a glass door smashed. The suspect is described as a large, possibly male, wearing black sweatpants and a black hoodie. The suspect stole a display tray containing eyeglasses.

Jan. 25 (4:00 a.m.) A 21-year-old Webster man was arrested after he was observed entering unlocked vehicles. Officers responded to the 16900 block of Townes Road when a witness observed the man entering his neighbor's vehicle. The witness provided a description of the suspect and officers immediately began checking the area for him and alerting victims. Four vehicles were entered by the suspect in the 16900 block of Townes Road and one in the 17000 block of Townes Road; however, nothing was believed to be stolen. An officer located the suspect as he was walking on Blackhawk Blvd just a few blocks away. While charges of burglary of a vehicle were declined by the prosecutor, the suspect was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Jan. 27 (2:25 p.m.) A 17-year-old Friendswood male was charged with Criminal Trespass and Evading Arrest/Detention. A witness reported two suspects breaking into a building at Renwick Park Sports Complex located at 205 Stadium Lane. The male and a juvenile female ran from the scene, the witness ran after them and was able to detain the juvenile female until officers arrived. Officers caught the man as he was attempting to jump a fence in the 400 block of Bellmar. The female juvenile was released to her father. The man was taken to jail.

## THEFT

Jan. 23 (9:50 p.m.) A theft was reported at Walgreens, 102 N. Friendswood Dr. Two black males entered the store at 8:50 p.m. Suspect #1 was described as 6'2" tall, lean build, wearing work clothes and a covid-style mask. Suspect #2 was described as 5'10" tall, 250 to 300 pounds, with dreadlocks. The suspects stole 8 cases of beer and 3 packs of toilet paper.

Jan. 24 (5:56 p.m.) A vehicle theft was reported at the Bellevue Apartments located at 17231 Blackhawk Blvd. The stolen vehicle is described as a white, single cab, 2004 Dodge Ram 2500 with Texas license plates KKN7764. The truck has a long bend, black 20" wheels with 35" tires, and ranch hand bumpers with diamond plate on the front and rear. The truck also had a Gilley's bumper stick on the rear drive

ver's side window and there was a spare tire in the truck bed. The victim believes the theft occurred between 4:45 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The vehicle was found in Webster at 7:00 p.m., abandoned on Interstate 45. The truck was left running, the dashboard was torn open, and a screwdriver was found on the front seat.

## FRAUD

Jan. 23 (10:05 a.m.) A Friendswood woman reported identity theft. The victim received a bank account statement from a bank that she does not have an account with. The account was opened in November 2022 using her personal identifying information.

Jan. 25 (8:55 a.m.) A 44-year-old La Marque man was charged with Fraudulent Use/Possession of Identifying Information and Tampering with a Government Record. The man was observed driving in the 4000 block of FM 2351. The officer knew he had outstanding warrants. The suspect's vehicle was stopped, and he was taken into custody. Once in custody, he was found in possession of crystal methamphetamine. A search of the vehicle yielded identification and credit cards belonging to someone other than the man and a counterfeit \$20 bill.

Jan. 26 (1:35 p.m.) A 78-year-old Friendswood man was the victim of an online scam. He received an email about an automatic renewal of Norton Antivirus. He called the phone number in the email to cancel the renewal. During the conversation, the victim allowed the scammer remote access to his computer. The scammer convinced the victim that he accidentally refunded him too much money and requested a wire transfer of \$27,000. The victim authorized the wire. When the scammer requested another \$10,000 wire transfer, the victim's wife found out what was occurring and confirmed the scam with their bank.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**  
Jan. 28 (8:52 p.m.) The public restrooms at Stevenson Park were vandalized. An officer found trash cans turned over, toilet paper littering the restrooms, and soap dispensers damaged.

**ASSAULT**  
Jan. 27 (5:54 p.m.) A 22-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury – Family Violence. Officers responded to a disturbance at a residence in the 5300 block of Whittier Oaks Drive. The suspect is accused of assaulting his common law spouse during a car ride to their home, causing her visible physical injury.

Jan. 27 (8:14 p.m.) A 15-year-old teen was issued a citation for Assault in the 1600 block of Stoney Lake Drive. She is accused of

assaulting her sister.

## NARCOTICS

Jan. 26 (10:51 a.m.) A 35-year-old Houston man was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1 and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. The man was stopped for expired registration and no insurance in the 3100 block of W. Bay Area Blvd. As he exited the vehicle, the officer observed a prescription bottle without a label. The officer conducted a search and found cocaine and a shotgun.

## DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Jan. 27 (11:37 p.m.) A 29-year-old Friendswood woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated – 2nd offense in the 2300 block of S. Friendswood Dr. The suspect was stopped for speeding. She exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test. During an inventory of her vehicle, officers found Adderall, wine, and beer.

Jan. 29 (5:33 a.m.) A 25-year-old man of unknown address, was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 2800 block of W. Parkwood Ave. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the parking lot of the Harbor Church. When the officer arrived, she found the man passed out behind the wheel. He exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

## PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Jan. 29 (12:40 a.m.) A 48-year-old Friendswood woman was charged with Public Intoxication. The incident occurred in the 1600 block of Longwood Glen Lane. The woman was involved in a disagreement at a neighbor's party and left. She returned to the home, damaged the homeowner's property and was taken into custody due to her level of intoxication.

## TRAFFIC

Jan. 23 (12:39 p.m.) A hit and run crash was reported at the intersection of S. Friendswood Dr. and W. Parkwood Ave. The suspect vehicle was a white 2-door GMC truck with the bed loaded with work supplies.

Jan. 26 (12:16 p.m.) A 27-year-old Houston man was charged with No Driver's License, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Unauthorized Use of a Temporary Tag in the 3500 block of FM 528. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. There was marijuana inside the vehicle.

Jan. 27 (12:55 p.m.) A 29-year-old Dickinson female was charged with Display Expired Registration and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The woman was stopped in the 200 block of E. Edgewood Dr. She had outstanding warrants in Texas City and Baytown. During a consent search of the vehicle, the officer found cocaine.

Jan. 28 (2:23 p.m.) A witness reported a hit and run crash in the 900 block of W. Edgewood Dr. A silver BMW was driving recklessly, drove on the shoulder of the roadway, and hit a parked truck. The female driver of the BMW left the scene without stopping and providing her information. A witness was able to capture a picture of the BMW when the driver stopped at the Conoco station just outside the city limits. Officers arrived, contacted the owner of the truck, then located the silver BMW in a driveway in the 17800 block of CR 127. The registered owner of the vehicle confirmed that the driver of the silver BMW was his daughter who lives at the home in the 17800 block of CR 127.

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  - 10. Door fastener
  - 14. Composer Copland
  - 15. Aesop's also-ran
  - 16. "Beetle Bailey" dog
  - 17. Prank
  - 19. Carrot, e.g.
  - 20. Action-film art
  - 21. On, as a lamp
  - 22. Coin opening
  - 23. One who puts you in your place
  - 25. Jiggly treat
  - 26. Mud dauber, e.g.
  - 30. Comments to the audience
  - 32. Where The Hague is
  - 35. Mask feature
  - 39. Anxiety
  - 40. Swedish capital?
  - 41. Foot-operated vehicle
  - 43. Euros replaced them
  - 44. Aquatic rodent
  - 46. Delicate
  - 47. Blueprints, briefly
  - 50. Excessive
  - 53. Bow
  - 54. "\_\_\_ alive!"
  - 55. Bluebeard's last wife
  - 60. Pepsi, e.g.
  - 61. Type of clock
  - 63. Hate group
  - 64. "Cast Away" setting
  - 65. Car dealer's offering
  - 66. Paving block
  - 67. Abandon
  - 68. Jagged, as a leaf's edge
- Down**
- 1. Enjoy the warmth
  - 2. Diamond Head locale
  - 3. Small songbird
  - 4. Marathon
  - 5. Big mess
  - 6. "The Sweetheart of Sigma \_\_\_"
  - 7. "New Kid in Town" rock band, with "the"
  - 8. Grassy expanse
  - 9. Dispatched
  - 10. Backyard game
  - 11. Bikini, e.g.
  - 12. Backless seat
  - 13. Kinkajou
  - 18. Fraternity letters
  - 24. "We've been \_\_\_!"
  - 25. Boos
  - 26. Trounce
  - 27. Bang-up
  - 28. Coaster
  - 29. Ancient church music
  - 31. Actor Dick Van \_\_\_
  - 33. Spore sac
  - 34. "Cool!"
  - 36. "I'm \_\_\_ you!"
  - 37. Baker's unit
  - 38. Formerly, once
  - 42. Barbaric
  - 43. Crash site?
  - 45. Boot part
  - 47. Axes
  - 48. Drudge
  - 49. Acclaim
  - 51. Amateur video subject, maybe
  - 52. American symbol
  - 54. Nile bird
  - 56. Ticket info, maybe
  - 57. UN agency
  - 58. Come together
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# AREA BRIEFS

## Fruit tree sale begins Feb. 4

Brazoria County Master Gardeners are hosting an online Fruit and Citrus Tree Sale on Feb. 4 and 5. Pickup dates are Feb. 10 and 11 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds, 901 South Downing, Angleton.

More than 1,600 plants will be available, including oranges, satsuma, apples, pear, peach, lime and lemon as well as select avocado, blueberry, blackberry, fig, olive and plum producing. Pick-up times will be provided at the time of sale.

More information and a full list will be available at [txmg.org/brazoria](http://txmg.org/brazoria).

The Master Gardeners offer a speaker's bureau for gardening presentations and offer recommendations on gardens, lawn and trees. For more information, call 979-864-1393 or email [Kimberly.mayer@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Kimberly.mayer@ag.tamu.edu).



"History in Bricks" will be on display at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar in Angleton, beginning Feb. 18.

## Bricks exhibit opens Feb. 18

An intricate Lego exhibit titled "History in Bricks" will be on display at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar in Angleton, beginning Feb. 18.

Through a partnership with the Brazos Brick Club, the exhibit features historic replicas created by Lego artists from across the state.

Exhibits include the USS Texas, Alamo battlegrounds, San Jacinto Monument, a 1935 mock of downtown Angleton, a NASA station and zoo with a working aquarium.

A Family Fun Day will kick off the displays, with interactive programs for all ages including a hands-on Creation Station sponsored by the Houston Brick Club. Children are also invited to enjoy face-painting, entertainers such as Razmataz, costumed characters and more.

The exhibit will remain on display through May 12. Admission is free to the exhibit and kick-off event.

For more information, call 979-864-1208.

## Junior gardening event scheduled

Texas A&M AgriLife will hold an online Junior Master Gardener training conference on Feb. 21-22, incurring teachers and community leaders on how to develop a youth gardening program at their school or community. The program will be presented in the Zoom format from noon to 5 p.m. on Feb. 21 and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Feb. 22.

For details, session overviews and registration, visit [tinyurl.com/JuniorGardener](http://tinyurl.com/JuniorGardener). Cost is \$65 per person. Registered attendees will receive an individual registration link to enter the conference.

"This year's virtual national leader training will be a dynamic and interactive training conference," said Lisa Whittlesey, AgriLife Extension program specialist and JMG program coordinator.

Taught will be best practices for youth programs, how to involve local Extension offices in addition to schools, after-school programs and clubs, in addition to generating funding to support programs through partnerships. Fourteen continuing education units will be awarded to those completing the course by the Texas Education Agency through AgriLife Extension.

At 4 p.m. on Feb. 15, a separate virtual get-ready training will be conducted so participants may check their connection and ensure they will be able to hear and see the events at the conference. A link to this Zoom training session will be sent in a Feb. 13 email along with conference portal password information.

"It may be helpful to download the Zoom app to your digital device," Whittlesey said. "There also may be designated times during conference activities that you are able to unmute and speak, and for this you will need a microphone. However, a microphone is not required to successfully participate in the conference."



Ewan Rudolph won a \$500 purchase certificate toward a beef or dairy heifer for a 4-H or FFA project for exhibition at next year's Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo.

## Local youth scrambles at stock show

Ewan Rudolph, a member of Shadow Creek FFA, caught a calf during the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Calf Scramble Jan. 14, earning a \$500 purchase certificate for a show heifer and the chance for up to \$16,000 in scholarship awards. Rudolph's father is Patrick Rudolph of Pearland. His award was sponsored by Meta Alice Keith Bratten Foundation. Ewan Rudolph will use the purchase certificate toward the cost of a heifer that he/she will raise and exhibit at next year's Stock Show.

One of the Stock Show's most iconic and popular events, the Calf Scramble gives 20 students an opportunity to catch 10 calves during one of 23 performances of the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo held Jan. 13 through Feb. 4. Those not catching calves receive a pair of Justin Boots courtesy of the iconic western footwear maker. Justin Boots and Texas Mutual Insurance Company are overall underwriters for the legendary Calf Scramble Program.



# FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

## NOTICING THE BIG THING

*"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers."*  
— Acts 9:31

This is one of those interesting passages from the Bible. It seems like it could be from just about any part of the second half of the New Testament... but it comes just after the four gospels and right before the letters of St. Paul. Scholars would suggest the Acts of the Apostles was penned by the gospel writer Luke... and they have good cause as Luke was a secondhand witness to those who walked with Jesus... and as one re-telling the story he is giving an update so to speak... and we all like updates as each day's news comes at us faster than the speed of sound!

It's Luke's 'breaking news' right after Saul of Tarsus stumbled into Jesus on the road to Damascus rounding up Christians to be killed for blasphemy or whatever other charges they'd find. God always seems to have a way to garner our attention and that was Saul's new reality...

So... Saul got converted big time! And... rather getting a glowing face like Moses did after coming down the mountain with the 10 Commandments... Saul lost his sight from the immense brightness Jesus projected. NOTE: *Jesus continues to shine brightly in our world in many ways... as some notice while others seem too blind to see.* It was a temporary loss of sight and in regaining his ability to see ... Saul/Paul (actually the same name ... one in Aramaic and the other Greek) gained a new insight about life and following his encounter with Jesus face to face... everything changed... so much so that those paying him to round up the Christians now wanted him dead.

So... this one verse from Acts 9... is what was happening to the early followers of Jesus as Paul was able to get away from his detractors and take the message of Jesus beyond Damascus...

But... here's the thing... the big thing to be noticed... as these words are not about St. Paul... rather they are words about God and the people who were embracing this message from God and taking part in a new way of living... as they had a 'fear of the Lord'... which means a deep love and respect of God and were encouraged by the Holy Spirit and when they were behaving that way... more and more people

wanted to take part.

That's just a fascinating recollection of the earliest days of Christianity... and what strikes me is the one phrase... "they had a fear of the Lord" which for many these days seems difficult to do or at least have any desire to. Faith matters. Every day.

Why would I suggest such a thing? I look around. I try to pay attention to each day's details. And look... I'm not a pessimist by any stretch of the imagination... but when I hear about and see the way so many address life and the hear an equal amount of people complaining about how things are... then I think I have a lot of fans who would suggest... we all could do a little better.

And here's just one example... I saw a video recently of a man handing out \$100 bills at the gas station if the person pumping gas could recite one Bible verse. Just one. The video was filled with blank stares and faces of disinterest... but there was this one woman who shouted back... "John 3:16... for God loved me... something like that... oh I don't know" ... and I don't know how you'd answer that \$100 question but it bears witness to what we hold 'important' in our lives and as a result we're getting what we are investing our time and effort in... yet Luke wrote "the people enjoyed a time of peace and were strengthened... as their 'fear of the Lord' made a difference to many!

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](mailto:godworks247365@gmail.com).



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PEARLAND ISD 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Pearland Independent School District will conduct a public hearing for the 2021-2022 District Annual Report on February 7, 2023, as part of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Pearland ISD Board of Trustees. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Pearland ISD Virgil Gant Education Support Center located at 1928 North Main Street in Pearland. Texas Education Code §39.306 requires each school district's board of trustees to publish an annual performance report that includes the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR); financial standard report; accreditation status; campus performance objectives; a report on violent or criminal incidents; student performance in postsecondary institutions; and progress toward meeting HB 3 goals.

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# SPORTS

## From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

### My cup runneth over

Do you remember when it was all right to fill your cup with coffee - add all the ingredients, then to tip the cup at an angle so the coffee could spill over into the saucer and slurp your coffee?

You say - "I haven't seen that lately." Well, neither have I because that is not a "proper" practice of etiquette in today's society, but how I remember my grandma and grandpa sitting in their small house, playing cribbage and slurping their coffee.

That used to drive me nuts. I'm sure some of you sophisticates would have to be honest to say you remember the same slurping noise when you were growing up.

As I got older and became familiar with the Bible, it caused me to think about the words of the Psalmist in Psalms 23:5 - "My cup runneth over."

How I am reminded of the overflowing blessings of life as I think about the precious gift of children and what they mean to each of us as parents.

Yes -they may slump - slurp or slouch - but they are still blessings that cause our life to overflow with love and gratitude and a new dedication to help them through the slurping years. Who knows? They might even turn out refined, polished and proper like you and me.

Of course, now my four children have presented me with nine precious grandchildren. Shucks! If I had known the grandchildren were so much fun - I would have had them first.

I have been amused to hear my children say, "Dad, I can't believe my kids are getting so big so fast." I told them, "The older you get - the faster time goes by. You had better enjoy every minute you have with them because one of these days they will be grown and gone and you will ask, 'where did all the time go'?"

When I think of my grandparents, I think about these words. Maybe the following will express how I really feel. I'll bet you might say "me too!"

*I've never made a fortune.  
And I guess it's too late now.  
But I don't worry about that much  
Cause I'm happy anyhow.*

*As I go through life's journey  
I'm reapin better than I sowed,  
I'm drinkin from my saucer,  
Cause my cup has overflowed.*

*I don't have a lot of riches,  
And sometimes the going's tough  
But I got four kids that love me  
And that makes me rich enough.*

*So I just thank God for His blessings  
And the mercy He's bestowed,  
I'm drinkin from my saucer,  
Cause my cup has overflowed.*

*I remember times when everything  
went wrong  
My faith grew kind of thin  
After while those old dark clouds  
broke  
And the sun peaked through again.*

*So, Lord, help me not to gripe  
About the tough rows I've hoed  
I'm drinkin from my saucer  
Cause my cup has overflowed.*

*And if God will grant me strength  
and courage  
When the way grows steep and  
rough  
I'll not ask for other blessings  
I've already been blessed enough.*

*And may I never be too busy  
To help another bear his load  
And I'll keep drinkin from my saucer  
Cause my cup has overflowed.*

Old friend Robert said, "I have found that, rather than dwelling on the negative, if we will take a step back and consider the blessings in our lives, including seemingly small, sometimes overlooked blessings, we can find greater happiness."

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## Friendswood swimmers crowned district champions

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

Once again, the Friendswood boys and girls swimmers have shown their dominance over the other District 18-5A teams after running away with the 18-5A swim title.

The Mustangs have 30 swimmers who will advance to the Region V-5A swim meet on February 3-4 at the Don Cook Natatorium in Sugarland. The top six places in each event will advance to the regional meet.

The Class 5A state swim meet will be held on Friday, February 17-Saturday, February 18, 2023, at the Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center on the University of Texas at Austin campus.

The Friendswood girls won the district meet with 223 points followed by Angleton (95), Manvel (76), Galveston Ball (39), La Porte (17), and Texas City (12).

The Friendswood boys won the district meet with 197 points followed by Angleton (110), La Porte (77), Clear Falls (52), Manvel (37), and Texas City (13).

Friendswood's Tony Laurito and KK LeBlanc were named the boys and girls "Swimmer of the Meet" respectively. The girls team "Coach of the Year" award went to FHS head coach Craig Sikkema and the boys team "Coach of the Year" was awarded to Angleton coach Jennifer LaRaia.

Two meet records were broken by FHS swimmer Tony Laurito in the 100-yard Backstroke (49.26) and 200-yard Individual Medley (1:50.25).

Relay results were:

**Girls 200-yard medley relay:** (1st) Friendswood - KK LeBlanc, Peyton Becker, Andi Jeanes, Lauren Tillman (2nd) Manvel, (3rd) Galveston Ball, (4th) La Porte

**Girls 200-yard free relay:** (1st) Friendswood - Andi Jeanes, Peyton Becker, Lauren Tillman, KK LeBlanc (2nd) Angleton, (3rd) Manvel, (4th) Galveston Ball, (5th) Texas City, (6th) La Porte

**Girls 400-yard free relay:** (1st) Friendswood - Edi Jakob, Paige McCray, Lauren Tillman, Andi Jeanes (2nd) Angleton, (3rd) Manvel

**Boys 200-yard medley relay:** (1st) Friendswood - Tony Laurito, Nick Hardt, Marshall Odom, Talon Welch (2nd) LaPorte, (3rd) Angleton, (4th) Galveston Ball, (5th) Manvel, (6th) Texas City

**Boys 200-yard free relay:** (1st) Friendswood - Nathan Henderson, Chayton Budzik, Andrew Rubio, Joshua Sakahara (2nd) Galveston Ball, (3rd) La Porte, (4th) Angleton, (5th) Manvel, (6th) Texas City

**Boys 400-yard free relay:** (1st) Friendswood - Nick Hardt, Talon Welch, Tony Laurito, Marshall Odom (2nd) Angleton (3rd) La Porte, (4th) Manvel

**Individual places for FHS:**

**Girls 200 Free:** Paige McCray (1st), Alex Linden (2nd), Olivia Esbeck (3rd)

**Boys 200 Free:** Paul Podrebarac (2nd), Talon Welch (3rd), Hayden Holcomb (4th), Nathan Jennings (5th)

**Girls 200 Individual Medley:** Peyton

Becker (1st), Edi Jakob (3rd), Erin Voelker (4th), Brooke Hubenak (5th)

**Boys 200 Individual Medley:** Tony Laurito (1st), Nick Hardt (2nd), Chayton Budzik (5th)

**Girls 50 Free:** KK LeBlanc (1st), Lauren Tillman (2nd), Lacey Drouet (5th)

**Boys 50 Free:** Marshall Odom (1st), Joshua Sakahara (5th), Nathaniel Henderson (6th)

**Girls 100 Butterfly:** Andi Jeanes (2nd), Genevieve Ringo (4th), Emmie Ratcliff (5th)

**Boys 100 Butterfly:** Marshall Odom (1st), Lane Jordan (2nd)

**Girls 100 Free:** KK LeBlanc (1st), Hallie Ratcliff (4th), Julia Rupp (5th)

**Boys 100 Free:** Joshua Sakahara (4th), Nathan Henderson (5th)

**Girls 500 Free:** Paige McCray (1st), Alex Linden (2nd), Edi Jakob (3rd), Peyton Robbins (6th)

**Boys' 500 Free:** Paul Podrebarac (2nd), Nathan Jennings (3rd), Austin Madeksho (5th)

**Girls 100 Backstroke:** Oliva Esbeck (3rd), Hallie Ratcliff (4th), Julia Rupp (5th), Emmie Ratcliff (6)

**Boys 100 Backstroke:** Tony Laurito (1st), Talon Welch (2nd), Lane Jordan (3rd)

**Girls 100 Breaststroke:** Peyton Becker (1st), Erin Voelker (3rd), Brooke Hubenak (5th), Genevieve Ringo (6th)

**Boys 100 Breaststroke:** Nick Hardt (1st), Chayton Budzik (3rd)

**Boys Diving:** Grayson Wells

## Pearland runs past Alief Elsik 53-31

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

The battle in District 23-6A is a little half over and the Oilers are trying to stay in play-off contention, but youth and inexperience seems to be the biggest hurdle for head coach Steve Buckelew and his hardcourt warriors.

No one can criticize the effort that Pearland gives in each game, but the inexperience seems to always affect the outcome of the game.

However, Pearland gave a supreme effort against the Alief Elsik Rams and came away with a hard-fought 53-31 district win to improve to 4-5 in league play.

There are four other teams that are present-

ly in front of Pearland that includes Dawson (8-1), Strake Jesuit (7-2), Alief Taylor (7-2), and Shadow Creek (7-2).

With five games remaining in district - the Oilers will almost need to win out to extend their season so they still control their own destiny.

Against Elsik, the Oilers used a suffocating defense to open the game and limited the Rams to a field goal and two free throws (4 points) while posting 10 points for a 10-4 Pearland lead.

Pearland carried the momentum into the second quarter as junior Julian Valentine hit a 3-pointer and a pair of soft jumpers for seven points to lead the Oilers to a 13-8 second

quarter which was good for a 23-12 lead at intermission.

Sophomore Ryan Spears led the way in the third quarter with five points (treys and basket) as the Oilers extended their lead to 11-9 and 34-21 to begin the final period.

The strong and aggressive defense continued as the Oilers limited the Rams to 10 points that included just one field goal while Valentine caught fire on offense with eight points to lead the offense that tallied 19 more points to finish off the Rams 53-31.

Valentine was the game's high scorer with 19 points followed by junior Kavion Rogers who scored 10 and senior Luke Stano who finished with nine points.

## No. 8 Lady Oiler roundballers remain undefeated in district

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

The No. 8 state-ranked Pearland Lady Oilers were tested last week by district rival Shadow Creek for the second time this season.

In the first round, the two teams ended their game in regulation tied forcing an overtime period which was won by Pearland.

The two teams faced one another last week in the second round of league play and when the final buzzer sounded, the two teams were locked in a tie forcing another overtime encounter.

The Lady Sharks took advantage of Pearland's second quarter coldness on offense to close the gap with a 10-6 run to make the score 26-20 at intermission.

Shadow Creek continued to chip away at the Pearland lead with a 9-8 third quarter while McDonald's All-American nominee senior RyLee Grays was held to two free throws and the Lady Oilers were held to a single basket while going 6-for-6 from the free throw line.

Pearland led 34-29 heading into the final period.

Shadow Creek went on 9-2 run to take its first lead of the game at 41-40 with 1:30 left. A 3-point play by Kameryn Phillips secured that lead for the Lady Sharks.

Nyla Price canned a long-range 3-pointer for the Lady Sharks giving them a 44-42

advantage with 23.8 seconds left in regulation, and an upset appeared in the making.

However, Grays made two free throws with 13.5 seconds left to tie the game at 44-44 to force overtime.

Grays hit a free throw 35 seconds into the



Photo by Dr David Davis  
**Pearland girls coach Jere Adams encourages her team during a timeout against Shadow Creek. The Lady Oilers beat the Lady Sharks 49-45 in overtime to remain undefeated in district with a 9-0 mark. Pearland is currently ranked No.8 in the state with a 27-3 overall record.**

extra period which gave the Lady Oilers the lead for good at 45-44.

From a spread offense, Pearland was able to produce layups from junior guard Nyah Hardy

and senior Janae Tucker for a 49-44 cushion with 1:10 left.

Pearland's senior Paige Bonner, came up with two clutch steals to stymie Shadow Creek in OT.

With no free throws in the first half, Pearland took advantage of cold shooting from the field to make 13-of-16 shots from the charity stripe.

Grays led the way hitting 9-of-12 of those while finishing the game with 15 points.

"RyLee only had four points early, but she got hot at the end," Shadow Creek coach Latoya Micheaux said. "Our foul trouble and our turnovers got us in a bind, but my girls played very hard."

"Nyla Price hit some long, downtown threes that kept us in the game. Pearland is a great team, led by a great coach, and of course, when you have someone like RyLee inside, she's a beast."

Price and Phillips were the two offensive threats for Shadow Creek as Prince hit five 3-pointers and a basket for 17 points while Phillips scored 17 points with six baskets and 5-of-7 from the free throw line.

Pearland (27-3, 9-0) and Shadow Creek (19-12, 6-3) have punched their tickets to the post-season while the Lady Oilers have clinched the District 23-6A title and the No. 1 seed entering the playoffs.

# SPORTS



Friendswood head coach Robert Koopmann and son Kale (center), were present for the Sportsmanship Award by the Touchdown Club of Houston. The Mustangs won the award in 2013 and finished in third place in 2015. Friendswood was a finalist for the award for the sixth time in the past ten years.

## Area high schools named finalist for Sportsmanship Award

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

For the sixth time in the past ten years, the Friendswood Mustangs were selected as a finalist for the Sportsmanship Award by the Touchdown Club of Houston.

Joining them this year was Pearland, Shadow Creek, and Manvel from our area schools which is a great honor and tribute to the players and coaching staffs for each school.

The gala was presented by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The event was held on Thursday, January 26 at noon at the Bayou City Event Center.

Schools selected for the Comerica Bank High School Sportsmanship Award Luncheon are based upon voting by the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO), Houston Football Officials chapter, for the 2022 high school football season. Schools are selected based on the ratings that the TASO officials (the referees who call each high school football game) send to the Club's accountant during each football

season.

The following schools were named finalists for this distinguished award.

**Class 5A:** Angleton, Crosby, Dayton, Friendswood, Fort Bend Kempner, La Porte, Baytown Lee, Magnolia, Manvel, Northside, Sharpstown, Sterling (HISD), Rosenberg Terry, Waltrip, and Willowridge.

**Class 6A:** College Park, Cypress Park, Cypress Ridge, Cypress Woods, George Ranch, Grand Oaks, Katy, Memorial, Oak Ridge, Pearland, Shadow Creek, Spring Woods, Stratford, Summer Creek, and The Woodlands.

**This year's winners were:**

**Class 6A**  
First place-Stratford; **Second place-Shadow Creek;** and Third place- College Park, Cypress Ridge and Grand Oaks (three-way tie for third place).

**Class 5A**  
First place-Northside; Second place-Sharpstown; and Third place-Angleton.

Friendswood won this award in 2013 and placed third in 2015.

## Lady Lions edge Lady Eagles 37-35 in district contest

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

As the basketball season winds down, the Dawson Lady Eagles are still on the bubble to make the playoffs.

Pearland, Shadow Creek, Alief Hastings and Alief Taylor look to be the frontrunners this year with Dawson sitting in the fifth spot in the district standings.

Unfortunately, Dawson (16-16, 5-5) must face Pearland and Shadow Creek in the final two district games which will make it difficult for them to extend their season. But there is still that chance for the Lady Eagles.

Dawson's playoff chances took a step back in their game against Alief Taylor in the close 37-35 loss.

Despite Dawson (16-16, 5-5) making only three field goals in the second half and the Lady Eagles' 2-for-10 free throw production in the final two quarters, Dawson was still in contention to pull out a late-game victory.

"You're not going to beat a team like that going 9 of 21 from the free-throw line," Dawson head coach Sharee Griffin said.

"We couldn't make a basket, and then when we did get inside and draw a foul, we couldn't make a free throw."

Dawson was 7-for-11 from the charity stripe in the first half.

Taylor jumped out to an 8-1 lead with Gray scoring all of those points, including a long-range trey.

The Lady Eagles battled back by getting Taylor to foul repeatedly, putting the Lady Eagles in the double-bonus in the first quarter.

Dawson built its biggest lead at 21-14 after a layup from Kendall Ford, who scored nine points in the second quarter.

However, the second half belonged to the Lady Lions, who outscored Dawson, 9-2, in the third quarter. Taylor never trailed after taking a 29-27 lead.

The Lady Eagles had no answer in stopping Nataliyah Gray who scored a game-high 25 points for the Lady Lions.

Taylor senior Crystal Nwoke converted an offensive rebound into a 35-29 lead with 3:53 showing before sophomore guard Madison Bush-Lewis scored on an errant Dawson inbound pass with 1:09 left for a 37-33 score.

Dawson freshman Kendall Ford and senior Ziara James each made one of two free throws, the last with 42 seconds remaining, for a 37-35 final score.



Dawson senior Ziara James launches a shot against Alief Taylor. James scored eight points in the 37-35 district loss to the Lady Lions.

## Shadow Creek girls edge Hastings 38-26

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

In a very low scoring game between Shadow Creek and Alief Hastings, the Lady Sharks emerged with a 38-26 district win to stay in contention for a place in the post-season.

Shadow Creek improved to 19-12 overall and 6-3 in league action which places them in second place behind league-leading Pearland (9-0). Hastings is now 21-9 overall and 6-4 in district which puts them in third place and secures their place in the playoffs.

Neither team was effective on offense as Shadow Creek

took the opening period 9-8 as five Lady Sharks scored a field goal with Peyton Holmes hitting a 3-pointer.

Junior guard Melinda Winston had the hot hand for the Lady Bears as she scored seven of the eight points.

The second quarter proved to be just as ineffective as Shadow Creek scored only one field goal while hitting 5-of-9 free throws for seven points.

Hastings managed to hit only 3-of-4 free throws for three points giving the Lady Sharks a 16-11 lead at intermission.

Hastings closed the gap in the third quarter 9-8 making the score 24-20.

The offense for Shadow Creek got better in the final period as the Lady Sharks closed out the contest 14-6 to post the 38-26 final score.

Shadow Creek was 6-of-16 from the free throw line while hitting four baskets.

Winston closed out the game for Hastings with a pair of 3-pointers to give her a team-high 13 points.

Kameryn Phillips led the Lady Sharks on offense with a game-high 14 points. Phillips was 6-of-9 from the charity stripe.

Shadow Creek was only 11-for-30 from the free throw line.



Photo by Michael McManus  
**GAME-HIGH SCORER** - Shadow Creek senior Kameryn Phillips score 14 points in the 38-26 district win over the Alief Hastings Lady Bears. The Lady Sharks have punched their ticket to the post-season with a game remaining in district action.

### Featherfest registration begins

Registration has opened for the 2023 Featherfest, the Birding and Nature Photography Festival in Galveston.

The popular event is in its 21st year and is held annually in support of wildlife in Galveston County.

FeatherFest is a fun four days of excellent birding and nature photography field trips. Those attending enjoy spring migration on Galveston Island at FeatherFest 2023. The events will happen April 20-23.

Birding field trips, workshops, photography field trips and workshops, and evening social events are planned.

To register, become a sponsor or to get more information, go to [www.galvestonfeatherfest.com](http://www.galvestonfeatherfest.com).

## "Vessel Turn-In Program"

Opportunity to Voluntarily Remove  
Inoperable, Derelict Vessels

February 6<sup>th</sup> – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Brazoria County has partnered with the Texas General Land Office (GLO), Texas Parks & Wildlife (TP&W), and Brazoria County Fire Fighters Association (BCFFA) to offer county residents the opportunity to remove inoperable and derelict vessels through the "Vessel Turn-In Program."

Designed to provide owners with a voluntary method of disposal, the Texas GLO and TP&W will verify the vessel (boat) will qualify for disposal, BCFFA will sponsor the removal of all fuel, oil, and batteries while Brazoria County will transport vessel to landfill for disposal. Boat must be clear of waste and debris.

You are encouraged to participate if you own a vessel under 26' feet long in need of disposal (longer boats may be accepted on a case by case basis) or know a neighbor who may need assistance. You will be required to bring vessel to one of the two drop off locations.

Brazoria County Drop-Off  
Locations:

**Brazoria County Precinct 2**  
**Commissioner Ryan Cade**  
21017 CR 171  
Angleton, Texas 77515  
(979) 864-1548

**Brazoria County Precinct 3**  
**Commissioner Stacy Adams**  
2467 FM 528  
Alvin, Texas 77511  
(281) 331-3197

Interested in participating in this program and for further information please contact the GLO between the hours of 8-5 Monday through Friday at (281) 470-6597. Remember this is a four day event.

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## Notice Of Constable Sale Order of Sale Cause Number 114243-CV

(See Notes Below)

James Brawner Constable Precinct 4

Under the authority and by virtue of an Order of Sale dated and issued pursuant to the judgment of the 239th Judicial District Court Brazoria County, Texas by the clerk of said courts as shown in the following schedule of cases, and to me directed and delivered as Constable in Brazoria County, Texas, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in February, the same being February 7th, 2023, at 111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of the defendant(s) in the real property as described below in order to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties, costs, and further costs of executing this writ.

Whereas on the 23 day of May, 2022, Brazoria Cold River Ranch Association, recovered a judgment in the 239th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against, Lily J. Cifuentes for sum of \$4,659.00 as past-due assessments, together with interest and costs; \$2,155.93 as attorney's fees and \$324.76 as court cost; an Order of sale shall issue to any Sheriff or Constable within the state of Texas to seize and sell the above-described real property, the same as under execution and satisfaction of this Judgment; the sheriff or Constable shall take any unpaid balance out of money and / or any other property of Defendant, Lily J. Cifuentes, as in the case of any ordinary execution; if any surplus remains after the payment of all sums adjudged to be due pursuant to this Judgment same shall be paid to Defendant; all costs of Court; post-judgment interest at the rate of 5% per annum on the full amount of the judgment awarded herein from the date hereof until paid; and, whereas, the said judgment is a foreclosure of a Property lien on the following described property, to-wit:

Any properties sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the property or their interest therein if allowed, within the time and in the manner provided by law.

ALL SALES SHALL BE BY Constable's DEED AND ARE WITHOUT WARRANTY AS TO TITLE OR CONDITION, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS EVIDENCED BY Constable's DEED.

Cause Number: Court Judgment Date	Style of Case	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	ORDER ISSUE And Levy Date	OTHER REFERENCED NUMBER
114243-CV 239th Judicial District Court Judgment Date 5/23/2022 Sale #	Brazoria Cold River Ranch Association, VS Lily J. Cifuentes	LOT(S) 43, BLOCK 3, COLD RIVER RANCH SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, AS SHOWN BY THE MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 24, PAGE 357, MAP RECORDS OF BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS (the "property")	Date Issued 11/15/2022 Levy Date December 28th, 2022	

For More Information, Contact: Hoover Slovacek LLP Phone: 7139778686

The Minimum Bid Is All Costs Of Suit And Sale.

Estimated Minimum Bid: **\$855.69**

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Terms: Cash, or Cashier's Check

Additional Terms:

(Real Property being Sold at the Direction of the Plaintiff's Attorney)  
(Prospective Bidders or Purchaser's Responsibility to Research or Consult with an Attorney)  
(Made Subject to right of redemption (if any) in accordance to law)  
(Constable's Commission due upon final Bid amount)

SALE TO BE HELD  
7th day of February, 2023  
Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM  
111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515

James Brawner, Constable  
Brazoria County Precinct 4  
121 North 10th Street  
West Columbia, Texas 77486  
(979) 345-2115

by:   
Joe Baker, Chief Deputy #

Pearland ISD will be accepting Request for Proposals for its Cyber Insurance coverage. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and questionnaire through the District's eBid System at <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>. Proposal must be submitted by 3:00 p.m., February 23, 2023.

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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposals for Instructional Supplies, Teaching Aids & Printed Material RFP # 23-0629-07 until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2023. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and submit their response at the following link: <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>.

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## CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 2023-04 CONSULTING SERVICES FOR 2023 WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY IMPACT FEE PROJECT

Request for Qualifications (RFQs) shall be submitted via one (1) paper copy, along with one (1) electronic copy in PDF format on a flash drive. Each flash drive must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match written response identically. Submittal shall be signed by a person having authority to bind the qualified professional in a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with **RFQ NO. 2023-04, CONSULTING SERVICES FOR 2023 WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY IMPACT FEE PROJECT**, 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, on or before **2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023**.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all submittals and waive any informality in submittals received. Any contract resulting from this RFQ shall be awarded to the responsible offeror whose qualifications are determined to be the most advantageous to the City considering the relative importance of price and the other evaluation factors included in this request for qualifications.

Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City of Friendswood'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.

For additional information, please contact Jildardo Arias, Director of Engineering at (281) 993-3411 or via email to [engineering@friendswood.com](mailto:engineering@friendswood.com).

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary  
City of Friendswood, Texas

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Pearland, in Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas, will hold a public hearing on Monday, **February 20, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581; and that the City Council of the City of Pearland will hold a public hearing and first Ordinance adoption consideration on Monday, **March 6, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581, for the following cases:

**1. Zone Change Application No. ZONE 22-21:** A request by Jennifer Curtis, META Planning & Design LLC., applicant, on behalf of Michael Harrington, owner, for approval of a zone change from Planned Development (PD) District to PD District, replacing the old Promenade Shops Lifestyle Center PD with a proposed mixed-use development consisting of a variety of land uses on approximately 93.443 acres of land, to wit:

**Legal Description:** Lot A, Block 1 of The Promenade Shops at The Spectrum, a subdivision of 93.443 acres of land in the City of Pearland, Texas, according to the Plat recorded in County Clerk's File No. 610201 in the Map Records of Harris County, Texas.

**General Location:** Southwest corner of State Highway 288 and Sam Houston Tollway.

At said hearing, all interested parties shall have the right and opportunity to appear and be heard on the subject. For additional information, please contact the Community Development Department at 281-652-1765.

Mohamed A. Bireima, AICP  
Senior Planner

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## CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until **2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22, 2023**. All proposals will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join meeting by calling: #281-652-1955; Meeting: 1790#. Access Code: 0971# on that date for:

### RFP 0123-03 Home Elevation Construction Services

Proposal forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the following website: <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Vendors are encouraged to return the RFP response electronically using the City's e-bid system, but may submit by hard-copy, with either manner due by the closing date and time stated above.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2023**. See proposal solicitation for virtual link option if preferred.

Vendors should register on the City's e-bid system <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Once registered on the City's e-bid system, proposal documents may be viewed on the site. If further assistance is needed, please email [ebids@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:ebids@pearlandtx.gov) no later than 5:00 PM Monday, February 13, 2023, and refer to RFP 0123-03. Bid Closing Date: **2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22, 2023**.

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### RFP 0123-02 Uniforms for the Fire Department

Bid forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the following website: <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Vendors are encouraged to return the bid response electronically using the City's e-bid system, but may submit by hard-copy, with either manner due by the closing date and time stated above.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2023**. See bid solicitation for virtual link option if preferred.

Vendors should register on the City's e-bid system <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Once registered on the City's e-bid system, bid documents may be viewed on the site. If further assistance is needed, please email [ebids@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:ebids@pearlandtx.gov) no later than 5:00 PM Monday, February 13, 2023, and refer to RFP 0123-02. Bid Closing Date: **3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22, 2023**.

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# Brazoria Master Gardeners to host first tree sale online

By **KAROLYN GEPHART**  
Reporter News Staff

Brazoria County Master Gardeners will host their Annual Citrus and Fruit Tree Sale online Feb. 4 and 5.

Shopping is easy and pickup of plants will be Feb. 10 and 11 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. Pick up times will be scheduled at the time of sale.

The group is offering over 1,600 plants including oranges, grapefruit, satsuma, apples, pear, peach, lime and lemon, as well as select avocado, blueberry, blackberry, fig, olives, plum and more.

This is the first online citrus and fruit tree sale for the Brazoria County group.

"From the feedback we have received, our customers seem excited to try something new. Going online gives us a chance to address the concerns customers have had in the past, including long lines to purchase trees. We are worried about losing some of our customers who don't use computers but would encourage their children or grandchildren to help them out, make it a family thing," BCMG Linda Erdman said.

Previously, their in person sales had been at the Angleton Fairgrounds. In 2021, the group had to cancel a planned sale due to COVID-19.

Now with an online sale, they feel it will be much easier on the customers as well as allowing them to be able to offer more inventory than in the past. They are offering 66 different varieties of trees including 24 varieties of citrus trees.

"Most of our customers are still trying to replace trees that they lost in the freeze. Last year, we had problems with citrus tree availability and our citrus sold out very quickly," Erdman said.

Possibly a good tip for buyers is to browse the sale site early and determine what trees are wanted. Then go online as soon as the sale opens. Interested shoppers can browse the items now at the store site:

<https://bcmga.square.site>.

At the website <http://txmg.org/brazoria>, shoppers can see a list of the items being sold as well as view a Guide for citrus and fruit trees that includes planting, growing and maintenance information.

Pickup is as easy as the ordering. Buyers will drive through and MGs will load their purchases for them into their vehicles.

Due to the Citrus Greening quarantine, it is illegal to transport citrus trees out of the quarantine area which includes Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris and Montgomery. For more information on this, see FAQs at <http://txmg.org/brazoria>.



Kimberly Mayer is the new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent Horticulture for Brazoria County. She will work with the Brazoria County Master Gardener program as part of her job.

BCMGA is all volunteer support group of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service made up of members of the local community.

Among other things, they grow, harvest and donate produce to local food pantries. They are also very involved in their communities and help provide education and support in a variety of ways to Brazoria County gardeners.

Recently, Kimberly Mayer joined the Brazoria County Extension office as Extension Agent for Horticulture. Mayer will work with the BCMG organization. She has a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from Texas A&M University Kingsville and is a Certified Texas Master Gardener. Her passion is growing fruits and vegetables.

She is also the Executive Director for Keep Richwood Beautiful. She runs the day to day operations of the Richwood Community Garden. What they grow at the garden gets donated back to their partner Brazosport Cares and to the local community. In the last two years they have donated over 400 pounds of produce.

She was mentored in the Fall by Galveston County Extension Agent Stephen Brueggerhoff. Brueggerhoff had been the former Brazoria County Agent before moving to Galveston County.