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## Around Town

**Jan. 25**  
**INFORMATIONAL SUMMIT**  
A Fentanyl Poisoning Parent Informational Summit will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Friendswood Junior High Auditorium, 1000 Manison Parkway. Open to parents of all ages, any school. To register for the event, please visit FISD's website, myfisd.com.

**Jan. 26**  
**LIBRARY MOVIE NIGHT**  
Friendswood Library Movie Night for Thursday, Jan. 26 will feature the Academy Award-Winning film "Coda" (2021). The movie starts at 6:30pm and is free to the public. Refreshments provided. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

**Jan. 28**  
**INTRO TO SQUARE DANCING**  
Hanger Squares is offering "Intro to Square Dancing and Lessons" on Jan. 28 from 7-9pm for free at Jones Hangar - Leavesley Park, 901 Buckingham in Friendswood. For more information visit hangersquares.org or email hangersquaresfriendswoodtx@gmail.com.

**Jan. 31**  
**FAIR MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE**  
Deadline for membership to the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo is Jan. 31. Individual Life Membership (\$300), Corporate Life Membership (\$500), Individual Annual (\$50) and Family Annual membership (\$100). Join now at www.galvestoncountyfair.com.

**Feb. 2**  
**HOLISTIC, REGENERATIVE LAWN CARE PRESENTATION**  
Heritage Gardeners will have speaker AJ Olson, owner and operator of Hippie Fertilizing 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.

**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 gcfr@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.

**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://fisid.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 & 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/>



Seniors Connor Adams (right), in the role of Professor Harold Hill, and Carter Hall (left), in the role of Marcellus, join together in a captivating performance of FHS Musical's *The Music Man*.

## FHS Musical presents 'The Music Man'

Celebrating 55 years of Musical history, Friendswood High School Musical is proud to announce *The Music Man* as this year's production. *The Music Man* is treasured piece of theater by Meredith Willson not only internationally but here in Friendswood as this FHS Musical's sixth production of this beloved musical. *The Music Man* is produced with permission of MTI, publisher.

*The Music Man* will be presented Jan. 27,28, Feb. 2-4 at 7:00 pm and Sunday matinees on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 at 2:30pm. All performances are held at Friendswood High School's Dr. Myrlene Kennedy Auditorium, Parking Lot B door 35.

Tickets are available online with a few available at the door 30 minutes before each performance. Tickets are \$15 at the door, cash only.

Every FHS Musical is special however

this production marks the last show in the Dr. Myrlene Kennedy Auditorium named for the founder Myrlene Kennedy.

This production is lead by senior Connor Adams as Professor Harold Hill, a role that Hugh Jackman just closed last week. Senior Mallory Migl plays Marion Paroo and senior Gabi McGregor plays Mrs. Paroo. Senior Carter Hall plays the role of Marcellus, Hill's side kick. Others in the cast are William Boone, Claire Mayfield, Greta Kehres, Ruby Brashier, Jai Foster, Avery Newkirk, Jizelle Cross, Promise Galloway, Thatcher Chase, Jimmy Perry, Dagan Ray, Julia Houghting and Levi John. Technical Theatre crew is lead by seniors Mars Raska, Sara Throop and Jason Enochs. Parents have built the sets with students assisting.

Kathy Powdrell is the Head of the Theatre Department at FHS.

## FISD selects 2023-2024 instructional calendar

Friendswood ISD has received Board approval for their 2023-2024 Instructional Calendar.

The Friendswood ISD School Board unanimously chose Option C out of three options for the 2023-2024 Instructional Calendar for the district.

The calendar offered the staff returning date of August 7 with six professional learning days. The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, August 15.

The Fall Holiday begins with a parent/teacher conference or PSAT day followed by a professional learning/student holiday and exchange day/student holiday.

There are also two exchange days for professional learning completed off contract.

The district recommended Option C as the one for the Board to pass since it provided a fall holiday for students and started slightly later than Option B. In B the first day of school would be August 10. District administration liked the later start due to bond projects being completed.

Option C was the middle choice by staff (32 percent) and parents (33 percent). Option B had staff support of 44 percent with parents at 38 percent.

According to FISD, the 2023-2024

Instructional Calendar development process has many steps.

Information is first gathered through various Superintendent committees made up of teachers as well as parents. Then a staff committee is formed with representation from each campus as well as district staff. This committee reviews the guiding principles as well as state requirements and develops drafts for feedback.

The three drafts were first taken to all FISD staff, presented at the December School Board meeting and parents. Based on the feedback, the drafts were modified to include one additional day for the Winter Break and replaced with an exchange Professional Development day.

All three calendars provided for 172 days of instruction which includes enough minutes for two school closure days. All three had school ending the year by Memorial Day and had a parent/teacher conference/PSAT day where students are not at school.

The last day of school before the Christmas break for students is Thursday, Dec. 21 and students return on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024. All calendars have a day in April designated for professional learning and a day of service.

## FISD to have walk zones around Cline, FJH

By KAROLYN GEPHART  
Reporter News Staff

Walk zones around Cline Elementary and Friendswood Jr High were unanimously approved at the recent meeting of the Friendswood ISD School Board.

The Texas Education Agency provides a transportation allotment for school districts providing regular route services when a student lives further than two miles from the school (TEC, §48.151).

Currently, Friendswood ISD is providing regular routes that are within two miles and is not receiving state funding. Board members were told that in recent years, it has become increasingly difficult to find bus drivers and the transportation route times have become longer as the need to double run certain areas of the district.

The district reports that the new Cline Elementary and Friendswood Junior High are both located within a neighborhood with ample sidewalks. FISD administration proposed and the board approved a walk zone of 0.5 miles around Cline Elementary and 1.0 around Friendswood Junior High.

Bus transportation will not be provided in these areas once the walk zones are used. Transportation will be provided to all students at FJH regardless of distance that live across FM 518 for safety purposes.

This will go into effect beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and will allow for the elimination of two regular routes to assist with transportation to the two new zones within the current time start times for all schools. Maps were given to board members to show the areas where transportation will no longer be provided.

The district does not know the exact number of students that will be impacted by this change next year, but they do know that there are currently 153 students registered for transportation to the current Cline campus and 133 current FJHS students.

## Volunteers needed for popular Daddy Daughter Dance

By KAROLYN GEPHART  
Reporter News Staff

Volunteers are needed for the 2023 Daddy Daughter Dance scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4 from 6-8 pm at the Friendswood Junior High.

The popular night will have dads and daughters enjoying a western themed photo station, dinner provided by Rudy's BBQ and Chick-fil-A, and dancing.

Registration for Friendswood residents began in December and now non residents have begun registering since Jan. 17.

The Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department still needs additional volunteers for the dance. Volunteers can select a time that best suits them for helping. Volunteers are needed from 2:30 to 5:30 pm, from 2:30 to 9 pm and from 5:30 to 9 pm. Volunteers can contact the Parks Department at 281-996-3220 to select a shift they can do.

In year's past registration fills almost immediately so any dads interested in taking your daughters should register now at <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/373/Daddy-Daughter-Dance-February>. All those that will be in attendance must be registered individually. This will not be a ticketed event and names must be on the attendance list in order to attend.

Sponsorships are still available for the event. Cactus sponsors are \$700 and Tumbleweed Sponsors are \$500. To become a sponsor, contact Catherine Wood, Recreation Manager in Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department at 281-996-3266.

For more information, contact the Friendswood Parks & Recreation Dept. at 281-996-3220 or [rec@friendswood.com](mailto:rec@friendswood.com).

Friendswood Junior High is located at 1000 Manison Parkway in Friendswood.

# 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. 19**  
A warrant arrest was made at about 1 p.m. in the 14000 block of Cullen Blvd.  
An arrest for possession of a controlled substance was made at 2:09 a.m., 1100 block of Main St.  
Police conducted a welfare check at 6:45 a.m., 1900 block of Main St.  
A terroristic threat was reported at 10:51 a.m., 3000 block of Harkey Road.  
Shoplifting was reported at 11 a.m., 1700 block of Broadway St.  
An assault was reported at 11:41 a.m., 11000 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.  
A warrant arrest was made at noon, 1900 block of Main St.  
Two people were arrested just before 1 p.m. at a location at 11000 block of Shadow Creek Parkway. One was charged with assault and the other was charged with disorderly conduct.  
A 30-year-old Kemah man was arrested in the 1700 block of Broadway and charged with organized retail theft.  
Warrant arrest was made at 3:15 p.m., 2555 Cullen Pkwy.  
A woman arrested at 5 p.m. was charged with theft of a driver's license/ID, 3700 Dixie Farm Blvd.  
A 50-year-old local woman was arrested at Walmart for felony theft with a previous conviction.  
Two people were arrested at 8 p.m. for shoplifting, 1710 Broadway St.  
Building burglary was reported at 9 p.m., 10300 block of Broadway St.

• **Friday, Jan. 20**  
A report of theft by fraud or deception was made at 4:30 a.m., 2000 block of Cullen Parkway.  
A narcotics investigation was conducted at 9:38 a.m., 2800 block of N. Brompton Drive.

A 30-year-old Houston woman was arrested at 8500 Hughes Ranch Road and charged with deadly conduct.  
A criminal investigation was conducted at noon in the 1800 block of Pleasant Springs Lane.  
A report of debit or credit card abuse was made at 2:28 p.m., 2500 block of Summer Creek Drive.  
Separate reports of interference with child custody were made at 4:47 p.m., 11200 block of Broadway St. and 2500 block of Cullen Parkway.  
Vehicles were broken into at 2100 block of Rushing Spring Drive.  
A 42-year-old local man was arrested at his home in the 3000 block of Country Club Drive and charged with assault causing bodily injury.  
• **Saturday, Jan. 21**  
Criminal trespass was reported at 12:25 a.m., 3200 block of Broadway.  
A DWI arrest was made at 2:12 a.m., 3200 block of Windsor Drive.  
A League City woman, 54, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, 4800 Main St.  
A Pearland resident who works as a corrections officer for the state has been charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, 1600 South Freeway.  
A Houston man was arrested at 6:30 a.m. for failing to identify-giving false information, 12000 block of Dickinson Road.  
Report of child custody interference was made at 9:43 a.m., 1300 block of Jamison Pine Drive.  
A 50-year-old Pearland man was arrested at 10:50 a.m. Saturday and charged with assault-family violence, 1900 block of Garden Road.  
An arrest for no driver's license was made at 1300 Main St. at 12:31 p.m.  
An arrest for criminal mischief was made at 12:34 p.m., 9002 Broadway St.  
Responding to a distur-

bance in the 1900 block of Garden Road, police arrested the 22-year-old female resident for assault causing bodily injury and a 24-year-old male resident for assault-impeding breathing.  
A Houston teenager was arrested at 3:20 p.m. and charged with possession of a prohibited weapon, 2000 block of Main St.  
A Channelview man was arrested on CR 855 Saturday at about 7:30 p.m. and charged with evading arrest.  
A death investigation was conducted at 9:20 p.m., 16100 block of South Fwy.  
An accident led to the DWI arrest of a local landscaper at 9:48 p.m., 2400 block of Halbert Drive.

• **Sunday, Jan. 22**  
A Woodville woman was arrested in the early hours Sunday and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, 4700 Main St.  
A Houston teenager was arrested just after midnight in the 14700 block of South Freeway and charged with felony possession of a controlled substance.  
Vehicles were broken into in the 5700 block of Magnolia Parkway.  
An arrest for assault family violence was made just before 11 a.m., 1100 block of Beckton Lane.  
A criminal investigation was conducted at 2:20 p.m., 7700 block of Brookside Road.  
A 30-year-old Pearland man was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance, 4100 block of Dixie Farm Road.  
A woman arrested at 6:40 p.m. in the 6200 block of Jordan Dr. was charged with assault family violence.  
A report of unlawful installation of a tracking device was made late Sunday night, 2000 block of Business Center Drive.  
An arrest for criminal trespass was made 11:28 a.m., 6700 block of Paigretree Lane.

• **Monday, Jan. 23**  
A Houston woman was arrested for public intoxication at 2:41 a.m. Monday, 1500 block of Broadway St.  
A local teenager was arrested for public intoxication at 4:19 a.m., 3500 block of Broadway St.  
Theft of vehicle parts was reported at 9:45 a.m., 10900 block of Memorial Hermann Drive.

# FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

JANUARY 16 thru JANUARY 22

**BURGLARY**  
Jan. 19 (10:18 a.m.) Residents in the 16800 block of Paint Rock Road were out of town for several days. When they returned, they found their home was burglarized. Jewelry and a television were stolen.  
Jan. 20 (11:42 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported in the 800 block of Shady Bend Lane. The victim left her wallet inside the vehicle and left the vehicle unlocked overnight. Her wallet was stolen, and her credit cards were used fraudulently.

**THEFT**  
Jan. 17 (7:54 a.m.) A dump trailer was stolen in the 200 block of E. Edgewood Dr. The theft occurred at 4:30 a.m. The trailer is described as a black Texas Pride 14-foot dump trailer with 3-foot walls. The suspect vehicle was captured on video surveillance and described as a black truck with red rims.  
Jan. 21 (8:32 a.m.) A 26-year-old Webster woman was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (Auto Theft). A 30-year-old male from Webster was charged with Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information. The woman was driving a stolen vehicle in the 3100 block of FM 528. The vehicle was stopped in the Kroger parking lot at the intersection of FM 528 and W. Bay Area Blvd. The vehicle was stolen in La Grange, Texas. The man and woman, who are sister and brother, had differing stories about ownership and possession of the vehicle. The female did not have a driver's license and the male had outstanding warrants. Both were taken into custody. During an inventory of the vehicle, marijuana was found inside the vehicle as well as different documents containing credit card and personal identifying information for persons other than the suspects. Later, when the owner of the stolen vehicle arrived, they were able to confirm that the male had the victim's jacket in his property at the jail and was wearing the jacket at the time of the traffic stop. Also, two laptops found inside the vehicle did not belong to the victim.

**FRAUD**  
Jan. 18 (4:59 p.m.) A Friendswood woman was the victim of a scam. She received a call from a person claiming to be with a medical company. The person was able to con the victim into purchasing gift cards and providing them with the gift card numbers and PINs.

**ASSAULT**  
Jan. 16 (11:43 a.m.) A 36-year-old Friendswood woman was issued a citation for Assault. She is accused of assaulting the nanny at her home in the 1100 block of Rymers Switch Lane.  
Jan. 22 (7:27 p.m.) A 56-

year-old Friendswood man was charged with Assault by Contact. He is accused of assaulting his wife at their home in the 2300 block of Opal Springs Lane.

**NARCOTICS**  
Jan. 16 (1:23 p.m.) A 50-year-old Houston man was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1, Evading Arrest, and Resisting Arrest. The suspect was driving a stolen motorcycle in the 1400 block of S. Friendswood Dr. While waiting for confirmation about the stolen record, the man ran from officers, but was quickly caught and detained in handcuffs. Once in custody, he was found to be in possession of a glass meth pipe. At the jail, the suspect left a baggie of methamphetamine in the back of the patrol vehicle.  
Jan. 19 (4:42 p.m.) A 21-year-old woman from San Leon was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The suspect was stopped for expired registration in the 4400 block of FM 2351. During the contact, the female was asked for consent to search her vehicle. She agreed. The search yielded methamphetamine and alprazolam.  
Jan. 21 (1:08 p.m.) An 18-year-old League City woman was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The suspect was stopped for speeding in a construction zone in the 3200 block of W. Bay Area Blvd. She and her male passenger told the officer about their travels. The story had familiar names of local drug dealers. The woman agreed to let the officer search her vehicle. During the search, the officer found a baggie of marijuana that she admitted to having recently purchased.

**DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED**  
Jan. 20 (6:40 p.m.) A 69-year-old Friendswood male was involved in a crash in the 1500 block of S. Friendswood Dr. While being evaluated by medics, the suspect admitted to drinking alcohol prior to the crash and he exhibited signs of intoxication. He attempted to do field sobriety testing but fell to the ground. Medics were called back to the scene and transported him to a local hospital. During an inventory of the vehicle, a cup of whiskey was found. A warrant will be filed charging the suspect with Driving While Intoxicated and he will be arrested at a later date and time.

**PUBLIC INTOXICATION**  
Jan. 20 (7:16 p.m.) A 33-year-old Friendswood woman was charged with Public Intoxication. An officer responded to the area of Sunset Drive and Shadowbend where several witnesses reported a female on a bicycle riding in circles in the roadway and was almost hit by passing cars. When officers arrived in the area, they found the suspect, intoxicated, riding a bicycle in the middle of the roadway with no front or rear lights. Earlier in the day, officers responded to the woman's residence because she had overdosed on alcohol and was transported to the hospital. Several hours later, she had been released from the hospital, still intoxicated and was a danger to herself and others. At the jail, she had a container of alcohol in her bag.

**TRAFFIC**  
Jan. 17 (1:21 a.m.) A 45-year-old Houston man was charged with Driving While License Invalid and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The suspect was stopped for expired insurance and no front license plate in the 4100 block of FM 2351. The driver's license was suspended and expired. When the man exited the vehicle, the officer observed drug paraphernalia in the driver's door pocket. A search of the vehicle yielded marijuana and a pipe.  
Jan. 22 (9:59 a.m.) An 18-year-old male was charged with Display Expired Registration and Expired Driver's License. The driver was speeding in the 3500 block of W. Bay Area Blvd.

## 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. Galveston Island is one of the top locations in the country for birding. It has a rich variety of habitats - beaches, wetlands, grasslands, woods, ponds, and bays - in a small area that are home to many common year-round species, as well as numerous others that visit briefly or for part of the year.

The Featherfest Photography Contest will again be held with contest sponsors The Daily News, Galveston.com, and Houston Camera Exchange. 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).

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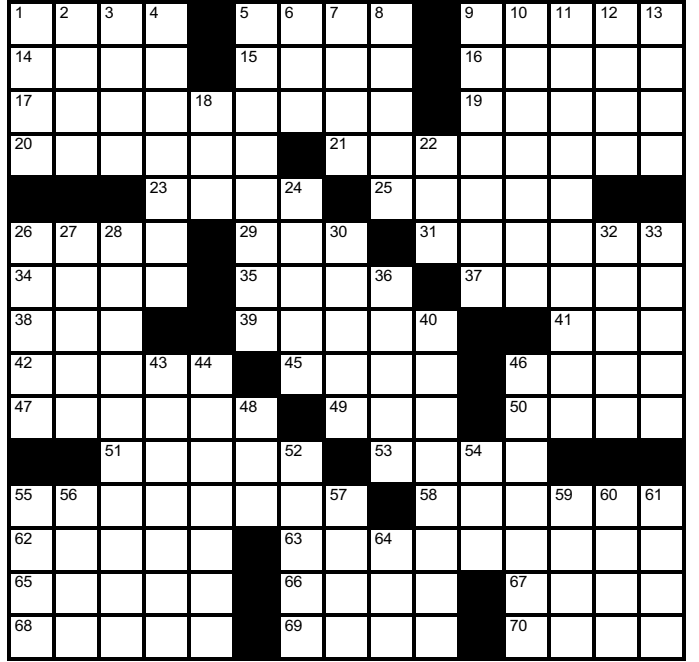
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## AREA BRIEFS

### Filing now open for local races

Filing opened last week and will continue until Feb. 17 for positions in the Pearland and Alvin ISD boards.

City of Pearland residents will select a mayor and two council seats. Mayor Kevin Cole, Councilman Alex Kamkar and Councilman Woody Owens are all up for reelection in May. For more information on that election or candidate filing, call the city secretary's office, 281-652-1651.

The seven members of the Pearland school board serve three-year terms and are all elected at-large, representing the entire district instead of a section of the population. Runoffs aren't held unless opponents tie for a race.

Pearland ISD Trustees with terms expiring this year are Toni Carter, Position No. 1, and Dr. Kristopher Schoeffler, Position No. 2.

The Pearland school board meets at 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Call 832-736-6153 or pick up a filing package at 1928 N. Main St., Pearland.

Candidate packets for Alvin ISD, which includes parts of Pearland including Shadow Creek west of Highway 288, are available at the Alvin ISD Administration Building, 301 E. House Street, Alvin. Alvin ISD trustees with terms expiring this year are board President Earl Humbird, position No. 6; and board vice president Vivian Scheibel, position No. 7.

The Alvin school board holds workshops at noon on the first Wednesday, followed by the regular meeting at 7 p.m. on the following Tuesday.

For more information on Alvin ISD elections, call Mary Anne McWhirter, 281-388-1130 or email [mmcwhirter@alvinisd.net](mailto:mmcwhirter@alvinisd.net).

The last day to register to vote in the May election is April 6, and early voting begins April 24.

### Hanger Squares offer free dance lesson

Anyone interested in Square Dancing has a great opportunity this month.

The Hanger Squares Square Dance Club is having another free Intro Night and invites anyone interested to come.

The date is Saturday, Jan. 28 from 7 to 9 pm at Jones Hangar at 901 Buckingham in Regency Estates subdivision in Friendswood.

Prospective dancers can get a feel for the fun and fellowship that comes with square dancing, according to the club group.

Lessons at the club begin Feb. 11. The intro nights are timely in that the lessons begin soon for those who enjoy it. Lessons 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.

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

### Friendswood to offer SKYWARN training

In partnership with the City of Friendswood, League City is hosting a SKYWARN Training class on Feb. 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The class will be at the Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center located at 400 W. Walker St. in League City.

SKYWARN is a program that trains volunteer members of the community to help provide severe weather information to the National Weather Service.

Pre-registration is required. To register for the training, call 281-554-1300.

SKYWARN weather spotters are a group of trained volunteers that watch the skies during severe weather and relay reports back to the National Weather Service (NWS). These spotter reports are crucial for effective warnings and can save lives by validating an existing warning or providing the impetus for issuing a new warning.

SKYWARN spotter training sessions are offered in the Fall and in the Spring and are free to anyone with an interest in severe weather and in providing these critical reports that contribute to public safety. These training sessions last around 2.5 hours and typically are held weekday evenings and some Saturdays. The training is ideal for ham radio and CERT groups, first responders, dispatchers and private citizens interested in getting involved.

For more information on SKYWARN, go to: <https://www.weather.gov/hgx/skywarn>.

### 'Washed Ashore' on exhibit in Galveston

A traveling outdoor sculpture exhibit created from debris found floating in the ocean will be on display in Galveston through early March.

"Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea," is aimed at educating the public on hazards of plastic pollution in the world's waterways and is on display in 19 locations throughout Galveston Island. Exhibits, which include a 9-foot octopus and bald eagle with a 17-foot wingspan, opened in December and will remain until March 5.

Locations include Seawolf Park, Saengerfest Park, the Galveston Visitor Information Center, Bryan Museum, Grand 1834 Opera House, Tremond Hotel, Railroad Museum, Children's Museum, Rosenberg Library, Pier 21, Grand Galvez, Pleasure Pier, Rainforest Cafe, Moody Gardens and more. A map of all locations can be found online at [tinyurl.com/WashedAshoreGalveston](http://tinyurl.com/WashedAshoreGalveston).

### TxDOT: Bridge closing indefinite

The Texas Department of Transportation has closed the bridge on Cullen just south of Magnolia for complete reconstruction, and a timeline for completion has not been announced.

Drivers are advised to detour west on Magnolia, south on County Road 90 and east on Bailey Road.

### 'Real Places' conference nears

The Texas Historical Society this month announced a small number of spots are left for its annual Real Places Conference in Austin.

Scheduled from Feb. 1-3, the conference includes more than 90 experts conducting workshops on cultivating appreciation among youth, storytelling, fundraising and historic preservation, theater revitalization programs, and more.

Hosted by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Real Places will be held at DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Austin. Attendees network and learn from County Historical Commissions, Main Street managers, architects and engineers, historians, archeologists and curators as well as THC staff, Texas Heritage Trail Regions and other partner organizations.

Registration for the full conference includes meals, or guests may opt to register for one day or individual workshops. For information, visit [thc.texas.gov](http://thc.texas.gov).



# FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

## ON LOSING MY SALVATION

*"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our sins—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus; 8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast... 10 being God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

-Ephesians 2: 4-6, 8-10

I've been lost before. I've lost my car keys. I've lost my wallet. I've lost days of work due to illness or neglect... but I can never lose my salvation. Word.

I was leading an adult Bible class this past Sunday and we were talking about Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by his cousin John and how Christian baptism came to be and how the promises given to anyone who is baptized includes being connected to one another in holy, wonderful and mysterious ways. And in that conversation... there were twists and turns and thoughts of faith, salvation and eternity including big church words like justification and sanctification and honest concerns about who's in and who's out and by the time we got to the end of our discussion time... the question was asked by a sincere person in a sincere way... "can we lose our salvation?" It's a good question to ask... and I'm glad it was... as we're not alone in the asking and it's a query which goes back to the beginning of time...

And just so everyone remembers... I've been a Christian all my life... even though I've searched for a better way than following Jesus... and tried more than once to walk away from it all due to selfish and short-sighted thoughts... and that I'm also part of the 'Lutheran' tribe of Christians who can sincerely say Martin Luther wrestled with this question like so many before and after his life. How about you? Can you lose your salvation? Faith matters... for all of us and God!

In addition to being of the 'Lutheran' tribe I'm one who is

firmly camped out in the "salvation is a gift of God" clan and am ready to die on that hill... until someone can show me a better way... and it's like this... as I echo St. Paul's words to his friends in Ephesus... by grace I have been saved... this is God's own doing... a gift I didn't ask for or frankly deserve... just like... I didn't ask to be here in this world... my parents loved each other enough that they took a risk of having a son... me... and then went so far as to take care of me and nurture me until I could get out on my own... and again... I didn't ask to be here... but here I am... almost 69 years later still amazed at how that all happened yet pondering still what's down the road... AND... and this is a BIG and... that's how it is with salvation. I didn't ask for it but the more I paid attention to my life and the life around me the more I realized how much I needed it... like food and water and air and love... etc... salvation does for me what I cannot do for myself.

So, can I lose my salvation? No. Really. Why would I want to? It's a gift... I didn't ask for it... and it's always there and now that I know it's there... I'm striving to live deeper into it because as I do my life just gets better and better... and the only way to have my salvation interrupted is to walk away from it... neglect it... even reject it... but even in so doing... it's still there... offering again and again an opportunity to journey with Jesus as that was his ask of Peter, James, and John to ... "follow me"... and it's in the following that makes life better... for me... for you and for everyone as when we ignore this gift of salvation and go our own way that's when it all starts to break down... actually becoming the "hell-uv-it" for any of us... so... if you think you've lost your salvation... think again... do an about face and trust the grace of Jesus bound to find us all!

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' <https://briangige.wordpress.com>. Your comments and/or questions are welcomed at [godworks247365@gmail.com](mailto:godworks247365@gmail.com).

## PISD pursuing afterschool grants

Lawhon, Harris programs would be no cost to parents

By N. BRADFORD  
Reporter News Staff

A partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Brazoria County could provide free after school activities at C.J. Harris Elementary in addition to programs already offered at Lawhon Elementary next fall.

"Lawhon is a renewal of the process, and C. J. Harris is an add," Superintendent Larry Berger said.

Pearland ISD trustees on Jan. 17 unanimously authorized a letter of support to the Texas Education Agency to move forward with the Nita M. Lowery 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant.

The grant-funded programs will be added to the school district's mix of offerings for students after school. Programs at other campuses are provided through a Communities in

Schools of Brazoria County grant at a cost of \$15,000 per year.

Through the Boys and Girls club, programming would be offered at both Lawhon and Harris free of charge to the district and parents.

"We are reviewing all our programs as part of our district initiatives and goals to maximize funds to support our students' needs," Berger told the board.

In the current school year at Harris, the district partners with the YMCA to provide after-school activities at Harris Elementary, but at a cost to parents. As part of the proposed agreement, Pearland ISD will provide in-kind contributions such as campus and facility use, janitorial services, referrals and internet service.

The board also discussed afterschool programming at

Junior High South.

"Part of the issue when you get to the junior high level is the competition with sports, athletics and fine arts," Berger said. "After-school programming doesn't necessarily work at the junior high."

Also on Jan. 17, the school board voted to add a position at Carlestone Elementary.

"We have had increased enrollment, which is good,

but increased enrollment has some side effects late in the school year," Berger said.

Kindergarten enrollment at the campus has continued to increase, he said.

Since dividing classrooms late in the year is not welcome by parents, students or staff, the district opted to add a paraprofessional position to assist with the current three classes of kindergartners.

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# SPORTS

## Dawson girls capture District 23-6A swim title

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

The Dawson Lady Eagles captured the District 23-6A swim championship as they scored 170 points to edge the Shadow Creek Lady Sharks who scored 153 points for second place. Pearland came in third with 128 points followed by Alvin (41), Alief Elsik (24), and Alief Taylor (18).

The Strake Jesuit boys won the 23-6A title with 142 points followed by Shadow Creek (121), Dawson (94),



Dawson's Travis Thames won three gold and one bronze medal at the District 23-6A swim meet. Thames won the 200-yard Freestyle, 100-yard Butterfly and swam a leg on the winning 400-yard Freestyle Relay while picking up a third-place finish on the 200-yard Medley Relay.

Pearland (92), Alvin (45), Alief Hastings (15), Alief Taylor (15), and Alief Elsik (13).

### DAWSON EAGLES

#### Top finishers for Dawson include:

- Boys 200-yard freestyle - Travis Thames - 1st place - 1:48.38
- Girls 1 mtr Diving - Kenzie Kool - 1st place - 425.45 points - New DHS record
- Girls 100-yard butterfly - Madeline Newell - 1st place - 1:01.02
- Boys 100-yard butterfly - Travis Thames - 1st place - 54.43
- Girls 100-yard freestyle - Lucy Ewart - 1st place - 55.06
- Girls 100-yard breaststroke - Madison Childers - 1st place - 1:11.17
- Girls 400-yard Freestyle Relay - 1st place - 3:51.92
- Francesca Vitacca, Madison Childers, Rian Bleyendaal, Lucy Ewart
- Boys 400-yard Freestyle Relay - 1st place - 3:24.04
- Thomas Liang, Logan Kraft, Krishan Ahearn, Travis Thames

### SHADOW CREEK SHARKS

#### Top finishers for Shadow Creek include:

- Girls 200-yard Medley Relay - 1st place - 1:53.62
- Jaely Hardy, Sarah Phipps, Anna Burke, Madeleine Tran
- Boys 200-yard Medley Relay - 1st place - 1:41.64
- James Bravo, Liam Tamang, Jan Villamor, Vincent Pham
- Girls 200-yard Freestyle - Jaelyn Hardy - 1st place - 1:57.27
- Girls 200-yard Individual Medley - Sarah Phipps - 1st place - 2:15.94
- Boys 1 mtr Diving - Adrian Martin - 1st place - 420.50 points
- Boys 100-yard Freestyle - Jan Villamor - 1st place - 50.29
- Girls 500-yard Freestyle - Anna Burke - 1st place - 5:32.21
- Girls 100-yard Backstroke - Jaelyn Hardy - 1st place - 57.81

### PEARLAND OILERS

#### Top finishers for Pearland include:

- Boys 200-yard Individual Medley - Giancarlo Zamora - 1st place - 2:05.92
- Girls 50-yard Freestyle - Audrey Cash - 1st place - 25.73
- Boys 100-yard Backstroke - Diego Villalon - 1st place - 55.20



### TOP SCORER

Dawson senior Kendrick Bailey scored 16 points against Alief Elsik and added 33 points against Alvin as the Eagles completed the first round of district play with a 7-0 mark and 23-4 overall. Dawson beat Elsik 67-51 and Alvin 108-47.

Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

## From the Cluttered Desk

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

### Life is measured by what you have learned

One thing I have a hard time with is being around people who seem to be so miserable. Do you know what I mean? When I think of that first sentence — my mind immediately goes to a couple I saw a little over a year ago at a sporting event. I don't know their names - but I have never seen them smile, but I sure have seen and heard how miserable they are by the way they have talked to others — especially people they don't know.



money doesn't buy class.

- I've learned... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- I've learned... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- I've learned... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- I've learned... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- I've learned... That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- I've learned... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- I've learned... That there's nothing sweeter than holding your grandbabies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.
- I've learned... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- I've learned... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- I've learned... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- I've learned... That I can choose how I feel.
- I've learned... That when your newly born child holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
- I've learned... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs in the valley.

Old friend Robert said, "I trust that you are experiencing great blessings at the start of a new year. May 2023 be your greatest year ever as you continue to learn life's lessons."

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I am a firm believer in laughter and making others laugh. It seems that no matter where I go - I find myself around people who feel the same way. Yet - when those who are miserable enter the room — they continue to wear that scowl on their face and it doesn't take long for them to feel uneasy in their surroundings and leave.

Someone once said, "If you say you are happy - then make sure you tell your face so others will know it."

I love the word "joy" and it should translate into happiness. But I have also learned that "joy" is an inside job. There is no way that you can express outward joy unless it begins inside your heart. You can't manufacture it. You certainly can't be in a room full of people who have joy and try to fool others because those who have inside joy can spot a fake a mile away.

My mother-in-law, who passed away in August, is named Joy. My oldest daughter is named LeJoy - which means "The Joy!" And both have been a joy to my life for many years.

I have spent years collecting things that "I've learned..." Perhaps a few more will bring joy and peace to your life.



Photo by Michael McManus

**GAME-HIGH SCORER - Shadow Creek senior Kameryn Phillips scored 24 points, 16 in the second half, to lead the Lady Sharks to a 54-46 win over the Alief Taylor Lady Lions in a District 23-6A showdown. The Lady Sharks are 5-2 in district and in second place behind the Pearland Lady Oilers (7-0).**

## Lady Sharks take out Alief Taylor 54-46

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

The Shadow Creek Lady Sharks rode the shooting of Kameryn Phillips, who scored a game-high 24 points, to defeat the Alief Taylor Lady Lions 54-46 in a District 23-6A contest.

Shadow Creek improves to 18-11 overall and 5-2 in district which is good for second place behind the league-leading Pearland Lady Oilers (7-0).

The Lady Sharks took the opening quarter 12-7 but went through a cold spell offensively in the second period as Taylor outscored Shadow Creek 17-9 to take a 24-21 lead at intermission over the Lady Sharks.

Poor shooting at the free throw line hampered the Lady Sharks as

they hit only 5-of-17 shots from the charity stripe. Taylor was 6-of-8 from the line while getting a pair of 3-pointers in the second quarter.

Shadow Creek found their offensive range in the third as Phillips hit three baskets and was 4-of-6 from the free throw line which gave her 10 points while the rest of the team added nine points in the 19-6 period. The Lady Sharks reclaimed the lead 40-30 heading into the final frame.

The Lady Sharks withstood Taylor's final offensive flurry 16-14 to post the 54-46 district win.

Phillips scored 16 points in the second half to lead the Lady Sharks.

Nataliyah Gray scored 19 points for Taylor.

## Dawson boys get wins over Alief Elsik and Alvin

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

Dawson remained undefeated in District 23-6A and atop the league standings, but they had to hold on against an Alief Elsik squad that would not go down without a fight. The Eagles beat the Rams 67-51, but not without a strong effort by Elsik.

The Eagles took control of the game in the first quarter to carve out a commanding 27-9 advantage.

Kendrick Bailey had the hot hand in the opening period as the senior guard fired in three 3-pointers and a basket for 11 first-quarter points to set the stage for Dawson.

Both teams managed to score 15 points in the second period which became a free throw contest for both teams.

Dawson managed two more 3-pointers by Bailey and freshman Devan Brown and a field goal by Charles Anderson, but the rest of the period was spent at the charity stripe.

Dawson's Jaden Miller was 4-for-4 while the Eagles finished 7-of-17 overall in the frame.

Elsik managed four field goals while going 7-of-15 from the line.

The Eagles took a 42-24 lead into the dressing room at intermission.

"We fouled way too much," said Dawson head coach Mark Barre. "It was terrible basketball...hard to watch. We were kind of lucky to get out with a win."

Dawson led 50-28 after a Bailey layup with 3:19 left in the third quar-

ter, but that's when Elsik (10-16, 2-4) went on a 22-8 run to pull within 58-50 with more than four minutes remaining in the game.

The Eagles then went into a spread offense, effectively consumed time, and made five of six free throws down the stretch in pulling away to the 67-51 win.

Dawson was better at the charity stripe in the second half as they hit 10-of-15 while Elsik was only 3-of-8.

The Rams outscored the Eagles in the third quarter 16-12, but Dawson closed out the final period 12-11.

Larry Lyons was the game-high scorer with 17 points while Bailey tossed in 16.

Dawson was 24-of-41 from the free throw line and connected on 5-of-21 three-pointers. The Eagles had 32 rebounds, 16 assists, and 10 steals.

### DAWSON 108 - ALVIN 47

Senior Kendrick Bailey fired in 33 points to lead the Dawson Eagles past the hapless Alvin Yellowjackets 108-47 to close out the first round of District 23-6A action with a perfect 7-0 mark. Dawson is now 23-4 on the season.

Bailey had strong support as Larry Lyons scored 17, Devan Brown tossed in 15, and Keshawn Cotton added 12.

The Eagles outscored the Jackets 26-13 in the first and 24-11 in the second for a 50-24 lead at halftime.

Dawson continued the strong offensive display with 40-11 in the third period and 18-12 in the final period for the 108-47 blowout win.



Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

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# SPORTS



The Lady Oilers basketball team celebrates with senior RyLee Grays (center/standing) who has been nominated as a McDonald's All-American. Grays is the leading scorer for No. 9 state-ranked Pearland who is currently 25-3 on the season and 7-0 in district. The team recently celebrated at the Pearland McDonald's location.

## Second half effort gives Pearland 52-28 win over Hastings

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

Pearland head coach Steve Buckelew has a very young and inexperienced team this season and he knows that every game is important if the Oilers hope to make the post-season.

"Defense keeps us in games," Buckelew said. "We're young with five juniors and five sophomores, and no varsity experience. We're kind of reidentifying ourselves. I like the 10 kids we have. I think they're winners, but each game is like a new experience. We're moving forward after a lot of personnel changes."

It was a low scoring affair for both teams as they struggled to find the offensive range.

Pearland trailed 5-4 after the first eight minutes of action, but managed to lead at halftime 14-9 after outscoring the visitors 10-4.

Pearland showed glimpses of offensive potential at the outset of the third quarter, outscoring Hastings, 14-2, to open a 28-11 lead. The Oilers went on to lead 33-18 to start the final period.

Sophomores Savion Singleton, Bronson Davis and Ezenna Ibe along with junior Kavion Rogers each helped fuel the surge.

Luke Stano scored four quick points for a 37-18 lead while junior Braden Austin contributed a pair of baskets off steals to widen the margin to 41-23.

Hastings (3-17, 1-6) was never able to stage a comeback at any point in the second half.

Dawson sits atop the league standings at 7-0 after beating Alvin, 108-47, Saturday.

Alief Taylor, Shadow Creek and Strake Jesuit are each tied for second at 5-2 after the Crusaders edged Shadow Creek, 58-57, Saturday.

Pearland is 10-13 overall and 3-4 in the league standings.

"It's one game at a time with us," Buckelew said. "We'll try to start chipping away and see if we can score enough points to get us into the playoffs. We control our own destiny by winning the games, but there are good teams ahead of us. A lot our kids aren't varsity-ready, but we're getting there. I like our chances."



BUCKELEW

## No. 9 Lady Oilers beat Lady Bears 48-28

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

A strong first quarter set the pace for the No. 11 state-ranked Pearland Lady Oilers as they beat the Alief Hastings Lady Bears 48-28 to improve to 25-3 overall and 7-0 in District 23-6A action.

The current success of the Lady Oilers also garnered Team of the Week honors by Allegiance Bank.

Pearland began the second round of district competition with a solid 48-28 win over Alief Hastings after sweeping through the first round with a perfect record.

Four players registered 10 points each against the Lady Bears that included Janae Tucker, Nyah Hardy, Paige Bonner, and RyLee Grays.

Pearland opened up the league contest with a 10-0 first quarter and continued the offensive assault by taking the second period 15-10 for a 25-10 lead at intermission.

The Lady Oilers finished off the Lady Bears 11-9 in the third quarter and 12-9 in the fourth frame for the 48-28 district win.

Grays led Pearland with 13 rebounds while Bonner had three assists and five steals.



TEAM OF THE WEEK - The No. 9 state-ranked Pearland Lady Oilers were named the Allegiance Bank Team of the Week. Pearland head coach Jere Adams was presented a plaque from Channel 57 Sports Director Todd Freed. Pearland is 25-3 overall and 7-0 in district action. The Lady Oilers are looking to make a deep run in the playoffs with the goal of advancing to the 6A state tournament.



Westwood Media Integration Specialist Elizabeth Henning who was awarded \$8,488.99 for a book vending machine.

## FEF awards over \$46,000 at Legacy Grant SurPrize Patrol

The Friendswood ISD Education Foundation (FEF) recently awarded FISD with more than \$46,000 in grants during its inaugural Legacy Grant SurPrize Patrol.

FEF launched the Legacy Grant Program for the 2022-2023 school year in response to an increasing demand for grants that go beyond the \$5,000 threshold set by the Adopt-a-Grant program. Legacy Grants are designed to go beyond traditional grants size, scope and impact with costs being between \$5,000 and \$40,000.

"More and more often, we have teachers coming to us with a dream that is bigger than what we could previously accommodate with Adopt-a-Grant," FEF Executive Director Ashley Adair said. "We had to find a way to fund these grants that aim to achieve a transformative impact by engaging students with new or extraordinary learning experiences."

Per FEF's updated Investment Policy Statement, 3% of FEF'S endowment fund will be pulled each year to fund Legacy Grants. The endowment currently sits around \$1.5 million and continues to grow with the support of FEF's Century Club members.

According to FEF Grant Committee Chair Kelly Lovell, the team had no idea how many applications to expect in the inaugural year.

"We were blown away when we received 15 grants totaling more than \$200,000," Lovell said. "Each grant was worthy of funding which made the committee's job very challenging."

After reviewing the submissions, seven

applicants were invited to present their projects in person and answer questions. Of those that presented, three were selected for funding and those teachers were informed with a surprise visit from FEF and the Friendswood High School (FHS) drumline on Dec. 14.

Grant recipients include Westwood Media Integration Specialist Elizabeth Henning who was awarded \$8,488.99 for a book vending machine, Friendswood Junior High Robotics Teacher PJ Givens who was awarded \$23,700.00 to fund the Robotics Vex IQ Classroom and FHS Art Teacher Mandy Harris who was awarded \$13,994.65 to start a ceramics program at FHS.

"I can not thank the Education Foundation enough for letting us dream for our art students at FHS," Harris said. "This gift of a ceramics program for our students is something I have dreamed of for years."

Givens shared that after working in FISD for 23 years, it never ceases to amaze him how much support is received from the parents and community of Friendswood.

"When I was presented with the grant, I was nothing short of shocked and speechless," Givens said. "The support of the FJH robotics program is overwhelming and will make a difference in students' lives for years to come."

If you would like to invest in the future of FISD, you can make a tax-deductible gift to the endowment by joining FEF's Century Club or making a general donation today. Contact [AAadair@fisd12.net](mailto:AAadair@fisd12.net) or visit [fef.myfisd.com/ways-to-give/century-club](http://fef.myfisd.com/ways-to-give/century-club) to learn more.



KINDERGARTNERS CELEBRATE MLK DAY  
Pearland ISD Lawhon Elementary kindergartner students learned about Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and created brightly colored artwork featuring MLK.

## Alvin ISD Rodeo Art student winners announced

Alvin ISD Fine Arts Department recently welcomed community members to the Alvin ISD Liberty Alumni Hall for the annual Rodeo Art Open House. Visitors were able to see many wonderful pieces of rodeo art, listen to live entertainment, enjoy a barbeque meal, and dessert by Rollie's Frozen Custard. The Rodeo Art Open House continues to be one of the Districts largest events. Thank you to everyone that participated!

The following students were chosen by The HLSR Rodeo Art committee to represent our district as Best of Show, Gold Medal, and Special Merit award winners. Their work will be on display in the Hayloft Gallery on the first floor of NRG Center during the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

**Best of Show Winner** - "Cowboys Point of View" by Aaron Hoot, 5th Grade, Nelson Elementary

**Gold Medal Winner** - "Tepees on a Windy Day" by Giselle Berrones, Kindergarten, Stevenson Primary

**Best of Show Winner** - "Bovinae" by Elora Sanford, 8th Grade, Fairview Junior High

**Gold Medal Winner** - "Dos Amigos" by Nicole Ruiz, 8th Grade, Rodeo Palms Junior High

**Best of Show Winner** - "Stallion's Stare" by Priscilla Baker, 12th Grade, RISE Academy

**Gold Medal Winner** - "On the Spot" by Camella Madulara, 11th Grade, Shadow Creek HS

**Gold Medal Winner** - "I Choose the Color of Sky" by Rebekah McNeal, 12th Grade, Alvin HS

**Special Merit** - "Another Day at Work" by Manav Mitra, 11th Grade, Shadow Creek HS

**Special Merit** - "Barnyard Dance" by Claire Li, 10th Grade, Shadow Creek HS

**Best of Show - 3D art** - "From the Dust" by Althea Nigos, 12th Grade, Shadow Creek HS

**Best of Show - 3D art** - "Ride 'Em Cowboy" by Ashley Vitek, 11th Grade, Alvin HS



ALTHEA NIGOS  
"From The Dust"

