

Happy New Year!

If your New Year's resolutions include remodeling your home, expanding your business, saving more for education or reaching other important goals, come home... to HomeTown Bank.

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Around Town

Jan. 5

HERBAL PRESENTATION

Herbal remedies and making herbal teas will be the topics for the Heritage Gardeners' first 2023 meeting on Jan. 5. Certified herbalist, master gardener and retired healthcare worker Linda Dunk, President of Dunk Ranch in Manvel, will be the program speaker. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Program begins at 10 am at 112 W. Spreading Oaks in Friendswood.

Jan. 6

ESL CONVERSATION CLASS

Friendswood Library ESL Conversation Class will start Friday, Jan. 6. Practice speaking English with other new learners in an informal group setting. All levels welcome. No cost or registration. Classes will be held every Friday from 3:30 to 5:00pm at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

Jan. 6-8

ZAKI CON 2023

Friendswood's only Pop Culture and Anime Convention "Zaki Con" will be held Jan. 6-8 at the Friendswood Public Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr. Free for all ages, the event will include an artist alley, cosplay contest, panels, virtual reality, Mario Kart Tournament, games, and crafts. To learn more go to @zakiconofficial on Instagram.

Jan. 9-13

FITNESS BINGO

The Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department is hosting Fitness Bingo Jan. 9-13. Cards must be completed during that time period and dropped off at City Hall. Completed cards will earn the participant a free Fitness Punch Card. For more information and to see the card, go to the Parks & Recreation Facebook page.

FITNESS FLASH SALE

The Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Fitness Flash Sale Jan. 9-13 offering their fitness classes punch card for discount prices. Fitness punch cards be \$45 for residents (normally \$80) and for non-residents will be \$65 (normally \$100). Punch cards can be purchased online at parks.friendswood.com, at the pool in Stevenson Park, at City Hall or in person at a fitness class. For more information visit <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/>.

Jan. 10

BOOK CLUB MEETING

Friends of the Friendswood Library Book Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at 416 S. Friendswood Dr. On Tuesday, Jan. 10 the New York Times bestseller "The Other Wes Moore" will be discussed. If you would like to borrow the book to read, extra copies are available at the library.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Everyone interested is invited to the Tri-County Republican Women's Club monthly meeting Tuesday, January 10 at 10:30 am at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland. Meetings are free and lunch is available for \$17. This month they will be hosting Texans for Vaccine Choice. RSVP is required at www.TriCountyRW.Club.

Jan. 12

FISD COFFEE TALK

Friendswood ISD invites local realtors to a Coffee Talk with Superintendent Thad Roher on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9am. Topics to be discussed include FISD's construction timeline, new school zones, school safety, housing developments and more. The event will be held at 400 Laurel Dr. in Friendswood. Please RSVP by Jan. 6 to Dana Owen at dowen@fisdk12.net.

Jan. 18

COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING

The Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast will be Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 6 to 7am at the Friendswood High School Cafeteria. The program will be presented by FISD Superintendent Thad Roher. He will be honoring Winter-Spring Sports and Christian Clubs. All are invited for the program and the breakfast. Breakfast is \$5 per person but students and coaches' meals are free. The FHS cafeteria is located at 302 Greenbriar. For more information or to RSVP call or text Steve Martin Sr. at 832-607-1734.

Jan. 21

ARBOR DAY GIVEAWAY

Friendswood Arbor Day giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21 at Centennial Park, 2200 S. Friendswood Dr. Keep Friendswood Beautiful will be giving away 100, seven gallon trees starting at 8am until all trees are gone. Limited to one tree per family (first come, first served), and is for Friendswood residents only. A city water bill or driver's license is required. Delivery not provided. For more information please call 281-996-3220 or email rec@friendswood.com.

Trustees honored during School Board Recognition Month



January is School Board Recognition Month and Friendswood ISD is celebrating its trustees for their dedication and commitment to the district and its students.

The theme of this year's School Board Recognition Month is Forward, Together, which highlights the collaboration among school leadership, teachers and parents on behalf of students.

"Recognizing the efforts of our volunteer school board is so important because of all the hard work trustees put in to making our district a success," Superintendent Thad Roher said.

Dan Troxell, executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards, applauded the efforts of trustees in providing leadership and good governance so that school districts can focus on educating the 5.4 million public school children in their care.

"Texas school boards are critical to the success of students and the future of Texas," Troxell said. "Boards lead their districts in the right direction, providing oversight, setting goals, overseeing the budget, and selecting and evaluating the superintendent. These volunteers serve for the betterment of their local schools and communities."

Board members serving Friendswood ISD are Laura Seifert (Secretary), Niki Rhodes, Rebecca Hillenburg, Tony Hopkins (President), Beau Egert, Ralph Hobratschk and David Montz (Vice President).

Learn more about school board service at tasb.org.

Friendswood named in Top 5 cities for families

By KAROLYN GEPHART

Reporter News Staff

Friendswood has been named one of the Top 5 Neighborhoods for Families in Houston by online housing news and real estate's HouseDigest.com.

According to House Digest, studies show that young families are relocating in Texas in larger percentages than in past years. House Digest suggests it is because of affordable housing and a variety of family attractions for entertainment.

The site is examining the Greater Houston Metroplex as having areas offering family activities, great schools and available housing.

Friendswood was listed in a group of five cities in the area that offer these traits.

The site praises Friendswood on its traditional values, quality school system and available homes in master planned communities.

They write the following about the city: With a population of just under 40,000, Friendswood is a sweet suburb of Houston that is, according to Houston Newcomer Guide, a region known for traditional values and high-quality education. It is also home to several parks, expansive nature trails, and an award-winning golf course. Friendswood tends to be one of the more affluent regions, and due to this fact, it naturally has a superior school system compared to other areas of Houston. If you are a business professional looking for one of the safest neighborhoods to raise your family, then Friendswood is a total win.'

They continued with the following: Friendswood is also continuously in development. This town values its economic health, so you'll find upscale shopping retail outlets combined with evolving creative mixed-use

buildings. There's also a housing boom — master planned communities are found throughout Friendswood — meaning it is relatively easy (albeit not always affordable) to find housing in Friendswood at the time of this publication.

The other cities or areas within Houston mentioned as great places to locate families include Richmond, the Heights, Braeswood and Memorial.

House Digest is an online site for the news and advice on real estate, remodeling, design, DIY projects, gardening, interviews with HGTV and other home renovation personalities and more.

The site was launched as part of Static Media in 2021. The website reports it reaches seven million users each month.

For more information on Home Digest, visit <https://www.housedigest.com/about/>.



Aqua Zumba is offered year-round at the heated pool in Stevenson Park.

City offers discount on fitness punch cards, bingo

Fitness is usually one of the top 10 New Year's Resolutions and for Friendswood residents as well as interested non-residents, it will be an easy resolution to follow thanks to the Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department. They are offering a Fitness sale and Fitness Bingo.

From Jan. 8-13, the City of Friendswood is holding a Fitness Flash Sale.

Fitness punch cards that are normally sold for \$80 will be \$45 for residents and the \$100 card for non-residents will be \$65. Punch cards never expire. Punch cards can be purchased online at parks.friendswood.com, at the pool in Stevenson Park, at City Hall or in person at a fitness class.

Each card is applicable for 16 classes. Most classes can be paid as a fee of \$7 per class for residents and \$10 for non-residents both not using a punch card. Camp Gladiator and Jazzercise classes require punch cards only.

Classes offered include Weight Training, Yoga, Low Jazzercise as well as regular Jazzercise, Barre Above, Camp Gladiator and Aqua Zumba. Aqua Zumba classes are held

year round and currently in the heated pool at Stevenson Park.

Any fitness classes that are cancelled in advance will be posted on the city website as well as on the Friendswood Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

As an added incentive for all interested in attending the fitness program, the first class attended is free.

Another incentive that must be completed during Jan. 9-13 is Fitness Bingo with the prize being a free punch card. Eight squares must be completed and signed off by class instructors or a photo verification taken. The completed bingo card must be dropped off with a completed 2023 waiver to City Hall to redeem for one free Fitness Punch card.

The Fitness Bingo card is shown now on the Parks Facebook page.

Prior to attending classes for the first time, a fitness waiver must be completed. Find the waiver at <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/>.

For more information, follow the Parks Department on Facebook or call 281-996-3220.

Farmers Market sets dates, accepts vendor inquiries

By KAROLYN GEPHART

Reporter News Staff

The Friendswood Farmers Market for 2023 has scheduled its first five dates for the upcoming new year and is also accepting new vendor inquiries.

The Market is located at Stevenson Park next to City Hall in Friendswood from 9 am to 1 pm the first Saturday of the month (excluding January and July).

Dates for 2023 include Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3.

The Market Board is accepting vendor inquiries by email. Send inquiries of interest to info@friendswoodmarket.com.

Please note that the board is not accepting MLM (multi-level marketing), political or art/craft booths at this time.

The Board reviews inquiries (typically on a monthly basis) and once approved, they will make arrangements for participation payments - due at the vendor's first market.

For additional information, email info@friendswoodmarket.com.

Stevenson Park is located at 1100 S. Friendswood Drive in Friendswood.



PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

Below are highlights from reports filed this week by the Pearland Police. Inci-dent and arrest reports are public record and are available in full online at p2c.pearlandtx.gov.

• **Thursday, Dec. 29**
A woman arrested at 2:26 a.m. in the 3200 block of Wheatridge drive is charged with assault by physical contact-family violence.

A death investigation was conducted at 3 a.m. in the 16100 block of South Freeway.

A woman was arrested at 3:31 a.m. in the 9700 block of Broadway on a warrant.

A man was arrested at 9:43 a.m. on a warrant from another agency, 3200 Dixie Farm Road.

A report of harassment was made at 10 a.m., 2600 block of Briar Rose Court.

Vehicle parts were stolen, 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A woman arrested at 2555 Cullen Parkway just before 1 p.m. was charged with resisting arrest, search or transport.

An assault was reported at 3 p.m., 2800 block of N. Brompton Drive.

An arrest for assault by physical contact-family violence was made at 6:18 p.m. 11500 block of Rashell Way.

A man was arrested for drug paraphernalia at 10 p.m., 2700 block of Royal Creek Court.

A vehicle was reported stolen from Walnut Street at 10 p.m.

An arrest for illegal dumping was made in the 2000 block of Trinity Bay Drive.

• **Friday, Dec. 30**
An arrest for evading arrest or detention was made, 1600 block of Cullen Parkway.

Crashes were reported Friday morning at 2200

Main St., 9600 block of Broadway, and 2200 block of Silverlake Parkway.

Two arrests were made Friday afternoon for organized retail theft, 1700 block of Broadway St.

Separate crashes were reported Friday afternoon at 3200 block of Broadway, 10300 block of Broadway and 11500 block of Broadway.

A woman arrested at 9:30 p.m. in the 3300 block of Manvel Road is charged with DWI with a child under age 15.

Criminal mischief was reported at 10 p.m., 1300 block of Birch St.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 11:18 p.m., 1919 Main St.

A woman arrested at 11:36 p.m. on Bailey Road was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance.

A DWI arrest was made just before midnight, 2100 block of Barry Rose Road.

• **Saturday, Dec. 31**
A felony assault was reported just after midnight, 2500 block of Cullen Parkway.

A shoplifting arrest was made early Saturday, 2800 block of Business Center Drive.

Reckless driving was reported at 2 a.m., 13700 block of South Freeway, and an arrest was made at that location at 3:17 a.m.

A man arrested at 2:19 a.m. on the South Freeway was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

An arrest at 2:23 a.m. was made for hindering apprehension of a known felon, 13931 South Freeway.

An arrest for harassment was made at 11:36 a.m., 4000 block of Avanti Drive.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 6:23 p.m., 1500 block of Broadway St.

A DWI arrest was made

at 10:49 p.m., 3400 Watzek.

An arrest for injury to a child/elderly/disabled person was made at midnight, 1900 block of Garden Road.

• **Sunday, Jan. 1**
The early morning hours of New Year's Day saw a group of DWI arrests, including in the 3700 block of Dixie Farm Road at 3:10 a.m.; 4300 block of Walnut St. at 3:20 a.m.; 3500 block of Dixie Farm Road at 4:41 a.m.

An arrest at 4 a.m. was made for resisting arrest, search or transport, 5600 block of Fite Road.

A woman arrested on Diamond Springs Drive at 4:45 p.m. was charged with assault by physical contact - family violence.

A woman arrested on Sunny Shores Drive at 6:48 p.m. was charged with harboring a runaway child.

A reporting of violating a protective order was made at 9:42 p.m., 13900 block of South Freeway North.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 2808 Business Center Drive.

An arrest for DWI - third or more - was made at 11:35 p.m., 10800 block of Broadway St.

• **Monday, Jan. 2**
A public intoxication arrest was made at 6:32 a.m., 2600 block of Sunrise Harbor Lane.

A robbery was reported at 7 a.m., 1000 block of main St.

An assault was reported at 10:41 a.m., 3500 block of Business Center Drive.

An arrest for violation of a protective order was made at 10:53 a.m., 2832 YMCA Drive.

Crashes were reported at 3500 block of Business Center Drive, 2800 block of main St.,

An assault was reported at 4 p.m., 4100 block of Bailey Road.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

DECEMBER 26 thru JANUARY 1

BURGLARY

Dec. 29 (5:00 p.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported at Cheers Pub located at 502 N. Friendswood Dr. While at the pub, the victim left to go to another bar with friends. The victim returned to his vehicle at midnight. Tactical gear, including a bulletproof vest, night vision binoculars and Glock pistol magazines, were stolen.

Dec. 30 (12:02 p.m.) A vehicle was burglarized at Lake Friendswood Park, located at 2533 Davis Prairie Lane. The victim arrived at 11:45 a.m. and the burglary was discovered by a park attendant at 12:00 p.m. As the victim was walking, she received a call about a charge being made with her credit card at Target, she declined the charge, but did not know her purse was stolen until she got back to her vehicle. The suspect broke a window and stole the victim's purse and contents.

THEFT

Dec. 28 (2:53 p.m.) A 54-year-old Houston man was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. The suspect was driving a stolen vehicle in the 800 block of N. Friendswood Dr. A traffic stop was conducted in the 1200 block of Verdun Lane as the man pulled into a driveway. During the contact, the officer observed a glass pipe and methamphetamine. The officer also observed thirteen bottles of Tide Laundry detergent. It was soon determined that the driver, and his passenger, were involved in a theft of laundry detergent from a Walgreens store in Pearland. Other items inside the vehicle were stolen from a Pearland Kroger store. It was learned that the vehicle was stolen in Houston on Dec. 24. The owner started her vehicle at 4:44 a.m. and left it running in her driveway. When the owner returned to

her vehicle, the vehicle was gone.

Dec. 29 (4:47 p.m.) A 36-year-old Friendswood man was issued a citation for Theft and issued a criminal trespass warning prohibiting him from returning to HEB located at 701 W. Parkwood Avenue. The suspect is accused of stealing produce and chili powder.

A man was charged with Theft-Felony. The suspect was involved in a theft on Dec. 24 at Walgreens located at 104 E. Parkwood Ave. At the time of the theft, the suspect fled the scene. Once a warrant was obtained for the man's arrest, he was already incarcerated in the Galveston County Jail for Auto Theft.

FRAUD

Dec. 30 (2:38 p.m.) A Friendswood woman's identity was used to attempt to make a vehicle purchase at a car dealership in Austin. Dec. 31 (3:09 p.m.) A Friendswood woman received a letter from her bank regarding fraudulent activity. An unknown person, using the victim's personal identifying information, attempted to make a wire transfer.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Dec. 27 (1:34 a.m.) A 22-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Criminal Mischief. Officers responded to a residence in the 2000 block of Edgewater Drive for a burglary in progress. The homeowner reported a white male, 6-feet tall, with blonde hair who was attempting to enter the home. The suspect was intoxicated and taken into custody. Dec. 30 (5:33 p.m.) A 65-year-old League City man was charged with Criminal Mischief. The man was involved in a road rage incident that began in League City and ended in the Stonestrow Senior Patio Homes parking lot located at 105 Stonestrow Avenue. A juvenile motorist accidentally cut off the driver in League City. The suspect followed the driver until the juvenile driver arrived at Sno Beach in the Stronestrow Shopping Center. At that time, the driver struck the juvenile's vehicle with a baseball bat.

ASSAULT

Dec. 27 (7:47 p.m.) A 43-year-old Friendswood woman was charged with Assault by Contact and Resisting Arrest, Search, or Transport. The woman was arrested at her home in the 400 block of Morningside Drive. She is accused of

assaulting her fiancé. Once in custody, the woman began to kick and fight officers and resisted entry into the back of the police vehicle.

Dec. 31 (7:44 p.m.) A pizza delivery driver was assaulted by a resident in the 16800 block of Paint Rock Road. During the pizza exchange, the resident allegedly grabbed the delivery driver's buttocks. An assault citation was issued.

NARCOTICS

Dec. 28 (5:33 a.m.) An officer observed a white Toyota Camry stopped at the entrance to an apartment complex in the 4900 block of FM 2351. The vehicle had no front license plate and the occupants were not wearing seat belts. The officer conducted a traffic stop and observed marijuana in plain view. A 24-year-old Brehm man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. An 18-year-old passenger was charged with Minor in Possession of Tobacco Products. During a search of the vehicle, the officer found 4-way lug wrenches, screwdrivers, a floor jack and six cinder blocks - all items used to steal tires and wheels from vehicles.

Dec. 28 (10:01 a.m.) A 50-year-old Dickinson woman was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The suspect was stopped for expired registration in the 100 block of Chester Drive. She had no insurance and her Michigan driver's license was suspended. As the woman exited the vehicle, the officer observed methamphetamine. The officer conducted a search and found methamphetamine.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Dec. 26 (9:31 p.m.) A 63-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated-2nd offense in the 100 block of Clearview Avenue. He was driving the at-fault vehicle involved in a crash at the intersection of S. Friendswood Drive and Clearview Ave. The suspect exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

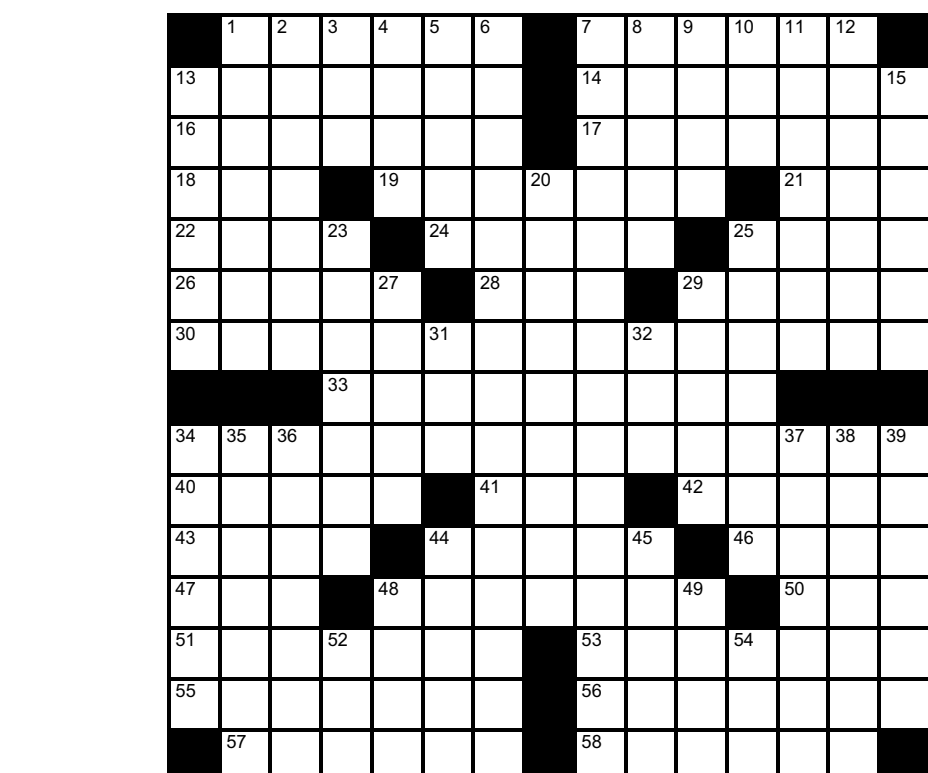
Dec. 31 (2:18 a.m.) A 43-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 1700 block of Avery Lane. The driver was stopped for speeding, exhibited signs of intoxication, and failed a field sobriety test.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Original Mobile Game

Across

- Colorless, flammable solvent
- Balance
- Georgia neighbor
- Better synonym
- Goes on tangents
- Far-out locale
- Fifth-century date
- Put down
- Plug and play, abbr.
- After-bath powder
- Fiats
- Dirty
- Block house?
- "___ a chance"
- Specialty
- New Year's Eve glassware
- Resembling marble
- What most resolutions lack
- Starts
- Bite
- Pago Pago's place
- Defaced as a prank, as trees
- Anise-flavored liqueurs
- Wacko
- Many, many moons
- Home of King Arthur
- Affranchise
- Facetiously
- Chamber within a glacier



- Daily diet
- Like soccer shoes
- King's stand-in
- Prefix with day or year
- Rainbow mountains of Iran
- Charles's wife
- "Chicago" lyricist
- A fisherman may spin one
- Change, as the Constitution
- Exemplar through the ages
- Most New Year resolutions

- Aggressive, as a personality
- Parodied
- "My boy"
- Playfully
- Granitelike igneous rock
- Frigid
- Sappy trees
- Cut back
- Charge
- 1967 hit for Sam and Dave
- Milky gems
- Apartments
- Parenthesis, essentially
- Polynesian wild banana

- ___ apart
- Anti
- Adolescent
- Be like
- "When pigs fly!"
- Had a bite of
- Like some buckets
- Column base
- Dog command
- Caddie's bagful
- Cork dance
- Tabby

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New graduates receiving TMN shirts Dennis Charleton and Doryce Stoltz with Mary Schwartz, New Class Director.

Master Naturalists learn about Karankawa Native People

By RICHARD SCHAFFHAUSEN
Special to the Reporter News

The Brazoria chapter of Texas Master Naturalist held their monthly meeting Wednesday morning Dec. 14 at the AgriLife building in Angleton.

This month's program was presented by Melanie Hollenshead whose topic was *Karankawa Native People*. Hollenshead stated the Karankawa occupied the Texas coast between the Brazos and Colorado River valleys from 5,000-4,000 BC to the mid 1800's when the last Karankawa died. Kawankawa, loosely defined, means dog lover, and were semi-nomadic, and hunters/gatherers. Five clans of Karankawa occupied their range and they established permanent settlements during the winter. More information about the Karankara can be found at the Lake Jackson Natural Historical Museum, and the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science.

At the meeting, John Boettiger, mem-

bership, reported Lisabeth Martinez and Jerry Eppner had recertified. To recertify, members must have 8 hours of advanced training and 40 volunteer hours. 2022 intern graduate William Adriance received his initial certification pin by volunteering 40 hours. To date members have impacted 8,550 adults and 22,622 youth through outreach programs and educational programs such as the *Birds of Prey* programs presented at area schools and Brazoria County Summer Library Programs.

Mary Schwartz, New Class Director, presented Dennis Charleton and Doryce Stoltz their TMN shirts and badges for completing all the graduation requirements. Chapter members recognized Mary Schwartz, outgoing New Class Director, and welcomed Melanie Hollenshead as incoming New Class Director.

For more information on the Master Naturalist program <https://txmn.org/tmn-cot/training/>.

Friendswood Education Foundation begins Legacy Grants, awards

The Friendswood ISD Education Foundation's Legacy Grant SurPrize Patrol made its inaugural trip of awarding three Legacy Grants totaling over \$46,000 to three staff members in FISD recently.

Elizabeth Henning received \$8,488.99

for a Westwood Book Vending Machine.

PJ Givens at Friendswood Junior High received \$23,700 for a FJH Robotics Vex IQ Classroom.

Friendswood High School art teacher Mandy Harris received \$13,994.65 for her FHS Ceramics program.

CCISD Livestock Show and Auction scheduled for Jan. 17-19

Community Invited to Celebrate and Support the Future of Agriculture

The Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) announces the 2023 lineup of events for the District's 41st Annual Livestock Show and Auction.

This event is an integral part of the FFA program of study as students learn to raise an animal project or create an agriculture mechanical, floral food science or visual arts project during the year.

The community is invited out to the CCISD West Agriculture Center at 2155 West NASA Blvd. in Webster to watch the show and actively participate in the exciting 2023 auction. The public may attend the animal show and auction for free, however, to participate as a buyer, interested individuals are invited to attend the Buyer Registration and Dinner at 5 p.m. on Jan. 19 before the live auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Below is the complete 2023 show and auction schedule:

Tuesday, January 17:

5:30 p.m. – Swine Show

Wednesday, January 18:

8:00 a.m. – Rabbit Show, Poultry Show

Immediately following:

Lamb Show

Goat Show

Steer Show

Heifer Show

Thursday, January 19:

5:00 p.m. – Buyer Registration & Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Live Auction

Clear Creek ISD students, families and teachers are appreciative of the community's valuable support of the program and the Livestock Show and Auction over the past 40 years.

Here are just a few of several ways the public can be a part of the tradition:

Sponsor the Show: Sponsor levels, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, offer high-visibility recognition opportunities before, during and after the 2023 Show.

Donate: General donations are used to help purchase animals that do not sell in the Show and may also be divided amongst all exhibitors.

Become a Buyer at the Live Auction:

To purchase an animal, bidders are invited to attend the 2023 Livestock Show and Live Auction on Jan. 19. The buyer registration and dinner begin at 5 p.m. followed by the exciting Live Auction at 6:30 p.m.

Visit www.ccisd.net/livestockshow for more information.



Chassitti Holt from Clear Brook High School poses with her Grand Champion Steer at the 2022 Livestock Show and Auction.

LIVE CHRISTMAS

Tree Donation Drop-off Locations

BRAZORIA COUNTY PARKS DEPT.

*Dune's Day
Jan. 21st 2023*

- Brazoria County Parks 313 W. Mulberry, Angleton, Tx, 77515
- Precinct 1 HQ 1432 Highland Park Drive, Clute, TX 77531
- Precinct 3 HQ, 2508 North Gordon Street, Alvin, TX 77512

- Manvel Substation 7313 Corporate Drive, Manvel, TX 77578
- Surfside Beach Main Entrance, Surfside, TX 77541
- Precinct 2 HQ, 21017 CR 171, Angleton, TX 77515

- Precinct 4 HQ, 121 North 10th Street, West Columbia, TX 77486
- Stella Roberts Recycling Center 5800 Magnolia, Pearland, TX 77584
- Resoft County Park 349 CR 281, Alvin 77511



FAITH MATTERS

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By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

IT'S IN EVERY ONE OF US

"My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises. 149 Hear my voice in accordance with your love; preserve my life, LORD, according to your laws."

— Psalm 119:148-149

I'm not one who is big on new year's resolutions! How about you? In past years I failed miserably... making good on one or two of them for one or two weeks and then I end up re-evaluating the entire list for Lent and it's been at least 25 years since I've done that. In fact, when it comes to giving up anything for Lent, I have discovered my life was better when I added something to the details of my daily routine... something I didn't do or wasn't very good at and needed to re-orient some of my habits to hone the chippi-ness of my soul as I'm prone often to abandon the beaten and faithful path of God...

So... happy new year! What's in store for you? Have you thought about it? Have you asked others for some ideas and input when it comes to any kind of re-shaping of your heart and soul and mind...? Sometimes that's a good thing... especially from a trusted friend, a co-worker or a family member... recognizing it can also be a risky conver-sation as it just might mean embracing some major adjust-ment to a comfortable life-style already in place... as life... sometimes it seems... is like a 3000 piece jig-saw puzzle offering so much but difficult to finish if access to the pic-ture on the box is denied. In the Letter to the Ephesians, though, we get a clue.... *For we are God's handiwork, cre-ated in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God pre-pared in advance for us to do*" (Ephesians 2:10). Picture that.

Another way to think about this is from the chorus of a song written by David Pomeranz ... that song titled... *"It's In Every One Of Us"* and the chorus goes like this...

It's in every one of us to be wise

Find your heart

And open up both your eyes

We can all know every thing

*Without ever knowing why
It's in every one of us by and by
It's in every one of us by and by*

And isn't that a thing our world longs for these days? That each one of us make some attempt to be wise? To seek a posture requiring we open our hearts and our eyes to all which is around us and measured up by all that is within us as a gift of God? For decades now I have made the claim that we are all wonderfully and mysteriously connected to one another by the love and grace and purpose of God... as it's right there in every one of us and if I can recognize God's love and grace and purpose within me it doesn't take much of an effort to discover that same reality in you... and then when we do... something holy appears and we begin to experience what the angels sang to the shepherds that first Christmas... that we take part in the glory of God... and share in the peace on earth and good will to all... but as faith always matters... it will take an effort.

Howard Thurman (1899-1981), the African-American theologian understood this when in 1985 he penned, "The Work of Christmas" ...

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, to heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

A blessed new year to all... it's in every one of us!

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

In The Garden by Karolyn Gephart

To Do List for Plants After the Freeze

It's January and a new year! Is gardening on your list of TO DO Resolutions?

Starting a new year with a garden in mind can make you not only follow your resolutions but also enjoy the results as well as the fun of watching things grow.

Sadly, we are seeing quite a bit of brown around us from the recent freeze.

Please heed the following advice regard-ing freeze damage.

Many of your plants are on the road to their own recovery but you must not prune them now. Pruning will happen after a few more weeks when the weather warms up for good and you can assess if the plants will return. Then damaged parts can be removed. What you can do is remove any areas of a plant that are really soft and mushy. Cut this off now.

Many remember how mushy so much of our plants were after the three day freeze in

2021. This freeze was not as long and you might not have any areas that feel that way but remove them if you do. To prune anything else will be too stressful on plants that are already stressed.

As you look around to evaluate the after effects of the freeze and you have any annuals in containers or in beds that have been affected, you can remove them completely. Annuals will not return as perennials do. Their lifespan is over (the freeze determined that). This is a great activity for many gardeners who cannot stand to just wait to determine damage. They want to do some cleaning and clearing out.

Getting annuals removed will make those gardeners feel like they have accomplished as much as they can.

Keep watering. Water helps plants recover faster and lessens stress on the plants. Much of their moisture in their tissues was removed when it froze. They need water now to rehydrate.



Remove all freeze coverings such as blankets and plastic wraps. You don't want bugs to be having parties under the covers and when the sun is out, the heat generated underneath can cause burning.

Do not fertilize. Plants cannot take this due to the state of shock they are still in from the cold. Plants need to regain their strength before they are encouraged to have new growth.

The most important tip is the hardest to do: be patient. Try not to dwell on the many shades of brown that used to be many shades of green with blooms.

This too shall pass. I know it is hard to do but instead, start planning what you want to have in your spring beds. Do you want to start transplants from seeds?

What plants will you put in what beds will help keep your mind and your eyes off brown dried areas and beds around your home.

Planning will make you a Yard of the Month home SOON! Keep that as your mantra.

Hsppy Gardening and Happy New Year!

Don't dwell on seeing brown everywhere you go. Be patient and give plants time to recover from the freeze.



GA-20 will perform along with Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown on Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Houston-Clear Lake Bayou Theater.

Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown, GA-20 rock in 2023 at the Bayou Theater

The Bayou Theater at University of Houston-Clear Lake is rocking in the new year with a concert, featuring per-formances by Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown, and GA-20 on Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

GA-20's guitarist Matt Stubbs said he and his bandmates, guitarist/vocal-ist Pat Faherty and drummer Tim Carman are kicking off their 2023 tour at the Bayou Theater for their new album, "Crackdown," which recently debuted at #1 on Billboard's Blues Albums chart. This is their third con-secutive album to top that chart.

"My biggest influences in music were the blues musicians that grabbed me and made me love it, like Phoebe King, Otis Rush, Magic Sam, Earl Hooker and Johnny Guitar Watson," Stubbs said. "That's all I ever listened to when I was young. Now we play blues from the 50s and 60s, and rock is

what came from that. When we play, it's pretty high energy. Our audience thinks it's rock, but to me, it's blues."

Stubbs added that GA-20 would play a combination of covers and orig-inal tracks during their performance at the Bayou Theater. "We want everyone to have a great time," he said. "When people hear the word 'blues' they think it'll be slow and depressing, but our show is the opposite. Some people who don't listen to blues will hear us and not even realize that's blues. People who are traditional rock and blues fans will enjoy it; but we hope to open some doors to others who have not yet heard it."

GA-20 received nominations for Boston Music Awards 2022 in the cat-egories of Blues Artist of the Year and Album of the Year for "Crackdown."

Founded in Nashville, Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown has released four

successful studio albums and has toured with Jeff Beck, ZZ Top, Aero-smith, AC/DC, and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Bryant, who put his first band together at age 15, performed around his home-town of Paris, Texas and then moved to Nashville to pursue a songwriting career. He met future bandmates Caleb Crosby and Calvin Webster while there, and together, they formed Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown.

Webster left the group and was replaced by Noah Denney. They appeared on Jimmy Kimmel Live! on Nov. 9, 2012 and released their first full-length album, "Wild Child," which received a positive review from Rolling Stone and Interview maga-zines.

For more information about the Bayou Theater, or to purchase tickets to these performances, go to <https://uhcl.universitytickets.com/>

AREA BRIEFS

Golf Club group welcomes lady golfers

The women's golf group that plays at Timber Creek Golf Club is inviting area women golfers to join them on Tuesday mornings.

The group is composed of women who enjoy playing golf with a bit of friendly competition thrown in to keep skills sharp. All level players are welcome; however, some expe-rience playing, knowledge of basic rules and etiquette are preferred.

The group meets year round and tee off around 8 am from May until October and around 9 am the rest of the year.

Those interested can text Jeannie at 713-828-9400 or email tcwgal05@yahoo.com for more information.

Timber Creek Golf Club is located at FM 2351 across from Clear Brook High School in Friendswood.

Full rodeo lineup to be released Thursday

RodeoHouston has announced it will release the full con-cert lineup for the 2023 event this Thursday.

The rodeo is set for Feb. 28 to March 19 at Houston's NRG Park.

Country star Parker McCollum opens the rodeo concert series on Feb. 28, with a yet-to-be announced country act set for March 1, which is Armed Forces Day.

Lauren Daigle is the scheduled performer on March 2. Genres for yet-to-be announced concerts are hip-hop on March 3, country on March 4 through 6, pop on March 7, country on March 8-9.

The Chainsmokers are the featured performer on March 10 with a country act set for March 11.

Sunday, March 12 will be Go Tejano Day, and Cody Jinks will perform March 13.

A yet-to-be announced rock music act will perform on March 14, with the remaining concerts through March 19 being country.

The full lineup will be available Thursday at [rodeohous-ton.com](https://rodeohouston.com), and tickets for yet-to-be announced concerts will be on sale Jan. 12. Ticket prices start at \$25 plus a \$4 con-venience fee.

Weekday rodeos start at 6:45 p.m. and the star entertainer takes the stage at approximately 9 p.m. Weekend rodeos begin at 3:45 p.m. with the headliner taking the stage at about 6 p.m.

Park and ride locations for shuttles will be available at rodeohouston.com/Park-Ride.

Libraries programs set for 2023

Brazoria County libraries continue their regular free pro-grams for all ages into 2023, including local libraries in Pearland and West Pearland.

Among planned activities this month is Family Fun Day at the West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, with video games, cornhole, board games and more for all ages. West Pearland Library also hosts "Make It Easy," arts and crafts sessions for adults on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

Adult activities include the Pearland Adult Writers Group, which meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. The Pearland Bookworms Book Club meets at this location at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9 and Feb. 6. The Novel Discussions club is set to meet Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

For information on the West Pearland Library, call 713-436-0995. For details on the Tom Reid library, call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bcls.lib.tx.us.

Red Cross issues call for volunteers

For those who made New Year's resolutions to meet new people and learn new skills, the American Red Cross Texas Gulf Coast Region has issued an invitation for a number of volunteer roles.

Training is free, and many volunteer roles require physi-cal activity which benefits overall health, says Gulf Coast Region CEO Charles Blake Jr.

"Just imagine the impact you could make in 2023 by join-ing us as a volunteer," he said.

Available roles include blood donor ambassadors, who greet, register and support donors, and transportation spe-cialists who help deliver blood from facilities to local hos-pitals.

In addition, disaster action team members sign up for on-call shifts as part of a team to help provide 24-hour emer-gency response to disasters, ensuring residents have access to resources for necessities such as food and shelter.

For more information and volunteer opportunities, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

Stop-Sale ordered at 2 gas stations

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in December issued Stop-Sale Orders against two Houston-area gas stations for selling bad fuel.

The two stations - Sedona Food Mart on CR 94 in Manvel and Hush Food Mart on Old Spanish Trail in Houston - were ordered to stop selling premium and mid-grade fuel from any of their devices. Both stations can continue to sell reg-ular-grade unleaded fuel, according to the agency.

At Hush Food Mart, 4303 Old Spanish Trail, "investiga-tors found that the station is operating with unregistered devices and selling premium and mid-grade fuel that does not meet state-required quality standards," the TDLR states in a release.

At Sedona Food Mart, 4616 County Road 94, "investiga-tors and lab results established that the facility is selling pre-mium unleaded with 0.02 water and sediment percentage," the statement reads. "The maximum is 0.01."

While investigating a consumer complaint against the sta-tion, the release states, "a TDLR investigator found the fuel quality issue. Station owners continued selling the premium and mid-grade fuel after TDLR informed them that the fuel had quality issues." Mid-grade fuel is included in both Stop-Sale orders because mid-grade fuel is made by mixing pre-mium fuel with regular unleaded.

Texas consumers who believe they have been sold bad motor fuel should file a complaint online at tdlr.texas.gov/FMQcomplaints/.

AISD session covers free resources

A free Alvin ISD virtual Parent University session on "Online Library Resources" begins at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Other upcoming sessions are Understanding Dyslexia on Feb. 7; Adolescent Emotional Development on March 8 and Children, Adolescent and Social Media Use from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on March 21.

For more information or to register, visit [alvinisd.net/par-entuniversity](https://alvinisd.net/parentuniversity).

SPORTS

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

We need to be more kinder in 2023

When President George Bush was inaugurated as President of the United States... everyone waited to hear what kind of challenge he would give to the nation in his Presidential address. You know what he said? “The United States needs to be a kinder and more gentler nation.”

That’s the need for the United States today. That’s the need for your home and your life. Could it be said about you that you are a kind and gentle person?

I like what the little girls prayed — “Dear Lord, Make all the bad people good and all the good people kind.”

We have a lot of people who are good, but they have the need to learn how to be kind.

There is even a guy on Shark Tank, Daniel Lubetzky, who has a snack bar named KIND. Lubetzky was so committed to spreading kindness and giving back that he called the new brand KIND.

To be honest, America is an angry nation. With social media and the access to spew anger to the those who will listen - our first response to people is to be negative and hurtful through a text or other forms of social media platforms.

I began years ago deciding that I wasn’t going to allow someone to ruin my day through negative interaction.

I realized that many of the people that cross our path in a negative way are people we will never see again. So why let them have their time to ruin your day?

Actually, we all do this on an occasional basis.

We go shopping and someone gets our parking spot. Instead of getting so worked up, go to another spot and say to yourself, “You are not going to ruin my day.”

Get self out of the way and begin to think of how you might bring a smile to someone else.

One way I have been blessed is going through the drive-thru at Chick-fil-A and paying for the car behind me while telling the person at the drive-thru to tell the car behind me to “pass it on.”

With 2023 underway, there are some other suggestions on how we can be a kinder and gentler nation and community.

Hold the door open for someone if they have their hands full. Or, even if they don’t.

Let someone standing behind you in line at the grocery store go ahead if they have fewer items than you. Or, even if they don’t.

Tell someone they look 10 years younger with their new hairdo. Even if they don’t.

Never miss a chance to tell a kid you are proud of them when they accomplish something they’ve been working hard to achieve. Don’t forget to do the same thing when they fail.

Give the man on the side of the road holding the sign that says he’s hungry a few dollars if you can. He might be a scam artist, but you might also be the only reason he eats that day.

Let God sort it out. If you get scammed for doing the right thing, just know God is watching and giving you credit in the column side of kindness.

Send a note to a teacher or coach thanking them for loving your kid and wanting them to succeed almost as much as you do.

If a kid is selling something for school or for their youth sports team, buy it. If a kid is selling lemonade from a stand in their front yard, buy some. If a kid stops by your house and offers to do some work for a few dollars, find them some work.

And, don’t forget to tell them you are proud of them.

Old friend Robert said, ““Treat everyone with kindness, even those who are rude to you — not because they are nice, but because you are.”

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Friendswood athletic director/head football coach Robert Koopmann retires.



800 WINS: Pearlland basketball coach Steve Buckelew collected his 800th career win early in the 2021-2022 season.

2022: A Year in Sports

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

An old year came to an end in 2022 and a new year in 2023 is before us. Area high schools are hoping to see much success for the rest of the 2022-2023 school year in athletics.

It was an exciting year in 2022 for area high school sports with some schools making significant strides in their history.

FRIENDSWOOD MUSTANGS

In the Spring of 2022, two teams competed for the top prize in their respective sports. The Friendswood Lady Mustangs soccer team came close to perfection as they rolled into the Region III-5A tournament in Humble with a 25-1 record and an amazing 24 consecutive shutouts.

Friendswood survived having its shutout streak broken in the regional semifinals, moving past Pflugerville Hendrickson with a 3-2 victory, but the younger Lady Mustangs were unable to break through the defense against a senior-laden and physical Magnolia team, which ended Friendswood’s run with a 1-0 win.

For Friendswood baseball, the trip to the state semifinals held at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock was the program’s second-ever state appearance, but the Mustangs weren’t satisfied with merely repeating history, as they defeated Mansfield Legacy 4-2 to make their first-ever appearance in the state championship game.

With pitching, defense and senior leadership providing a strong foundation throughout Friendswood’s history-making baseball season, the Mustangs were ultimately edged 2-1 in the Class 5A state championship game against Georgetown.

The Friendswood swim teams also had a banner year while advancing to the state swim meet in Austin again while winning the District 20-5A swim title.

The Region 20-5A girls swim champion was decided on the final event of the day as Friendswood and A&M Consolidated battled in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

It would be the Lady Mustangs who would edge A&M Consolidated in the final event to claim the Region 20-5A crown. The Friendswood girls closed out the swim meet with 310 team points for the region title followed by A&M Consolidated (301.5 points).



Friendswood senior Camryn Peter (11) defends against Magnolia in the Class 5A Region III finals at Turner Stadium. The Lady Mustangs came up short 1-0 against the Lady Bulldogs. The No. 3 state-ranked Friendswood Lady Mustangs closed out the season with a sparkling 26-2 mark.

The Friendswood girls swim team concluded their outstanding swim season by placing third at the Class 5A state swim meet held at the Lee and Joe Jamail Swim Center on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

The girl’s 200-free relay foursome won first place and are the new state champions in this event. Swimmers in this event were: Andi Jeanes, Peyton Becker, Abigail Nelson, and KK LeBlanc.

There were two medalists in individual events: Sophomore Tony Laurito placed first in the boy’s 200-yard Individual Medley with a time of 1:49.62 and is the new state champion and freshman KK LeBlanc who placed second in the girl’s 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.20.

When the latest round of UIL realignments were rolled out in February, the most glaring change came in the district for Friendswood football.

In 2021, Friendswood began the season 0-4

and then reeled off six straight wins to tie for the District 10-5A Div. I title. They lost their first round playoff contest to finish 6-5.

However, the realignment in 2022 wasn’t kind to the Mustangs as they entered a rugged district with powerhouses like Manvel, Angleton, Magnolia West, Fulshear and Richmond Foster.

Friendswood was unable to get into playoff



2022 Dawson Boys Basketball - District 23-6A Co-Champions

contention in the district of giants as they finished the 2022 football season with a 4-6 mark and remained at home for the post-season.

DAWSON EAGLES

The Dawson boys and girls were each crowned District 23-6A swim champions while Dawson swim coach Daniel Cox was named “Coach of the Year.” The Dawson boys finished in first place with 140 points followed by Pearlland (119), Strake Jesuit (82), and Shadow Creek (77). The Dawson girls finished in first place with 182 points followed by Pearlland (128), Shadow Creek (127), and Alvin (42).

The Dawson boys basketball team finished the 2001-2022 season with an 11-1 district record to share the league championship with Shadow Creek (11-1). Dawson senior Tyree Davis was named “Offensive Most Valuable Player” while Dawson senior Hayden Windsor was named “Defensive Most Valuable Player.”

For the fifth straight year, under the leadership of head coach Lauren Leth, the Dawson Lady Eagles have advanced to the 6A Region III volleyball tournament after Dawson swept the Summer Creek Lady Bulldogs in the region quarterfinals 25-13, 25-15, 25-23. The Lady Eagles lost to Cinco Ranch in the 6A Region III semifinals to finish 32-14.

The Dawson Eagles captured the PearBowl with a 21-14 win over the Pearlland Oilers.

PEARLAND OILERS

Pearland basketball coach Steve Buckelew has been at the helm of the Oilers basketball program since 1995. The veteran coach picked up his 800th career win when Pearlland beat Manvel 64-54 on November 26, 2022.

Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole and State Representative Ed Thompson presented coach Buckelew with a special proclamation and an American flag that flew over the state capitol in Austin.

In 2022, the Pearlland Lady Oilers made their first regional basketball championship game appearance since 1991 under first-year head coach Jere’ Adams, who guided the program to its 11th consecutive playoff berth.

Pearland shared the District 23-6A title with Shadow Creek and defeated Clear Springs, West Brook, North Shore and Seven Lakes in the first four rounds of the postseason.

“I feel like it was a special group, and the

sky was the limit,” Adams said. “I was just trying to get the next day as a first-year head coach. I’m not surprised to be here — I want to make that clear. Our girls deserved it and worked hard to get there.”

The Lady Oilers fell to Summer Creek 59-42 to close out their season at 28-10.

The Pearlland Lady Oilers soccer squad posted a 2-0 victory over Dawson to take the



New Pearlland Oilers head football coach B.J. Gotte

District 23-6A title for the second year in a row.

Pearland happily welcomed B.J. Gotte as the new head football coach. Gotte comes to Pearlland a proven winner with a championship pedigree at Katy High School. He was a part of five state championships: three as an assistant coach and offensive coordinator at Katy (2003, 2012, 2015), one as offensive coordinator at La Marque (2006), and one as a head coach at Katy Paetow (2021). He played on the offensive line for the legendary Mike Johnston at Katy in the ’90s, graduating in 1997.



New Pearlland Oilers head football coach B.J. Gotte

The Oilers made the playoffs for the 23rd consecutive year, but more importantly, a new discipline and culture was brought back to Pearlland that had been noticeably absent for the past four years. Pearlland is back on track with a sense of great expectancy.

The Pearlland Lady Oilers golf teams finished first and second to capture the District 23-6A championship and advance to the Class 6A Region III golf tournament.

The Pearlland Lady Oilers captured the District 23-6A softball title and advanced to the 6A Region III finals before coming up short against the 6A defending state champions Deer Park. The Lady Oilers closed out with a 32-10 season record.

The Pearlland Lady Oilers won the District 23-6A volleyball crown and advanced to the 6A Region III quarterfinals.

SHADOW CREEK SHARKS

Shadow Creek boys basketball team made it to the region final in Class 5A and now they advanced to the 6A regional championship game, but came up short against a strong

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2022 District 23-6A Softball Champions - Pearlland Lady Oilers



2021-2022 Pearland Lady Oilers - UIL Regional finalists



Friendswood Mustangs at 5A state swim meet in Austin

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Atascocita (34-6) squad that is returning to the 6A state tournament.

No. 14 Shadow Creek (29-4) saw another banner season end with the loss. The Sharks shared the District 23-6A title with Dawson and defeated Clear Springs, Summer Creek, Dickinson and Bellaire in the first four rounds of the playoffs. Shadow Creek finished with 20-plus wins for the fifth straight season.

Shadow Creek girls won a pair of gold

medals at the UIL state track and field championships enroute to a runner-up finish in the final team standings. The Lady Sharks scored 40 points for their second-place finish behind state champion Lewis Flower Mound who scored 68 points while Plano East finished in third place with 36 points.

Shadow Creek, who won the District 23-6A football crown, ended their season with an 11-1 mark after falling to Summer Creek in the 6A Region III Div II area round.



Houston Texans tight end OJ Howard puts up a 26 yard catch vs the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday. After a promising win the previous week the Texans struggled to move the ball and were defeated by Jacksonville 31-3 in the final home game of the season. The bright spot is the loss keeps the Texans in line for the first pick in the NFL Draft, with most analysts predicting it will be either Ohio State QB CJ Stroud or Alabama QB Bryce Young. The Texans finish off the season next week on the road vs the Indianapolis Colts.

Photo by Lloyd Hendricks



Pictured left to right: Matti Rister, Madyson McAshlan and Aryana Gerald.

Friendswood FFA participates in Texas FFA State Leadership Career Development event

Members of the Friendswood FFA Chapter traveled to Huntsville recently to compete in Texas FFA's Leadership Career Development Events.

Friendswood's Radio Broadcasting Team qualified for the State competition by finishing first or second in one of the State's 66 district competitions and first or second in one of 12 area competitions. More than 5,000 entries began the statewide-tournament in 14 different events which reflect classroom instruction in basic leadership skills. There were 764 Radio Broadcasting Teams in the state this year.

Friendswood FFA placed ninth in the

Radio Broadcasting Contest. Team members included: Matti Rister, Madyson McAshlan and Aryana Gerald.

The Texas FFA is the nation's largest state FFA associations with a membership of more than 156,000 active FFA members. FFA programs teach skills in leadership, career development and personal growth. FFA gives students the opportunity to practically apply classroom knowledge to real-world experiences through local, state and national competitions.

Sam Houston State University has partnered with Texas FFA in hosting these competitions for more than 80 years.

Student uses personal experience with cancer to support sick kids, families

The field of pediatric psychology is very competitive. That's why when Megan Millmann found out that University of Houston-Clear Lake was creating a new doctoral program for pediatric psychologists and that some of the professors were doing the specific research she wanted to do, it was the perfect program for her.

Millmann is receiving her Doctor of Psychology in Health Service Psychology from UH-Clear Lake this

month, and she is currently completing a post-doctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida. Her career path is more than just a choice—it's a calling.

"I have chosen the field of pediatrics and I work only with kids in the context of medical conditions," Millmann said. Her somewhat uncommon specialty in hematology and oncology comes from what she calls a natural desire to search for meaning in difficult things.

"When I was 16, I was diagnosed with acute monoblastic leukemia, and I was in the hospital for eight months," she said. "Through that time, I noted a lack of psycho-social support. It's hard to go through hair loss and being away from home, school and friends for that long. I met a lot of kids who passed away. I was intrigued by all this, and I wanted to work with psychologists as soon as I graduated."

Now, she says she offers therapy and support to children and families who have a new cancer diagnosis, are in end-of-life stage, are anxious about procedures, medications, needles, surgery—anything in the context of navigating sickness and being hospitalized.

"I got that illness for a reason," she said. "When you have something horrible happen, it's important to find a silver lining. I have book knowledge as well as personal experience with this, and because I have both I think I can thrive in this field."

She said she loved working with providers, helping medical professionals navigate patients who are acting out behaviorally due to a multitude of factors.

Cancer can cause very specific kinds of physical and emotional distress to young patients. "Kids react to steroids and chemo," she said. "They are tired and scared and in pain. They don't want to eat, they sometimes don't want anyone to get near them. I'm helping kids cope with their anxiety, and giving their parents the tools as well. Parents need a lot of support because they don't want to tell their child they have cancer, or that they're dying."

It's very taxing, emotionally difficult work, Millmann said. "I'm reminded every day how fragile life is. But my training at UHCL prepared more for this work, not only through the professors and the coursework, but also through all kinds of great practicum experience."

Millmann completed a graduate assistantship at Dickinson Independent School District, and completed other practicums at Psychological Services on the UHCL campus, as well as The Shriners Children's Texas Hospital in Galveston, and Texas Children's Hospital in the Houston Medical Center.

"I had great supervisors, advisors and professors, and I got to participate in research along with my actual clinical experience," she said. "I feel like I got everything I need. I feel very well prepared to start my career in this field."

For more information about UHCL's Doctor of Psychology in Health Service Psychology, visit www.uhcl.edu/human-sciences-humanities/departments/clinical-health-applied-sciences/doctorate-psychology/

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