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Around Town Now until August 12

KIDZ PACZ FOOD PROGRAM
 The Kidz Pacz Summer Program will offer free food packs for qualifying children, ages 3-18 years old, from June 5 to August 12 at the Friendswood Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr. Registration is required. Library hours are: Monday-Thursday 10am to 9pm, Friday & Saturday 10am to 6pm. Call 281-482-7135 or email chicks@friendswood.com to register or for more information. The program is provided by the Galveston County Food Bank.

JULY 5
LET'S GET COZY BOOK CLUB
 If you read cozy mysteries, come discuss your current read, authors, series, and characters you love with others. Meetings are held in the Joycina Baker Conference Room at the Friendswood Library from Noon to 1pm.

TWEEN CRAFT
 Children ages 8-10 years old are invited to the Friendswood Library Community Room from 1:30 to 2:30pm to do a craft as part of the Summertime Reading program. Supplies are provided.

YOUNG ADULT CRAFT
 Teens aged 11-18 years old are invited to the Friendswood Library Community Room from 3:30 to 4:30pm to do a craft as part of the Summertime Reading program. Supplies are provided.

ADULT ESL CLASS
 Practice your English conversation skills with Martha on Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Computer Room at the Friendswood Library. This is an in-person program. No registration needed.

LIVE MUSIC AT B1895 TAVERN
 Justin Pena will be playing from 7-10pm at The Tavern.

JULY 6
INTRO TO SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS
 For absolute beginners to the Spanish Language, no fee, no registration required, age 14 & up. This course runs weekly for 4 weeks from July 6 to July 27. Meet in the Friendswood Library in the Joycina Baker Conference Room from 1pm to 2:30pm.

LIVE ANIMAL EXPERIENCE
 Come to the Friendswood Library from 1:30 to 3pm and go on a walkable safari encounter with reptiles and more, courtesy of Rainforest Pets.

CROCHET ALL TOGETHER
 Enjoy making some cute, feel good items such as hearts and teddy bears. Or help make community crochet wraps for the library's trees. Come make a crochet block to contribute. You may also bring your own project (e.g. knitting, needle point, sewing, embroidery, cross stitch). Some crochet instruction will be provided. Beginners welcome. For ages 11 and older. Meeting will be held in the Joycina Baker Room at the Friendswood Library from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

FREE CONCERT WITH GLADIUS
 Friendswood Library Presents Gladius, a guitar virtuoso described as "Andrés Segovia meets Eddie Van Halen in a Mexican standoff." This is a free event, from 7 to 8pm, sponsored by the Friends of the Friendswood Library.

JULY 7
WORLD RECORD CLUB
 Gather at the Friendswood Library to try and break some World Records. Event starts at 1:30pm for 8-10 year olds and at 3:30pm for 11-18 year olds.

ADULT ESL CLASS
 Practice your English conversation skills with Vineet on Fridays from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Computer Room at the Friendswood Library. This is an in-person program. No registration needed.

JULY 10
WORD LOVERS MEETUP
 For all logophiles, etymology enthusiasts, students, creatives, vocabulary buffs, SAT/ACT test preppers, English language lovers, linguists, home schoolers, teachers, highbrow, lowbrow, unibrow, innocent bystanders, and everyone in between. Add to your "word horde" in a casual environment and bring a few treasures of your own to share. Meeting will be held in the Joyce Baker Room at the Friendswood Library at 2:00pm.

KPOP MUSIC MONDAY
 Join other K-pop fans to talk about favorite bands and eat Korean snacks! Bring your latest album purchases (including photocards to trade) and show off! Meeting will be held in the Community Room at the Friendswood Library, 3:30 to 4:30pm.

CHESS NIGHT
 Come enjoy a friendly game of chess at the library on Monday nights. The library provides some chess sets, and patrons are welcome to bring their own. This event is for all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. No fees and no registration required. Event starts at 6:30pm.

AUGUST 5
FRIENDSWOOD MUSEUM TOURS
 The Frank J. Brown Museum and the Perry Home will be open for tours from 10am to 2pm on the first Saturday of every month. The Brown Museum is located at 109 Skyview Terrace and the Perry Home is at 109 W. Spreading Oaks.

SEPTEMBER 4
LABOR DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL
 The Labor Day Ice Cream Social returns again this year at the Perry Home on Monday, September 4th from 5pm to 7pm. This event is free and open to the public. The Perry Home is located at 109 W. Spreading Oaks.

Celebrating Independence



The City of Friendswood held their 128th Annual Fourth of July Celebration on Tuesday. The parade theme this year was "Traveling in the USA". TOP: The Keep Friendswood Beautiful float exemplified this year's theme. BOTTOM LEFT: The American Heritage Girls were in high spirits in their homemade railcar. BOTTOM RIGHT: A young spectator waves her flag with enthusiastic pride, even as the parade is winding down.

Barron Takes Helm at Rotary Club

By JIM FOREMAN
 Reporter News Staff
 As the sun set on June 30, 2023, the Rotary Club of Friendswood entered a new era with the installation of Dave Barron as their new President. The much-anticipated event marked the end of Judy Wiggins's successful term and the beginning of Barron's tenure.

The grand ceremony was presided over by District 5910 Governor Amy Kilgore, who also took the opportunity to welcome the newly appointed Assistant Governors, Chris Turner

and Robin Hall. Both Turner and Hall, also being members of the Rotary Club of Friendswood, were met with enthusiastic applause as they were officially recognized in their new roles.

In his inaugural address, Dave Barron revealed the club's 2023-2024 Rotary Slogan, "Create Hope in the World," a clear testament to his mission of using the power of Rotary to inspire hope and positivity.

The outgoing President, Judy Wiggins, received a heartfelt farewell as she passed the mantle onto Barron.

Under Wiggins's leadership, the Rotary Club of Friendswood has experienced growth and expansion, with a multitude of successful community service projects to her credit. As she steps down, Wiggins leaves behind a strong legacy, providing a benchmark for future leaders of the Club.

District 5910 Governor Amy Kilgore expressed her enthusiasm about the new appointments and the fresh energy they bring to the district. "The appointment of Dave Barron, along with Chris Turner and Robin Hall as Assistant Governors, underscores

our commitment to serving the community and our belief in the potential of Rotary to make a real difference," said Governor Kilgore.

The Rotary Club of Friendswood is a local chapter of Rotary International in District 5910, dedicated to creating positive change in the local community and around the world. Its members are local business, professional, and civic leaders who meet regularly to plan and implement community service activities and network with other professionals. For more information, visit www.friendswoodrotary.org.



Dave Barron unveils the Rotary Slogan for 2023 - 2024, "Create Hope in the World"



District 5910 Governor Amy Kilgore welcomes Assistant Governors Chris Turner and Robin Hall, both members of the Rotary Club of Friendswood

SPORTS

Shadow Creek favored to repeat as District Champions this Fall

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

It comes as no surprise that the Shadow Creek Sharks are favored to capture the 23-6A crown this season after finishing 11-1 in 2022 and 7-0 in the league standings.

The Sharks won their first 11 games in 2022 but couldn't get past the Summer Creek Bulldogs who ended their brief playoff run with a 36-20 win at TDECU Stadium on the UH campus.

For the Sharks, they had too many miscues at the wrong times against the Bulldogs that would end up taking them out of the game.

However, 2023 presents another season that should be filled with great anticipation for another success year with the expectation of a deep run in the post-season for the Sharks.

Head coach Brad Butler expects his team to be one of the top teams in the Houston area as the winning tradition continues.

"We've got a bunch of new starters," Butler said. "The players expect to win and we've got a strong winning culture, but we need to be mentally and physically tough."

The Sharks experienced a successful showing at the 7-on-7 state tournament when they advanced to the finals of the Consolation Round.

Shadow Creek was in Pool Play with Eastwood, Lake Travis, and Wakeland. The Sharks beat Eastwood 20-12 but fell to Wakeland 32-13 and Lake Travis 27-20 to finish with a 1-2 record that sent them to the consolation bracket.

The Sharks stepped up their game as they beat Rowe (26-19), College Park (13-6), Pearce (39-21) and Westwood (32-7) to advance to the consolation finals where they fell to Nelson 25-0.

While the Sharks saw a good group of seniors move on -- the cupboard is far from empty as they have five offensive starters and five defensive starters returning plus 24 lettermen who saw plenty of action last year.

Speed and aggressiveness will characterize the Sharks on both sides of the ball.

Defensively, the Sharks will be led by defensive end Zion Taylor who is a UH commit. Taylor (6-2, 240, 4.8) had 17 solo tackles, five assisted stops, six tackles for loss, six sacks, and 10 QB hurries last year while teaming up with LB Anthony Williams (6-3, 195, 4.6) who was the district defensive "Newcomer of the Year." Williams had 19 solo tackles, three assisted stops, eight tackles for loss, and one caused fumble.

Joining Taylor at UH will be FS Maurice Williams (6-2, 190, 4.5) who had an All-District first-team season



SHADOW CREEK HEAD COACH - Brad Butler has built a consistent football team for the past five years that the Shadow Creek Sharks have been playing varsity football. He led his team to a 15-1 record in their first year at the varsity level where they lost in the Class 5A Div. I state finals. In the second year, the Sharks went 16-0 and captured the 5A Div. I state championship. Over the last three years, while moving up to 6A, the Sharks have won the District 23-6A title two of the last three years. Butler has a sparkling 58-9 record and it looks like they will be the team to beat for the 23-6A crown in 2023. (Photo by Mike McManus)



FIELD GENERAL - Junior QB Jacorey Watson (6-0, 175, 4.5) threw for 952 yards and 13 TDs while rushing for 323 yards on 12 carries and eight scores as a sophomore. Watson is a "gifted athlete" who becomes a multiple threat any time he has the ball in his hands. Watson will lead the Sharks on the offensive side of the ball. (Photo by Michael McManus)

with 30 solo stops, 13 assisted tackles, one TFL, 2 INTs, 3 fumble recoveries, and one caused fumble. CB Aaden Benjamin (4 INTs) and DB Kyle Peterson will be roaming the defensive secondary for the Sharks.

Others who will contribute on defense include LB Efen Figueroa and CB Nigel Pringle.

While the Sharks will have a strong defense, they will also have a potent offensive attack that will be led by junior QB Jacorey Watson (6-0, 175, 4.5) who threw for 952 yards and 13 TDs while rushing for 323 yards on 12 carries and eight scores. Watson is a "gifted athlete" who becomes a multiple threat any time he has the ball in his hands.

Watson will be complimented by RB Tylik Burton (5-9, 170, 4.5) who can explode for a long gain or touchdown from

anywhere on the field. The All-District first-team pick had 703-yards rushing on 94 carries for six touchdowns while also gaining 90-yards receiving on 14 catches.

Others who will contribute on the offensive side of the ball is WR Ashton Jones (6-3, 175, 4.5), athlete Christian Seriale (5-9, 170, 4.5), WR Chris Stewart (5-10, 165, 4.6), RB Justin Qualls, OL Calvin Peete, OL Andre McDaniel, and OL Chase Murray.

The Sharks also have a talented kicker in junior Aiden Bui (5-9, 160, 4.8) who was a unanimous first-team All-District pick after he hit 58-of-62 PATs and 5-of-8 FGs for 73 total points his sophomore year. Bui gives the Sharks that extra offensive punch in a tight game that can make the difference in a win or loss.



GIBBERMAN

Jeffrey Daniel Gibberman, a cherished son, brother, friend, nephew, uncle, and cousin has passed away unexpectedly at the age of 36. He is survived by his mother, Kathleen Romo and step-father Russell Romo, siblings Jesse Gibberman, John Gibberman, Kelly and Nicholas Brooks, Karly and Austin Lucht; nieces and nephews Eleanor, Ben, Henry, and Adam.

Jeffrey, an imposing figure at 6ft 5in, was known for his magnetic personality. He was respected for his sharp wit, endearing sincerity, and astute observations. Jeffrey's life was an embodiment of passion, sincerity, and a vibrant charisma that brightened any room.

As a student, Jeffrey demonstrated exceptional dedication and intelligence. Graduating with honors from the business school at the University of Houston, he laid a solid foundation for his career. His educational journey took him to Seattle, where he pursued a graduate program in Nutrition, further demonstrating his commitment to lifelong learning. His work in the field of health and wellness leaves a lasting legacy that will continue to inspire those who follow in his footsteps.

Jeffrey's bond with his siblings was a testament to the deep familial ties that he cherished. He had a unique and special relationship with each of his four siblings, touching their lives in ways that will continue to be remembered and cherished. As a son, he shared a deep connection and love with his mother; often sharing many laughs and memories. In the embrace of an unbreakable bond, the mother and son shared a love that radiated warmth and tenderness, weaving countless cherished memories together, forever etched in the tapestry of their lives.

In reflecting on Jeffrey's life, we celebrate a bright, ambitious, and charismatic individual. His pursuit of knowledge and enduring love for his family will forever be remembered by those who knew and loved him.

The family expresses their gratitude for the love and support they have received during this challenging time. A memorial service will be held June 29th, 2023 at 3pm at 300 Oak Park Drive Alvin, TX. Honorary pallbearers are his beloved uncle Daniel Mailley, brothers, Jesse Gibberman and John Gibberman, and brothers-in-law, Nicholas Brooks and Austin Lucht. In lieu of flowers, they kindly ask for donations to be made to Alvin Taylor Street Club in memory of Jeffrey's enduring spirit and legacy.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.frobergfuneralhomeoakpark.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Froberg Funeral Home at Oak Park, 300 Oak Park Drive, Alvin, Texas 77511 281.331.8217

LEGALS

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2023, and all proposals will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join the meeting by calling into the meeting at: Dial in Dial in #: 281-652-1955, Meeting #:1790#, Code #:0971# on that date for:

Somersetshire Estates Water line Replacement
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: WA2205
BID NO.: 0623-14

The project will entail the construction of proposed 6-inch HDPE DR11 DIPS water line with related appurtenances in the Somersetshire Estates subdivision on King Authors Ct, Excalibur Ct., Camelots Ct., and Avilion Ct by trenchless methods. The proposed waterlines will connect to the existing 12-inch waterline on Miller Ranch Rd. The existing waterlines will be abandoned in place and related appurtenances (hydrants, valves, blow-offs, etc.) will be salvages and returned to the City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works department.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Service Center Rio Grande Training Room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

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

Bid Documents are also available for review at the following plan houses:
Amtek Plan Room (713) 956-0100
The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. (713) 334-7100
Associated Builders & Contractors of Greater Houston (713) 523-6222
Dodge Reports (713) 316-9411

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

Frances Aguilar,
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FROM THE CLUTTERED DESK

by Dr. David Davis

Paying respect to our flag and national anthem

Each time that our high school athletic teams participate against an opponent, we take time to honor our flag, country, and national anthem.



Whether I am in the press box during football season, courtside at a basketball game, or standing out in the open for baseball, softball, track, etc. -- I always stand and place my hand over my heart during the presentation of the colors and the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

It is something I have done beginning in a catholic kindergarten in Duncan, Oklahoma. When I began first grade, we were taught to recite the Pledge of Allegiance while putting our right hand over our heart. Each and every day, we did this from the first grade till I was a senior in high school.

Patriotism was engrained into our lives and only when I left home to live on a college campus did I see my patriotism challenged -- due in part to the Vietnam War. I happen to believe that patriotism is something that should be taught in America at a very young age.

I was at the age where I could have been drafted to go to Vietnam. Going to college and making good grades allowed me to stay at home, though I had some high school classmates who served our country in Vietnam only to return home in body bags.

There was Bobby Frost and Patrick Robirds who gave their life for our freedom. Another classmate, Keith Werner, returned home severely wounded where he lived a short time and then died.

One of our Pearland elder statesman, who graduated from Pearland High School, approached me following the national anthem at a sporting event. He asked, "Do some of our adults and students not know how to honor our flag and national anthem?"

He went on to say, "I was taught to stop talking, take off your hat [if you were wearing one], place your hand over your

heart, face the flag, and stand at attention at the playing of the national anthem. Where is the respect?"

According to some research, here is the proper etiquette regarding our flag and national anthem.

The US Code (Titles 4 and 36) specifies four circumstances for rendering the hand-over-heart salute:

1. When the US flag is raised or lowered
2. When the US flag is carried past in a review or parade
3. When reciting the pledge of allegiance
4. When the national anthem is played

The saluter should face the flag in all cases. If the national anthem is played when the flag is not displayed, the saluter should face the source of the music.

Whether you agree or not, keep something in mind. There have been thousands of men and women who have given their lives so you and I could stand for a few moments and give respect to our nation's flag and anthem. In essence -- we are also giving respect to them and their sacrifice of dying for our freedom.

Sure, I know we have players in the NFL that kneel during the national anthem in protest of something. But consider this -- 99.9 percent of them have never nor will they ever put on a military uniform and put their lives on the line for our freedom.

In past days -- we had athletic heroes who exchanged their ball uniforms for military uniforms and went to war in service of our country...only to return to be sports heroes again. Ted Williams is one who immediately comes to mind.

The next time you attend an athletic event and they play the national anthem, please stop talking, take off your hat, stand at attention with your hand over your heart, say a prayer for the men and women who are serving our country in the military, and be reminded that our freedom has been paid for with the ultimate sacrifice -- the life of a fellow American.

Old friend Robert said, "This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."

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