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Around Town Now until March 31

LENTEN FISH FRY

Knights of Columbus Council 8494 Lenten Fish Fry will be held every Friday during Lent until March 31 at Mary Queen Catholic Church, 606 Cedarwood Dr. Menu is farm-raised fried catfish, cole slaw, French fries, hushpuppies and corn on the cob. Meals will be served from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Dine In or Drive Thru - \$15 per dinner. Cash, checks, credit/debit cards accepted. All net proceeds go to KC 8494 Charity Organizations.

March 10

SENIOR TRIP TO PEARL THEATER

Friendswood Seniors will travel to the Pearl Theater on Friday, March 10 to attend the comedy "Potato Gumbo". The performance will be 6:45pm to 11:00pm. \$20 per person. To sign up email senior-program@friendswood.com or call 281-482-8441.

March 12

BAY AREA FARMERS MARKET

Bay Area Farmers Market is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. most Sundays in the parking lot of Baybrook Mall, 500 Baybrook Mall in Friendswood, near Total Wine. Vendors change weekly and include local farmers, craftsmen, bakers and more. www.bayareafarmersmarkettexas.com.

March 18

BUILD A FAIRY GARDEN CLASS

Build a Fairy Garden Class Spring Break Keep Friendswood Beautiful is offering a Fairy Garden class for ages 6-12 Saturday, March 18, from 10 to 11am at the Leavesley Park Hangar. Class is limited to 20 participants and cost is \$25 per child. Register online at www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/. The Hangar is located at 901 Buckingham Dr. in Friendswood.

March 21

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

The 22nd Annual Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser will be held Tuesday, March 21 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Friendswood Activity Building at 416 Morningside Drive. To place a to go order call 281-482-8441 on that day. Adults \$10 and seniors/children \$8. Proceeds benefit the Friendswood Senior Citizen Program.

March 23

COFFEE TALK WITH SENIORS

The Mustang Senior Citizens Meeting will be a Coffee Talk Thursday, March 23 at 9 am in the Friendswood ISD Board Room at 402 Laurel Drive. All are invited to attend.

April 1

JELLY BEAN FLING

Stanfield Properties presents the 6th Annual Jelly Bean Fling on Saturday, April 1 from 11am to 2pm at 807 S. Friendswood Dr. Free professional photos with the Easter Bunny, food trucks and an Easter Egg Hunt. Make sure to bring your Easter baskets!

CLASSIC CAR AND BIKE SHOW

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce Annual Classic Car and Bike Show will be held Saturday, April 1 from 9am to 3pm in Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. To sign up visit www.friendswoodchamber.com or call 281-482-3329.

April 2

EASTER IN THE PARK

Sunday, April 2 will be Easter in the Park at Stevenson Park at 12:30 p.m. The event is hosted by Lions Club and the City of Friendswood. Egg hunting will be broken into age groups. For questions about Easter in the Park or if you want to volunteer, contact the Friendswood Parks & Recreation Office at 281-996-3220 or rec@friendswood.com.

April 12

SPRING PICNIC & EASTER EGG HUNT FOR SENIORS

Seniors in Friendswood will have their Spring Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt Wednesday, April 12 from 11 am to 1 pm at Stevenson Park at 1100 S. Friendswood Drive in Friendswood. Hot dogs will be served followed by an egg hunt and bingo.

April 22

SPRING DANCE CLINIC

The Friendswood High School Wranglerettes will hold a Spring Dance Clinic on Saturday, April 22. Participants will have the opportunity to dance in our 2023 Wranglerette Spring Show which is celebrating 50 years of Wranglerettes! Junior Dance Clinic: Pre-K (limited spots) and K-8th Grade; Advance Intensive Clinic: 6-12th Grade. Registration opens on March 10.

Mayor Mike delivers State of the City address

By JIM FOREMAN

Publisher

Friendswood Mayor Mike Foreman delivered his State of the City Address on Thursday, highlighting the city's progress over the past year and outlining his priorities for the upcoming year. The Mayor's speech emphasized public safety, infrastructure improvements, and the recent surge in residential and commercial development.

In his address, Mayor Foreman highlighted the city's continued commitment to public safety, touting the recent "Safest City" rankings in which Friendswood was named the 4th safest city in Texas. The Mayor praised the city's police department for their work in reducing crime rate, which currently sits at 6.27 per thousand, and emphasized the City is currently seeking to fill a couple open positions in the police department.

"Friendswood is a safe com-

munity, and we intend to keep it that way," Mayor Foreman said.

Mayor Foreman also discussed the city's plans for improving its roads and infrastructure. He highlighted the recent refinishing of

many new developments that are under construction around Friendswood including residential developments like the new Avalon neighborhood, which will bring roughly 300 new homes,

realm the Mayor discussed two new projects currently underway by Tannos Development: the mixed-use complex next to the Friendswood Library at 408 South Friendswood Drive and the new medical building behind Chick-fil-a at 1715 South Friendswood Drive. Both projects will add tens of thousands of square feet of office, retail, and apartment space. The new boutique hotel, One Sixty One, being developed in downtown Friendswood by Banfield Properties was also introduced during the presentation.

In closing, Mayor Foreman took a moment to honor a Friendswood Legend: Dr. Rebecca Hillenburg. Hillenburg has served the community in many capacities, most notably as a member of the FISD school board, Chair of the Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Committee, and as a Board Member for Hope Village.



MAYOR MIKE FOREMAN

roads like Bay Area Boulevard, Townes Road, Murphy Road, and others. He outlined plans for upcoming projects aimed at improving traffic flow and reducing congestion.

Finally, the Mayor outlined the

and the expansion of the Friendswood Trails and Sterling Creek neighborhoods. The Mayor also emphasized the construction of the new Fire Station 2, which will support the increase in residences. In the commercial construction

FISD Board honors staff, students, welcomes new athletic director

Staff members at Friendswood High School and several student groups were honored recently at the March 6 meeting of the FISD School Board.

Ashley Naylor, Quest Teacher, was honored for Making a Difference in her six years in the district. A Quest teacher works in the Special Education program with 11th and 12th grade students to prepare them for independence and success after high school.

Alicia Louvier, a Quest paraprofessional was also honored for Making a Difference in the Special Education program in FISD for seven years.

Corey Truman, an FHS history teacher and coach was recognized for being honored on March 18 by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Students in Business Professionals of America were given Celebration of Excellence awards for competing at State contest. The students include Savannah Bolden, Carries Durso, Elly Gamero, Carter Hall, Jacob Mayfield, Thaddeus Mayo, Jeffrey Otto, Sienna Shutts, Jackson Skeele, and Siena

Smith. Sponsor Lisa Sargent received the Outstanding Advisor Award at the competition.

The Academic Decathlon team was honored at the meeting for winning back the State Championship for 5A recently. They previously won in 2014. In addition to the State title, the team went home with 37 individual medals, first place in the Super Quiz Competition and \$18,550 in scholarship funds collectively.

Team members include Evan Yang - 4th place overall individual; Ethan Yang - 1st place overall individual; Daniel Chen; Brodie Lynch - 2nd place overall individual; Kynlee Landrum; Jude Peters; Kyle Clauson - 2nd place overall individual; Rylan Lynch - 1st place overall individual; and Wyatt Chambers. Sponsors include Elizabeth Woodley, Adam Brown, Ray Monahan and Barrett Stephens.

The Wrestling Team received Celebration of Excellence awards for competing at State competition. Out of 226 schools participating, the girls team finished 22nd overall and the boys team finished 34th overall. Students honored included Joseph Price - 5th place;

Jeremy Price - Top 10; Jacob Price; Avery Beckman - State Champion; Elena Ellyson - Top 16; Carolyn Rodriguez; Rachel Barrett; and Stacy Linklater. Coaches are Jared Owens and Sarina Martinez.

The Swim and Dive Team were honored for competing at State competition. The boys team placed 3rd overall and girls placed 9th overall. Craig Sikkema was named 2022 Coach of the Year.

Students included Peyton Becker; Olivia Esbeck; Nick Hardt - State bronze medalist; Edi Jakob; Andi Jeanes Tony Laurito - State gold and bronze medalist; Alex Linden; KK LeBlanc - State gold & silver medalist; Paige McCray; Marshall Odom - State gold, silver & bronze medalist; Paul Podrebarac; Lauren Tillman; Erin Voelker; Talon Welch - bronze medalist; and Grayson Wells - Diving. Coaches are Craig Sikkema and Bonnibeth Smith.

New Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Jordan Johnson was introduced to the Board and the community. The Board approved Johnson as the new FISD Athletic Director and Head Football Coach on Feb. 27.

Jordan Johnson reports for first week at FHS

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

Jordan Johnson is no stranger to Friendswood or Friendswood High School as the 2009 FHS graduate was named as the new athletic director/head football coach for the Friendswood Mustangs replacing veteran Robert Koopmann who recently retired after 29-years at FHS with 11-years as the head coach.

Koopmann served as the offensive coordinator under former head coach Steve Van Meter and then stepped up in place of Van Meter in 2012 where he fashioned a 79-46 record as the head coach.

Johnson was the wide receiver coach for Rockwall High School for six years and then was the offensive coordinator for state-power Denton Guyer for the last three years.

Guyer's football team posted a 38-6 record during that stretch and reached the Class 6A state semifinals in all three of Johnson's seasons with a state championship appearance in 2021.

Rockwall had playoff wins during each of Johnson's six seasons while advancing to the state semifinals in 2019.

"One thing that can be true of any program is just the importance of having a process that you really believe in, and being an effective communicator of what that process looks like and getting

your guys to buy into that on a daily basis," Johnson said.

"Not all schools are the same, so that'll look a little different at Friendswood," he added. "Getting there and figuring out what that program needs and what that process looks like, that's the job of the coaching staff."

Friendswood ISD released the following comments from their administrative leaders.

FHS Principal Mark Griffon said, "I was inspired by the way Jordan communicated his positive vision for our athletes and their success. I was filled with pride as coach Johnson shared his vision, remembering that he is a

FHS graduate and a product of our tradition of excellence."

FISD Superintendent Thad Roher said, "Jordan came to Friendswood at a critical point in his life as a student. The teachers, coaches, and staff of FISD poured into him and it transformed his trajectory.

He has the drive in him to pay that forward and now has a unique opportunity to do it in the town and school system that poured into him. This creates a unique level of passion that I think will be transformational for many."

Friendswood has had some tough times in the past five years

as they have missed the playoffs the last three out of five years after finishing 6-4 in 2018, 9-3 in 2019, 3-6 in 2020, 6-5 in 2021, and 4-6 in 2022. That's a 30-22 mark during that 5-year stretch.

Johnson's DNA is seeing his teams go deep in the post-season, so he has a real challenge in front of him, especially since the Mustangs are in one of the toughest 5A districts in the state.

"I'm extremely process-oriented," said Johnson, whose two-year contract was approved by the school board in a 6-0 vote. "Of course, I set goals, but I do my best not to look too far ahead and instead control what I can control. As far as a leadership style, it's all about developing others to be the best versions of themselves possible."

Despite the challenges that lie ahead for the young Johnson, he is excited to return to Friendswood to make an impact on the Mustangs football fortunes.

"I am so excited to return home and for me and my wife Madeline to be a part of a community that is so special to me," Johnson said. "I cannot wait to serve the students, faculty, and community of Friendswood as the AD/Head Football Coach.

Friendswood is filled with so many special people that I love and appreciate. I cannot wait for the list to grow as we begin this journey."



FISD Board of Trustees welcomed home Head Football Coach & Athletic Director Jordan Johnson and his wife, Madeline at the Monday night School Board meeting. Coach Johnson starts his new job on March 20. Pictured with the couple is FISD Superintendent Thad Roher.

AREA BRIEFS

Easter in the Park set for April 2

Bring the family to Stevenson Park for Easter in the Park on Sunday, April 2, for a fun-filled afternoon of egg hunting and photos with the Easter Bunny.

Egg hunts will be broken into the following age groups: 0-3 years old 1-1:10pm; 4-6 years old 1:15-1:25pm; and 7-10 years old 1:30-1:40pm.

The Adaptive Egg Hunt egg hunt category is for all ages within our adaptive community and set for 12:30-1:40pm. Arrive early so that you don't miss any of the fun!

Stevenson Park is located at 1100 S. Friendswood Dr.

For questions about Easter in the Park or if you would like to volunteer, contact the Friendswood Parks & Recreation Office at 281-996-3220 or rec@friendswood.com.

Indian Culture Festival is April 15

The fifth annual Pura Nava Indian Culture Festival will take place on April 15 outdoors at the Pearland Town Center.

Hosted by the Global Organization for Divinity, the festival is 4 to 8 p.m. on April 15 at the Town Center Pavilion at FM 518 and Highway 288. Free and open to the public, it includes exhibits, bazaar marketplace, children's activities, live performances and traditional Indian cuisine.

More information and schedules for this event can be found online at puranava-usa.org.

Fairgrounds host library book sale

The Brazoria County Library System holds its book sale fundraiser on March 18 and 19, featuring thousands of donated and discarded books, with nothing priced over \$1.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 19. The sale takes place the Brazoria County Fairgrounds, 901 S. Downing St., Angleton.

For information, call 979-864-1505 or visit mybcls.org.

'Potato Gumbo' staged at Pearl

Pearland Theatre Guild's production of the comedy, "Potato Gumbo" opens this weekend at the Pearl Theatre, 14803 Park Alameda Drive

Written by Jean Ciampi, the play is described as a comedic look at the challenges of aging.

It opens this Friday, March 10, and continues on weekends until March 26.

A 7:30 p.m. March 16 show will be a buy one, get one free ticket night. Regular showtimes are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays.

A talkback session with the director and cast will immediately follow the March 19 performance.

The box office opens an hour before show time for ticket purchases and pick-up. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 students and seniors. Seats are reserved.

Looking ahead, a youth musical titled "Beauty and the Beast Jr." will be staged April 14-23 and "Driving Miss Daisy" is scheduled for May 12-28. The season wraps up with "Almost, Maine" slated for June 16-July 2.

For more information about the Pearl Theatre, call 713-340-2540, or visit pearl-theater.com.

Benefit golf tourney set for April 17

The second annual Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole's Benefit Golf Tournament will be April 17, with proceeds benefitting the nonprofit Forever Parks Foundation.

The tournament begins at 10 a.m. at the Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 County Club Drive, Pearland. Entries begin at \$120.

The first-ever tournament raised more than \$60,000 that went toward an inclusive playground at the Shadow Creek Sports Complex. For more information or to register, visit tinyurl.com/ForeverParksTourney.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

FEBRUARY 27 THRU MARCH 5

BURGLARY

Feb. 27 (7:54 a.m.) An officer was patrolling the parking lot of the Enclave Apartments at 5000 Watkins Way when he found a vehicle with a smashed rear driver's side window. The owner of the red Kia could not be found. The officer kept checking the apartment complex and was flagged down by the owner of another vehicle that sustained a broken window. Later, the owner of the Kia was found. A backpack, seminary books and a scanner were stolen.

Feb. 27 (9:46 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported at the Huntington Woods Apartments located at 701 S. Friendswood Dr. The passenger side window was smashed and a hot pink purse containing make up was stolen.

Feb. 27 (11:58 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported at the Bridgestone Apartments located at 4949 FM 2351.

Mar. 4 (8:29 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported at the Huntington Woods Apartments located at 701 S. Friendswood Drive. The front passenger side window was broken and the wheels and tires from the vehicle were stolen. The vehicle was left on bricks. After taking the initial report, officers checked the rest of the parking lot and found a second vehicle with the wheels and tires stolen.

Mar. 3 (4:39 p.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported at the Reserve at Autumn Creek Apartments located at 3102 W. Bay Area Blvd. The vehicle was left unlocked. The burglary occurred between 11:30 p.m. on March 4 and 4:30 p.m. on March 5. Two iPhones and a Visa gift card were stolen.

THEFT

Feb. 27 (3:17 p.m.) A catalytic converter theft was reported at Friendswood High School, 702 Green-

briar Dr. The theft occurred on the southside of the high school.

FRAUD

Feb. 28 (2:08 p.m.) A 26-year-old Houston woman was charged with Forgery of a Government Record. The suspect was stopped for expired registration in the 600 block S. Friendswood Drive. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A probable cause search was conducted and yielded marijuana, a grinder, fifty gift cards, three different identification cards with different names but the same person's picture on the ID cards.

ASSAULT

Feb. 27 (9:45 a.m.) Last Friday, Feb. 24, at school dismissal time, an assault occurred at Friendswood High School, 702 Greenbriar Drive. A sophomore student assaulted a teacher. An affidavit charging the student with assault was filed with the municipal court.

Feb. 27 (4:32 p.m.) A 16-year-old girl was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury-Family Member. The juvenile is accused of assaulting her mother at a residence in the 1700 block of Sunmeadow Drive.

Feb. 28 (6:37 p.m.) A 49-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The man was involved in a disturbance at the Baywood Apartments located at 5025 FM 2351. He threatened a neighbor with a knife. The disturbance began when the neighbor asked the suspect to turn down his loud music. When police arrived, the suspect was found to have outstanding warrants in Galveston County.

Mar. 2 (4:38 p.m.) A 17-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury-Family Member. The sus-

pect is accused of assaulting his girlfriend at the Hidden Cove Condos located on Hideaway Drive.

Feb. 24: A 35-year-old Friendswood man was taken into custody on warrants and charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury - Family Violence- Enhanced with previous conviction and Injury to a Child-Reckless Bodily Injury. He also had another Galveston County warrant. His bonds total \$51,500. The assaults occurred at a residence in the 1800 block of Lavaca during the overnight hours of Feb. 24 and early morning hours of Feb. 25. The victim and child left the residence to report the crime and at the time of the report, police were unable to contact the suspect. Once the warrants were obtained, the suspect was arrested at his home in the 1800 block of Lavaca on Feb. 27.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Mar. 4 (12:06 a.m.) A 21-year-old Clute woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. She was observed speeding and failing to maintain a single lane in the 900 block of W. Parkwood Avenue. The driver exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

WEAPONS

Mar. 2 (2:13 a.m.) A 29-year-old Houston woman was charged with Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon. The suspect was driving without headlights and was stopped for the violation in the 2700 block of FM 528. During the contact, the woman advised that she had a handgun in the center console. The center console was open showing a baggie of marijuana in plain view.

Mar. 2 (11:29 p.m.) A 37-year-old League City woman was charged with Deadly Conduct and Possession of a Controlled Sub-

stance in Penalty Group 1. A 24-year-old male passenger is charged with Deadly Conduct. Officers responded to the sound of gunshots in the 16700 block of Oxnard Lane, near Oxnard Park. As officers searched the park, the man and woman, tried to sneak past them in the tree line. The man was in possession of two guns in his pockets and had been drinking. The female had also been drinking. The vehicle that couple arrived in was searched. Officers found methamphetamine in the woman's purse, open containers of alcohol, and a shotgun.

TRAFFIC

Feb. 28 (3:14 p.m.) A 45-year-old Hockley man was charged with Driving While License Invalid in the 300 block of W. Edgewood Dr. The man was stopped for driving a motorcycle with a stolen license plate. He had several outstanding traffic warrants.

NARCOTICS

Mar. 4 (11:14 p.m.) A 43-year-old Pearland man was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 2 and Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 3. A reckless driver was reported in the 1100 block of S. Friendswood Drive. An off-duty police officer was following the suspected drunk driver and witnessed the driver striking curbs and hitting another vehicle. A marked Friendswood police car conducted a traffic stop in the 2200 block of CR 129, just as the vehicle was leaving the city limits. During contact with the driver, the officer observed a crack pipe in the floorboard of the vehicle. The suspect was trying to cover up the crack pipe with his foot. A search of the vehicle yielded hydrocodone and amphetamine pills.

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.

• Thursday, March 2

Auto crashes were reported at 4200 McHard Road, 2200 Scarsdale Blvd, 9400 Broadway St., 2900 Kingsley Drive, 1400 Broadway. Terroristic threat reported at 11 a.m., 2500 block of Woody Road.

An arrest for unlawful use of criminal instrument was made at 10 a.m., 4502 CR 45.

Warrant arrests were made in the 1000 block of Bass Pro Drive, 1800 block of Country Place Parkway, 2202 N. Pearland Avenue and 2555 Cullen Parkway.

Terroristic threat was reported at 3:50 p.m., 1100 block of Messina Court.

An arrest for public intoxication was made at 6:45

p.m., 2800 Business Center Drive.

Vehicle was reported stolen at 2400 block of Roy Road at 10 p.m.

• Friday, March 3

DWI arrest was made at 4:45 a.m., 3500 Manvel Rd. An arrest for criminal mischief was made at 4:54 a.m., 6700 block of Paigetree Lane.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury to a family member was made at 5:30 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

Crashes reported at 11800 block of Shadow Creek at Broadway, 3400 block of E. Cedar Hollow, 3200 block of Broadway, 4000 block of West Orange Street and 2700 block of Pearland Pky.

Two people were arrested for shoplifting at 11 a.m., 1710 Broadway St.

Forgery was reported at noon, 2500 block of Cullen.

Police investigated a report of possession or promotion of child sexual

abuse material, 1:43 p.m., 6800 Paigetree Lane.

Public intoxication arrest was made at 2:28 p.m., 2400 block of Business Center Dr

A wanted fugitive was arrested at 3 p.m., 10700 block of Broadway St. Two people were arrested for failure to identify/giving false information and a third was arrested for possession of a controlled substance at about 4:30 p.m., 4200 McHard Road.

A building was reportedly burgled at 2200 block of Highland River Drive, reported at 6 p.m.

A criminal trespass arrest was made at 16100 South Freeway.

Indecent exposure was reported at 8:45 p.m., 11500 block of Shadow Creek Pky.

Aggravated assault was reported at 9 p.m., 10100 block of Broadway St.

• Saturday, March 4

Two people were arrested at 1:18 a.m. for consump-

tion of alcohol by a minor and a third was arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon, 3226 Hatfield Road.

An arrest for felony assault was made just before 4 a.m., 13000 block of Castlewind Lane.

Two people were arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance and two others were charged with assault causing bodily injury at about 4:20 a.m., 2700 block of Reid Road.

A death investigation was conducted at 6 a.m., 5800 block of Vineyard Hill Road.

An arrest for disorderly conduct was made at 8 a.m., 11000 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Two people were arrested for unauthorized use of a temporary tag, 3400 Dixie Farm Road.

An arrest for felony possession of a controlled substance was made at 1900 block of Broadway St.

Unbound Now Houston to host sporting clays event

Unbound Now Houston is hosting a Sporting Clays Tournament as a fundraising event to fight human trafficking. The tournament will be March 10 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Greater Houston Sports Club at 6700 McHard Rd. in Pearland. Both breakfast and lunch will be included.

The shoot will have 72 targets. Those attending must bring their own gun. Ammunition will be provided for both 12 gauge and 20 gauge guns.

Registration is underway now. Sponsorships are available.

Presenting Sponsor can have two teams of four with "All the Extras" Company logo at pavilion Recognition as Presenting Sponsor from stage & all marketing Golf Cart & Lunch for Team Company listing on event website & signage. Cost is \$10,000.

Other sponsorships available include

Top Gun Sponsor at \$5000, Sharp Shooter at \$2,500, Event Underwriter at \$1,750, and Team Sponsor for \$900.

All the Extras Team Package is available with five pairs of mulligans for each person, 1 Team Flurry, 1 Gunpowder Golf entry per person. Cost is \$600.

Individual Shooter plays \$225. Mulligans are \$25 per pair with maximum of five pairs per person.

Gun Powder Golf is \$50 per person. Gun Powder Golf is a tennis ball launching game, designated to hit a specific target. The participant will use a modified AR15 that has been designed to launch tennis balls.

Team Flurry is \$100 per team of four.

The Sporting Clays Tournament is planned to be an action-packed day of outdoor fun for all skill levels.

Whether a participant is an experienced shooter or just looking to have some fun, this event will have something for everyone.

Rudy's BBQ will be serving up hot breakfast tacos when you arrive and will provide a barbecue lunch during the awards ceremony.

Unbound Now Houston supports survivors and resources our community to fight human trafficking in three primary ways: prevention education, professional training and survivor advocacy. Unbound Now Houston is the local office of Unbound Now who has offices across Texas, the United States, and the world.

Unbound Now is located at 1635 E. Broadway St. in Pearland.

For more information on the golf tournament, visit their website at <https://www.unboundhouston.org/>.



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SPORTS

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

Knowing where to tinker is the key

Perhaps you have heard about the man who was traveling on a dinner flight with a major airlines. When he opened his pre-packaged meal, right on top of the salad, he saw an enormous roach. When he got home, he wrote an indignant letter to the president of the airline. A few days later, a special delivery letter came from the president. He was all apologies.

"This was very unusual, but don't worry. I want to assure you that that particular airplane has been completely fumigated. In fact - all the seats and the upholstery have been stripped out. We have taken disciplinary action against the flight attendant who served you that meal, and she may even be fired. It is highly probable that this particular aircraft will be taken out of service. I can assure you that it will never happen again. And I trust you will continue to fly with us."

Well, the man was terrifically impressed by such a letter he had written, until he noticed something. Quite by accident, the letter he had written had stuck to the back of the president's letter. When he looked at his own letter, he saw a note at the bottom that said, "Reply with the regular roach letter!"

I recently bought a Field's Pecan Pie from Food Town. This pie is made in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma and the first time I ever had a slice of this delicious pie was in 1967 in Ada, Oklahoma where I went to college and played football. It became my favorite of all time.

When I opened the box, I noticed there was a foreign object in the middle of the pie that quality control had somehow missed seeing.

I took pictures, sent them a letter and waited...though I still had a slice of pie regardless.

When they got my letter with the pictures they called me within the hour of receiving my letter. They deeply apologized and said that someone had missed seeing the object and they had already addressed the situation.

Turned out it was a piece of cardboard from the pecans that had somehow dropped in the pie and went unnoticed.

With their apology, they followed up with a letter of apology that referred to our phone conversation and they sent me some FREE coupons to get my favorite pecan pie. What a great response. I'm glad this company hasn't lost their great customer service.

I'm afraid that we have gotten so caught up in our positions, our notoriety, our image...that we have forgotten how to deal with those that honestly seek our help?

I spoke in the schools in Wichita Falls and a 14-year old girl came up to me to visit. She had already had an abortion...had attempted suicide...and had recently lost her father in death as he was successful with his suicide attempt. There was no standard "roach" letter to be given to this girl as she was honestly searching for some answers.

We live in a hurting world. No matter where we walk in life - we are constantly running into people who are going through some traumatic times.

As we go through life I am often reminded of those that I call my friends. It may not occur very often, but occasionally I will run into a situation that I don't know how to handle and I will call on one of them to help because they know where to tinker in life that makes things run smooth again.

Old friend Robert said, "True friends are those we can count on that will help us make it through life."

Perhaps you will have an opportunity this week to be one of those true friends.

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DRIVING THE LANE

Senior guard Paige Bonner (4) drives to the basket against Desoto in the 6A state semifinals in the Alamodome in San Antonio. Desoto won the game 56-35 to advance to the 6A state finals while Pearland ended the season with a record-setting 35-4 record. Bonner scored five points for Pearland.

Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Lady Oilers fall short in the 6A state semifinals

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

For the first time in 43 years, the Pearland Lady Oilers found themselves playing in the 6A state semifinal basketball tournament against the two-time defending state champion Desoto Lady Eagles.

Pearland beat the Summer Creek Lady Bulldogs for the 6A Region III crown to avenge a loss to the Lady Bulldogs last season in the region finals. The win this year sent the Lady Oilers to the Alamodome in San Antonio to the 6A state tournament.

Second-year coach Jere Adams saw her girls win 35 of 39 games this season while going undefeated in district action at 12-0 to claim the league crown. Pearland is 63-14 over the past two seasons as they were 28-10 in 2021-2022.

No matter the outcome of the game, Coach Adams, her coaching staff, and her girls have much to be proud of on this historical season as they have accomplished something that hasn't been done in 43 years when the Pearland girls advanced to the state basketball tournament in 1980.

In the game against Desoto, the Lady Oilers were competing for a third straight state championship, and they had also played in the final four in 2019 as well.

The game between the two teams was close for the first half of the first quarter until Desoto made a late run to take a 15-11 lead into the second period.

"We struggled to take care of the ball a little bit," Pearland head coach Jere Adams said. "I think that they're a good team, and they capitalized on turnovers and second-chance opportunities."

"Defensively, in the first half we needed to do a better job of closing down on the shooters and

taking care of the ball."

Five Lady Oilers scored during the first eight minutes of the game with RyLee Grays leading the way with three points. Pearland hit 3-of-4 free throws.

Desoto had no seniors on this year's team, and they had three freshmen starters so even though they were in a rebuilding stage, they still made it to the state tournament.

Freshman Amayah Garcia set the pace for the Lady Eagles in the opening quarter with a 3-pointer and a pair of short jumpers for seven points.

Desoto took control of the game in the second period led by junior Mylasia Smith who pumped in eight points while freshman Amari Byles added five points to outscore the Lady Oilers 14-8.

Grays scored four points for Pearland as Desoto led 29-19 at intermission.

Both teams increased the intensity of their defense while both teams were limited on offense as each team scored seven points making the score 36-26 entering the final frame.

Grays was the only one who scored for Pearland in the third quarter while junior MaRiya Vincent tossed in five points for Desoto.

Desoto took control of the fourth quarter to outscore Pearland 20-9 to make the final score 56-35.

The Lady Eagles didn't allow the Lady Oilers to score a field goal as Pearland was limited to score from the free throw line hitting 9-of-13 from the line.

In 2022, DeSoto posted a 35-2 record and rolled to a 40-23 win over South Grand Prairie for the Class 6A title.

In 2021, the Lady Eagles were 27-2 and captured the state crown for the first time with a 53-37 win

against Cypress Creek.

DeSoto reached the state championship for the second time in 2019 when it lost to Converse Judson, 49-46, and in 2020, the Lady Eagles lost in the playoffs to eventual state champ Duncanville.

Grays, who will continue her education and playing career at

North Carolina, led Pearland with 12 points, Nyah Hardy scored eight, Janae Tucker finished with seven, Paige Bonner added five and Eliece Perry scored three.

Pearland ends their record-setting season with a 35-4 record as District 23-6A and 6A Region III champions.



TEAM-HIGH SCORER: Pearland senior RyLee Grays (22) closed out her illustrious career with 12 points at the Class 6A state semifinals against two-time defending state champion Desoto Lady Eagles. Grays will continue her education and playing career at North Carolina. Grays is an McDonald's All-American nominee. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks



LEADING SCORER - Dawson senior Jaden Miller (1) scored a team-high 14 points in the 54-45 loss to the Clear Falls Eagles in the Class 6A Region III quarterfinal basketball playoffs. Dawson won the District 23-6A crown and closed out the season with a sparkling 31-6 record. Photo by Michael McManus

Second-half meltdown dooms Dawson from the playoffs

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

If someone wrote a story about the third-round game between the Dawson Eagles and the Clear Falls Eagles they might be tempted to name it, "The Tale of Two Halves" after Clear Falls defeated Dawson 54-45.

Dawson (31-6), who won the District 23-6A title was facing Clear Falls (27-7) who were crowned District 24-6A champions.

Dawson took charge after getting the opening tipoff to take a 10-6 first quarter lead thanks to 3-pointers by Devan Brown and Braylon Howard while also getting a pair of short jumpers from Kendrick Bailey.

Clear Falls struggled against the hard-pressing Daw-

son defense and managed to get three field goals in the opening eight minutes.

Things didn't get any better for the Eagles as Dawson raised their intensity offensively while still applying defensive pressure that allowed an anemic seven points while Dawson went on an 18-point scoring spree for a 28-13 lead at intermission at Pasadena Memorial High School.

One might wonder what halftime speech Knights Coach Bryan Shelton gave to his players in the locker room.

"We talked about some sets that would work and defensive schemes we could possibly pull off," Shelton said. "We just needed a few good plays to happen early

to build some confidence to go from there. We've been down 20 in the second half and won in regulation, so they know how to ration it out and reel it in. It's trusting the process and doing things the right way."

Dawson led 32-17 shortly after the start of the third quarter as Charles Anderson scored on two quick field goals.

That's when the wheels began to fall off for Dawson as Clear Falls turned up the offensive heat and broke through the Dawson defense on their way to a 7-0 run to cut the margin to 32-24.

Dawson added another field goal and Clear Falls added another six points to close the gap to 34-30 at the

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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for Roof Replacement at Sablatura Middle School, CSP # 23-0330-13 until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 30, 2023. A pre-proposal conference will be held on Friday, March 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at 1928 N. Main, Pearland, TX. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and submit their response at the following link: <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>.

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CITY OF BROOKSIDE VILLAGE
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES

The City of Brookside Village, Texas will accept sealed Proposals for Bank Depository Services until 5:00 p.m., on March 29, 2023, in the City Secretary's Office.

At the location, date, and time stated below, timely proposals will be announced at that time.

All interested persons are invited to attend the opening. Attendance is not required.

Proposal Title: Bank Depository Services Opening
 Location: Brookside Village City Hall, 6243 Brookside Road, Brookside Village, Texas 77581
 Opening Date: March 29, 2023
 Opening Time: 5:00 P.M. CT

Request for Proposals with Attachments may be obtained beginning March 6, 2023, in the office of the City Secretary located at Brookside Village City Hall, 6243 Brookside Road, Brookside Village, Texas 77581.

The documents are also available on the City's website at www.brooksidevillage-tx.org

Further information or questions can be addressed to the Cleo Rodriguez, City Secretary at crodriguez@cobvtx.org or by phone at 281-485-3048.

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CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until **3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 22, 2023**, and all bids will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join meeting by calling: #281-652-1775; Meeting: #1790, Access Code: #0971 on that date for:

RFP 0223-04 Ground Maintenance of Critical Facilities and Buyout Lots

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

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 15, 2023**. See bid solicitation for virtual link option if preferred.

Vendors should register on the City's e-bid system <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Once registered on the City's e-bid system, bid documents may be viewed on the site. If further assistance is needed, please email ebids@pearlandtx.gov no later than **5:00 PM Friday, March 17, 2023**, and refer to RFP 0223-04. Bid Closing Date: **3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 22, 2023**.

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ITB 0223-07 Asphalt Materials

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end of the third period putting the Knights back in the game.

Sparked by the cheers of a packed-out Clear Falls crowd, the Knights continued to control both sides of the basketball court as they went on a 7-0 run to finally grab a 36-34 lead early in the fourth quarter.

After Dawson tied it at 36 with 5:27 left, the Knights took control for good.

Clear Falls used a 9-0 flurry for a 45-36 advantage. Javon Murray scored four of those points, Prince Hegwood buried a trey, and Moore contributed a basket.

Clear Falls would close out Dawson 54-45 to advance to the region tournament.

With Eagles coach Mark Barre struggling to find second-half answers, Dawson (31-6) could get no closer than five points the rest of the way.

"They got every loose ball, every rebound, and they hit shots," Barre said. "Everything that could go wrong in a half of basketball went wrong for us on both ends of the floor."

"I'm burning multiple timeouts, trying to calm our guys down and telling them we have a nine-point lead," Barre said. "I

always call a timeout if the lead gets down to 10, but I couldn't get one called before it got to nine.

"It didn't matter who we had in there. We couldn't catch the ball or pass it or get stops. Clear Falls was just way tougher than us in the second half."

Bailey scored nine first-half points for Dawson, and Larry Lyons added eight as the Eagles built their 15-point halftime lead. But Clear Falls outscored Dawson 41-17 in the final 16 minutes. For Dawson, the loss was difficult to absorb.

"That's as bad a half of basketball as we've played all year," Barre said. "We had a tremendous team, and it had to end at some point. We played a good first half, and Clear Falls really took it to us in the second half."

Jaden Miller's 14 points, including 10 in the final quarter, led Dawson which entered the contest with 14 wins in their last 15 starts.

Clear Falls' Josh Moore led the Knights with a game-high 20 points while Murray powered inside for 11 points in the final three quarters. Corey Kelly scored 10 points with eight free throws in the second half for the Knights.

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LEGAL NOTICE

An application has been made with the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's on-premises permit with a food and beverage certificate by Hikarimono21 LLC, DBA Yellowtail Sushi & Ramen located at 1826 Country Place Pkwy Suite 118, Pearland, Brazoria County, TX 77584. The owner/operator of the business is Sam Lin.

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2023-08
2020 LIFT STATION MITIGATION PACKAGE 3
(LIFT STATIONS 22, 27, 28, 31)

Sealed Competitive Bids shall be submitted via one (1) paper copy and one (1) electronic copy in pdf format on a flash drive or CD. Each copy must match identically and must include the ink signature of a person with the authority to bind the vendor into a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with **"BID NO. 2023-08 - 2020 Lift Station Mitigation Package 3 (Lift Station 22, 27, 28, 31)"**, along with the name of the contractor and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary. Said submissions are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546 on or before **2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all bid and to waive any informality in the bids received. The contract, if any, will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The City pays for goods and services according to the provisions of Chapter 2251 of the Government Code.

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

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A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting** is scheduled for **THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.**, at Friendswood City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546. A tour of the facilities will take place immediately following the pre-bid meeting.

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

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2023-05
BLACKHAWK BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PHASE II-B

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A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting** is scheduled for **TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.**, at Friendswood City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

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

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
BID NO. 2023-06
Blackhawk Emergency Shelter

This project will be federally funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and administered by the Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD). Bidders shall comply with regulations governing the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program (Regulation 24 CFR 570). Applicable requirements include but are not limited to compliance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts, Fair Labor Standards, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, and contracting with small, minority, and disadvantage firms, as detailed in the project manual.

This project is for the renovation of a portion the City of Friendswood's Blackhawk Facility, located at 15355 Blackhawk Boulevard, Friendswood, Texas 77546, into an emergency shelter capable of sheltering up to 400 occupants. The existing facility consists of approximately 7,578 square feet of office space that will be demolished and renovated into a shelter area, supply room, clinic area, storage rooms, supply room, lactation room, restrooms, and shower areas.

Bidders will be required to furnish verifiable references with their bids/proposals and to have a payment and performance bond.

Project documents may be downloaded from the City of Friendswood's website at: <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Bids.aspx>.

Project documents are available for review at the City of Friendswood's City Secretary's Office. The address is 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on March 23, 2023, at 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546 and virtually via Microsoft Teams. The website address for this virtual meeting is: <https://friendswood.com/Pre-Bid2023-06>

Any questions regarding this BID must be submitted by email to Jildardo Arias at engineering@friendswood.com.

Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked with BID No. 2023-06 and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary's Office and will be received at 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546 before 2:00 PM, April 11, 2023.

A public bid opening will be held at the City of Friendswood Council Chambers, 910 S. Friendswood Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546 at 2:00 pm, April 11, 2023.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of ROMEKIA DOUCET BROWN

Please Contact Attorney Shawn R. Bush at 225-647-1104

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2023-07
JANITORIAL SERVICES

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The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City considering the relative importance of price and the other evaluation factors included in this request for proposals.

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A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.**, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546.

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

/s/ Leticia Brysch
 City Secretary
 City of Friendswood

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/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

Pearland softball ranked No. 2 in the state

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
 Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Lady Oilers are currently 19-2 overall and 2-0 in district while the latest poll has them as the No. 2 Class 6A team in the state.

Pearland head coach Laneigh Clark begins her 26th season at the helm of the Lady Oilers softball program and is the winningest coach in Class 6A history in Texas and began this season with a 647-224-5 record. Counting her high school record in Louisiana, Clark has more than 700 career wins. Clark was inducted into the Texas Girls Coaches Association Hall of Fame in July of 2021.

Pearland made a run to the 2022 state softball tournament but fell short when they were swept by the Deer Park Lady Deer in the Class 6A Region III finals.

The Lady Deer advanced to the 2022 state tournament with a 40-4 mark while Pearland closed out their season at 32-10. That means both teams combined for a 72-14 record in 2022.

Pearland has won two state titles in 1996 and 2010 while also advancing to state in 2009 and 2011.

The Lady Oilers appear locked in to make another run at the District 23-6A title, the Region III crown, and a chance to bring home another state championship.

The top three returning players for Pearland with the highest batting average from that team include: Senior outfielder and Texas A&M signee Hailey Golden who slashed .625/.674/.741 with 75 hits, 24 RBI, 61 runs and 37 stolen bases.

Senior infielder Kristyn Whitlock batted .457 with 53 hits, 51 RBI, 32 runs and six home runs (team leader) and senior outfielder Kennedy Drafton hit .547 with 41 hits, 37 RBI, 31 runs and 15 stolen bases. Junior Raenna Liscano batted .377 with 40 hits, 44 RBI and 32 runs as a sophomore.

On the mound, senior Abigail Gutierrez returns after posting a 14-1 record with an .096 ERA and 119 strikeouts while Isela Flores went 12-3 with a 3.98 ERA and 64 strikeouts as a freshman.

Other players that are having strong showings this year include: senior Lydia Njus, junior Trinity Perry, senior Gabbie Roundtree, junior Avery Welch, sophomore Jordan Smith, senior Darian Deleon, and junior Kelsey Martin.