

Around Town
Wednesday, Dec. 14

TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE
 Scott M. Brown & Associates has partnered with Toys for Tots to help bring toys to needy children in the community this Christmas season. If you would like to and donate, please bring a new, unwrapped, and unopened toy to 6302 W. Broadway St, Ste 250, Pearland during regular business hours. The last day to donate will be Dec. 14. If you require legal services and would like to consult with one of our attorneys, please bring a toy to our toy drive before Dec. 14 and your consultation fee will be waived.

HOLIDAY MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT
 Bakfish Brewing Co. will hold a Holiday Movie Trivia Night on Wednesday, Dec. 14 starting at 6:30pm. Open to the public. Bakfish is located at 1231 Broadway in Pearland.

Thursday, Dec. 15
ROTARY CLUB MEETING
 Rotary Club of Pearland meets at 7:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Pearland Chamber, 6117 W. Broadway St. Call 832-293-9860 for information.

Saturday, Dec. 17
FARMERS MARKET
 Old Pearland Farmers Market is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every third Saturday at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. Vendors offer locally made items and fresh seasonal produce. Parking and entry are free and available at the park or at the City Hall annex, 3523 Liberty Drive.

MOVIES ON THE LAWN
 The G-rated family movie, "Polar Express" will be screened at 7 p.m. during the Movies on the Lawn series at Baybrook Mall, 500 Baybrook Mall in Friendswood. Admission is free and blankets and chairs are encouraged.

LIGHTED TRAIN RIDE
 Christmas Train lighted train ride for all ages is open from 6 to 9 p.m. at LS Church, 1407 Victory Lane, Alvin. Other activities include Santa's Speedway Golf Cart rides for \$7 per ticket, the Great Elf Show, photos with Santa, lighted walking trail and concessions. Ride tickets are \$10 to \$12 and should be purchased in advance at thechristmastrain.com.

Sunday, Dec. 18
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.bayareafarmersmarket-texas.com.

CHRISTMAS MARKET
 Pasadena Christmas Market has a petting zoo, pony rides, Santa, pet adoptions, a kids' zone, vendors and food from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 7902 W. Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena.

KNAPP CENTER FIELD TRIP
 A field trip for seniors to Very Merry Pops at the Houston Symphony, Jones Concert Hall, departs at 6:15 p.m. from the Melvin Knapp Activity Center, 2424 South Park Avenue. Tickets are \$65 and registration is required. For information, call 281-652-1890.

COOKOUT WITH SANTA
 VFW Post 7109 will hold a Cookout with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 12pm to 4pm at 4202 W. Walnut St. in Pearland. Santa photos will be available for \$10 with a percentage of the proceeds going to help the post. BBQ plates will be on sale - \$14 Brisket Plate and \$12 Pulled Pork Sandwich Plate. Both plates come with a side of beans, potato salad and bread. A Toys for Tots Toy Drive will also be held. Christmas vendors on site.

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'We're not out of the woods'

Budget remedy avoids hiring freeze

By N. BRADFORD
 Reporter News Staff

After discussing budget cuts such as a hiring freeze and delaying a planned software update, Pearland City Council on Monday approved the city staff's plan for dealing with a recent budget mistake that resulted in a \$10 million shortfall.

The budget amendment approved on Monday does not call for a hiring freeze or staff cuts.

"We're not out of the woods, but this helps stabilize us," Mayor Kevin Cole said regarding the plan that uses city reserve funds, lowers transfers into the city's motor pool fund and cuts a planned \$300,000 update to the Unified Development Code.

The council on Monday approved a second reading of the budget amendment to address

immediate impacts of the shortfall. Uncovered in November, the mistake reportedly happened when data provided by the Harris County Appraisal District was incor-

On the web

More information regarding the City of Pearland's budget shortfall can be found at pearlandtx.gov.

rectly input on a tax rate calculation worksheet in Brazoria County, and the worksheet was used by Pearland city staff to create the city's budget and tax rate.

"Staff has put together a plan that shores that up," Cole said, adding that more will be known in a few months after an assessment

and recommendations are completed by an outside firm.

Councilman Alex Kamkar motioned to amend the plan by cutting more general operating expenses, including a hiring freeze and requesting each department cut just over 1 percent of its budget. That motion failed 4-2, with only Kamkar and Councilman Woody Owens supporting it.

"I'm not comfortable making those cuts from the dais at the 11th hour," Councilman Tony Carbone said.

"There's about 23 positions available today," Cole said. "Even of those are in police; three are telecommunications officers."

"We've got a clearer picture of our budget's future," Councilman Adrian Hernandez said. "It may not be the future that we wanted, but it's the future that we got."



TOP SCORER

Pearland's RyLee Grays led the Lady Oilers to a 64-39 win over the Clear Falls Lady Knights in a non-district contest with 18 points. The Lady O's are 16-1 and currently ranked as the No. 2 team in the state in Class 6A. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Mayor, two seats up in May city election

Candidate filing begins next month for the May 6 election for Pearland mayor and two council seats.

Mayor Kevin Cole on Dec. 2 issued a statement announcing his intention to seek reelection.

Elected mayor in May 2020, Cole serves on the Transportation Policy Council of the Houston Galveston Area Council.

"It is important to me to have active citizen engagement all over the city," he said in his announcement, adding that he followed through on a 2020 promise to hold quarterly town hall meetings. "This has brought active engagement to various locations across the city. It is important to me to hear from citizens on their turf."

Also up for election in 2023 are council member position No. 3, currently held by Alex Kamkar, and council member position No. 7, currently held by Woody Owens.

Kamkar has expressed intention to seek reelection, while Owens has not made an announcement regarding the May election.

The seven members of the Pearland council are elected at-large and serve three-year, staggered terms, with elections held each May. Meetings are generally held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Candidate filing begins Jan. 18, 2023, and runs through Feb. 17. The last day to register to vote in the May election is April 6, and early voting begins April 24.

For information on candidate filing or city elections, all the city secretary's office, 281-652-1651.

At A Glance
Filing for the May 6, 2023 city election begins Jan. 18. Information: 281-652-1651.

Banquet returns to Flight Museum

By N. BRADFORD
 Reporter News Staff

Pearland's annual awards for Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year and more will be presented Jan. 26 at the 2023 Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Meeting.

"We are excited to return to the Lone Star Flight Museum for our 61st annual Banquet," Chamber President and CEO Jim Johnson said in a statement. "The 400-plus guests who attend the event will enjoy a night of celebration and we are thankful for our presenting sponsor Kelsey-Seybold Clinic."

The emcee for this year is Houston Astros field reporter Julia Morales. The theme is "Pearland's Real Pastime — Our Businesses."

Held on the fourth Thursday in January, the banquet is 6 to 9 p.m. at the museum, 11551 Aerospace Avenue, Houston. Honored at the event will be the Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, Business Hall of Fame and Chairman's Award.

A reception will be sponsored by TEDCU. Gold sponsorships at the \$1,500 level are still available and include a reserved table for eight, bottle of wine, recognition at the event

and in the program and Chamber website. Silver and bronze sponsorships are also available.

For information on sponsorships or tickets, visit pearlandchamber.org or call 281-485-3634.

In other chamber events, the December membership luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive. State Rep. Ed Thompson and District 11 Senator-elect Mayes Middleton will provide a legislative preview.



Berry Miller Junior High sings at the ESC

On Friday, Dec. 9, Berry Miller Junior High Pearland ISD's Education Support Center with beautiful holiday music. The Berry Miller Junior High Choir is directed by Mrs. Jessie James.



FAITH MATTERS

...because everyone believes in something!

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

WHEN SANTA LOST HIS COOL!

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

1 Timothy 2:15

Well... it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Maybe you've noticed... or have been to a Christmas party or two or perhaps the Amazon truck has been to your house more times than that. Most of us love this time of year. For some it's a bit more difficult yet Christmas comes all by itself... ready or not and no matter how we feel!

I hope the title here caught your eye. Santa lost his cool? You mean Santa Claus? THE Santa Claus? Well... sort of... as the real person of St. Nicholas did... one of my all-time faith heroes in the Christian tradition. So, please keep reading...

Most adults are aware of the centuries' long crossing of traditions of Kris Kringle, Pere Noel and Sinter Klaus... those European fabrications of the ancient St. Nicholas morphing into the image of that jolly old elf we now call Santa! True! And yes... Jesus is and remains the reason for the season as no one can alter that fact despite the commercialization Christmas has fallen prey to since the 1950's. So... it is only fair to say Jesus will always be the gift of God found in a Bethlehem cave by shepherds and wise men... savior to the nations... yet when it comes to 'gift giving' and 'wonder' and 'joy' for children big and small I want to give some credit to St. Nicholas of Myra in Turkey from the 4th century A.D. He showed generosity in helping a man obtain the dowry to marry off his daughter and he saved two innocent men's lives... falsely accused by paying attention to what God was doing right in front of him... and being remembered for showing us what it means to be both a saint and a sinner... and here's why...

In A.D 325, Emperor Constantine called a meeting of church leaders, bishops, and pastors to sort out all of the information going around about Jesus and the Church... confusing to many besides the emperor. Nicholas, bishop of Myra is said to have attended that meeting. He along with others believed that Jesus and the Father were of one sub-

stance, one person and equal to each other. Also at that meeting was a fellow Christian and priest... Arius... who was insistent that as Jesus was born of a young virgin, and thus being human, he could not be equal to God the Father. This caused quite a controversy. And as Arius was making his case, Bishop Nicholas got up from his seat and gave Arius a punch to the face getting kicked out of the Council of Nicaea for the remainder of the meeting. Faith matters always!

You see, Nicholas did two things that were wrong... A) he struck a brother of the faith and B) he struck that brother in front of the Roman Emperor which was REALLY against the law of the day... and as a result, Nicholas was stripped of his bishop's robes, and locked up under guard for the remainder of the meeting. However, when the Council finally formed its statement of faith, what the Church calls the NICENE Creed, Bishop Nicholas' passion ruled the day as Arius was tagged 'heretical'... and as Jesus and the Father would remain one... Nicholas was given his robes... restored to his work in Myra and became in essence the hero of the Council of Nicaea. So... yeah... Santa lost his cool... call it a HOLY RAGE... something we hear little of these days...

but has certainly been needed over the centuries... people like Martin Luther nailing 95 statements to the Wittenberg Church door... or Martin Luther King, Jr. exercising holy rage when he marched peacefully on Birmingham and Washington, D.C. or Mother Theresa with her efforts with those dying in the streets of Calcutta... just three among 10's of 1000's who presented themselves approved by God... to accomplish great things... showing no shame... letting God's truth be known... reminding us we are in good company when that 'losing your cool' moment arrives!

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

Santa to attend Sterling McCall Toy Drive for Blue Santa

Children have another opportunity to visit with Santa before Christmas at the Annual Toy Drive featuring Santa at Sterling McCall Lexus Clear Lake Saturday, Dec. 17.

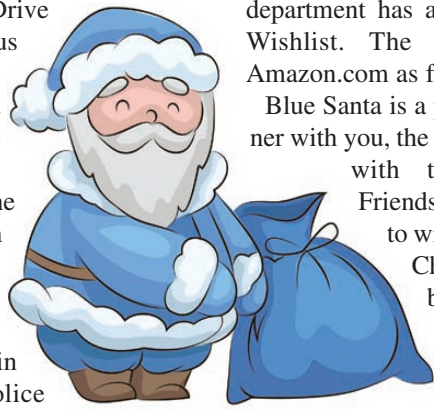
Photos with Santa will be offered from 9 am until 3 pm at the dealership off I-45 in Friendswood.

Toys will be collected donation to the Friendswood Blue Santa Program underway now. There will also be a raffle for a free vehicle detail with donation of a new unwrapped toy.

Donors can also choose to bring toys in person at the Friendswood Police

Department at 1600 Whitaker Drive in Friendswood. The department has also set up a donation drive on Amazon Wishlist. The officers described the program on Amazon.com as follows:

Blue Santa is a program where police officers get to partner with you, the community, to provide struggling families with toys for Christmas so that every Friendswood child has that delicious opportunity to wildly tear through some wrapping paper on Christmas morning! Here is your chance to become involved by making a toy donation to Blue Santa. Start your reindeer engines and help us fill up Blue Santa's sleigh! Sharing is caring after all.



Pearland ISD's Raygoza recognized as TAEA Distinguished Fellow

Pearland Independent School District Fine Arts Coordinator Victor Raygoza was recently recognized as the 2022 Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) Distinguished Fellow.

The TAEA Distinguished Fellow award designation is given to individuals who have made significant, long-term and distinguished contributions to the work of the association and to the advancement of the art education profession.

The Distinguished Fellows act as an advisory group of committed professional art educators for long-term TAEA sustained development, financial growth and policy issues that relate to the history and continuity of the goals of TAEA. They have been active in the development of many programs such as VASE, the Leadership Conferences, the newly formed TAEA Foundation and more.

With 25 years in education, Raygoza joined the Pearland ISD team in the fall of 2019. Raygoza is passionate about empowering teachers and students to succeed in the field of visual and performing arts, and is humbled by the TAEA's recognition.

"Joining this group of highly accomplished hard-working and respected art educators is beyond any goal I have set for my career," Raygoza said. "Just to be nominated as a TAEA Distinguished Fellow is an honor in and of itself. I am provided an opportunity on a state-wide scale to mentor the younger generations of art professionals and for that I am grateful."



RAYGOZA

FHS Blended English program praised in State magazine

Friendswood ISD is among 12 school districts in Texas listed in the recent issue of Texas School Business magazine's 16th-Annual Bragging Rights 2022-23. This special issue recognizes districts for their outstanding programs.

The issue is published in December each year and asks districts to submit nominations for innovative programs they have initiated in their district.

Friendswood High School teachers Corey Truman and Melissa Stephenson began working on their blended English program seven years ago. Blending history and English and understanding their relationship is part of the program.

They wanted to approach their classes in a new innovative way and have done so by teaching students to think critically about historical outcomes being affected by specific events. Students discuss and write about how different an outcome would be if specific events changed.

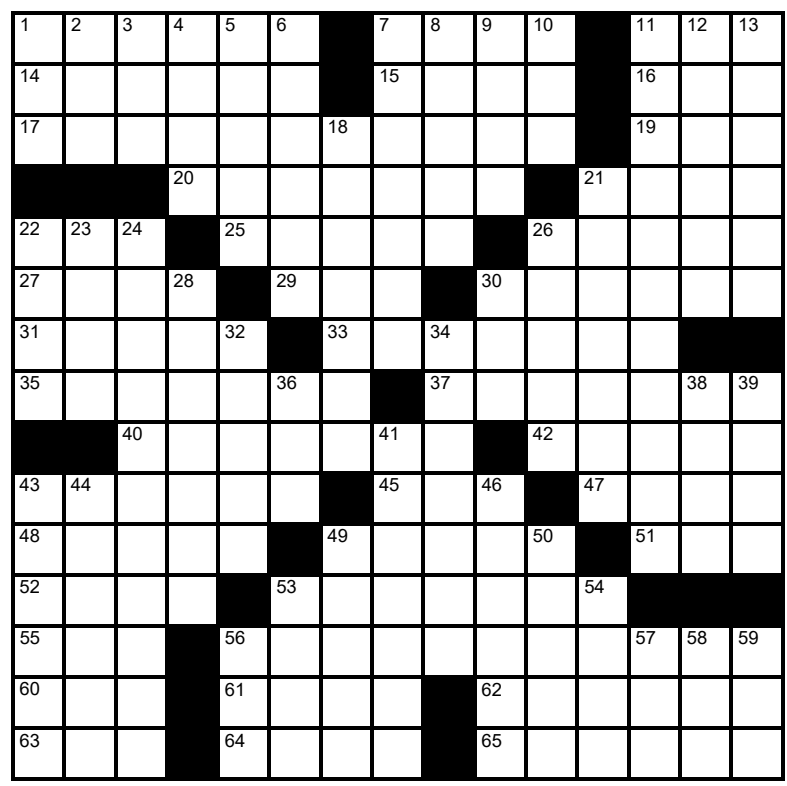
The 12 honored districts and their programs include:

- Birdville ISD, Floral Design Program
 - Cotton Center ISD, Texas Instructional Leaders: School Culture Routines
 - East Bernard ISD, Brahma Brain Camp
 - Friendswood ISD, Blended US History/English III curriculum
 - Groesbeck ISD, Carpentry CTE Pathway
 - Hutto ISD, Automotive Technology program
 - Irving ISD, engineering students create a prosthetic arm
 - Northside ISD, Strong Fathers + Strong Children = Strong Families
 - Pewitt CISD, Supporting Educator Excellence Daily
 - Aransas County ISD, Maritime Science CTE
 - Socorro ISD, Teacher Residency Program
 - Splendora ISD, Realtor Lunch & Learn
- FHS teachers Corey Truman and Melissa Stephenson teach Blended English. The program was listed in one of 12 districts honored by a state magazine's Bragging Rights issue.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Original Mobile Game

- Across**
- Kind of wheel
 - Bounce back, in a way
 - ___ Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
 - Aegean country
 - Roman answer to life, the universe, and everything
 - Tiebreakers, briefly
 - Aid, anatomically
 - 66, e.g.: Abbr.
 - "Down" in a diner
 - Blockhead
 - ___ center
 - Family
 - Blackens on a grill
 - Count played by Jim Carrey in "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events"
 - Drapers' meas.
 - "No ___!"
 - Half of an old comedy duo
 - "Shaken, not ___"
 - Becomes the responsibility of
 - Bugs that emerge septendecennially
 - "I'll get this"
 - "Die Fledermaus" maid
 - One-dimensional
 - Infomercials, e.g.
 - Boat with an open hold
 - Burned up
 - Con men?
 - Barbie's beau
 - Bursae



- Kind of fair
- Mme., in Madrid
- All-inclusive offer
- "___ Gang"
- Culture starter
- Liveliness
- Gonorrhea, e.g.: Abbr.
- Economical
- Kind of seat
- Catch
- Clue
- It's like -like
- Part of a ship
- Clothing
- ___ fly
- Todman's game show partner
- Clothes, slang
- Good vantage point
- "Enchanted" girl in a 2004 film
- Memento of a salesman's visit
- About
- Auto shop supplies
- Mr., abroad
- English exam finale, often
- Brewer's product
- Anderson's "High ___"
- ___ vera
- In stitches
- Well-dressed dummy?
- Snares
- Bogged down
- Scorches
- Capital of Ghana
- Brouhaha
- Guru
- "Our Time in ___" (10,000 Maniacs album)
- Amigo
- Baseball stat
- Contract negotiator: Abbr.
- Alkaline liquid

Down

- E followers
- "... ___ he drove out of sight"
- Bill of Rights subj.
- Bank take-back
- Cake topper
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- Auto output

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SPORTS

No. 2 Lady Oilers roll past Clear Creek and Clear Falls

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Lady Oilers were one game away from the Class 6A state tournament last year, but the Lady Oilers look like a team on a mission as they are currently the No. 2 ranked 6A team in the state with a 16-1 overall record this season.

Pearland hosted the Clear Creek Lady Wildcats (9-6) and left no doubt as to the outcome of this non-district contest as the Lady O's took the lead at the beginning and totally dominated the entire game for a 42-21 victory.

"It was not one of our better games, but they don't have to all be pretty as long as they're wins," Pearland coach Jere Adams said.

"We only had one game last week, so we're still trying to knock the rust off and get back in the swing of things."

Pearland jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first quarter while holding Clear Creek scoreless in the opening period.

The second period was a little closer as the Lady Oilers built a 19-3 lead before the Lady Cats closed out the final two minutes of the first half with a 6-0 run to close the half-time score to 19-9 in favor of Pearland.

The Lady O's took control of the third quarter with a 6-2 run to make the score 25-11 but Creek cut the margin to 29-22 after scoring the first six points of the fourth period. Pearland had a 29-14 halftime advantage.

But Pearland answered with a 10-0 run for a 39-21 cushion with just over two minutes left in the game and posted the 42-21 final score.

"Creek really did an awesome job," Adams said. "We have to make our adjustments and other people have to step up."

"You need to have that next-man-up mentality."

One glaring weakness for Pearland against Clear Creek as the Lady O's were a meager 4-for-14 from the charity stripe which has to improve as Pearland gets ready to enter District 23-6A action.

"We need to work on rebounding, defense and knocking down free throws and shots when we have those opportunities," Adams said.

Nyah Hardy led Pearland in scoring with 12 points while Janae Tucker added nine points and RyLee Grays added eight points and 15 rebounds. Paige Bonner had five rebounds, four points, three assists, and four steals.

PEARLAND 64 - CLEAR FALLS 38

Pearland hosted the Clear Falls Lady Knights and came away with a dominating 64-34 non-district win to improve



LOOKING FOR AN OPEN TEAMMATE - Janae Tucker looks for a passing lane against the Clear Creek Lady Wildcats. Tucker scored nine points including two 3-pointers while getting two assists and three steals to help the No. 2 state-ranked Lady Oilers to a 42-21 non-district win. Pearland is now 16-1 on the 2022-2023 basketball season.

Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

their season record to 16-1 as the No. 2 Class 6A state-ranked team.

The Lady Oilers came out hot in the opening quarter to outscore the visitors 22-5. They continued to control the game as they took the second quarter 16-12 for a 38-17 lead at intermission.

Pearland continued to increase the lead in the third period 20-13 making the score 58-31 entering the final eight min-

utes of the game.

Clear Falls took the final quarter 8-6 leaving the Lady Oilers with a solid 64-38 win.

RyLee Grays led the offense with 18 points while also grabbing 10 rebounds while Eliece Perry added 14 points and eight boards and Nyah Hardy tossed in 10 points. La'Niah Thornton had the hot hand from 3-point land hitting three shots in the first half.



CAREER SCORING LEADER - Dawson senior Kennedy Ford recently soared past the career 1,000-point mark to be the only Dawson Lady Eagle to score more than that many points in her high school career.

Lady Eagles show marked improvement this season

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Dawson was 15-19 last season under head coach Sharee Griffin, but the Lady Eagles have already shown early improvement this year with a 10-8 record.

The Lady Eagles return two starters back in Kennedy Ford, Dawson's all-time leading scorer, and Sarah Allison.

Joining these players include lettermen Ziara James, Kennedy Smith, and Miracle Gibson with Kendall Ford added to the lineup.

"I see that our team will have strong guard play on offense, and we will have good size in the paint," Griffin said. "Defensively, we should be quick and athletic and transfer that size in the paint on defense as well."

Pearland is an overwhelming favorite to capture the District

23-6A title after coming within one game of advancing to the 6A state tournament last season. Shadow Creek, Dawson, and Alief Taylor are the other teams that should advance to the post-season while Hastings, Alvin, and Elsie will be the lower tier teams.

Dawson recently faced the Dickinson Lady Gators and were edged 48-47 in the non-district contest.

The Lady Gators barely took the opening quarter 13-12 but got a cushion in the second period 17-5 for a 28-17 lead at intermission.

Dawson continued to battle as Dickinson was able to take the third quarter 12-11 leaving the Lady Gators with a 40-28 lead going into the final stanza.

The Lady Eagles weren't going down easy and fought back in the fourth period 19-8 only to come up a point shy 48-47 at the end of the game.

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

Life isn't a dress rehearsal

I love to listen to jazz music. Not the traditional New Orleans jazz, but the new age, contemporary smooth jazz that has a modern fusion of many kinds of sounds and instruments. Some traditional and some modern sounds that will uplift you during the day.

I recently bought three CDs by Mars Lasar and Paul Hardcastle and they present some amazing sounds of beauty and total ambiance for relaxation.

One of the songs that Hardcastle presents is entitled, "Life isn't a dress rehearsal."

He reminds us through his music that life is real and you can't afford to treat life lightly. Life is short and it is quickly passing us by.

I was recently thinking about my time in south India where I have been a dozen times. I have walked along the sand on the bank of the Indian Ocean. It is one of the most beautiful spectacles you will ever see.

It was almost dark, and I was walking along the edge of the water, playing a little game of dodge-em with the waves. As I looked back, I noticed the long trail of footprints I'd left behind me.

I said, "Hey, I'm making a mark." Well, I had a distant jetty in my eyesight; that was going to be my goal. So, I walked that far, turned around and came back. I looked for

that bold trail of footprints in the sand. Of course, there were no footprints. They were gone. I thought about that Hollywood theatre where celebrities put their hands and footprints in cement instead of sand. Maybe that's what I should try if I want my mark to last.

So many of our efforts are poured into, well, things that are like prints in the sand. A man or woman rises to a top position in their company, and everyone's looking to them, and they've got power, and they've got influence, and they've got importance. And then they retire or they're replaced. You know what - it's amazing how quickly that hole closes up. It takes about one day to change the name on the door. And the waves come in and wipe out all the years of footprints.

Or an athlete breaks a record, only to see someone else's wave to come in and wipe it out. Awards, titles, victories, great speeches, recognition, things we work so hard, sacrifice so much for. But those things come, and they go. The marks that last are not your achievements, but the people you touch.

Your children - they're wet cement. Don't be so busy making your mark at work that you don't give them your full attention. The people you teach, the people you manage, they are wet cement. You're marking them with your influence.

Old friend Robert said, "Put your prints in cement, where they'll last, not in sand where they will disappear."

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Pearland comes up short against Clear Creek 47-39

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Oilers have begun the 2022-2023 basketball season and head coach Steve Buckelew finds himself in a position he has never been in with his team to begin the season.

"This is the first time in 28 years that I have had a totally inexperienced group with no varsity experience," Buckelew said. "All of my guys played freshman or JV level last year. This is the youngest team I've ever coached in my 28 years at Pearland."

That could be why Pearland has a 4-10 non-district record to begin this season.

Buckelew remains optimistic at the potential for his team despite the inexperience.

"Despite the inexperience, we potentially should have a good offense and we are very athletic on the defensive side," Buckelew said. "We have some size and should be aggressive defensively."

The Oilers have some challenges rebounding as the game is moving very fast for some of the players and that's what they will have to get better as the season progresses.

It looks like Buckelew will look to Pat Bridges, Ezenna Ibe, Jason Obawemimo,

Kaige Miller, and Ryan Spears as his players to provide early leadership for the team.

Buckelew remains optimistic because he knows that hard work and discipline will sooner or later get his team to be very competitive when district begins.

Dawson is the team to beat this year while Shadow Creek, Strake Jesuit, and Pearland are projected to advance to the post-season leaving Taylor, Hastings, and Elsie as the bottom tier teams.

Recently the Oilers faced the Clear Creek Wildcats and dropped a 47-39 non-district contest.

Clear Creek jumped out early for a 20-12 first quarter lead, but the two teams battled in the second quarter with the 'Cats taking the frame 9-8 and a 29-20 half-time lead.

The Oilers came out strong in the second half to take the third quarter 14-6 to cut the

lead to 35-34 entering the final quarter.

Clear Creek was able to move past Pearland 12-5 down the stretch for the 47-39 win.

Pearland was led on offense by junior Julian Valentine who scored 12 points while Ibe tossed in eight and Luke Stano score seven points.

The Oilers were 1-for-7 from 3-point range and 10-of-20 from the charity stripe.



COACH BUCKELEW

LEGALS

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., a regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Pearland, Counties of Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend, Texas, will conduct Public Hearing in the Council Chambers at Pearland City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas, for the following cases:

ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 22-22: A request by Hankins Development, represented by Garrett Carter, applicant, on behalf of Anthony Giuliani, owner, to allow a variance, as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, for a reduction in the required parking for a General Retail Store use in the Neighborhood Service (NS) District (Section 4.2.1.2), to wit:

Legal Description: A 1.12-acre tract of land (48,978 square feet), being out of and a part of 9.6135 acres of land, said 9.6135 acre tract being out of and a part of Lot 76, George W. Jenkin Subdivision of the lower one-fourth, (1/4), of the W.D.C. Hall Survey, Abstract No. 70, Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 79, Page 616, of the Office of the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas, said 9.6135 acre tract of land being that certain tract of land as conveyed to Gary Martin Maynor and wife, Cecelia Maynor, by instrument recorded in document CF No. 2001045201 of the Office of the County Clerk of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: 3205 Dixie Farm Road.

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

Patrick Bauer
Planner I

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

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Pearland, in Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, **January 3, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581; and that the City Council of the City of Pearland will hold a public hearing and first Ordinance adoption consideration on Monday, **January 23, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581, for the following cases:

1. Zone Change Application No. ZONE 22-30: A request by Nolan Tiersch, applicant, on behalf of Welcome Real Estate Services, LLC., owner, for approval of a zone change from Spectrum-3 (S-3) District to Planned Development (PD) District, incorporating approximately 16.92 acres of land into the existing LNR Clear Lake Planned Development, to wit:

Legal Description: Tract (1): 11.0244 acres (480,224 square feet) of land, being a portion of Lots 59, 59 1/2, 60 and 60 1/2 in Block K of the Allison Richey Gulf Coast Homes Subdivision, as recorded in Volume 3, Page 40, in the Harris County Maps Records, and located in the James Hamilton Survey, Abstract No. 876, Harris County, Texas. **Tract (2):** 5.9012 acres (257,055 square feet) of land, being a portion of Lots 59 and 60 in Block K of the Allison Richey Gulf Coast Homes Subdivision, as recorded in Volume No. 3, Page No. 40, in Harris County Maps Records, and located in the James Hamilton Survey, Abstract No. 876, Harris County, Texas.

General Location: Northwest Quadrant of Kirby Drive and Fruge Road.

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

Mohamed A. Bireima, AICP
Senior Planner

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Notice Of Constable Sale

Cause Number: 85374-CV**

(See Notes Below)

James Brawner Constable Precinct 4

Under the authority and by virtue of an Order of Sale dated and issued pursuant to the judgment of the 239th Judicial District Court Brazoria County, Texas by the clerk of said courts as shown in the following schedule of cases, and to me directed and delivered as Constable in Brazoria County, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in January, the same being January 3rd, 2023, at 111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of the defendant(s) in the real property as described below in order to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties, costs, and further costs of executing this writ.

Whereas on the 24th day of January, 2017, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, , recovered a judgment in the 239th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against, Orlando Loeza for the sum of two thousand eight hundred thirty-one and 93/100 dollars (\$2,831.93) as the total amount due on the assessment account of the Property that is secured by the Plaintiff's lien on the Property as of the date the Motion for Default was filed; its reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of three thousand one hundred twenty-six and 69/100 dollars (\$3,126.69); that an Order of Sale shall to any sheriff or any constable within the State of Texas, directing the sheriff or constable to seize and sell the Property the same as under execution, in satisfaction of this Final Default Judgment subject to any superior liens provided for the Restrictions or law, if any; and, if the Property cannot be found, or if the proceeds of such sale be insufficient to satisfy the judgment, then to take the money or any balance thereof remaining unpaid, out of any other property of the Defendant, as in the case of ordinary executions. If any surplus remains after the payment of the sums adjudged to be due, it shall be paid to defendant, Orlando Loeza; That, because it become necessary for Plaintiff, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, to obtain a writ of execution and/or an order of sale and have the Property posted for a constable or sheriff's sale in order to collect the amounts awarded in this judgment, defendant, Orlando Loeza, shall pay to Plaintiff, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, additional attorney reasonable fees and costs in the amount of \$1,800.00; costs of court in the amount of five hundred fifty-four and 20/100 dollars (\$554.20) and post-judgment interest at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum on all amounts awarded in this judgment, including attorney fees, from the date this judgment is signed until fully paid; and, whereas, the said judgment is a foreclosure of a Property lien on the following described property, to wit:

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

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

Sale #	Cause Number	Court	Judgment Date	Order Issue Date	Levy Date	Other Account #
	85374-CV**	239th Judicial District Court	1/24/2017	10/21/2022	November 18th, 2022	

Plaintiff: Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association,

VS

Defendant: , Orlando Loeza

Property Description:

Lot 18, in block 1, of Final Plat of Sterling Lakes at Iowa Colony, Section 2, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded at film code No. 2007014717 of the Map Records of Brazoria County, Texas more commonly known as 9814 Opal Rock Drive, Rosharon, Texas 77583 (Property);

For More Information, Contact: Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey PC, Phone: 7137804135

The Minimum Bid Is All Costs Of Suit And Sale. SALE TO BE HELD
3rd day of January, 2023
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$1,098.89
Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
Published In The Pearland Reporter Newspaper
111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515
Terms: Cash, or Cashier's Check.
James Brawner, Constable
Brazoria County Precinct 4
121 North 10th Street
West Columbia , Texas 77486
(979) 345-2115
Additional Terms:
(Real Property being Sold at the Direction of the Plaintiff's Attorney)
(Prospective Bidders or Purchaser's Responsibility to Research or Consult with an Attorney)
(Made Subject to right of redemption (if any) in accordance to law)
(Constable's Commission due upon final Bid amount)

By: 
Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #

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**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2023-01
2023 TANK REHABILITATION PROJECT**

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. 2023-01 - 2023 Tank Rehabilitation Project" 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 **Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. A tour of the facilities will be conducted immediately following the completion of the bid opening.

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.

A bid guarantee in the form of a bidder's bond, certified check or a cashier's check made out to "City of Friendswood" in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the greatest amount bid must accompany each submission. BIDS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE ACCOMPANYING BID GUARANTEE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER. For contracts in excess of \$50,000, payment, performance, and maintenance bonds along with a bid guarantee are required by the City.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546. A tour of the facilities will be conducted immediately following the completion of the bid opening.

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
City of Friendswood

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**PEARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
PEARLAND, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP #23-0124-06
PRIMARY DEPOSITORY SERVICES**

The Pearland Independent School District, Pearland, Texas is soliciting proposals from eligible and qualified financial institutions to provide primary Depository Services. Deadline for proposals will be 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. The District encourages proposals be submitted using the Pearland ISD eBid system. If proposer submits a hard copy these proposals should be delivered to the Pearland ISD, Attention: Moniki Mason, Director of Purchasing, Purchasing Department, 1928 North Main, Pearland, Texas 77581.

Questions regarding the RFP should be directed in writing using the following link <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net/login.aspx>. The award of the Depository Services contract is scheduled for consideration by the Board of Trustees, at its regularly scheduled meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Pearland ISD, Virgil Gant Education Support Center, 1928 North Main, Pearland, Texas 77581.

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Notice Of Constable Sale

Cause Number: 110377-CV

(See Notes Below)

James Brawner Constable Precinct 4

Under the authority and by virtue of an Order of Sale dated and issued pursuant to the judgment of the 149th Judicial District Court Brazoria County, Texas by the clerk of said courts as shown in the following schedule of cases, and to me directed and delivered as Constable in Brazoria County, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in January, the same being January 3rd, 2023, at 111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of the defendant(s) in the real property as described below in order to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties, costs, and further costs of executing this writ.

Whereas on the 28 day of December, 2021, , Lakes Of Savannah North Community Association, , recovered a judgment in the 149th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against, Jacquelyn Thibodeaux for unpaid assessments and charges that accrued on Defendants' assessment account through August 31, 2021 in the amount of Two thousand five hundred Twenty-Five and 52/100 Dollars (\$2,525.52); reasonable and necessary attorney's fees for legal services rendered in the amount of \$2,348.00 and expenses/ costs incurred in the amount of \$911.56, said amounts constituting a continuing lien upon the subject Property running in favor of Plaintiff; Reasonable and necessary attorney's fees anticipated to be rendered in collecting on this Judgment in the amount of One Thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00); interest on all amounts awarded in this Judgment at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from the date of this Judgment until paid in full; an Order of Sale shall issue to any sheriff or constable within the State of Texas to seize and sell-described property, the same being under execution and satisfaction of this Judgment. And if the said property shall sell for more than sufficient to pay off and satisfy said sums of money, then you are hereby directed to pay over the excess to the defendant Jacquelyn Thibodeaux

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

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

Sale #	Cause Number	Court	Judgment Date	Order Issue Date	Levy Date	Other Account #
	110377-CV	149th Judicial District Court	12/28/2021	10/21/2022	November 18th, 2022	

Plaintiff: Lakes Of Savannah North Community Association,

VS

Defendant: , Jacquelyn Thibodeaux

Property Description:

Lot I, in Block 2, of Final Plat LAUREL HEIGHTS AT SAVANNAH SECTION ONE, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded under Clerk's File No. 2014020056, of the Map Records of Brazoria County, Texas

For More Information, Contact: Holt Tollett P.C., Phone: 7135101000

The Minimum Bid Is All Costs Of Suit And Sale. SALE TO BE HELD
3rd day of January, 2023
Estimated Minimum Bid: \$511.44
Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
Published In The Pearland Reporter Newspaper
111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515
Terms: Cash, or Cashier's Check.
James Brawner, Constable
Brazoria County Precinct 4
121 North 10th Street
West Columbia , Texas 77486
(979) 345-2115
Additional Terms:
(Real Property being Sold at the Direction of the Plaintiff's Attorney)
(Prospective Bidders or Purchaser's Responsibility to Research or Consult with an Attorney)
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By: 
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