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Around Town

Thursday, Feb. 2

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.

STATE OF THE COUNTY

County Judge Matt Sebesta and Brazosport College Economics Professor Donald Payne Jr. present the State of the County address at a luncheon hosted by the Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County at the Central Brazoria Business Park, 4005 Technology Drive, Angleton. Fee is \$30 for Alliance members and \$40 for prospective members. Register online at tinyurl.com/AllianceLuncheon.

LIBRARY ADULT CRAFTS

West Pearland Library hosts "Make It Easy," arts and crafts sessions for adults, on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Call 713-436-0995 for information.

Friday, Feb. 3

CHAMBER NETWORKING

Pearland Chamber hosts the First Fridays Networking Event from 2 to 4 p.m. at Watercrest at Shadow Creek, 11745 Broadway St. Admission is free. For information, visit pearlandchamber.org.

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Dawson High School's Ovation Theatre presents the opening show of Roald Dahl's "Matilda The Musical" at 7 p.m. at the campus auditorium, 2050 Cullen Blvd. Tickets are \$7 to \$12 and are available online at ovation584.com.

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Pearland Theatre Guild performs the Dominique Morisseau drama, "Skeleton Crew," at the Pearl Theater, 14803 Park Alameda Drive, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 students and seniors. Seats are reserved. Call 832-459-4674 or visit pearl-theater.com.

Saturday, Feb. 4

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

Dawson High School's Ovation Theatre presents Roald Dahl's "Matilda the Musical" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the campus auditorium, 2050 Cullen Blvd. Tickets are \$7 to \$12 and are available online at ovation584.com.

Sunday, Feb. 5

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

The Pearlland Theatre Guild's 3 p.m. performance of the Morisseau drama, "Skeleton Crew," will be followed by a talkback session with the cast and director at the Pearl Theater, 14803 Park Alameda Drive. The play runs through Feb. 11. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 students and seniors. Seats are reserved. Call 832-459-4674 or visit pearl-theater.com.

Monday, Feb. 6

BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Pearland Bookworms Book Club meets from 6:30 to 9 p.m. to discuss "Remarkably Bright Creatures" at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. Call 281-652-1677 for more information.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

UNDERSTANDING DYSPLEXIA

A free Parent University session titled "Understanding Dyslexia" will be offered through Alvin ISD through a virtual format beginning at 11:30 a.m. For more information or to register, visit alvinisd.net/parentuniversity.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP

Alvin ISD hosts a monthly school board workshop at noon at the Tommy King Administration Building, 301 E. House St., Alvin. Workshop meetings are held for discussion of agenda items during the next regular meeting. Visit www.alvinisd.net for more information.

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SILVERLAKE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR

Silverlake Elementary kindergartners celebrated Lunar New Year on Friday, Jan. 20. The students paraded through the hallways with their brightly colored dragon masks to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit.

Grand opening held for new shelter

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

Pearland's new Shari D. Coleman Animal Services and Adoption Center opened with much fanfare Jan. 21, with city officials giving credit to the facility's namesake.

"This building started as a plea from animal services manager Shari Coleman soon after reorganization placed responsibility for her department under the auspices of the police department.

"Shari asked for three things coming into the police department — fair pay for her staff, adequate equipment and facilities to do her job and a permanent home with the police department," Assistant city manager Ron Fraser said.

The animal services department makes a difference, he said, in every family member returned home, every animal rescued from abuse or neglect and every adoption to a home and transfer to rescue programs.

Mayor Kevin Cole recalled working Coleman when he was a council member.

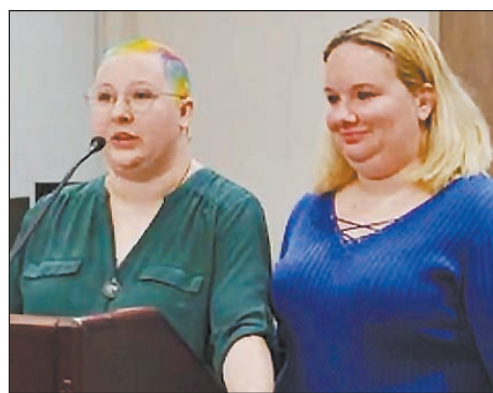
"Her name will forever be associated with this department, this city and this building. It

was her dream and her life to make this happen," he said.

A project of the 2019 bond election, the adoption center, 8311 Freedom Drive, broke ground in 2020 and was completed in 2022

"She started the process to getting us here, and we will see that amazing things happen in her honor."

Animal Services Director John Fischer



Shari Coleman's daughters, Sarah, left, and Erin, speak at the recent dedication ceremony of the city's new Shari D. Coleman Animal Services and Adoption Center.

under its original \$12.9 million budget. It replaced the animal services built in 1997 that had been outgrown.

Housing three times the amount of animals, the new and more centrally located facility includes a vet clinic and surgery area, isolation rooms, training space and play areas where animals can exercise and socialize.

"This upgrade is already generating more adoptions," Animal services manager John Fischer said.

Shortly after the new shelter was approved by voters, Coleman passed away and the council moved quickly to name the facility in her memory.

An animal advocate from a young age, Coleman was described as free-spirited and brilliant by her daughters Sarah and Erin. A Florida native, Shari Coleman spent 17 years as the Pearland Animal Shelter manager.

"She started the process to getting us here, and we will see that amazing things happen in her honor," Fischer said.

The facility is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS:

New vehicle to inspect storm sewers

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

Pearland is adding a high-tech component to its drainage improvement toolbox.

The challenge for maintaining much infrastructure, including drainage, is what is out of sight is often out of mind.

"If you look right outside your house or business, you don't see the storm drain; it's underground," Mayor Kevin Cole said, "so there's no way to know by looking at it if there's a blockage down there."

Unfortunately, he said, the only way to know if drainage systems are blocked or aren't working properly is during a large storm event. City leaders are hoping to change that with the purchase of a vehicle that will

provide video of underground drainage on a 10-year rotating basis.

Using 2023 budgeted drainage funds, a \$247,314 camera van will routinely inspect storm sewers for blockage such as tree roots, silt buildup or other problems.

"This is a key piece of equipment that will be used to inspect and identify issues and direct our works toward repair and maintenance of our storm systems," interim City Manager Trent Epperson said.

The plan is to inspect roughly 30 miles of underground drainage per year, according to Engineering Director Robert Upton. The vehicle will rotate through the entire city on a 10-year basis.

The inspections are expected to begin as

soon as April or May, he said.

The camera van is being purchased from Chastang Ford through a buy board arrangement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

"Now there will be a systematic approach across the community making sure we are looking into these storm drains," Cole said. "We won't get to everything overnight, but we will over time. This street in front of us probably hasn't been looked at since the storm drain was built. Better now than never."

The city set aside more than \$660,000 in the current budget year to improve the city's drainage. In addition to underground inspections, the funds cover ditch-clearing and cleaning of enclosed pipes to improve drainage.

FM 518 expansion inches forward

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

The eventual widening of FM 518 between Highway 288 and Cullen is moving in incremental steps toward an expected 2025 construction.

Land acquisition is still under way, officials said, with the start of construction still roughly two years away. Pearland city officials took their next step in the process Jan. 23, approving a \$541,968 contract for design of utility relocations.

The complex task of relocating the city's water and sewer utilities out of the path of construction will be planned by Houston-based civil engineering firm CobbFendley & Associates, the same company contracted by the Texas Department of Transportation for design of the expanded roadway.

"It will take about a year to design the utility relocations," interim City Manager Trent Epperson said.

After that, the city will create an advance

funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to outline cost responsibilities between city and state. The state will bid the construction project of utility relocation so that the many components of the 518 expansion can be incorporated efficiently.

"We minimize any conflicts during construction," Epperson told city council Jan. 23.

The long-discussed widening and reconstruction of FM 518, or Broadway Street, will take the city's main east-west corridor from a four-lane roadway to six lanes, with a raised median for approximately six miles. Outside pedestrian sidewalks and a curb and gutter drainage system also are planned, according to TxDOT.

The expansion of Broadway to Cullen, known as the Phase I West Segment, is the first of a two-phase plan.

A second phase, known as the East Segment, would widen Broadway from Cullen to Highway 35. A timeline for the second phase has not been set.

BOARD RECOGNITION LUNCHEON



Pearland ISD School Board President, Sean Murphy gets a firsthand look at the Turner College and Career High School Culinary kitchen. School board members were invited to have lunch and explore the kitchen on Friday, Jan. 27, to celebrate National School Board Month.

AREA BRIEFS

Fruit tree sale begins Feb. 4

Brazoria County Master Gardeners are hosting an online Fruit and Citrus Tree Sale on Feb. 4 and 5. Pickup dates are Feb. 10 and 11 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds, 901 South Downing, Angleton.

More than 1,600 plants will be available, including oranges, satsuma, apples, pear, peach, lime and lemon as well as select avocado, blueberry, blackberry, fig, olive and plum producing. Pick-up times will be provided at the time of sale.

More information and a full list will be available at txmg.org/brazoria.

The Master Gardeners offer a speaker's bureau for gardening presentations and offer recommendations on gardens, lawn and trees. For more information, call 979-864-1393 or email Kimberly.mayer@ag.tamu.edu.



"History in Bricks" will be on display at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar in Angleton, beginning Feb. 18.

Bricks exhibit opens Feb. 18

An intricate Lego exhibit titled "History in Bricks" will be on display at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar in Angleton, beginning Feb. 18.

Through a partnership with the Brazos Brick Club, the exhibit features historic replicas created by Lego artists from across the state.

Exhibits include the USS Texas, Alamo battlegrounds, San Jacinto Monument, a 1935 mock of downtown Angleton, a NASA station and zoo with a working aquarium.

A Family Fun Day will kick off the displays, with interactive programs for all ages including a hands-on Creation Station sponsored by the Houston Brick Club. Children are also invited to enjoy face-painting, entertainers such as Razmataz, costumed characters and more.

The exhibit will remain on display through May 12. Admission is free to the exhibit and kick-off event.

For more information, call 979-864-1208.

Junior gardening event scheduled

Texas A&M AgriLife will hold an online Junior Master Gardener training conference on Feb. 21-22, incurring teachers and community leaders on how to develop a youth gardening program at their school or community. The program will be presented in the Zoom format from noon to 5 p.m. on Feb. 21 and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Feb. 22.

For details, session overviews and registration, visit tinyurl.com/JuniorGardener. Cost is \$65 per person. Registered attendees will receive an individual registration link to enter the conference.

"This year's virtual national leader training will be a dynamic and interactive training conference," said Lisa Whittlesey, AgriLife Extension program specialist and JMG program coordinator.

Taught will be best practices for youth programs, how to involve local Extension offices in addition to schools, after-school programs and clubs, in addition to generating funding to support programs through partnerships. Fourteen continuing education units will be awarded to those completing the course by the Texas Education Agency through AgriLife Extension.

At 4 p.m. on Feb. 15, a separate virtual get-ready training will be conducted so participants may check their connection and ensure they will be able to hear and see the events at the conference. A link to this Zoom training session will be sent in a Feb. 13 email along with conference portal password information.

"It may be helpful to download the Zoom app to your digital device," Whittlesey said. "There also may be designated times during conference activities that you are able to unmute and speak, and for this you will need a microphone. However, a microphone is not required to successfully participate in the conference."



Ewan Rudolph won a \$500 purchase certificate toward a beef or dairy heifer for a 4-H or FFA project for exhibition at next year's Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo.

Local youth scrambles at stock show

Ewan Rudolph, a member of Shadow Creek FFA, caught a calf during the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Calf Scramble Jan. 14, earning a \$500 purchase certificate for a show heifer and the chance for up to \$16,000 in scholarship awards. Rudolph's father is Patrick Rudolph of Pearland. His award was sponsored by Meta Alice Keith Bratten Foundation. Ewan Rudolph will use the purchase certificate toward the cost of a heifer that he/she will raise and exhibit at next year's Stock Show.

One of the Stock Show's most iconic and popular events, the Calf Scramble gives 20 students an opportunity to catch 10 calves during one of 23 performances of the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo held Jan. 13 through Feb. 4. Those not catching calves receive a pair of Justin Boots courtesy of the iconic western footwear maker. Justin Boots and Texas Mutual Insurance Company are overall underwriters for the legendary Calf Scramble Program.



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

NOTICING THE BIG THING

"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers."

— Acts 9:31

This is one of those interesting passages from the Bible. It seems like it could be from just about any part of the second half of the New Testament... but it comes just after the four gospels and right before the letters of St. Paul. Scholars would suggest the Acts of the Apostles was penned by the gospel writer Luke... and they have good cause as Luke was a secondhand witness to those who walked with Jesus... and as one re-telling the story he is giving an update so to speak... and we all like updates as each day's news comes at us faster than the speed of sound!

It's Luke's 'breaking news' right after Saul of Tarsus stumbled into Jesus on the road to Damascus rounding up Christians to be killed for blasphemy or whatever other charges they'd find. God always seems to have a way to garner our attention and that was Saul's new reality...

So... Saul got converted big time! And... rather getting a glowing face like Moses did after coming down the mountain with the 10 Commandments... Saul lost his sight from the immense brightness Jesus projected. NOTE: *Jesus continues to shine brightly in our world in many ways... as some notice while others seem too blind to see.* It was a temporary loss of sight and in regaining his ability to see ... Saul/Paul (actually the same name ... one in Aramaic and the other Greek) gained a new insight about life and following his encounter with Jesus face to face... everything changed... so much so that those paying him to round up the Christians now wanted him dead.

So... this one verse from Acts 9... is what was happening to the early followers of Jesus as Paul was able to get away from his detractors and take the message of Jesus beyond Damascus...

But... here's the thing... the big thing to be noticed... as these words are not about St. Paul... rather they are words about God and the people who were embracing this message from God and taking part in a new way of living... as they had a 'fear of the Lord'... which means a deep love and respect of God and were encouraged by the Holy Spirit and when they were behaving that way... more and more people

wanted to take part.

That's just a fascinating recollection of the earliest days of Christianity...and what strikes me is the one phrase... "they had a fear of the Lord" which for many these days seems difficult to do or at least have any desire to. Faith matters. Every day.

Why would I suggest such a thing? I look around. I try to pay attention to each day's details. And look... I'm not a pessimist by any stretch of the imagination... but when I hear about and see the way so many address life and the hear an equal amount of people complaining about how things are... then I think I have a lot of fans who would suggest... we all could do a little better.

And here's just one example... I saw a video recently of a man handing out \$100 bills at the gas station if the person pumping gas could recite one Bible verse. Just one. The video was filled with blank stares and faces of disinterest... but there was this one woman who shouted back... "John 3:16... for God loved me... something like that...oh I don't know" ... and I don't know how you'd answer that \$100 question but it bears witness to what we hold 'important' in our lives and as a result we're getting what we are investing our time and effort in... yet Luke wrote "the people enjoyed a time of peace and were strengthened... as their 'fear of the Lord' made a difference to many!

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/>. Send comments and/or questions to godworks247365@gmail.com.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PEARLAND ISD 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The Pearland Independent School District will conduct a public hearing for the 2021-2022 District Annual Report on February 7, 2023, as part of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Pearland ISD Board of Trustees. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Pearland ISD Virgil Gant Education Support Center located at 1928 North Main Street in Pearland. Texas Education Code §39.306 requires each school district's board of trustees to publish an annual performance report that includes the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR); financial standard report; accreditation status; campus performance objectives; a report on violent or criminal incidents; student performance in postsecondary institutions; and progress toward meeting HB 3 goals.

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SPORTS

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

My cup runneth over

Do you remember when it was all right to fill your cup with coffee - add all the ingredients, then to tip the cup at an angle so the coffee could spill over into the saucer and slurp your coffee?

You say - "I haven't seen that lately." Well, neither have I because that is not a "proper" practice of etiquette in today's society, but how I remember my grandma and grandpa sitting in their small house, playing cribbage and slurping their coffee.

That used to drive me nuts. I'm sure some of you sophisticates would have to be honest to say you remember the same slurping noise when you were growing up.

As I got older and became familiar with the Bible, it caused me to think about the words of the Psalmist in Psalms 23:5 - "My cup runneth over."

How I am reminded of the overflowing blessings of life as I think about the precious gift of children and what they mean to each of us as parents.

Yes -they may slump - slurp or slouch - but they are still blessings that cause our life to overflow with love and gratitude and a new dedication to help them through the slurping years. Who knows? They might even turn out refined, polished and proper like you and me.

Of course, now my four children have presented me with nine precious grandchildren. Shucks! If I had known the grandchildren were so much fun - I would have had them first.

I have been amused to hear my children say, "Dad, I can't believe my kids are getting so big so fast." I told them, "The older you get - the faster time goes by. You had better enjoy every minute you have with them because one of these days they will be grown and gone and you will ask, 'where did all the time go'?"

When I think of my grandparents, I think about these words. Maybe the following will express how I really feel. I'll bet you might say "me too!"

I've never made a fortune.

And I guess it's too late now.

But I don't worry about that much Cause I'm happy anyhow.

As I go through life's journey I'm reapin better than I sowed, I'm drinkin from my saucer, Cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches, And sometimes the going's tough But I got four kids that love me And that makes me rich enough.

So I just thank God for His blessings And the mercy He's bestowed, I'm drinkin from my saucer, Cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when everything went wrong My faith grew kind of thin After while those old dark clouds broke And the sun peaked through again.

So, Lord, help me not to gripe About the tough rows I've hoed I'm drinkin from my saucer Cause my cup has overflowed.

And if God will grant me strength and courage When the way grows steep and rough

I'll not ask for other blessings I've already been blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy To help another bear his load And I'll keep drinkin from my saucer Cause my cup has overflowed.

Old friend Robert said, "I have found that, rather than dwelling on the negative, if we will take a step back and consider the blessings in our lives, including seemingly small, sometimes overlooked blessings, we can find greater happiness."

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Friendswood swimmers crowned district champions

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Once again, the Friendswood boys and girls swimmers have shown their dominance over the other District 18-5A teams after running away with the 18-5A swim title.

The Mustangs have 30 swimmers who will advance to the Region V-5A swim meet on February 3-4 at the Don Cook Natatorium in Sugarland. The top six places in each event will advance to the regional meet.

The Class 5A state swim meet will be held on Friday, February 17-Saturday, February 18, 2023, at the Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center on the University of Texas at Austin campus.

The Friendswood girls won the district meet with 223 points followed by Angleton (95), Manvel (76), Galveston Ball (39), La Porte (17), and Texas City (12).

The Friendswood boys won the district meet with 197 points followed by Angleton (110), La Porte (77), Clear Falls (52), Manvel (37), and Texas City (13).

Friendswood's Tony Laurito and KK LeBlanc were named the boys and girls "Swimmer of the Meet" respectively. The girls team "Coach of the Year" award went to FHS head coach Craig Sikkema and the boys team "Coach of the Year" was awarded to Angleton coach Jennifer LaRaia.

Two meet records were broken by FHS swimmer Tony Laurito in the 100-yard Backstroke (49.26) and 200-yard Individual Medley (1:50.25).

Relay results were:

Girls 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - KK LeBlanc, Peyton Becker, Andi Jeanes, Lauren Tillman (2nd) Manvel, (3rd) Galveston Ball, (4th) La Porte

Girls 200-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Andi Jeanes, Peyton Becker, Lauren Tillman, KK LeBlanc (2nd) Angleton, (3rd) Manvel, (4th) Galveston Ball, (5th) Texas City, (6th) La Porte

Girls 400-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Edi Jakob, Paige McCray, Lauren Tillman, Andi Jeanes (2nd) Angleton, (3rd) Manvel

Boys 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - Tony Laurito, Nick Hardt, Marshall Odom, Talon Welch (2nd) LaPorte, (3rd) Angleton, (4th) Galveston Ball, (5th) Manvel, (6th) Texas City

Boys 200-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Nathan Henderson, Chayton Budzik, Andrew Rubio, Joshua Sakahara (2nd) Galveston Ball, (3rd) La Porte, (4th) Angleton, (5th) Manvel, (6th) Texas City

Boys 400-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Nick Hardt, Talon Welch, Tony Laurito, Marshall Odom (2nd) Angleton (3rd) La Porte, (4th) Manvel

Individual places for FHS:

Girls 200 Free: Paige McCray (1st), Alex Linden (2nd), Olivia Esbeck (3rd)

Boys 200 Free: Paul Podrebarac (2nd), Talon Welch (3rd), Hayden Holcomb (4th), Nathan Jennings (5th)

Girls 200 Individual Medley: Peyton

Becker (1st), Edi Jakob (3rd), Erin Voelker (4th), Brooke Hubenak (5th)

Boys 200 Individual Medley: Tony Laurito (1st), Nick Hardt (2nd), Chayton Budzik (5th)

Girls 50 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Lauren Tillman (2nd), Lacey Drouet (5th)

Boys 50 Free: Marshall Odom (1st), Joshua Sakahara (5th), Nathaniel Henderson (6th)

Girls 100 Butterfly: Andi Jeanes (2nd), Genevieve Ringo (4th), Emmie Ratcliff (5th)

Boys 100 Butterfly: Marshall Odom (1st), Lane Jordan (2nd)

Girls 100 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Hallie Ratcliff (4th), Julia Rupp (5th)

Boys 100 Free: Joshua Sakahara (4th), Nathan Henderson (5th)

Girls 500 Free: Paige McCray (1st), Alex Linden (2nd), Edi Jakob (3rd), Peyton Robbins (6th)

Boys' 500 Free: Paul Podrebarac (2nd), Nathan Jennings (3rd), Austin Madeksho (5th)

Girls 100 Backstroke: Oliva Esbeck (3rd), Hallie Ratcliff (4th), Julia Rupp (5th), Emmie Ratcliff (6)

Boys 100 Backstroke: Tony Laurito (1st), Talon Welch (2nd), Lane Jordan (3rd)

Girls 100 Breaststroke: Peyton Becker (1st), Erin Voelker (3rd), Brooke Hubenak (5th), Genevieve Ringo (6th)

Boys 100 Breaststroke: Nick Hardt (1st), Chayton Budzik (3rd)

Boys Diving: Grayson Wells

Pearland runs past Alief Elsik 53-31

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The battle in District 23-6A is a little half over and the Oilers are trying to stay in play-off contention, but youth and inexperience seems to be the biggest hurdle for head coach Steve Buckelew and his hardcourt warriors.

No one can criticize the effort that Pearland gives in each game, but the inexperience seems to always affect the outcome of the game.

However, Pearland gave a supreme effort against the Alief Elsik Rams and came away with a hard-fought 53-31 district win to improve to 4-5 in league play.

There are four other teams that are present-

ly in front of Pearland that includes Dawson (8-1), Strake Jesuit (7-2), Alief Taylor (7-2), and Shadow Creek (7-2).

With five games remaining in district - the Oilers will almost need to win out to extend their season so they still control their own destiny.

Against Elsik, the Oilers used a suffocating defense to open the game and limited the Rams to a field goal and two free throws (4 points) while posting 10 points for a 10-4 Pearland lead.

Pearland carried the momentum into the second quarter as junior Julian Valentine hit a 3-pointer and a pair of soft jumpers for seven points to lead the Oilers to a 13-8 second

quarter which was good for a 23-12 lead at intermission.

Sophomore Ryan Spears led the way in the third quarter with five points (treys and basket) as the Oilers extended their lead to 11-9 and 34-21 to begin the final period.

The strong and aggressive defense continued as the Oilers limited the Rams to 10 points that included just one field goal while Valentine caught fire on offense with eight points to lead the offense that tallied 19 more points to finish off the Rams 53-31.

Valentine was the game's high scorer with 19 points followed by junior Kavion Rogers who scored 10 and senior Luke Stano who finished with nine points.

No. 8 Lady Oiler roundballers remain undefeated in district

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The No. 8 state-ranked Pearland Lady Oilers were tested last week by district rival Shadow Creek for the second time this season.

In the first round, the two teams ended their game in regulation tied forcing an overtime period which was won by Pearland.

The two teams faced one another last week in the second round of league play and when the final buzzer sounded, the two teams were locked in a tie forcing another overtime encounter.

The Lady Sharks took advantage of Pearland's second quarter coldness on offense to close the gap with a 10-6 run to make the score 26-20 at intermission.

Shadow Creek continued to chip away at the Pearland lead with a 9-8 third quarter while McDonald's All-American nominee senior RyLee Grays was held to two free throws and the Lady Oilers were held to a single basket while going 6-for-6 from the free throw line.

Pearland led 34-29 heading into the final period.

Shadow Creek went on 9-2 run to take its first lead of the game at 41-40 with 1:30 left. A 3-point play by Kameryn Phillips secured that lead for the Lady Sharks.

Nyla Price canned a long-range 3-pointer for the Lady Sharks giving them a 44-42

advantage with 23.8 seconds left in regulation, and an upset appeared in the making.

However, Grays made two free throws with 13.5 seconds left to tie the game at 44-44 to force overtime.

Grays hit a free throw 35 seconds into the



Photo by Dr David Davis
Pearland girls coach Jere Adams encourages her team during a timeout against Shadow Creek. The Lady Oilers beat the Lady Sharks 49-45 in overtime to remain undefeated in district with a 9-0 mark. Pearland is currently ranked No.8 in the state with a 27-3 overall record.

extra period which gave the Lady Oilers the lead for good at 45-44.

From a spread offense, Pearland was able to produce layups from junior guard Nyah Hardy

and senior Janae Tucker for a 49-44 cushion with 1:10 left.

Pearland's senior Paige Bonner, came up with two clutch steals to stymie Shadow Creek in OT.

With no free throws in the first half, Pearland took advantage of cold shooting from the field to make 13-of-16 shots from the charity stripe.

Grays led the way hitting 9-of-12 of those while finishing the game with 15 points.

"RyLee only had four points early, but she got hot at the end," Shadow Creek coach Latoya Micheaux said. "Our foul trouble and our turnovers got us in a bind, but my girls played very hard."

"Nyla Price hit some long, downtown threes that kept us in the game. Pearland is a great team, led by a great coach, and of course, when you have someone like RyLee inside, she's a beast."

Price and Phillips were the two offensive threats for Shadow Creek as Prince hit five 3-pointers and a basket for 17 points while Phillips scored 17 points with six baskets and 5-of-7 from the free throw line.

Pearland (27-3, 9-0) and Shadow Creek (19-12, 6-3) have punched their tickets to the post-season while the Lady Oilers have clinched the District 23-6A title and the No. 1 seed entering the playoffs.

SPORTS



Friendswood head coach Robert Koopmann and son Kale (center), were present for the Sportsmanship Award by the Touchdown Club of Houston. The Mustangs won the award in 2013 and finished in third place in 2015. Friendswood was a finalist for the award for the sixth time in the past ten years.

Area high schools named finalist for Sportsmanship Award

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

For the sixth time in the past ten years, the Friendswood Mustangs were selected as a finalist for the Sportsmanship Award by the Touchdown Club of Houston.

Joining them this year was Pearland, Shadow Creek, and Manvel from our area schools which is a great honor and tribute to the players and coaching staffs for each school.

The gala was presented by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The event was held on Thursday, January 26 at noon at the Bayou City Event Center.

Schools selected for the Comerica Bank High School Sportsmanship Award Luncheon are based upon voting by the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO), Houston Football Officials chapter, for the 2022 high school football season. Schools are selected based on the ratings that the TASO officials (the referees who call each high school football game) send to the Club's accountant during each football

season.

The following schools were named finalists for this distinguished award.

Class 5A: Angleton, Crosby, Dayton, Friendswood, Fort Bend Kempner, La Porte, Baytown Lee, Magnolia, Manvel, Northside, Sharpstown, Sterling (HISD), Rosenberg Terry, Waltrip, and Willowridge.

Class 6A: College Park, Cypress Park, Cypress Ridge, Cypress Woods, George Ranch, Grand Oaks, Katy, Memorial, Oak Ridge, Pearland, Shadow Creek, Spring Woods, Stratford, Summer Creek, and The Woodlands.

This year's winners were:

Class 6A
First place-Stratford; **Second place-Shadow Creek;** and Third place- College Park, Cypress Ridge and Grand Oaks (three-way tie for third place).

Class 5A
First place-Northside; Second place-Sharpstown; and Third place-Angleton.

Friendswood won this award in 2013 and placed third in 2015.

Lady Lions edge Lady Eagles 37-35 in district contest

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

As the basketball season winds down, the Dawson Lady Eagles are still on the bubble to make the playoffs.

Pearland, Shadow Creek, Alief Hastings and Alief Taylor look to be the frontrunners this year with Dawson sitting in the fifth spot in the district standings.

Unfortunately, Dawson (16-16, 5-5) must face Pearland and Shadow Creek in the final two district games which will make it difficult for them to extend their season. But there is still that chance for the Lady Eagles.

Dawson's playoff chances took a step back in their game against Alief Taylor in the close 37-35 loss.

Despite Dawson (16-16, 5-5) making only three field goals in the second half and the Lady Eagles' 2-for-10 free throw production in the final two quarters, Dawson was still in contention to pull out a late-game victory.

"You're not going to beat a team like that going 9 of 21 from the free-throw line," Dawson head coach Sharee Griffin said.

"We couldn't make a basket, and then when we did get inside and draw a foul, we couldn't make a free throw."

Dawson was 7-for-11 from the charity stripe in the first half.

Taylor jumped out to an 8-1 lead with Gray scoring all of those points, including a long-range trey.

The Lady Eagles battled back by getting Taylor to foul repeatedly, putting the Lady Eagles in the double-bonus in the first quarter.

Dawson built its biggest lead at 21-14 after a layup from Kendall Ford, who scored nine points in the second quarter.

However, the second half belonged to the Lady Lions, who outscored Dawson, 9-2, in the third quarter. Taylor never trailed after taking a 29-27 lead.

The Lady Eagles had no answer in stopping Nataliyah Gray who scored a game-high 25 points for the Lady Lions.

Taylor senior Crystal Nwoke converted an offensive rebound into a 35-29 lead with 3:53 showing before sophomore guard Madison Bush-Lewis scored on an errant Dawson inbound pass with 1:09 left for a 37-33 score.

Dawson freshman Kendall Ford and senior Ziara James each made one of two free throws, the last with 42 seconds remaining, for a 37-35 final score.



Dawson senior Ziara James launches a shot against Alief Taylor. James scored eight points in the 37-35 district loss to the Lady Lions.

Shadow Creek girls edge Hastings 38-26

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

In a very low scoring game between Shadow Creek and Alief Hastings, the Lady Sharks emerged with a 38-26 district win to stay in contention for a place in the post-season.

Shadow Creek improved to 19-12 overall and 6-3 in league action which places them in second place behind league-leading Pearland (9-0). Hastings is now 21-9 overall and 6-4 in district which puts them in third place and secures their place in the playoffs.

Neither team was effective on offense as Shadow Creek

took the opening period 9-8 as five Lady Sharks scored a field goal with Peyton Holmes hitting a 3-pointer.

Junior guard Melinda Winston had the hot hand for the Lady Bears as she scored seven of the eight points.

The second quarter proved to be just as ineffective as Shadow Creek scored only one field goal while hitting 5-of-9 free throws for seven points.

Hastings managed to hit only 3-of-4 free throws for three points giving the Lady Sharks a 16-11 lead at intermission.

Hastings closed the gap in the third quarter 9-8 making the score 24-20.

The offense for Shadow Creek got better in the final period as the Lady Sharks closed out the contest 14-6 to post the 38-26 final score.

Shadow Creek was 6-of-16 from the free throw line while hitting four baskets.

Winston closed out the game for Hastings with a pair of 3-pointers to give her a team-high 13 points.

Kameryn Phillips led the Lady Sharks on offense with a game-high 14 points. Phillips was 6-of-9 from the charity stripe.

Shadow Creek was only 11-for-30 from the free throw line.



Photo by Michael McManus
GAME-HIGH SCORER - Shadow Creek senior Kameryn Phillips score 14 points in the 38-26 district win over the Alief Hastings Lady Bears. The Lady Sharks have punched their ticket to the post-season with a game remaining in district action.

Featherfest registration begins

Registration has opened for the 2023 Featherfest, the Birding and Nature Photography Festival in Galveston.

The popular event is in its 21st year and is held annually in support of wildlife in Galveston County.

FeatherFest is a fun four days of excellent birding and nature photography field trips. Those attending enjoy spring migration on Galveston Island at FeatherFest 2023. The events will happen April 20-23.

Birding field trips, workshops, photography field trips and workshops, and evening social events are planned.

To register, become a sponsor or to get more information, go to www.galvestonfeatherfest.com.

"Vessel Turn-In Program"

Opportunity to Voluntarily Remove
Inoperable, Derelict Vessels

February 6th – February 9th, 2023 - 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Brazoria County has partnered with the Texas General Land Office (GLO), Texas Parks & Wildlife (TP&W), and Brazoria County Fire Fighters Association (BCFFA) to offer county residents the opportunity to remove inoperable and derelict vessels through the "Vessel Turn-In Program."

Designed to provide owners with a voluntary method of disposal, the Texas GLO and TP&W will verify the vessel (boat) will qualify for disposal, BCFFA will sponsor the removal of all fuel, oil, and batteries while Brazoria County will transport vessel to landfill for disposal. Boat must be clear of waste and debris.

You are encouraged to participate if you own a vessel under 26' feet long in need of disposal (longer boats may be accepted on a case by case basis) or know a neighbor who may need assistance. You will be required to bring vessel to one of the two drop off locations.

Brazoria County Drop-Off
Locations:

Brazoria County Precinct 2
Commissioner Ryan Cade
21017 CR 171
Angleton, Texas 77515
(979) 864-1548

Brazoria County Precinct 3
Commissioner Stacy Adams
2467 FM 528
Alvin, Texas 77511
(281) 331-3197

Interested in participating in this program and for further information please contact the GLO between the hours of 8-5 Monday through Friday at (281) 470-6597. Remember this is a four day event.

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Notice Of Constable Sale Order of Sale Cause Number 114243-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, Texas, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in February, the same being February 7th, 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 23 day of May, 2022, Brazoria Cold River Ranch Association, recovered a judgment in the 239th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against, Lily J. Cifuentes for sum of \$4,659.00 as past-due assessments, together with interest and costs; \$2,155.93 as attorney's fees and \$324.76 as court cost; an Order of sale shall issue to any Sheriff or Constable within the state of Texas to seize and sell the above-described real property, the same as under execution and satisfaction of this Judgment; the sheriff or Constable shall take any unpaid balance out of money and / or any other property of Defendant, Lily J. Cifuentes, as in the case of any ordinary execution; if any surplus remains after the payment of all sums adjudged to be due pursuant to this Judgment same shall be paid to Defendant; all costs of Court; post-judgment interest at the rate of 5% per annum on the full amount of the judgment awarded herein from the date hereof until 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.

Cause Number: Court Judgment Date	Style of Case	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	ORDER ISSUE And Levy Date	OTHER REFERENCED NUMBER
114243-CV 239th Judicial District Court Judgment Date 5/23/2022 Sale #	Brazoria Cold River Ranch Association, VS Lily J. Cifuentes	LOT(S) 43, BLOCK 3, COLD RIVER RANCH SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, AS SHOWN BY THE MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 24, PAGE 357, MAP RECORDS OF BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS (the "property")	Date Issued 11/15/2022 Levy Date December 28th, 2022	

For More Information, Contact: Hoover Slovacek LLP Phone: 7139778686

The Minimum Bid Is All Costs Of Suit And Sale.

Estimated Minimum Bid: **\$855.69**

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Terms: Cash, or Cashier's Check

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)

SALE TO BE HELD
7th day of February, 2023
Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515

James Brawner, Constable
Brazoria County Precinct 4
121 North 10th Street
West Columbia, Texas 77486
(979) 345-2115

by: *J. Baker*
Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #

Pearland ISD will be accepting Request for Proposals for its Cyber Insurance coverage. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and questionnaire through the District's eBid System at <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>. Proposal must be submitted by 3:00 p.m., February 23, 2023.

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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposals for Instructional Supplies, Teaching Aids & Printed Material RFP # 23-0629-07 until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2023. 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 FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS NO. 2023-04 CONSULTING SERVICES FOR 2023 WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY IMPACT FEE PROJECT

Request for Qualifications (RFQs) shall be submitted via one (1) paper copy, along with one (1) electronic copy in PDF format on a flash drive. Each flash drive must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match written response identically. Submittal shall be signed by a person having authority to bind the qualified professional in a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with **RFQ NO. 2023-04, CONSULTING SERVICES FOR 2023 WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY IMPACT FEE PROJECT**, and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary, and 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, FEBRUARY 28, 2023**.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all submittals and waive any informality in submittals received. Any contract resulting from this RFQ shall be awarded to the responsible offeror whose qualifications are 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 qualifications.

Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City of Friendswood'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.

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, Texas

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 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 Monday, **February 20, 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, **March 6, 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 22-21: A request by Jennifer Curtis, META Planning & Design LLC., applicant, on behalf of Michael Harrington, owner, for approval of a zone change from Planned Development (PD) District to PD District, replacing the old Promenade Shops Lifestyle Center PD with a proposed mixed-use development consisting of a variety of land uses on approximately 93.443 acres of land, to wit:

Legal Description: Lot A, Block 1 of The Promenade Shops at The Spectrum, a subdivision of 93.443 acres of land in the City of Pearland, Texas, according to the Plat recorded in County Clerk's File No. 610201 in the Map Records of Harris County, Texas.

General Location: Southwest corner of State Highway 288 and Sam Houston Tollway.

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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CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until **2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22, 2023**. All proposals will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join meeting by calling: #281-652-1955; Meeting: 1790#. Access Code: 0971# on that date for:

RFP 0123-03 Home Elevation Construction Services

Proposal forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the following website: <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Vendors are encouraged to return the RFP 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 Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2023**. See proposal 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, proposal documents may be viewed on the site. If further assistance is needed, please email ebids@pearlandtx.gov no later than 5:00 PM Monday, February 13, 2023, and refer to RFP 0123-03. Bid Closing Date: **2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22, 2023**.

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CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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RFP 0123-02 Uniforms for the Fire Department

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, February 8, 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 Monday, February 13, 2023, and refer to RFP 0123-02. Bid Closing Date: **3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22, 2023**.

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Brazoria Master Gardeners to host first tree sale online

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Brazoria County Master Gardeners will host their Annual Citrus and Fruit Tree Sale online Feb. 4 and 5.

Shopping is easy and pickup of plants will be Feb. 10 and 11 from 8 to 11:30 am. at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. Pick up times will be scheduled at the time of sale.

The group is offering over 1,600 plants including oranges, grapefruit, satsuma, apples, pear, peach, lime and lemon, as well as select avocado, blueberry, blackberry, fig, olives, plum and more.

This is the first online citrus and fruit tree sale for the Brazoria County group.

"From the feedback we have received, our customers seem excited to try something new. Going online gives us a chance to address the concerns customers have had in the past, including long lines to purchase trees. We are worried about losing some of our customers who don't use computers but would encourage their children or grandchildren to help them out, make it a family thing," BCMG Linda Erdman said.

Previously, their in person sales had been at the Angleton Fairgrounds. In 2021, the group had to cancel a planned sale due to COVID-19.

Now with an online sale, they feel it will be much easier on the customers as well as allowing them to be able to offer more inventory than in the past. They are offering 66 different varieties of trees including 24 varieties of citrus trees.

"Most of our customers are still trying to replace trees that they lost in the freeze. Last year, we had problems with citrus tree availability and our citrus sold out very quickly," Erdman said.

Possibly a good tip for buyers is to browse the sale site early and determine what trees are wanted. Then go online as soon as the sale opens. Interested shoppers can browse the items now at the store site:

<https://bcmga.square.site>.

At the website <http://txmg.org/brazoria>, shoppers can see a list of the items being sold as well as view a Guide for citrus and fruit trees that includes planting, growing and maintenance information.

Pickup is as easy as the ordering. Buyers will drive through and MGs will load their purchases for them into their vehicles.

Due to the Citrus Greening quarantine, it is illegal to transport citrus trees out of the quarantine area which includes Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris and Montgomery. For more information on this, see FAQs at <http://txmg.org/brazoria>.

BCMGA is all volunteer support group of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service made up of members of the local community.

Among other things, they grow, harvest and donate produce to local food pantries. They are also very involved in their communities and help provide education and support in a variety of ways to Brazoria County gardeners.

Recently, Kimberly Mayer joined the Brazoria County Extension office as Extension Agent for Horticulture. Mayer will work with the BCMG organization. She has a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from Texas A&M University Kingsville and is a Certified Texas Master Gardener. Her passion is growing fruits and vegetables.

She is also the Executive Director for Keep Richwood Beautiful. She runs the day to day operations of the Richwood Community Garden. What they grow at the garden gets donated back to their partner Brazosport Cares and to the local community. In the last two years they have donated over 400 pounds of produce.

She was mentored in the Fall by Galveston County Extension Agent Stephen Brueggerhoff. Brueggerhoff had been the former Brazoria County Agent before moving to Galveston County.



Kimberly Mayer is the new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent Horticulture for Brazoria County. She will work with the Brazoria County Master Gardener program as part of her job.