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Around Town

Thursday, Jan. 12 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.

AISD RODEO OPEN HOUSE

The 2023 Alvin ISD Rodeo Open House will be held from 5:30 to 7:30pm on Thursday, Jan. 12 at Liberty Hall at Freedom Field in Iowa Colony. K-12 Art Show, live band, BBW and Rollie's Ice

Friday, Jan. 13 ADULT WRITERS GROUP

Pearland Adult Writers Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. Call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bcls.lib.tx.us for information.

Saturday, Jan. 14

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF Saturday is the last day to drop off a Christmas tree to be recycled for the Brazoria County Dunes Day project taking place Jan. 21. The Stella Roberts Recycling Center is accepting live, nonflocked trees with no tinsel at the entrance gate, 5800 Magnolia Parkway. For more information on tree recycling, call 281-489-2795

FAMILY FUN DAY AT LIBRARY Family Fun Day with video games,

cornhole, board games and more takes place from 3 to 4 p.m. at the West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 713-436-0995.

Sunday, Jan. 15 **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-

OUTDOOR ICE SKATING

Ice at Discovery Green outdoor ice rink in Houston hosts Special Needs Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. for those of all ages using non-motorized wheelchairs or with other special needs to skate free of charge. For more information or tickets visit discoverygreen.com/ice.

Monday, Jan. 16 MLK HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Schools, county and city facilities will be closed for the MLK holiday, reopening on Tuesday, Jan. 17. No curbside trash or recycling collection will take place, but no service changes are set for Tuesday, Thursday or Friday collection

Tuesday, Jan. 17 KARAOKE NIGHT

Karaoke Night at the Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Ave., begins at 5 p.m. in the Activity Room. Membership at the Knapp Center is \$25 per year for Pearland residents and \$50 for non-residents. For information, call 281-652-1890.

Saturday, Jan. 21 COLEMAN CENTER OPENING

Shari D. Coleman Animal Shelter & Adoption Center Grand Opening is slated for Saturday, Jan. 21 from 9am to 11am at 8311 Freedom Dr. in Pearland. Ribbon cutting, guest speakers, adoption event, kids activities,

refreshments and tours. **NOT IN MY CITY**

Unbound Now is hosting Not in My City Jan. 21 as a community outreach program. The event will take place at 1635 E. Broadway St. in Pearland, #113. Register now at https://unboundnow. vomo.org/project/nimcpearland.

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By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

A proposed mixed-use project on Magnolia Parkway would include a trailhead park and "live-work" units, with ground floor commercial and living units above.

Pearland City Council on Monday approved 6-1 the first reading of a zone change that would allow a proposal for the 22acre site fronting Magnolia Parkway to move

Before the council vote, Councilman Alex Kamkar, who cast the lone vote against the needed zone change, added the stipulation that no more than 10 percent of residential units be three-bedroom. "It impacts the school district," Mayor

bedroom portion. Located west of Manvel Road and south of

Kevin Cole said, regarding reducing the three-

Magnolia Parkway, the property is currently

zoned as general business. Plans call for nine buildings, three that will front Magnolia Parkway, along with a pocket park on the western tip of the site. The park would tie into the city's existing trails and provide public access, bike rack, water fountains and park-

"There's been about two years of time and effort put into studying this intersection and finding the right place to do this project, and I think we're finally gotten there," said Travis Donnell, representative for CTC Residential LLC. "It will have positive impacts on the city for years to come."

In addition to the trailhead park and diversity of housing, the city will gain more than \$50 million of value to the tax rolls, he said.

Thus far, traffic on Magnolia Parkway has not been enough to warrant commercial development at that intersection, Donnell

"The traffic count on Broadway is almost 30,000 vehicles per day," he said. "On Magnolia Parkway fronting our site, it's about 10,000. That's why this land has been available as general business for a very long time, yet it is still vacant land." The proposal calls for up to 360 living units

that would house an estimated 550 residents.

Council members' concerns included adequate parking given public access to the trailhead park.

During a public hearing, one person spoke in favor, with no one speaking against.

"I've been here since 1954 and we used to ride horses in that area. It's been important to me to see something great happen on that part of Magnolia," said longtime resident Marilyn Bullard. "This (proposal) is classy. That area can be so dynamite."

A second and final reading of the zone change will be held at a future meeting.

Musical theater

Options abound during high school show season

By N. BRADFORD Reporter News Staff

Three Pearland area high schools are among dozens in the Houston area that are starting off 2023 with colorful musical productions, all opening later this month.

Pearland High School Theatre will open Disney's "Descendants: the Musical" at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, at the campus auditorium, 3775 South Main St. Based on the popular Disney Channel original movies, the musical takes place on the Isle of the Lost, home of infamous villains whose teenaged children are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes.

Tickets are \$7 to \$12 and available at www.pearlandtheatre.com. Performances run through Jan. 28.

At Dawson High, the Ovation Theatre will open its show, Roald Dahl's "Matilda: the Musical" at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, with performances continuing Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 4.

Based on a book that later became a film, the popular show tells the story of a precocious 5-year-old girl with telekinesis who loves reading, overcomes obstacles caused by her family and school, and helps her teacher reclaim her life.

Performances take place at the campus auditorium; 2050 Cullen Blvd. Tickets are \$7 to \$12 and are available online at ovation584.com.

In Alvin ISD, Shadow Creek Ranch High will open its musical, "Once on This Island," at 7 p.m. Jan. 20 at the campus' aptly named Off Broadway Theatre, 11850 Broadway St.

The coming-of-age musical by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty is based on the novel, "My Love, My Love" by Rosa Guy, and tells the story of a peasant girl who falls in love with a rich boy and makes a deal with the gods to save his life. Additional performances are 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Tickets are \$7 to \$10 and can be purchased online at schs.booktix.com.

Outside Pearland, other high schools are opening a variety of musical productions this month. Friendswood High will stage Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" for two weekends beginning Jan. 27 with tickets available at the door. Alvin High's Theatre will present YellowJacket Sondheim's "Into the Woods" for one weekend beginning at 7 p.m. Jan. 27. In Clear Creek ISD, Clear Brook High opens "Ladyship" this Friday, Clear Creek High opens "Big Fish" Jan. 20, Clear Falls stages "Shrek: The Musical" beginning Jan. 26, Clear Lake will stage "Goosebumps: The Musical" Jan. 19 and Clear Springs opens "Oliver!" Jan. 27.



Reporter News Staff

By N. BRADFORD

A more than 10-percent jump in sales tax revenues for the State of Texas in December was mirrored locally, as City of Pearland December sales tax revenues rose 9.9 percent over December 2021, according to data from the Texas Comptroller's office.

From a sales tax perspective, 2022 was good to Pearland. Overall sales tax revenues for the year were up 10.3 percent over 2021.

The majority of Pearland's maximum 8.25 percent sales tax — 6.25 percent — goes to the state of Texas. Still, sales tax makes up approximately 27 percent of the city's general fund revenues. The city in its current year budget is predicting just over \$30 million in sales tax revenue, up 3.75 percent from the prior fiscal year.

Though Pearland has the highest sales tax revenues, 2022 was a good year for the county as a whole. Among Brazoria County cities, the largest year-over-year gain from 2021 to Manvel and nearly 3 percent in Freeport, but up elsewhere in Brazoria County.

"Business spending continued to be the principal driver of growth in sales tax revenue, with rapid growth in receipts from nonretail sectors," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said in a statement released last week. "The mining, construction, wholesale trade, and rental and leasing sectors had doubledigit gains compared with a year ago, and receipts from the manufacturing sector remain robust as well."

Growth in overall receipts from the retail trade sector was more muted, Hegar added, at about the rate of inflation in consumer goods

Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 56 percent of all tax collections, according to the Comptrollers Office.

Rodeo announces full lineup, tickets on sale Thursday

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has released its full concert lineup, which includes rodeo favorite Brooks & Dunn, New Kids on the Block and Machine Gun Kelly. The rodeo is set for Feb. 28 to March 19 at

Houston's NRG Park. Weekday rodeos start at 6:45 p.m. and the star entertainer takes the stage at approximately 9 p.m. Weekend rodeos begin at 3:45 p.m. with the headliner taking the stage at about 6 p.m. Tickets go on sale Jan. 12 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and prices start at \$25 plus a \$4 convenience fee. The full concert lineup is as follows:

Opening night Tuesday, Feb. 28: Parker

McCollum Armed Forces Day Wednesday, March 1: Brooks & Dunn

Thursday, March 2: Lauren Daigle Friday, March 3: Bun B's Southern

Saturday, March 4: Walker Hayes Sunday, March 5: Zac Brown Band

Monday, March 6: Jason Aldean Tuesday, March 7: New Kids on the Block Wednesday, March 8: Jon Pardi Thursday, March 9: Ashley McBryde

Friday, March 10: The Chainsmokers Saturday, March 11: Turnpike Troubadours Go Tejano Day Sunday, March 12: La Fiera de Ojinaga

Monday, March 13: Cody Jinks Wednesday, March 15: Kenny Chesney Thursday, March 16: Chris Stapleton Friday, March 17: Cody Johnson Saturday, March 18: Brad Paisley Sunday, March 19: Luke Bryan Rodeo officials in December approved

commitments of more than \$22.5 million to support Texas youth and educational programs in 2023. Most of the funds will be administered through scholarships. "Our 2023 educational commitment contin-

ues to grow, and we are excited to announce that our total educational commitment since 1932 now exceeds \$575 million," said Chris

Boleman, Rodeo President and CEO. A mobile app titled RodeoHouston is now available with daily schedules, maps and upto-date parking and shuttle information. Park and ride locations for shuttles will be avail-

able at rodeohouston.com/Park-Ride.



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PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

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

• Thursday, Jan. 5 A 50-year-old La Marque woman was arrested a half hour after midnight for assault family violence, 9600 block of Yost Blvd. A warrant arrest was made

just before 1 a.m. at 1200 Dixie Farm Road. Shoplifting was reported at

10 a.m., 8300 block of Country Place Parkway. A welfare check was made

at 11:15 a.m., 2800 block of Wagon Trail Road. Warrant arrests were made

at 14600 block and 16300

block of South Freeway, 6300 block of Cullen Pkwy. and 2555 Cullen Pkwy. Harassment was reported

at noon, 3600 block of Pine Chase Drive. A terroristic threat was reported just before 3 p.m.,

3000 block of Harkey Road. A 24-year-old Houston man was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, 1800 Country Place Pkwy. A 23-year-old Pearland

woman was arrested at 4:43 p.m. for aggravated assault, 12900 Shadow Creek Pkwy. Harassment was reported at 6 p.m., 12300 block of Shadow Creek Pkwy.

Harassment was reported at 6 p.m., 2000 block of Isla

Two instances of handicap parking violations were reported at 6:17 p.m., 11200 block of Broadway. Police responded at 7:10

p.m. to a report of cruelty to livestock, 2200 block of O'Day Road. Theft was reported at 2100

block of Pine Hill Drive.

Two vehicles were reported stolen at 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., in the 2200 block and 2400 block of Business Center Drive.

A death investigation was conducted at 9:20 p.m., 2700 block of Miller Ranch

Theft from a building was

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reported at 9:35 p.m., 10000

block of Broadway St. Assault was reported at 10:11 p.m., 2400 block of

Business Center Drive.

• Friday, Jan. 6

A 26-year-old Pearland man was arrested just after 1 a.m. and charged with having an unlawful weapon, McHard Road. Another 26-year-old Pearland man was arrested at the scene for possession of drug paraphernalia.

A 58-year-old Spring man was arrested at 2 a.m., for assault family violence, 13900 block of South Freeway North.

A woman was arrested for shoplifting at 2 a.m., 12600 block of Broadway St.

man was arrested at 8:41 a.m. for resisting arrest, search or transport, 2550 Pearland Pkwv. Warrant arrests were made

A 34-year-old Houston

at 2100 Old Alvin Road, 1900 Main St., 2600 Yost Blvd., 3943 Broadway St. A 34-year-old Houston

man was arrested for no dri-

ver's license, 1300 Main St. A mental health incident was reported at 2 p.m., 3400 block of E. Walnut St. A Houston man arrested at

1710 Broadway around 4 p.m. was charged with theft. A local woman was arrested around 6 p.m. and charg-

ed with assault at her home on Worthington Drive. A report of harassment was

made at 7:19 p.m., 1600 block of Dixie Hill Court. Vehicle burglaries were

reported at 9 p.m., 2100 block of Rose St. Police responded to a disturbance on Riverside Drive

around 10:20 p.m. where two people were arrested and charged with assault family violence.

• Saturday, Jan. 7

A 22-year-old Houston man was arrested in the 4700 block of Bailey Road around 4:30 a.m. and charged with DWI.

Two people arrested at 1700 Broadway St. around 2 p.m. were both charged with possession of drug para-

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possession of drug paraphernalia at 5:10 a.m., 3900 Dixie Farm Road.

made at 33500 Jasperstone Lane and 1919 Main St.

A report of fraudulent p.m., 1700 block Broadway St.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

January 2 thru January 8

Jan. 6 (4:33 p.m.) A Friendswood woman reported that someone filled out a car loan application at Gillman Chevrolet in San Benito, Texas. The loan application contained the victim's personal identifying information.

FRAUD

NARCOTICS

Jan. 2 (10:38 a.m.) A 28year-old Pearland man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Failure to Drive in a Single Marked Lane. An officer was responding to a report of a reckless driver. The suspect vehicle was located, and a traffic stop was conducted in the 1600 bock of Falcon Ridge Blvd. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana and observed the driver and passenger to have the appearance of being high. A search was conducted, and marijuana was found. The driver was taken into custody; his passenger was given a courtesy ride.

Jan. 3 (12:25 a.m.) A 41year-old Friendswood female was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The suspect was stopped for defective lighting equipment in the 100 block of W. Parkwood Ave. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search was conducted and yielded cocaine.

Jan. 4 (1:55 a.m.) A 30-yearold Friendswood man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The

suspect was stopped for expired registration in the 3500 block of FM 528. During the contact, the man was very nervous and provided information to the officer about his past drug history. He gave the officer consent to the search his vehicle. The search yielded opiate residue.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Jan. 5 (11:35 p.m.) A 21year-old man from Pearland was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. The suspect was observed failing to drive in a single marked lane. He was stopped in the 1500 block of Moore Road. He exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

Jan. 6 (2:03 a.m.) A 24-yearold Alvin woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. The suspect was stopped for failing to drive in a single marked lane in the 1800 block of FM 528. She exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

WEAPONS Jan. 5 (8:17 p.m.) A traffic stop in the 1100 block of S. Friendswood Drive led to a search and a citation issued to the driver for speeding and minor in possession of tobacco products. However, during the search, the driver was in possession of a firearm that had the serial numbers scratched off. Tampering with the identification numbers on a firearm is illegal. The firearm was seized and will be referred

to Federal authorities for investigation.

TRAFFIC

Jan. 6 (7:36 a.m.) A Friendswood woman collided headon with another vehicle in the 600 block of N. Friendswood Drive when she was driving southbound in the northbound lanes. The woman's vehicle sustained significant damage. However, the vehicle that she collided with left the scene without exchanging infor-

mation. Jan. 8 (7:16 p.m.) A 31-yearold Webster man was charged with Driving While License Invalid. The driver was involved in a minor crash in the 1600 block of FM 528. His vehicle left the roadway and crashed through a fence to avoid hitting a deer. While he did not show any signs of intoxication, his driver's license was suspended for a prior DWI.

WARRANTS Jan. 3 (8:05 a.m.) A 23-yearold Houston man was charged with Failure to Identity-Fugitive. The driver was stopped in the 300 block of N. Clear Creek Drive after he was observed driving with a flat left front tire and impeding traffic on E. Parkwood Ave. During the encounter, the suspect refused to identify himself to the police officer and became confrontational. He was detained until his identity was confirmed. Then, he was arrested when the officer discovered that he had outstanding warrants in Harris

County and La Marque.

Friendswood unveils new physical Gift Card in a bid to keep more dollars local

The community of Friendswood in Texas has unveiled its new physical Love Friendswood Gift Card program, in a departure from its previous digital only version.

Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association (FDFA) and Friendswood Chamber of Commerce are backing the new physical Gift Card to keep more dollars local.

The new Love Friendswood Gift Card can be spent with multiple participating businesses in Friendswood. Cards are available to buy online, and in-person from the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce and Align Boutique. Brett Banfield, from the Friends of

Downtown Friendswood Association said, "FDFA's mission is 'cultivating a homegrown vibrancy for our downtown community', having a local gift card program fits within that mission very well. Enticing citizens to shop locally, downtown and throughout our community, will help create vibrancy through shopping and dining at our local establishments. At the same time, it will reinforce the 'small-town feel' of Friendswood. FDFA is thrilled that Friendswood Chamber of Commerce is partnering with us in this endeavor."

Carol Ives Marcantel, President and CEO of Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, added, "The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce is here to promote our businesses and encourage shop local, and the new physical Love Friendswood Gift Card will help us do both. Through the Gift Card, we can encourage collaboration and growth within our community businesses, and strengthen our local economy.' Shanna Kirkpatrick, board member of

FDFA said the new physical Love POSTAL NOTICE

Friendswood Gift Card will be easier for

businesses and customers: "Friendswood is a small community outside of Houston with a 'live here, work here' mentality. Our former Gift Card was challenging to navigate for both the giver and the receiver. Givers printed out a Gift Card certificate that did not look or feel very special. Receivers did not have a list of loca-

A number of shops and restaurants are

the experience. Another business set to accept the new Love Friendswood Gift Card is Luxie Plum

of the Downtown Gift Card concept from payments provider Miconex in association with payments technology solutions provider EML Payments, and is the first program for the operator in Texas. Downtown Gift Card systems run across the US, in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Montana, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, South Dakota and Virginia. Registration begins

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coming back during Spring Break. Due to its popularity, registration has opened now for the learn to fish event. Classes are March 13, 15 and 17.

Three classes will be offered and each will teach the basics of fishing, hook and rod assembly and safety. Children who take the

classes will also enjoy catching fish. Classes are open to ages 6-16. All participants must be accompanied by a parent/guardian throughout

Cost per child per class is \$10 for residents and \$15 for

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A 25-year-old Dickinson

man arrested at 6 p.m. was charged with assault causing bodily injury of a family member, 12400 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A mental health incident

was reported in the 2700

block of Wagon Trail Road.

arrests were made at 1919

Main St.

Three separate shoplifting

An arrest for assault family violence was made at 9:19 p.m., 13695 South Fwv. N.

Warrant arrests were made at 2800 Cullen Parkway. 1600 Broadway and 13800

South Freeway N. • Sunday, Jan. 8

cation was made at 4:15 a.m., 3119 Flower Field A 21-year-old Kingwood

An arrest for public intoxi-

woman arrested at 4:28 a.m. is charged with resisting arrest, search or transport, 2300 block of Shorebrook

assault causing bodily injury-family violence, 3500 block of Stonegate Circle. Warrants were served at

Dixie Farm Road, 2700 block of Reed Road, 2700 block of Kingsley Drive. A death investigation was

3400 block of E. Walnut St. Two accused shoplifters were arrested at 4:32 p.m., 1710 Broadway St.

An assault was reported at 3:21 p.m., 2800 block of S. Sam Houston Parkway East.

A Friendswood woman was arrested for DWI with blood alcohol over .15 at 7 p.m., 3000 Kirby Drive.

rying of a weapon was made at 2 a.m., 11000 Shadow Creek Parkway.

A man arrested at 5:10 a.m. was charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon, 11000 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Shoplifting arrests were

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A local man arrested at 5:23 a.m. is charged with

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conducted at 2:45 p.m.,

A Hospice death occurred at 3:58 p.m., 3400 block of E. Walnut St.

• Monday, Jan. 9

An arrest for unlawful car-

A man was charged with

destruction or removal of writing was made at 12:14

The Original Mobile Game

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12. "Catch-22" pilot 15. "Well done!"

25. Driving drains it **26.** "Norma

> 58. Beam of light 59. Coal carrier

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tions that accepted the card easily and businesses found it tricky to accept."

registered to accept the new Love Friendswood Gift Card, including B1895 Tavern. Owner Megan Jakob said, "B1895 Tavern, previously Brasserie 1895, is a family-owned American Tavern, established in 2016. We were part of the old digital Gift Card and while all opportunities for purchasing Gift Cards are helpful to the business, we found that some customers prefer to give or receive a tangible gift. With the new physical Love Friendswood Gift Card, awe don't lose any of the magic of opening or giving a gift, and this feels important to

Boutique. Owner Caitlin Farias said: The Love Friendswood Gift Card is part

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Mentor Gail Carey with her mentee. January is National Mentoring Month and RISE mentoring is currently looking for mentors

Pearland ISD celebrates National Mentoring Month

January is National Mentoring Month and Pearland ISD is celebrating the annual campaign by inviting community members to become a RISE mentor and make a positive, lasting impact in the life of students.

Currently through RISE Mentoring, Pearland ISD has approximately 450 students from grades K-12 matched with mentors who meet one-on-one each week.

To become a RISE mentor you must complete an application, online background check and register for one of the mentor trainings. Mentor and student matching for the current school year will continue through Feb. 24.

Why Mentor?

Research links mentoring to improved academic, social and economic prospects for young people — in turn, strengthening communities nationwide.

RISE Mentoring volunteers come from diverse backgrounds, but all are united in wanting to offer an ear and

Gail Carey has been a mentor through RISE since 2015. And she's been able to stay with the same student this entire

"RISE Mentoring has proven to me the value of giving a child your undivided attention for just 30 minutes a week. Watching a struggling 5th-grader change from an insecure and very shy student to a confident, happy high school senior who believes in herself makes me very proud to be a RISE Mentor," Gail said. "I never could have imagined that these 30 minutes a week would be so impactful, for her and

How to Become a Mentor

RISE Mentoring training sessions are scheduled January

through the end of February for those interested in volunteering this school year.

All mentors complete an online application, a background check and attend training before being matched with a student for the duration of the school year. Once matched, the mentor meets with the student at his or her campus for 30 minutes a week.

"We're looking for people who care about kids and are committed. You or someone you know may just be that 'one more' person that a student needs," Mandy Benedix, Pearland ISD mentor/volunteer specialist, said.

Below are training dates currently available for those who are interested in becoming a Pearland ISD mentor. All trainings listed will be offered at the Virgil Gant Education Support Center, 1928 N. Main, Pearland, TX. Additional private trainings maybe be scheduled for businesses interested in having more than one employee join RISE Mentoring.

Training dates:

Thurs, Jan. 12: 9-11:45 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 16: 6-8:45 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 23: 4-6:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2: 9-11:45 a.m. Monday, Feb. 6: 9-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15: 6-8:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 23: 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

To learn more about participating in RISE Mentoring, apply to become a mentor and more information, visit www.pearlandisd.org/mentoring mentoring@pearlandisd.org.

Texas Kids Art Contest begins for K-5 students

The 2023 Take Care of Texas Kids Art Contest is underway and students in kindergarten through fifth grade are encouraged to participate. The contest theme this year is Conserving Water and Keeping it Clean.

Sponsors for this year's contest are the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Chemical Council.

The Take Care of Texas Kids Art Contest is a fun and educational way for K-5th students to learn about protecting the environment and to create ways to share this knowledge with others. Students submit their artwork of how they,

along with their friends and family, help conserve water and keep it clean. The students that submit the best art can win prizes.

To enter, students must create a unique piece of artwork portraying the theme of this year's contest: the positive ways people can Take Care of Texas by saving water and/or keeping it clean.

All artists entering the contest need to read the contest

rules before beginning. For more information visit https://takecareoftexas.org/ education/take-care-texas-kids-art-contest.

Pickin' for Play Time music event to benefit Yellow Out Campaign

Pickin' for Play Time will be held Saturday, Jan. 14 from 3 to 9 pm at Holiday Acres Farm, 8919 Mustang Bayou Road in Manvel. The event will benefit The Yellow Out Campaign. The live music event will feature musician Jon Wolfe as well Clay Hollis, Hayden Haddock, and The Slags. The event will also have a live auction and raffle.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. No outside food, drinks, tents, canopies, drugs or weapons will be allowed. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Children 12 and older must purchase a

ticket to attend. There will be VIP reserved seating also. The event lineup begins at 3:15 pm with Clay Hollis performing followed by Hayden Haddock at 4:45 pm. The live auction and raffle is planned for 6:15 pm. The Slags will begin performing at 6:45 p m with Jon Wolfe entertaining at 7:30 pm.

Wolfe has released seven studio albums. Born in Oklahoma, he worked as an oil trader in Chicago and Houston before becoming a country songwriter and performer. He was nominated for Best Country Act in both Houston and Tulsa and opened shows for Merle Haggard, Dwight Yoakam, Asleep at the Wheel and George Strait.

Venue Sponsor is Holiday Acres Tree Farm.

Supporting Sponsors include Karbach Brewing Company, Bayway Chevrolet, Hyo Silver, Queen Bling Boutique, Valiant Investment Properties, State Farm Insurance by Chris Tulloch, Shelton Builders, Inc., and VitaDrip IV Therapy.

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The Yellow Out Campaign focuses much of its efforts and mission around the Spina Bifida community in the Manvel area. Each year their team and board members aim to celebrate Spina Bifida Awareness Month in October and Yellow Out Day, which is hosted by the organization in reflection of World Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Day.

To get tickets follow Yellow Campaign on their Facebook page or go to Event Brite at www.eventbrite.com/e/pickinfor-play-time-2023-benefiting-the-yellow-out-campaigntickets-453535997377.



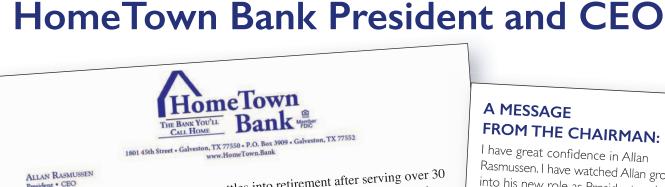
JON WOLFE



Jimmy Rasmussen Prepares for Retirement

.. Allan Rasmussen Named





As my father, Jimmy Rasmussen, settles into retirement after serving over 30 years as President and CEO of HomeTown Bank, it is hard to look towards the future without acknowledging his brilliant career as a community banker

Throughout his career and certainly throughout my lifetime, Jimmy has worn many hats. He's been a coach, a sports fan, an outdoorsman, a boss, a civic leader, a community leader, and an industry leader. He has served as the Chairman of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas, a Class C Director on the Dallas Federal Reserve Board, and he is enshrined in the Texas Community Bankers Hall of Fame. He has reached the pinnacle of his profession with integrity, and has thoroughly and genuinely enjoyed

Although the hats are plentiful, my two favorites are "Dad" and "Poppy." every minute of it. He is my hero, and he should rest easy and welcome retirement with reflection

Looking towards 2023, I am both honored and humbled to serve as President and CEO of HomeTown Bank. This institution has been my "home" for almost 23 years and the people who work here are my "family." We strive to serve every customer and member of our communities and, with your support, a bright future lies ahead!



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I have great confidence in Allan Rasmussen. I have watched Allan grow into his new role as President and CEO since his arrival in 1999, and in those years, have been impressed by his leadership ability and by his genuine commitment to our communities.









FAITH MATTERS

...because everyone believes in something!

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gigee

PLAYING HIDE 'N SEEK WITH GOOD

"If we had forgotten to pray to our God or made fools of ourselves with store-bought gods. Wouldn't God have figured this out? We can't hide things from God."

-Psalm 44:20-21 In my neighborhood many have kept their Christmas lights shining all the way to January 5th... the twelfth day of Christmas... and for a few others they are still on tonight. Thanks for the reminder... "the light has come into the world and the darkness has not overcome it..." Yet... Christmas can be a time when folks get overwhelmed... embracing cultural expectations and trying to end the year well and all... getting only more complicated if the 'to-do' list for 2023 ends up as thick as our old Franklin day-timers! So... take a breath. Relax. Rejoice. Recall God loves

When I was young... my neighborhood was filled with so many children... we could have been the poster boys and poster girls for the 1950's and '60's! We played outside... a lot... engaging in games my grandchildren have never heard of and of those games the one we never tired of playing was 'hide 'n seek'. This always happened at dusk... as it was then the shadows were easier to claim around the cars and shrubs and fences in the yards on both sides of the street... and... whoever saw the streetlights to go on last... was "it." It was a game that lasted forever... it seemed... or until our parents depleted the players one by one calling us home for the night. And while those my age could tell a 'hide 'n seek tale or two... here is news I can share as we walk into 2023... playing 'hide 'n seek' with God is a game none of us will win... at least according to the Psalmist! Yet, there is abundant evidence that many people are... playing games with God, that is... some calling it the "halo effect" ... as in every angel has a halo and it seems when people are asked by a pollster about their worship attendance and religious practices they more than often tell the pollster what the pollster wants to hear vs. what their true behavior and practice reveals ... God will find you wearing a halo or not... for you see the evidence is held up against the reporting of the churches... the halo-adorning populace tell the pollsters they are at worship "regularly" (4 out of 8 Sundays) which is about 50% of the people being in worship often ... but, the churches report that just a little less than 20% of the people are in worship... 2 out of 10 Sundays. While some can try to hide the truth from the pollsters, God will always see past our halo... and what might make matters a bit more discouraging... we all saw worship attendance decrease in the last decade, but it has become worse since the pandemic. And so... like old Martin Luther used to ask... we must ask also... "what does this mean?" Well... it means we're not the 'religious' people we tout ourselves to be and the percentages change only if we do...

As history has pointed out... communities with strong, vibrant, and healthy churches are strong, vibrant and healthy communities! So... here are a few thoughts to initiate some 'town talk' for churches and community leaders to share in...

+ With less than 20% of Americans in worship on Sundays... what's the connection here with cultural anxiety? 'church' build + Only Hawaii is growing its worship numbers compared to US population growth. 1 in 50 states! + Mid-sized USA churches are shrinking. Large & small churches are growing... with congregations 40-190-years old now being in + Church plants are keeping up with only 1/4 of the population and by 2050 US worship attendance will be 1/2 of what it was in 1990... of course that is... if we keep playing hide 'n seek with God! So, let's remind ourselves and the world... our God is not hiding... as Jesus is "God with us!" So, come out, come out wherever you are... to worship the King... Faith matters...

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

Texas Tenors headline UHCL president's investiture concert to raise scholarship funds said. "We've got some classic rock—Queen and Aerosmith, The Texas Tenors, acclaimed for their success as finalists

of "America's Got Talent" in 2009, as well as for their outstanding classical crossover vocals, will perform at a fundraising concert at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Bayou Theater Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Their performance will be the headline event in the investiture of UH-Clear Lake's sixth president, Richard Walker. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales are in support of his new initiative, the President's Excellence Scholarship Fund, which aims to help remove financial barriers for all students.

The classically trained, vocally versatile trio with deep Texas roots is made up of JC Fisher, Marcus Collins and John Hagen. They are the most successful music group in the history of "America's Got Talent" and have released four studio albums, hosted two PBS specials, four DVDs and a children's book that have earned international recognition, including three Emmy Awards.

"We are so honored to be part of this," Collins said. "We love to be part of events like this, so we can help bring awareness to the students, talk about the scholarship fund, and help further the initiative."

Collins said that especially since the event was a fundraiser, the Tenors hoped to pack the house.

"The concert will be really fun, with everything from

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country to classical incorporated into new material," he

as well as some Ed Sheeran's 'Perfect' mixed in with some Italian lyrics with our three-part harmonies. There are definitely some love songs in the show, so bring your sweetheart or your significant other."

With a combination of country, classical, Broadway, pop and classic rock, Collins said that the show would appeal to evervone.

"We always say, anyone from age 3 to 103 will love our show," he said. "We love to get out and engage with the audience the whole show - there's a part in the second half when I come out and sing and dance with people in the crowd. I'm so glad we are able to get that back in the show after the (COVID) separation, because that's my favorite

Collins said the Tenors knew of UHCL's history and partnerships with NASA Johnson Space Center.

"I really think our show's opening is tailor made for UHCL," he said. "We have done a space-themed opening to Queen's 'The Show Must Go On' for (Apollo 7 Astronaut) Walter Cunningham's birthday for some years," he said. "We were so honored to play for him, we created an entire show opening in honor of the space program and astro-

To purchase tickets to the concert, visit https://uhcl.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1377.

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AREA BRIEFS

'State of the County' set Feb. 2

Brazoria County Judge Matt Sebesta and Brazosport College Economics Professor Donald Payne Jr. will be welcomed as speakers Feb. 2 to the annual State of the County luncheon.

Hosted by the Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County, the event takes place at the Central Brazoria Business Park, 4005 Technology Drive, Angleton.

Networking begins at 11 a.m. with lunch and program at 11:30 a.m. Fee is \$30 for Alliance members and \$40 for prospective members. Table sponsorships include eight admissions and are \$500. Register online at tinyurl.com/AllianceLuncheon.

Local rodeo art displayed Jan. 19

Pearland ISD

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Thursday, January 19

Gates Open at 4:30 p.m.

lose at 7:00 p.m.

Western-themed artwork done by Pearland ISD students

in kindergarten through 12th grade will be on exhibit on Thursday, Jan. 19, in the district's Virgil Gant Education Support Center, 1928 North Main

The display will be open from 5 to 7 p.m., and a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo judging committee during the week will review and select artwork to be showcased at the March rodeo. Students

whose work is selected by the rodeo art committee have the opportunity to auction their work and win scholarships.

Opportunities to recycle Christmas trees and lights will

Sites collect trees for Dunes Day

continue into mid-January.

Holiday tree drop-off is available at several locations.

The Stella Roberts Recycling Center is accepting live, non-flocked trees with no tinsel at the entrance gate, 5800 Magnolia Parkway, until Jan. 14. Stands should be removed along with any lights and ornaments. Trees can be placed on a trailer located near the gate and will be used in the Brazoria County Dunes Day project.

Trees for the Dunes Day project can also be dropped off in Manvel at the Brazoria County Precinct 2 work yard, 7315 Corporate Drive, Manvel, from m7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information on tree recycling, call 281-489-2795.

Broken Christmas lights can be dropped off for recycling at the Houston Zoo entrance, 6200 Hermann Park Drive, until Jan. 12. Only string lights will be accepted for recycling; no flood lights, extension cords or light hooks will be accepted. For information, visit houstonzoo.org.

Texas economic forecast released

The Texas Real Estate Research Center has issued an economic forecast for 2023, based on current and market conditions as well as past market trends.

While the federal reserve will continue raising interest rates to combat inflation, success will not likely be reflected completely and immediately, predicts research economist Dr. Adam Perdue.

Should a recession occur, consumer prices would fall faster than otherwise due to a lack of consumer demand related to a loss in consumer income, Perdue says. Inflation could also be pushed higher if supply constraints from China and Europe increase or if volatile energy prices are higher than expected.

In housing, mortgage interest rate's annual average will likely be higher in 2023 than 2022, predicts lead data analyst Josh Roberson. Existing single family run tea price growth will moderate with the potential to turn negative on a year-over-year basis. Texas builders and developers have faced similar supply constraints as the rest of the economy over the last few years. This has led to a backlog of under construction homes that will continue to come to market. Existing-home sales will likely be lower in 2023, as elevated mortgage rates combined with elevated asking prices will

slow sales even as price growth moderates. Research economist Dr. Harold Hunt forecast oil will average between \$80 and \$100 per barrel. A recession, he says, would place downward pressure on prices. In addition, the global response to Russia's war on Ukraine will play a role in the path oil takes, as well as any decision by OPEC.

The full 2023 Texas Economic Forecast is available at

www.recenter.tamu.edu. Golf Club group welcomes lady golfers

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

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

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

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

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

AISD session covers free resources

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

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

For more information or to register, visit <u>alvinisd.net/par-</u> entuniversity.

'Skeleton Crew' opens 2023 at Pearl The Pearland Theatre Guild opens its first production of

the new year on Jan. 27 at the Pearl Theater, 14803 Park Almeda Drive. The play will run through Feb. 11, with 8 p.m. showtimes on Fridays and Saturdays and a 3 p.m. show on Sundays.

A buy one, get one ticket special is Feb. 2, with a 7:30 p.m. curtain time. The Feb. 5 Sunday show will be followed

by a talkback session with the director and cast. For more information, call 832-459-4674 or visit pearl-

To learn more please visit https://bit.ly/VITAVOLUNTEER

SPORTS

Pearland roundballers run past Alvin and Alief Elsik

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

When the 2022-2023 basketball season started, Pearland head coach Steve Buckelew found himself in a position he hasn't been in in 23 years as the Oilers head coach. He found himself entering the season without a returning starter or returning letterman for the varsity basketball team.

Buckelew has won over 800 games in his illustrious career and despite the uphill journey for this season, the veteran coach will find a way to see his hardcourt warriors play to their potential and advance to the post-season.

The Oilers are 2-1 in the early district standings as they have wins over Alief Elsik (52—33) and Alvin while dropping an early league game to Shadow Creek (43-26). Pearland has won their last five games.

Pearland is a pre-season pick to make the playoffs with state-ranked Dawson, Shadow Creek, and Strake Jesuit.

PEARLAND 78 - ALVIN 29

Pearland (9-13, 2-1) unleashed plenty of firepower early and rolled to 78-29 win over the Alvin Yellowjackets (1-20,

Varsity assistant David Koonsen, who was taking the coaching reins in the absence of Buckelew (attending his daughter's wedding), was pleased by what he saw by Pearland's performance.

"We've been talking about three things all year long that we have to do well, which are take care of the ball, rebound and knock shots down," Koonsen said. "I thought we did a good job of that today, and we played with a lot of energy. We know Alvin isn't that big, so we said that when we shoot, let's go get on the boards. The guys played hard and had a lot of fun."

The Oilers jumped out to a 19-3 first quarter lead and never looked back as the hapless Yellowjackets were no match against the hustling Pearland players who were relentless on both ends of the court.

Six Oilers scored in the opening frame led by sophomore Ryan Spears (5 points), senior Kaige Miller (5 points), junior Patrick Bridges (4 points), and junior Julian Valentine (3-pointer).



DRIVING LAYUP - Pearland sophomore Ryan Spears (2) scores on a driving layup against Alvin in the 78-29 district win. The Oilers will travel to Dawson on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7:00 p.m. to face the state-ranked Eagles in a crucial district clash.

Pearland continued the pressure defense to limit Alvin to eight points in the second quarter while reeling off 20 more points for a 39-11 lead at intermission.

The Oilers took the third period 17-13 while Alvin had their best offensive performance with 3 treys.

The final period was a blowout as Pearland pumped in 22 points while holding Alvin to five free throws to pick up the 78-29 district win.

Bridges led the offense with 13 points while five different Oilers tossed in eight points each.

Alvin received strong play from Jacob Herrara and Elijah McKinzie, who finished with 11 and 9 points, respectively.

The Oilers play at No. 8 state-ranked Dawson next Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7:00 p.m. In a rare doubleheader, the Dawson girls will host No. 13 state-ranked Pearland in the first game at 5:30 p.m.

Late rally sends Dawson past Alief Taylor in district clash

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

With only 17 seconds remaining in the game between Dawson and Alief Taylor, things didn't look so good for the Eagles, who are the top-ranked team in the Houston area.

But a lot of things can happen with so little time as Dawson proved against the Lions. Taylor was leading 37-33, with 29 seconds left after a

goaltending call committed by Dawson on Taylor's Jonathan Smith's shot in the lane.

The Lions' fouled Dawson's Devan Brown on a 3-point attempt with 16.9 seconds showing, and the 6-3 freshman made each attempt for a 37-36 score.

Taylor then made an ill-advised inbounds throw, and Dawson's Keshawn Cotton came up with the steal. He threw the ball to Brown, who fed senior guard Jaden Miller under the basket for a 38-37 Eagles lead with 7.9 seconds

The Lions quickly tried to move the ball down court, but

Bailey, who was fouled with eight-tenths of a second left. Bailey made one of two free throws to put the finishing

Terrien Porter lost the ball off his leg with 1.6 seconds left.

Dawson then fired a long inbounds pass to Kendrick

touches on a game which, for the most part, was owned by Taylor.

Dawson won the game 39-37.

"They deserved that game more than we ever deserved it," Dawson head coach Mark Barre said. "They played better than us for 31? minutes. We couldn't make shots, we kept making turnovers, and we couldn't get a rebound."

"You have to play one possession at a time. You can't ever stop coaching, and you can't ever stop playing. You just keep competing because you never know what's going to

Dawson (19-4, 3-0) stays at the top of the 23-6A standings while Taylor fell to 10-10 and 1-1.

Senior Kendrick Bailey led all Dawson scorers with 10 points while senior Jaden Miller tossed in eight points.

The Eagles hit 6-of-23 three-pointers and were 7-of-14

Dawson will host the Pearland Oilers on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in a critical league contest between the

Dawson won another close game against Strake Jesuit 57-54 to stay undefeated in district play. There wasn't any other available information for the game.



Senior Jaden Miller launches a long-range shot against Alief Taylor. Miller scored eight points, five assists, and two steals in the district contest. Dawson rallied to get a 39-37 win over the Lions. Dawson will host the Pearland Oilers on Wednesday,

From the Cluttered Desk By Dr. David Davis

Lessons we must morning.

learn in life

I think that it is important that we realize that we never get too old to learn valuable lessons in life.

One day, a teacher gave

her class a test. She listed the first part of some famous sayings, asking the students to fill in the rest. The responses

were varied as well as humorous. Here are some of the more interesting answers.

* You can't teach an old dog new...math.

* The pen is mightier than the...pigs.

* An idle mind is...the best way to relax.

* A penny saved is...not worth much. * Two's company, three's

...the Musketeers. * Where there's smoke,

there's...pollution. * Children should be seen and not...spanked or ground-

* A rolling stone...plays

the guitar. * A bird in the hand is...a

real mess. * It's better to light one candle than to...waste elec-

tricity.
* It's always darkest before...I open my eyes.

* You have nothing to fear but...homework. * If you can't stand the

heat...don't start the fire-

* If you lie down with the

dogs...you'll stink in the

* The squeaking wheel gets...annoying.

* We have nothing to fear but...our principal.

* I think, therefore I ...get a headache.

* Early to bed and early to rise...is first in the bathroom.

* There is nothing new under the...bed. * The grass is

always greener... when you leave the sprinkler on.

* Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and... you have to

blow your nose. * Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and... someone yells, "Shut up!"

Well, perhaps today's young people have a little different perspective on life than us older folks. But it doesn't hurt to take a look back and realize that some of the greatest lessons we learned in life came from the simple times of life.

But one thing should never change and that is our appreciation for those that we love the most. Those who are there for us no matter what. Being loved has a greater importance.

Old friend Robert said, "A real friend is someone who walks into your life when the rest of the world has walked out."

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drdaviddavis@yahoo.com Clear Lake (2nd) Angleton (3rd) www.reporternewssports.com Twitter: @drdavis111 Friendswood - Hayden Holcomb,

Junior Charles Anderson grabbed seven rebounds while Keshawn Cotton grabbed five boards.

from the free throw line.

cross-town cousins.

Jan. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in a crucial district contest. Friendswood captures Mustang Holiday Splash swim meet

The Friendswood High boys and girls swim teams finished in first place at the Mustang Holiday Splash swim meet against six area schools.

The Friendswood girls scored 255 points followed by Clear Lake (139), Angleton (90), North Shore (20), and Barbers Hill (12).

The Friendswood boys scored 133 points followed by Angleton (88), Clear Lake (82), North Shore (79), Barbers Hill (44), and Galena Park (6).

Friendswood boys swimmer Marshall Odom broke two FHS records in the 50-yard freestyle (20.80) and the 100-yard freestyle (46.33).

Relay Results are as follows:

Girl's 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - KK LeBlanc, Peyton Becker, Andi Jeanes, Lauren Tillman (2nd) Clear Lake (3rd) Friendswood -Hallie Ratcliff, Erin Voelker, Paige McCray, Olivia Esbeck.

Girl's 200-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Andi Jeanes, Peyton Becker, Lauren Tillman, KK LeBlanc (2nd) Friendswood - Edi Jakob, Oliva Esbeck, Paige McCray, Hallie Ratcliff (3rd) Angleton

Girl's 400-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Andi Jeanes, Edi Jakob,

Paige McCray, Lauren Tillman (2nd) Clear Lake (3rd) Friendswood - Oliva Esbeck, Julia Rupp, Erin Voelker, Alex

Boy's 200-yard medley relay: (1st)

North Shore (2nd) Angleton (3rd) Barbers Hill Boy's 200-yard free relay: (1st) Chayton Budzik, Talon Welch, Nathan (1st), Edi Jakob (2nd), Erin Voelker

Henderson Boy's 400-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood – Andrew Rubio, Nathan Henderson, Nick Hardt, Marshall Odom (2nd) Friendswood - Nathan Jennings, Paul Podrebarac, Hayden Holcomb, Chayton Budzik; (3rd)

Individual places: FHS Top 3 Finishes by order of event (yards):

Angleton

Girl's 200 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Alex Linden (4th), Julia Rupp (6th)

Boy's 200 Free: Hayden Holcomb (4th), Paul Podrebarac (5th), Nathan Jennings (6th)

Girl's 200 Individual Medley: Edi Boy's 200 Individual Medley: Nick

Hardt (1st) Girl's 50 Free: Peyton Becker (1st) Lauren Tillman (2nd), Paige McCray

Boy's 50 Free: Marshall Odom (1st) Chayton Budzik (4th) Andrew Rubio

Girl's 100 Butterfly: Andi Jeanes

Boy's 100 Butterfly: Talon Welch

(5th) Girl's 100 Free: Olivia Esbeck (2nd), Hallie Ratcliff (3rd), Amelia Morgan

Boy's 100 Free: Marshall Odom (1st) Andrew Rubio (3rd), Nathan

Henderson (7th) Girl's 500 Free: Alex Linden, (1st),

Reilly Franklin (9th) Boys' 500 Free: Paul Podrebarac

(2nd), Nathan Jennings (3rd), Noah Givens (5th) Girl's 100 Backstroke: Hallie Ratcliff (3rd), Paige McCray (4th),

Julia Rupp (5th) Boy's 100 Backstroke: Talon Welch (1st), Hayden Holcomb (5th), Jun

Hong Lee (10th) Girl's 100 Breaststroke: KK LeBlanc (1st), Peyton Becker (2nd), Erin

Voelker (3rd) Boy's 100 Breaststroke: Nick Hardt (1st) Chayton Budzik (2nd), Noah Givens (12th)



FRIENDSWOOD RECORD-BREAKING SWIMMER - Marshall Odom broke two FHS records in the 50-yard freestyle (20.77) and the 100-yard freestyle (46.33). Odom celebrates with Head Coach Craig Sikkema, Odom, Coach Givens, and Coach Hardt.

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ing Request for Proposals for Grease Trap Cleaning Services RFP # 23-0302-10 until 3:00 p.m, Thursday, March 2, 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 NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2023-02 2020 LIFT STATION MITIGATION PACKAGE 3 (LIFT STATION 22, 27, 28, 31) 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. 2023-02 - 2020 Lift Station Mitigation Package 3 (Lift Station 22, 27, 28, 31) 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 Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all bids 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.

9:00 a.m., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546. A tour of the Lift Station facilities will be conducted immediately following the completion of the pre-bid meeting.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2023 at

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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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR NAICS USE NO. 813110 "RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS" FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT LOCAT ED AT 1376 W. PARKWOOD AVE., FRIENDSWOOD, GALVESTON COUNTY TEXAS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, BLOCK 1 OF THE L. CHRISTOPH SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1, FRIENDSWOOD, GALVE-STON COUNTY, TEXAS; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD CONSISTENT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A MAXI-MUM PENALTY OF TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSIS TENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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FRIENDSWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

Control			Fund		Capital Projects	Funds		Funds	
Codes	_	General Fund			Fund				
	Revenues								
5700	Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 38,718,619	\$	11,993,104	\$ 391,876	\$	4,327,102	\$	55,430,701
5800	State program revenues	17,506,270		114,792	-		340,087		17,961,149
5900	Federal program revenues	1,420,744		-			2,945,261		4,366,005
5020	Total Revenues	57,645,633		12,107,896	391,876		7,612,450		77,757,855
	Expenditures								
	Current:								
0011	Instruction	33,052,839		-	34,881		2,345,380		35,433,100
0012	Instruction resources and media services	606,503		-	-		92,330		698,833
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff development	1,103,526		-	-		708,011		1,811,537
0021	Instructional leadership	888,713		-	77,604		18,627		984,944
0023	School leadership	3,016,544		-	-		81,067		3,097,611
0031	Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	2,191,468		-	-		734,118		2,925,586
0032	Social work services	-		-	-		18,000		18,000
0033	Health services	602,974		-	-		43,108		646,082
0034	Student transportation	2,277,981		-	-		-		2,277,981
0035	Food services	1,530		-	-		2,299,352		2,300,882
0036	Extracurricular activities	2,223,266		-	_		410,808		2,634,074
0041	General administration	2,397,564		-	19,715		,		2,417,279
0051	Facilities maintenance and operations	5,903,237		-	384,085		79,846		6,367,168
0052	Security and monitoring services	849,292		-	348,324		140		1,197,756
0053	Data processing services	1,373,575		_	23,572		25,544		1,422,691
0061	Community services	356,862		_	_		_		356,862
	Debt Service:	,							,
0071	Principal on long-term debt	140,354		5,095,000	_		5,769		5,241,123
0072	Interest on long-term debt			6,563,226	_		-,:		6,563,226
0072	Debt service costs and fees	_		5,000	_		_		5,000
0073	Capital Outlay:			3,000					3,000
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction	_		_	20,229,018		_		20,229,018
0001	Intergovernmental:				20,223,010				20,223,010
0093	Payments related to shared services arrangements	52,114							52,114
0093	Other intergovernmental charges	387,979		_	-		_		387,979
6030	Total Expenditures	57,426,321	_	11,663,226	21,117,199		6,862,100		97,068,846
0030	Total expenditures	37,420,321		11,003,220	21,117,199		0,802,100		97,000,040
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	219,312		444,670	(20,725,323)		750,350		(19,310,991)
	Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
7915	Transfers in	_		-	17,021		36,348		53,369
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-		-	17,021		36,348		53,369
1200	Net change in fund balances	219,312		444,670	(20,708,302)		786,698		(19,257,622)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	18,394,656		3,587,795	125,959,138		2,064,496		150,006,085
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 18,613,968	\$	4,032,465	\$ 105,250,836	\$	2,851,194	\$	130,748,463

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD. TEXAS, AMENDING THE FRIENDSWOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO UPDATE THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP ("FLUM") CONCERNING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ALONG W. EDGEWOOD DRIVE/FM 2351, BEING A 4.621-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 2. IN BLOCK 1 OF FRIENDSWOOD, A SUBDIVISION OUT OF THE SARAH MCKISSICK SURVEY, ABSTRACT 151, IN GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, TO CHANGE THE FLUM DESIGNATION FROM RETAIL TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD TO CHANGE THE CLASSI-FICATION OF 4.6212 ACRES LOCATED ALONG W. EDGEWOOD DRIVE/FM 2351, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS A 4.621-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT TWO (2), IN BLOCK ONE (1), OF FRIENDSWOOD, A SUBDIVISION OUT OF THE SARAH MCKISSICK SURVEY, ABSTRACT 151, IN FRIENDSWOOD, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) 2017-12 TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING DISTRICT (SFR); PROVIDING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); REPEALING ALL ORDI-NANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-4**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD. TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "CIVIL EMERGENCIES," ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL," SECTION 22-1 "DEFINITIONS"; ARTICLE II "EMERGENCY MAN-AGEMENT," SECTION 22-24 "AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY WIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN." SECTION 22-25 "EMERGENC) MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR," SECTION 22-27 "ORGANIZATION," SECTION 22-29 "EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS," AND SECTION 22-30 "OATH OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED FUNCTIONS OR RESPONSIBILITIES"; AND ARTI-CLE III "ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES AND OTHER CITIES," SECTION 22-58 "AUTHORITY OF CITY OFFICIALS TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE." AND SEC TION 22-59 "RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS" OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY CODE; REPEALING CHAPTER 22 "CIVIL EMERGENCIES," ARTICLE II "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," SECTION 22-58 "INTERLOCAL AGREE-MENT ADOPTED" OF THE FRIENDSWOOD CITY CODE; TO UPDATE DEFI-NITIONS, DUTIES, AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES; PROVIDING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00); REPEALING ALL ORDI-NANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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SPORTS

Shadow Creek thumps Alief Hastings 84-37

LEGALS

By DR. DAVID DAVIS Reporter News Staff

The Shadow Creek Sharks improved 15-7 overall and 3-0 in District 23-6A with a convincing win over the Alief Hastings Bears 84-37.

The outcome of the game was never in doubt as the closest the game was when the two teams were 0-0 at tipoff to start the district contest.

The Sharks warmed up in the opening quarter with a 10-4 lead.

Shadow Creek exploded for 18 points in the second quarter while Hastings could manage only seven points with a pair of baskets and three free throws while the Sharks hit six baskets, one trey, and 7-of-10 at the charity stripe for a 28-11 halftime lead.

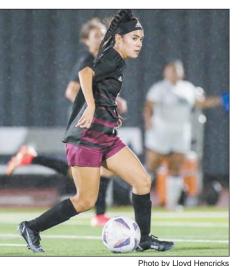
The Sharks lit up the scoreboard with 34 points in the third period while holding Hastings to 11 points.

Kaden Tate led the Sharks in the third with 10 points while Jalen Singleton tossed in eight points.

It was more of the same in the final eight minutes as the Sharks outscored the Bears 22-15 down the stretch to complete the 84-37 thrashing.

B.J. Gill led the Sharks on offense with 13 points while Singleton had 12 and Tate finished

The Sharks hit 20-of-29 free throws and four 3pointers.



Pearland sophomore striker Breanna Medina looks for a path through the defense vs Pasadena Memor-ial on Monday. The rain didn't slow Medina down as she put up two goals on route to an 8-0 win for Pearland. The Lady Oilers will travel across the state in tournament play before the home district opener vs Alief Elsik on Friday, Jan. 27 at The Rig.



SOFT JUMPER - Jalen Singleton (25) tossed in 12 points against Alief Hastings to help Shadow Creek beat the Bears 84-37 in a District 23-6A contest. Shadow Creek is 3-0 in league play and



Photo by Lloyd Hencricks Oiler junior striker John Baker scores a goal on Saturday during the championship game vs Pasadena at the con-clusion of the Pearland/Pasadena Invitational Tournament. The Oilers would get the win 4-1 over Pasadena and take home the first-place trophy from a field of 24 total teams. It's the first time Pearland has won the tour-

nament since 2011. The Oilers will be back at home to

face Clear Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at The Rig.





VYPE MAGAZINE GIRL'S RUNNER OF THE YEAR - VYPE Magazine recently named Pearland High School's Madison Peters "Girl's Runner of the Year" for area public schools after she finished ninth at the 6A state cross country meet.

State-ranked Lady Oilers continue dominance in district

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Lady Oilers came within one game of advancing to the 6A state basketball tournament and head coach Jere' Adams has her girls focused on making another deep run in the playoffs.

At the present time, Adams is focused on winning the District 23-6A title and then will take the game in the post-season — one

So far the No. 11 state-ranked Lady Oilers have a sparkling 22-3 overall mark while carving out a 4-0 district record so far this

Pearland recently thrashed two district opponents in the form of the Alief Elsik Lady Rams (75-17) and the Alvin Lady Yellowjackets (70-21).

In a rare double-header, the Lady Oilers will face the Dawson Lady Eagles on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Dawson while the Pearland Oilers will face the state-

ranked Dawson Eagles at 7:30 p.m. PEARLAND 75 - ALIEF ELSIK 17 No doubt as to the outcome of this game as Pearland took the opening quarter 12-6 and then held the Lady Rams scoreless in

the second period while reeling off 27 unan-

swered points for a 39-6 lead at intermis-

It was more of the same in the second half as Pearland took the third quarter 22-6 and the final frame 14-5 to post the 75-17 lop-

sided score. Sophomore Eliece Perry led the Lady O's on offense with 22 points followed by senior RyLee Grays (18 points, 12 rebounds), and junior Nyah Hardy (12 points, two rebounds, three steals).

PEARLAND 70 - ALVIN 21

Pearland faced another outmanned opponent in the Alvin Lady Yellowjackets to come away with a 70-21 district win.

The Lady Oilers totally dominated the game from start to finish as Pearland jumped out to a 24-2 first quarter lead and then scored another 24 points in the second period while holding Alvin to a mere five points for a 48-7 lead at halftime.

Pearland coasted in the second half with a 12-9 third quarter and a 10-5 fourth frame to post the 70-21 final score.

Senior RyLee Grays led the offense with 18 points and eight rebounds while getting plenty of help from junior Nyah Hardy (16 points) and sophomore Eliece Perry (12 points, eight boards).