

Around Town

Friday, Jan. 20

PHS THEATRE MUSICAL OPENS
Pearland High Theatre opens Disney's "Descendants the Musical" at 7 p.m. at the campus auditorium, 3775 South Main St. Tickets are \$7 to \$12 and available at <http://www.pearlandtheatre.com>. Performances run through Jan. 28.

Saturday, Jan. 21

ANIMAL SHELTER OPENING
A grand opening and tours of the new Shari D. Coleman Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the facility, 8311 Freedom Drive. In addition to guest speakers, kids' activities, refreshments and tours, adoption fees will be waived.

FARMERS MARKET

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

DUNES DAY

Dunes Day Christmas tree recycling project designed to protect Brazoria County beaches is 9 a.m. to noon at Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater Highway, Surfside Beach. Volunteers are needed, and a chili dog lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. at the park. For more information email at mikem@brazoria-county.com or call 979-864-1152.

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/nimepearland>.

NATURE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Fenwick Fledglings nature education program presents "Butterfly Life Cycle" on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 to 10:30am at the Delores Fenwick Nature Center Classroom, 5750 Magnolia Parkway. Free to ages 5+. Parents required to stay during program. Registration ends Jan. 20. To register visit pearlandparks.com.

Monday, Jan. 23

CITY COUNCIL MEETS

Pearland City Council holds regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive. A period for public comment is provided and agendas are available 72 hours before each meeting at pearlandtx.gov.

KNAPP CENTER BOOK CLUB

Book Club at the Melvin Knapp Center meets at 11 a.m. to discuss "Wish You Were Here" by Jodi Picoult. Membership at the Knapp Center is \$25 per year for Pearland residents and \$50 for non-residents. For information, call 281-652-1890.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

KNAPP CENTER ACTIVITIES

Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Ave., holds Tuesday senior activities: 9 a.m. walking club, Tai Chi at 8:15 a.m., oil painting at 9 a.m., Zumba at 9:30 a.m., Sit and Be Fit at 10:45 a.m., cardio dance at noon and yoga at 1 p.m. Membership is \$25 per year for Pearland residents and \$50 for non-residents. For information, call 281-652-1890.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

CEREAL CONVERSATIONS

Cereal Conversations, hosted by the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, is a series of business leader conversations and networking held over breakfast every fourth Wednesday at the Commerce Center, 6117 Broadway St. The 7:30 a.m. presentations are free, but sponsorships are available by emailing jim.johnson@pearlandchamber.org, 281-485-3634.



TEAM HIGH SCORER

Dawson junior Larry Lyons (23) scored a team-high 16 points in leading the Eagles to a crucial 44-36 district win over league rival Shadow Creek. Dawson is now 5-0 in league play and 21-4 as the top ranked team in the Houston area.

Photo by Michael McManus

City government: Bonds decision set for February

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Pearland city leaders will decide next month whether to proceed with a bond election in May, and if so, how much.

"My question to council is 'Do we have a good appetite for taking this to the voters in May?'" Mayor Kevin Cole asked councilmembers during a discussion last week.

The question drew nods of approval, meaning the next question will be the size and scope.

A bond election is not an all or nothing choice for voters.

"The way we've typically done these, you've got a transportation category, a facilities category. A drainage package would have all the drainage projects in it," interim City Manager Trent Epperson said. "You would have a drainage ballot initiative and a parks ballot initiative."

"These projects have to be started in a five-year period. That doesn't necessarily mean we're going to have \$120 million sitting in a bank account Day One, paying debt service on it. We're going to sell those bonds over time."

Pearland City Councilman Jeffrey Barry

A citizen's drainage bond committee in December presented recommendations to the city that included a list of priority drainage projects totaling \$106 million.

The top three projects on the list: \$10.9 million in drainage upgrade on Veterans; \$10.17 million in the southwest part of Old Town from McLean to Highway 35; and \$14.3 million in Shadycrest and Crook View subdivision drainage improvements, respectively.

The list also included \$22.8 million for Harkey Road drainage and \$11.58 million for Fite Road drainage improvements.

The remainder of the bond election could entail than \$256 million in streets, parks and other facility projects.

A final list of projects to be put to voters along with the potential tax impacts are expected to be presented to city council Jan. 23.

"These projects have to be started in a five-year period. That doesn't necessarily mean we're going to have \$120 million sitting in a bank account Day One, paying debt service on it," Councilman Jeffrey Barry said. "We're going to sell those bonds over time. It's not all at one time. If it pertains to the long-range drainage plan, we need to take a serious look and make sure those projects are included."

The final opportunity to call a May bond referendum is Feb. 13.

Red Hat Literacy Luncheon set for March 30

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

The Adult Learning Center's largest fundraiser is planned for March 30.

The 19th annual Red Hat Literacy Luncheon is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2320 Hatfield Road, featuring dinner and live music, silent and live auctions, raffles and exhibits. This year's event includes Pearland's mayor Kevin Cole as keynote speaker as well as an inspirational message from Alvin Community College President Dr. Robert J. Exley.

An advocate for workforce development and community partnerships, Exley began his own higher education at the community college level. He serves on the Alvin-Manvel

AT A GLANCE
The 19th annual Red Hat Literacy Luncheon is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2320 Hatfield Road. Tickets: tinyurl.com/RedHatLuncheon

Chamber board and Pearland Prosperity Implementation Committee.

Drawing about 500 guests each year, the luncheon is the largest fund-raiser for the Adult Education Center, which last year alone served more than 400 men and women seeking to improve their lives through education.

Programs include English as a second language, high school equivalency exam prepa-

ration, workforce soft skills and more.

This year's gala theme is Forging Forward, and Mistress of Ceremonies will be Elissa Rivas. Also planned are community and corporate honoree presentations and adult learner scholarship awards.

Individual tickets to the luncheon are \$75. Sponsorships range from a \$600 Pink Hat level up to the \$10,000 presenting sponsor level. Proceeds benefit either the adult learners or go toward programs that include employment preparation and technology. To donate, sponsor or for tickets, visit tinyurl.com/RedHatLuncheon.

For information on the Adult Education Center programs, visit adulteducationcenter-texas.org.

Fall break, transition day part of new AISD calendar

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Alvin ISD will be starting earlier next fall, and campuses will get a weeklong fall break in October.

The district's board of trustees on Jan. 10 approved the 2023-24 academic calendar developed through a committee that sought and examined staff and community feedback.

Also included in next year's academic calendar is an "early transition day," created for students new to a campus such as kindergartners, sixth graders and freshmen, with all staff on hand to help them get oriented before other students return.

"A lot of our staff loved the transition day as

well as parents," Superintendent Carol Nelson said.

The transition day will be Wednesday, Aug. 9, and first day of school for all students on Thursday, Aug. 10. Teachers will return to campuses July 31, while teachers new to the district will report on July 26 for orientation.

The calendar has the following breaks: Fall Break from Oct. 16-20; Thanksgiving break Nov. 20-24; Winter Break Dec. 18 until Jan. 3, 2024, with students returning Jan. 4, 2024, and Spring Break from March 11-15, 2024. Early release days are Dec. 15 and May 24, 2024.

Approximately 84 percent of campus staff were in favor of a fall break, Nelson said.

"They understood that it was a trade; they were going to have to start earlier or end later," she told the board. "Then the community survey went out and we 3,197 responses. For fall break, about 1,434 people commented on fall break and 980 of those were positive comments."

The District Education Improvement Committee was led by Alvin ISD administrators and was tasked with collecting data and input from parents and district staff. The committee collaborated over several meetings to create the approved calendar. A community survey was also conducted in November.

To view the approved calendar, visit www.alvinisd.net/calendar

14 Alvin ISD students chosen for All-State Band and Choir

Alvin ISD is proud to announce that 14 students have been chosen for the 2022 Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band and Choir.

High school students selected for this honor have competed through multiple auditions to qualify at the state level. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. The competition, sponsored by the Texas Music Educators Association, is a competitive process that begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by various TMEA Regions. Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part. From this ranking, a select group of musicians advance from their Region to compete against musicians from other areas in TMEA Area competitions. The highest-rank-



SCHS All-State Band members include Jewel Parrel, Joseph Bagley, Andrew Mooney, and Jaden Sharber.

ing musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify for the TMEA All-State music group.

Congratulations to the following outstanding students and their directors:
TMEA All-State Band:

Lloyd Robles - Manvel High School
Jewel Parrel - Shadow Creek High School
Joseph Bagley - Shadow Creek High School
Andrew Mooney - Shadow Creek High School

Jaden Sharber - Shadow Creek High School
TMEA All-State Choir:
Jenevee Hernandez - Alvin High School
Quentin Summa - Alvin High School
Tanya Mahesh - Shadow Creek High School
Cadence Pate - Shadow Creek High School
Evania Shibu - Shadow Creek High School
Alan Quinn II - Shadow Creek High School
Aditya Singh - Shadow Creek High School
James Williams - Shadow Creek High School
Ugochukwu Obudulu - Shadow Creek High School

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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. 12

A 37-year-old Pearland man was arrested after midnight and charged with DWI, 2700 West Oaks Blvd.

A warrant arrest was made in the 1000 block of Bass Pro Drive at about 2 a.m.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 3 a.m., 8500 block of Hastings Cannon Road.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 4:34 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

Police responded to a mental health call at 7 a.m., 11100 Shadow Creek Pkwy.

Vehicles were reported broken into in the 2700 block of Smith Ranch Road. The report was made at about 8 a.m.

An arrest for no driver's license was made at noon, 3200 block of Dixie Farm Road.

A 32-year-old local man was arrested and charged with two counts felony theft, 2000 block of Business Center Drive.

An arrest for driving with a suspended license with a prior conviction was made at 1:30 p.m., 3400 block of Main St.

A 40-year-old Alvin man was arrested on a warrant and charged with prostitution, 6000 block of Sloane Place.

A Houston man, 37, was arrested on a warrant in the 2900 block of Whispering Winds and charged with robbery.

A local man, 35, was arrested Thursday afternoon and charged with assault causing bodily injury, 9300 block of Broadway.

An arrest for possession of a controlled substance was made at 4 p.m., 8900 Broadway St.

Police responded at 5:30 p.m. to the 1700 block of Old Alvin Road regarding interference with child cus-

today.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 7:35 p.m., 2400 Mykawa Road.

• Friday, Jan. 13

Police responded to a mental health call just after midnight, 2600 block of Easton Springs Court.

An arrest for unlawful carrying of a weapon was made at 12:24 a.m., 14700 South Freeway.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 12:44 a.m., 2115 Breezeway Lane.

Stolen vehicle was recovered at 7:25 a.m., 3100 block of Dixie Farm Road.

Shoplifting arrest was made at 2 p.m., 1919 Main St.

A Houston man, 48, was arrested about 5 p.m. and charged with felony theft and unlawful carrying of a weapon, 2500 Pearland Parkway.

A 36-year-old Bay City man was arrested at 6 p.m. Friday and charged with felony theft with two or more previous convictions, 1700 block of Broadway St.

Police arrested two people for possession of drug paraphernalia at 11:30 p.m., 2400 Business Center Dr.

• Saturday, Jan. 14

A report of theft by fraud or deception was made at 1:40 a.m., 4800 block of Sentry Woods Lane.

A local woman was arrested about 1 a.m. for assault causing bodily injury of a family member, 1200 block of Chesterwood Drive.

A Houston man was arrested at 2:34 a.m. Saturday and charged with DWI with a blood alcohol level over .15, 8200 block of Bailey Road.

A Missouri City Lyft driver was arrested at 3:30 a.m. and charged with DWI, 9600 block of Broadway St.

A local woman, 25, was arrested at 4:22 a.m. Saturday and charged with assault of a family member, 2200 block of N. Pearland Ave.

A Brazoria County woman

who claimed to work as a child protective services caseworker was arrested at 6 a.m. Saturday and charged with assault of a pregnant person, a felony, 2555 Cullen Parkway.

Police responded to a call from a Pearland home at 11 a.m. and arrested two people: a 56-year-old man and 35-year-old man, both residents at the address. Both are charged with assault by contact-family violence, 6500 block of Lauren Lane.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 1 p.m., 2805 Business Center Drive.

A Houston man arrested at 1 p.m. Saturday on South Clear Lake Loop is charged with evading arrest with a previous conviction.

Reports of theft by fraud and theft of motor vehicle parts were made Saturday afternoon at 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A death investigation was conducted at 8 p.m. 4200 block of W. Cedar Trail Court.

An arrest for assault of a family member was made at 9:40 p.m., 2400 Main St.

• Sunday, Jan. 15

A Pearland woman was arrested around 3 a.m. and charged with DWI, 6000 block of Broadway St.

A local man was arrested at 3:40 a.m. and charged with DWI, 4500 Broadway.

Police responded to an address in the 2500 block of Meadowhurst Drive at about 10:20 a.m. Saturday and arrested a 43-year-old resident. She is charged with continuous violence against the family, a felony.

Police responded to a gas station in the 7200 block of Broadway just before 1 p.m. and arrested a 40-year-old Houston woman for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A teenager from Springfield Garden, N.Y. was arrested at 6:18 p.m. Saturday and charged with injury to a child or elderly/disabled person, 12000 block of Shadow Creek Pkwy. Charges are also pending against another person at that location, according to reports.

• Monday, Jan. 16

An arrest for possession of stolen property was made before 1 a.m., 12500 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

An arrest for possession of a controlled substance was made at 2:47 a.m., 12500 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

January 9 thru January 15

HIGH SCHOOL VEHICLE BURGLARS ARRESTED

A vehicle burglary at Friendswood High School on Dec. 6, 2022, led to an arrest warrant for a 45-year-old Houston man. He is charged with Burglary of a Motor Vehicle with two or more previous convictions. The suspect burglarized vehicles on three different school campuses on Dec. 6: Clear Brook High School, Friendswood High School, and Pearland High School. On Jan. 12, Friendswood detectives located and arrested the man in Houston. He is charged with a State Jail Felony with a bond of \$50,000. Also arrested, was a 44-year-old female. She was observed on video with the suspect, at a pawn shop. She had a felony warrant in Nueces County. The woman admitted to her part in the recent burglaries and was also charged with Burglary of a Motor Vehicle with two or more previous convictions. Her bond was set at \$20,000.

BURGLARY

Jan. 14 (12:55 p.m.) During the recovery of a stolen vehicle, officers found two credit cards on the ground. The credit cards belonged to a resident nearby in the 800 block of Hackberry Lane. The officers contacted the owner and discovered that his vehicle was burglarized overnight. It was left unlocked.

THEFT

Jan. 12 (6:32 p.m.) A brand-new television, in the box, was stolen from a home in the 1100 block of Rymers Switch Lane. Several suspects are listed who were invited to the home by the homeowner's daughter. The television was taken from an extra bedroom, the box was left in the closet. Jan. 13 (4:19 a.m.) Officers responded to an ATM alarm at Comerica Bank, 203 S. Friendswood Drive. While responding, officers were told that a silver and blue truck was involved in an attempt to steal the ATM. A stolen, Dodge Ram 2500

truck was found a short distance away, parked in front of the post office, with chains and hooks attached to rear bumper. The vehicle was stolen in Houston on Jan. 3. The ATM sustained damage, but no money was stolen.

Jan. 14 (9:42 a.m.) A vehicle was stolen from a residence in the 300 block of Scenic View. As officers were entering the neighborhood, they observed the stolen vehicle at the side of a retention pond. Also found in the area were credit cards belonging to the victim of a vehicle burglary. The stolen vehicle was returned to the owner and did not appear to have any damage. The keys to the vehicle were inside the vehicle. The case is still under investigation.

Jan. 14 (12:47 p.m.) A theft of a wallet was reported at the Kroger gas station located at 3135 FM 528. The victim does not know how it was stolen and does not have any suspect information. The credit cards inside the wallet were cancelled before any fraudulent activity occurred.

FRAUD

Jan. 10 (8:41 p.m.) A Friendswood man received correspondence in the mail from Bank of America regarding an account in his name. He has never had a Bank of America account, so he contacted the bank. Then, he discovered there were two accounts that were opened using his personal identifiers. Both accounts are now closed.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Jan. 13 (9:13 a.m.) A community mailbox was damaged in the 3000 block of Creek Bend Drive. A resident initially noticed the damage on Jan. 10 and reported it to the post office. Calls to the management company for the Autumn Creek neighborhood went unanswered. It appears the damage was done by trying to set fire to plastic mailbox.

DWI

Jan. 11 (2:29 a.m.) A 20-year-old League City woman was charged with

Driving Under the Influence by a Minor. The suspect was speeding in the 1500 block of W. Parkwood Ave. She exhibited signs of intoxication and admitted to drinking alcohol. She failed a field sobriety test.

Jan. 14 (2:19 a.m.) A 40-year-old Pearland man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 100 block of N. Friendswood Drive. The driver was asleep at the wheel in the parking lot of Whataburger. Officers approached the vehicle, opened the door, and put the vehicle into park. The man woke up. He exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

Jan. 15 (1:26 a.m.) A 28-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 800 block of S. Friendswood Drive. He man was stopped for speeding. He exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Jan. 13 (2:29 a.m.) A 24-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Public Intoxication. Officers responded to a disturbance at Whataburger, 214 E. Parkwood Ave. When they arrived, employees identified the male as the person causing a disturbance. He went behind the counter and tried to start a physical confrontation with employees. Another intoxicated person on scene, who was not involved in the disturbance, was given a courtesy ride home.

TRESPASS

Jan. 14 (7:18 a.m.) Criminal Trespass and Theft were reported at the Brio Site Task Force located in the 2500 block of Dixie Farm Road. Two unknown men entered the property without permission. Once inside the perimeter, it appears they may have been looking for copper wire. Instead, they observed a Ring camera documenting their activity. The camera was damaged and stolen. It did not appear that anything else was removed or damaged at the property.

TRAFFIC

Jan. 9 (8:36 p.m.) A 24-year-old League City man was charged with No Driver's License in the 1700 block of S. Friendswood Dr. The man was involved in a car crash. He also had two outstanding traffic warrants.

Jan. 13 (3:49 p.m.) A three-car accident was investigated in the 3100 block of FM 528. A lifted green Jeep Wrangler, driven by a 51-year-old Friendswood man caused the accident but left the scene without providing information or checking on the well-being of the other drivers. A witness observed the Jeep turn into the Reserve at Autumn Creek located at 3102 W. Bay Area Blvd. License plate information revealed the registered owner's information. Since the driver was no longer on scene and not able to be located, a summons will be sent to him charging him with Failure to Give Information and Unsafe Turn.

Jan. 15 (4:39 p.m.) Pearland police were looking for a 2022 white Ford Explorer involved in a theft at Walmart. Pearland officers were in pursuit of the vehicle and believed they may have spiked the vehicle's tires. The suspect vehicle crashed in the 100 block of S. Friendswood Drive, hitting another motorist, and fleeing the scene. The suspect vehicle was an AVIS rental car that has not been returned and is three months past due. The occupants are a black female with an afro and a black male with braids.

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Rocco Lewis wins Spelling Bee at Bales Intermediate

Rocco Lewis, 9, is advancing to the Galveston County Spelling Bee. He won the Spelling Bee competition at Bales Intermediate.

In the first round, Rocco competed with over 650 students who participated in the first round written spelling bee. He spelled "urchins" correctly for the win. This allowed him and 19 others to advance to the second round which was an oral spelling bee. Rocco won with the word "intubated."

His mom, Roxann reports he has always been a good speller as well an excellent reader of non-fiction books, mostly about hunting and animals. His favorite book is *The Blue Jackal*.

His teacher, Mrs. Beken, read it to the class and he told his parents he has reread many times at school.

He finished seventh in last year's Spelling Bee. This year his parents report he studied very hard for the contest and they are both proud of his first place win.

Rocco is in fourth grade with teachers Mrs. Beken and Mrs. Osborne.

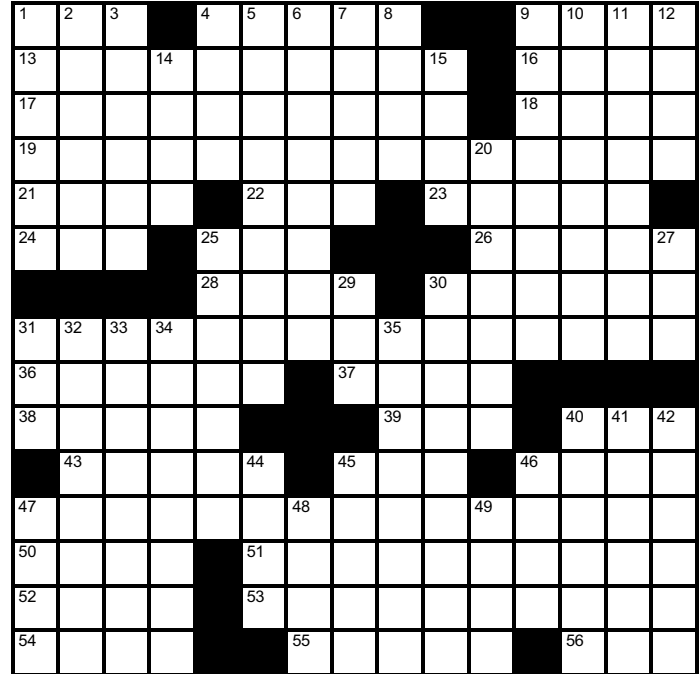
He is the son of Roxann and Jeff Lewis of Friendswood.

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The Original Mobile Game

- Across**
- NASA Center in Texas, abbr.
 - Grouches
 - Spread-spectrum transmission technology
 - Piled up
 - "Saving Private ___"
 - Examines again
 - Mil. branch under the Department of Homeland Security
 - Army doc?
 - Elevator inventor
 - Alternative to a will, abbr.
 - Solution strength, in chemistry
 - Big Apple inits.
 - "Little" car of song
 - Early weather satellite
 - Abounding
 - Credentialing solution for health systems
 - Completely gone
 - Bring up
 - A type of SD card interface, abbr.
 - Spin doctor
 - Collection of files used to store and convey digital cinema, abbr.
 - Medical suffix
 - Audited, with "on"
 - "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" librettist Burrows
 - Collingsworth of Bengals lore
 - Near-exhaustion metaphor
 - Slap on
 - Striker that hangs inside a bell
 - Acute
 - Seafaring bard



- Coaster
- Division of NIH seeking solutions to drug addiction, abbr.
- Certain telegram, abbr.
- Down
- Lingo
- Covered with frozen rain
- Certain medical facility
- Research org. for national security
- Drake or Dre
- Something very bad or great
- BattleHawks head coach Anthony ___
- 1974 Peace Nobelist from Japan
- Fulfillment
- Delirium
- Cheese companion
- Like the Church of England: Abbr.
- Chemical endings
- "Check this out!"
- Wooden support in a coalmine
- Family nickname
- Cardinal letters
- Masthead contents, briefly
- Consonants that block all air flow, in phonetics
- Anti-diabetes orgs.
- Cochlea for the layman
- Dynamo component
- Place for final words
- Eccentrics
- Salem's home
- "Don Quixote" author ___ de Cervantes
- Holdings
- Penpoints
- "Kate & ___"
- Protocol for connection-less networking, abbr.
- "What are the ___?"
- Go through volumes
- Unit of pressure

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AREA BRIEFS

'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 Alameda 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 pearltheater.com.

Dunes Day tree recycling set Jan. 21

The annual Dunes Day Christmas tree recycling project designed to protect Brazoria County beaches is 9 a.m. to noon on Jan. 21.

Volunteers are needed to help stake down the recycled trees on area beaches to help rebuild dunes. Dunes Day begins at 9 a.m. Jan. 21 at Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater Highway, Surfside Beach. Volunteers should wear long sleeves, pants and close toed shoes, and will be given instructions on where and how to stake out the trees at the meeting location. A chili dog lunch will be served starting at 11:30 am at Stahlman Park.

To reduce the amount of trash at the work site, water bottles and paper cups will not be provided. Filtered water will be available for volunteers to refill their own water bottles. For more information, contact Brazoria County Parks via email at mikem@brazoria-county.com or call 979-864-1152.

Among tree drop-off sites is the Stella Roberts Recycling Center where live, non-flocked trees with no tinsel can be left at the entrance gate, 5800 Magnolia Parkway, until Jan. 14. Stands should be removed along with any lights and ornaments. Trees can also be dropped off in Manvel at the Brazoria County Precinct 2 work yard, 7315 Corporate Drive, Manvel, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information on tree recycling, call 281-489-2795.

Parks art exhibit comes to Houston

A traveling exhibit titled "The Art of Texas State Parks" will be on display at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin through April 30 before traveling to other museums, including the Houston Museum of Natural Science in late May.

Featuring more than 30 parks by some of Texas' most celebrated artists, the exhibit was several years in the making and marks the 2023 Centennial Celebration of Texas State Parks. The national park system has long collaborated with artists to portray their landscapes, but until now, no such artistic record had been undertaken for state parks.

Thirty notable Texas artists were commissioned to create works celebrating parks across Texas.

"We are grateful for the partnership that is bringing The Art of Texas State Parks to museums across Texas, spreading the message about these natural treasures that belong to us all," said Texas Parks and Wildlife Executive Director David Yoskowitz.

For more information on the Centennial Celebration, including special community events at all 89 state parks, the history of Texas State Parks, visit TexasStateParks.org/100years.

Pearland State of the City set Feb. 9

Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole will discuss the future of Pearland at the Chamber of Commerce State of the City Luncheon scheduled Feb. 9.

Typically drawing more than 400 guests, the annual event begins at 11:30 a.m. at First Church of Pearland, 1850 Broadway St, and will conclude at 1 p.m.

In his 2022 State of the City address, Cole detailed the city council's strategic planning retreat held to set goals for the city. Those sessions resulted in a list of six strategic priorities as well as the tagline, "Pearland. The Community of Choice."

Tickets are \$35 for Chamber members and \$40 for prospective members, and sponsorships begin at \$100 and run through the industrial level at \$800.

To register or for more information, contact Leslie Esqueda, 281-485-3634, or visit the Chamber website, pearlandchamber.org.

FISD to host parent summit

Friendswood ISD, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Bay Area Alliance, is inviting parents of FISD students to attend an informational summit relating to fentanyl poisoning on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6:30pm at the Friendswood Junior High Auditorium, 1000 Manison Parkway.

A complimentary dinner will be served at 6pm for those who register by Friday, Jan. 20.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that has been linked to a surge of poisonings and overdoses throughout the United States. According to the DEA's website, fentanyl is the "single deadliest drug threat" in the country.

The summit aims to empower parents with information to best protect their children.

Additionally, Narcan, a medication that quickly reverses an overdose related to opioids, will be available to interested families.

To register for the event, please visit FISD's website, myfisd.com.

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.

Galveston Island is one of the top locations in the country for birding. It has a rich variety of habitats - beaches, wetlands, grasslands, woods, ponds, and bays - in a small area that are home to many common year-round species, as well as numerous others that visit briefly or for part of the year. The Featherfest Photography Contest will again be held with contest sponsors The Daily News, Galveston.com, and Houston Camera Exchange.

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.



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

FREE TO BE

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

— I John 1:8-9

This past Monday our country celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Parades were held, speeches were given... honor rose up all over the country! Dr. King was a voice for 'freedom' and a voice for 'truth.' He knew not just the story of Jesus but the Savior himself. His preaching was powerful, passionate and prophetic... putting his faith and life on the line every day of his public ministry. Many people loved him for this. Some didn't and they killed him for it.

Dr. King was 39 years old when he was shot dead on a hotel balcony in Memphis, TN and people remember him for not only what he said... but also for what he did and that was to bring attention to the great sin of racial injustice and the nation's bigotry toward the black people who live here. No one living in a first world country should be treated as a second- or third-class citizen. Perhaps The US of A is still growing up!

His hope was someday people would judge his children not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character ...and he meant that for all of us... including our neighbor... Mr. Tomas' Dios ...who came over to our house to tell us of what happened to MLK on April 4, 1968. He admired Dr. King, but I think Dr. King would be disappointed with both the behavior and the words spoken by so many in our culture still... so many who should know and do better but don't. Perhaps America's greatest sin is self-deception and a denial of God's truth.

We all try to be good. But...we're not... not as good as we think we are anyway. Yet...we keep telling ourselves... "it's a free country... I can say and do whatever I want! It's in the constitution, right? Or in the Bill of Rights, at least... and for sure... somewhere in the Bible, huh? Well, I suppose it's all there ...somewhere on those pages. Freedom does ring and freedom does exist...but like the song says...

it comes with a cost.

The Bible tells us Jesus' was free in his faith and the model of the Godly life. He spoke truth and lived out a life of love, compassion, grace and hope... and the people killed him for it. St. John was right... "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us..."

Dr. Martin Luther... the Augustinian monk from the 1500's ... the person who Dr. King was named after... spoke of freedom this way... "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." So... to be or not to be... free that is... remains the goal! Dr. King got that and so many today do as well.

So, how do we live into this idea of 'free to be?' I have the freedom to slash tires and throw rocks through windows... but, I don't as I have a respect for other people's property. I have the freedom to stand up in a movie theatre and sing songs out loud off key on purpose... but, I don't... as I have a respect for people who work hard and deserve a night out at the movies. I have the freedom to defame another person's character... but I don't. Most people are pretty good at making that happen themselves. That's sure true of me ... and you see my point... that some equate 'freedom' with 'ability' or 'willingness' or 'opportunity' when in fact the freedom to act out in negative and destructive ways is only proof of our bondage to sin... as individuals and as a nation... a burden which requires the conquering, powerful grace and forgiveness of God to carry on. How else could we live with ourselves? Faith matters. It did for Dr. King as it did for so many before him and now those who follow... folks like us in times likes this... Exercise your "free-to-be-ness" daily!

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.

Pastor Bridges announces departure

Pastor David Bridges announced Sunday he will be leaving the ministry effective March 1.

"After prayerful discernment with Rochelle and my family, I am convinced that God is leading us to the next chapter in life, and I have begun to explore opportunities outside of ministry," said Bridges.

Bridges has been pastor of the Friends Church for 23 years and raised four children here in Friendswood. During that time he has lead the church through two floods, the Great Recession, the COVID-19

pandemic, and a recent dispute regarding with the church's denominational headquarters regarding same-sex marriage.

Presiding Clerk, Matt Wilber, announced the church will begin seeking a new senior pastor saying "David has given so much of himself to our church and I'm very sad that he is leaving. However, I'm also excited about this new chapter to see what God has in store for us."

A celebration of Bridges' service will be announced in the coming weeks.



Jim Johnson to serve as Board Chair for TCCE

Jim Johnson, CCE, IOM will serve in 2023 as the Board Chair of the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE) Board. TCCE is the longest standing association of chamber of commerce professionals in the nation, working to provide guidance to local and regional chambers

through professional education, resources, and networking opportunities.

"TCCE is committed to providing excellence in professional education, networking, resource and idea exchange among the Chamber industry," said Jim Johnson, TCCE Board

Chair. "I look forward to continuing this tradition and ensuring TCCE is the leading professional development organization across the state."

Jim is currently serving a three-year term for the Board of Directors and will represent TCCE's 230 Chambers from every part of Texas.



CUB SCOUTS VISIT WITH MAYOR MIKE

Mayor Mike met with Cub Scout Pack 870 on Tuesday, Jan. 10 to discuss leadership, public service and perseverance.



BUFFALO CATERING NAMED JANUARY BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce has named the January "Business of the Month" is Brian Campell, owner of Buffalo Catering, located at 207 Laurel St. Suite A, Friendswood. For more information give them a call at 361-462-8609 or visit www.buffalocatering.net. They have been a supportive member since 2017. Enjoying this special day with Brian is his staff members Justin Arriazola, Chris Spears and Alex Fasbender along with Mayor and Ambassador Team Member Mike Foreman-City of Friendswood, Ambassador Team Member Judy Wiggins-Allstate Insurance, Brett and Suzanne Banfield-Banfield Properties, Inc., Ashley Adair-Friendswood ISD Education Foundation, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member-Pastor David Lorenz-Frist Baptist Church-Friendswood, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice President Diane Hass and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Denise Spruiell-HomeTown Bank of Friendswood, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member LeAnn Shoemaker-Infinity Real Estate Group/Christy Buck Team, Chairman of the Board and Ambassador Team Member Robert Smithhart-Minuteman Press, Ambassador Team Member Linda Fee-Plylox, Inc., Sally Branson-Raymond James, Ambassador Team Member David Torok-The Torok Law Firm, P.C., Craig and Robin Hall-VARC Solution. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce call 281-482-3329, email info@friendswoodchamber.com or visit www.friendswoodchamber.com for upcoming events and our online membership application. The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood.

SPORTS

Dawson stays atop 23-6A standings with perfect mark

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Dawson passed their toughest test of the opening round of District 23-6A by picking up wins over cross-town cousin Pearland (47-34) and Shadow Creek (44-36) last week to remain unbeaten in league play with a 5-0 record



Photo by Michael McManus

GAME-HIGH SCORER - Shadow Creek sophomore Julian Cullier scorched the nets in the first half against Dawson with 13 points. The Dawson defense held Cullier to a pair of 3-pointers and 19 points. Dawson beat Shadow Creek 44-36 in the District 23-6A showdown.

From the Cluttered Desk By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Our conversations are going to the dogs

I don't think you realize that we probably use dogs when expressing ourselves. I've got a Yorkie named Tank. He has a yappy bark and thinks he is big and tough until he meets a much bigger dog and then he runs for dear life to escape getting bit.



And for all you cat lovers out there - as a reminder - what do you get when you spell "dog" backwards? No wonder a dog is "Man's best friend" - which man is generic - man or woman.

1. "I'm dog tired" - which means what you just said.
2. "My dogs are barking" - which refers to your feet hurting.
3. "You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog" - which was an Elvis song that drove my dad crazy when I would crank it up as a teenager.
4. "This hole has a dog-leg" - golfing term meaning the hole turns sharply to the left or right from the tee box.
5. "When you lie with dogs - you get up with fleas" - which refers to the bad company you keep.
6. "He's in the doghouse" - the wife is not a happy

- camper.
 7. "They are underdogs" - a team expected to lose.
 8. "They fight like cats and dogs" - describes a married couple or their kids...or both!
 9. "He's a lap dog" - refers to a man who has no backbone.
 10. "Every dog has his day" - a person finally has their shining moment.
 11. "He's sick as a dog" - which means you might be hugging the toilet.
 12. "It's a dog-eat-dog world" - refers to living in a tough world.
 13. "The tail wagging the dog" - something smaller is controlling something bigger.
 14. "We need a doggy bag" - bringing home leftovers from the restaurant.
 15. "They have a dog and pony show" - not much quality.
- Well, I guess those are all the doggone expressions I can give to you at the moment. I hope you aren't going to the dogs or putting on the dog at work. If you are - then remember that every dog has his day. And if you are currently reading a book - remember to dog-ear the page when you stop so you can remember where to start reading again.
- Old friend Robert said, "And remember that most people's bark are worse than their bite. Especially the big dog you work for. As Jeb of the Beverly Hillbillies would say, "By doggies - that's something!"
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while improving to 22-4 overall. The Eagles hosted the Pearland Oilers in a battle between the two inner city rivals and despite the Oilers having a down year, Dawson head coach Mark Barre knows that the records don't matter when these two teams square off against one another.

The Dawson gymnasium was packed with Dawson and Pearland supporters and both teams gave it their best effort, but it would be the Eagles who would pull out the 47-34 district win.

Pearland got two 3-pointers from Ryan Spears and Julian Valentine in the opening quarter plus a field goal for eight points, but Dawson was led by freshman Devan Brown (9 points) to give the Eagles a 14-8 advantage.

The Oilers fought back in the second period to outscore the Eagles 11-7 to pull within two points at intermission.

The third quarter belonged to the Eagles who began to pull away as they used a pair of 3-pointers by Jaden Miller and Jaeden McCleskey to outscore the Oilers 14-8 and a 35-27 advantage heading into the final quarter.

Things didn't go any better in the final frame as the Eagles outscored the Oilers 12-5 for the 47-34 league win.

Dawson was 9-of-10 from the charity stripe while Pearland hit 4-of-10 free throws.

Both teams hit four 3-pointers each.

Spears led the Oilers in scoring with seven points.

Charles Anderson paced the scoring for Dawson with 11 points.

**DAWSON 44 -
SHADOW CREEK 36**

Dawson and Shadow Creek shared the District 23-6A title last year so the first game in the first round was an important step in one of these teams winning the league crown this season.

It was clear that one player for Shadow Creek was prepared to lead his team to victory as Shadow Creek's Julian Cullier scored from every spot on the basketball court and the Eagles had no way to stop him. Cullier, a 6-2 sophomore forward, scored six points in the first quarter and added seven more points in the second period which gave him 13 points in the first half.

Shadow Creek (16-8, 4-1) built a 22-18 lead at intermission.

Dawson head coach Mark Barre had to figure out a way to stop Cullier and he decided that the Eagles had to step their defense.

The Eagles pressing defense held Cullier to a 3-point in the third quarter and a trey in the fourth quarter for a game-high 19 points with only six points in the second half.

Meanwhile, the Eagles went on an 11-1 run down the stretch to build a 40-32 lead with 1:51 left in the district contest.

Key players who led the offensive surge was Charles Anderson (2 points), Larry Lyons (2 points), Jaden Miller (4 points), and Keshawn Cottom (5 points) who fired in a 3-pointer with 3:05 left in the fourth frame making the score 38-32.

Cotton then scored inside and was fouled for a 40-32 lead, but couldn't convert the free throw, with 1:51 left.

However, Miller drove in for another layup and Bailey added two free throws to build the lead to 44-34.

Shadow Creek received a couple of baskets inside from 6-4 junior post Kaden Tate in the final 38 seconds, but it wasn't enough to ignite a rally.

Lyons led the Eagles on offense with 16 points.

Dawson was 7-of-10 from the free throw line while Shadow Creek was 4-of-10 from the charity stripe.

The Eagles are now 21-4 overall and 5-0 in league play.



SHORT JUMPER - Pearland sophomore Ryan Spears (2) hits a short jumper for two of his seven points against Dawson. The Eagles beat the Oilers 47-34 in a 23-6A showdown.

Photo by Lloyd Hendricks



EASY BASKET - Dawson senior Larry Lyons scores an easy basket against Pearland as the Eagles won the district clash 47-34. Lyons scored six points as the Eagles improved to 5-0 in district and 21-4 overall as the No. 1 team in the Houston area.

Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

SPORTS

No. 11 state-ranked Lady Oilers remain unbeaten in district play

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Lady Oilers (23-4) concluded the first round of District 23-6A action with wins over Dawson (50-40) and Alief Taylor (54-34) to remain perfect at 6-0. The No. 11 state-ranked Lady Oilers were only challenged by Shadow Creek who pressed the Lady Oilers to double overtime before Pearland pulled out the win.

When Pearland traveled to face Dawson (14-14, 3-3), the Lady Oilers found themselves facing a much-improved Lady Eagles squad who gave an all-out effort for the entire game.

Pearland led from start to finish and built an 18-point fourth-quarter lead before a late push from the Lady Eagles narrowed the final score to 50-40.

"There's a lot of antsiness that comes with a rivalry game," Pearland head coach Jere Adams said.

"We started a little slow but maintained our composure for the first 3 quarters. I was pleased with the effort, but we have to minimize the turnovers."

Pearland senior guard Janae Tucker fired in a 3-pointer at the end of the first quarter to give Pearland a 14-8 lead. The Lady Oilers began the second quarter with an 8-1 run for a 22-9 advantage. Pearland would finish with a 27-14 lead at intermission.

"It's tough when your two leading scorers don't score in the first half," Dawson head coach Sharee Griffin said. "We came out hard in the second half, but it wasn't enough."

"Pearland is super-fast. (Paige Bonner) is an amazing defender. She's quick, aggressive and anticipates well."

"We were overthinking too much instead of just playing. Once we started attacking the basket, we got Rylee (Grays) in foul

trouble, but it was too late then."

With 3:45 left in the fourth quarter, Pearland was able to break through the Dawson pressing defense to build a 48-30 lead.

"We turned the ball over a lot, and many of those were unforced," Adams said. "Dawson played hard, and that's what we expected, especially in this environment with all the people at this game."

"We definitely need to improve on decision-making and taking care of the ball."

"We need to be more accountable and value each possession more."

Pearland took the third quarter 12-11 and closed out the fourth frame 15-11 for the 50-40 win.

Elice Perry led the Lady Oilers offense with 16 points while Rylee Grays tossed in 13.

Dawson's Kennedy Smith led the Lady Eagles with 11 points.

PEARLAND 54 - ALIEF TAYLOR 34

The Lady Oilers concluded an undefeated first round in district action with a 54-34 win over the Alief Taylor Lady Lions.

Senior Rylee Grays (13 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals) and sophomore Elice Perry (11 points, 5 boards) led the Lady Oilers on offense. They got strong support from senior Janae Tucker (9 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal) and junior Nyah Hardy (8 points, 4 rebounds).

Pearland built a 13-7 first quarter lead and outscored the Lady Lions 9-7 in the second period for a 22-14 lead at intermission.

The Lady Oilers increased their intensity in the second half as they took the third quarter 19-11 for a 41-25 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

Pearland closed out the game 13-9 in the final period to grab the 54-34 district win.



POINT BLANK SHOT - Pearland sophomore Elice Perry (12) gets an easy bucket against the Dawson Lady Eagles. Perry scored 16 points to lead the Pearland offense in the 50-40 district win over Dawson. Pearland is now 24-3 overall and 6-0 in league play.



Friendswood Mustangs girls and boys Swim & Dive Teams captured first place against eight schools at the Clear Creek Mardi Gras Invitational. The Friendswood girls scored 293 points to finish in first place while the Friendswood boys scored 328 points to finish in first place.

Friendswood wins the Clear Creek Mardi Gras Invitational

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Friendswood High Mustang girls and boys Swim & Dive Teams captured first place against eight schools at the Clear Creek Mardi Gras Invitational.

The Friendswood girls scored 293 points to edge Clear Creek who scored 281 points followed by Clear Springs (260), Dawson (149), and Clear Falls (149).

The Friendswood boys scored 328 points to finish ahead of Clear Springs (188), Pearland (181), Clear Falls (147), and Clear Creek (140).

Marshall Odom broke the FHS boys 50 free record with a time of 20.77 seconds and KK LeBlanc broke the FHS girls 200 free record with a time of 1:53.57.

Relay Results are as follows:

Girls 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - KK LeBlanc, Peyton Becker,

Andi Jeanes, Lauren Tillman (2nd) Clear Creek (3rd) Clear Springs

Girls 200-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Andi Jeanes, Peyton Becker, Lauren Tillman, KK LeBlanc (2nd) Clear Springs (3rd) Clear Falls

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

Boys 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - Tony Laurito, Nick Hardt, Lane Jordan, Marshall Odom (2nd) Clear Falls (3rd) Pearland Dawson

Boys 200-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Nathan Henderson, Nick Hardt, Tony Laurito, Marshall (2nd) Clear Falls (3rd) Spring Woods

Boys 400-yard free relay: (1st) Clear Creek (2nd) Friendswood - Hayden Holcomb, Talon Welch, Andrew Rubio,

Chayton Budzik (3rd) Clear Springs

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

Girls 200 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Alex Linden (7th), Olivia Esbeck (8th)

Boys 200 Free: Paul Podrebarac (2nd), Talon Welch (3rd), Hayden Holcomb (4th), Nathan Jennings (6th)

Girls 200 Individual Medley: Peyton Becker (2nd), Edi Jakob (3rd)

Boys 200 Individual Medley: Tony Laurito (1st), Nick Hardt (2nd), Chayton Budzik (11th)

Girls 50 Free: Lauren Tillman (3rd), Paige McCray (6th)

Boys 50 Free: Marshall Odom (1st), Andrew Rubio (8th), Nathan Henderson (11th)

Girls 100 Butterfly: Andi Jeanes (2nd), Erin Voelker (7th)

Boys 100 Butterfly: Lane Jordan (3rd),

Hayden Holcomb (8th)

Girls 100 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Hallie Ratcliff (8th)

Boys 100 Free: Marshall Odom (1st), Andrew Rubio (9th), Nathan Henderson (10th)

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

Boys' 500 Free: Paul Podrebarac (2nd), Nathan Jennings (5th), Noah Givens (7th)

Girls 100 Backstroke: Hallie Ratcliff (10th), Oliva Esbeck (11th)

Boys 100 Backstroke: Tony Laurito (1st), Talon Welch (6th)

Girls 100 Breaststroke: Peyton Becker (2nd), Erin Voelker (7th), Genevieve Ringo (11th)

Boys 100 Breaststroke: Nick Hardt (3rd), Chayton Budzik (5th)

Boys 1 Meter Diving: Grayson Wells (2nd)

Friendswood gets 61-54 win over Santa Fe

Friendswood started the game against the Santa Fe Indians on fire offensively as they jumped out to a quick 16-3 lead that included two 3-pointers by junior Simon Roach.

After Roach landed hard on the court in the first period and left the game, Dyllan Baker took up the slack to finish with a team-high 18 points with long-range shots and driving the lane for short scores.

"Dyllan is our primary ballhandler, primary scorer and maybe our best defender," said Friendswood head coach Caleb Marburger. "Burke hit those huge threes. He has the green light to shoot as many as he wants when he's open."

Santa Fe (19-9, 2-2) used a cold-shooting spell by Friendswood to make a comeback to close the gap against the Mustangs for a

33-32 lead at intermission.

"We strayed from the game plan after the hot start," Marburger said. "We kind of coasted through the rest of the first quarter, and the second quarter as well, and let their shooters get good looks."

Friendswood used an 8-1 run to begin the third period thanks to a 3-pointer from senior guard Benjamin Burke, a putback from junior post Luke Ballard and another 3-pointer from Baker for a 40-34 lead.

Santa Fe was not able to get closer than five points for the remainder of the game.

Friendswood overcame a poor shooting performance at the free throw line hitting only 4-of-14 in the first half and finished the game 9-of-23 from the line.

Burke, however, offset Friendswood's

free-throw woes by canning five treys and while also hitting a key follow shot inside in the final period enroute to a 17-point performance.

Santa Fe was led by senior Nick Jaco, who produced a game-high 25 points.

Friendswood (13-11, 2-3) faced the Texas City Stingarees and came up short 36-34.

The Mustangs outscored the Stings 7-4 in the first quarter and 10-6 in the second period for a 17-10 halftime edge.

However, Texas City rallied in the second half by taking the third quarter 10-4 to close the gap at 21-20 entering the final frame with Friendswood still ahead.

The Stings outscored the Mustangs 16-13 in the fourth period to take the 36-34 district win.



ALL-STATE HONORABLE MENTION - Dawson sophomore Kennedy Jones was recently named to the Texas Sports Writers Association 6A All-State honorable mention volleyball teams. Jones had 196 kills, 84 blocks, and 17 digs for the Lady Eagles. Dawson finished 32-14 and made another deep run in the playoffs. Photo by Clay Middleton

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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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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)

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 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: 
 Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #

Pearland Independent School District will be accepting 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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PUBLIC NOTICE: Pear Self Storage, 3512 1/2 E. Broadway St., Pearland, TX 77581, (281) 310-0542, in compliance with the TX State Storage Act, and due to repeated failure to pay monthly lease, the following self-storage units' contents containing household & other goods will be sold for cash to satisfy the lien for rental on February 4, 2023 at 10:00am on www.storageauctions.com. Unit: Michael Oketunmbi-D4

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Original application for on-premise permit BE: Beer Retail Dealer's On-Premise License
Trade name of the location is: Championship Golf Center
Located at - 2990 W Parkwood Ave., Friendswood, TX 77546
Business Contact info - 760-503-4653 and kirt@golfcipher.com

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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.

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

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

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary
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Notice of Public Hearing Regarding an Amendment to the Friendswood Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Friendswood will hold a public hearing to give all interested persons the right to give testimony and present written evidence concerning the following item:

Proposed amendment to the Friendswood Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map for a tract of land located at 401 N Friendswood Drive, being 36,823 square feet of land out of the Final Plat of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home, in Galveston County, Texas, to change its FLUM designation from Retail to Low-Density Residential.

The City Council will hold this public hearing on Monday, February 6, 2023, in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas, 77546-4856, at its meeting commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Item documentation is available for review in the City's Secretary's Office, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546-485 during regular business hours. For questions regarding the details of the documentation and its related public hearing, please contact Aubrey Harbin, Director of Community Development/City Planner at 281-996-3280.

The City of Friendswood is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable accommodations and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. For assistance, please contact the City's ADA Coordinator Brian Rouane at 281-996-3285 via phone, 281-482-1634 via fax or contact 281-996-3285 via Relay Texas at 711 or 1-800-735-2988 for TTY services. For more information concerning Relay Texas, please visit <http://relaytexas.com>.

Leticia Brysch, City Secretary
 City of Friendswood

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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 6, 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, **February 20, 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.

2. Zone Change Application No. ZONE 22-32: A request by Katherine Beckett, HDR Inc, applicant, on behalf of Healgen Scientific LLC., owner, for approval of a zone change from Light Industrial (M-1) District to Planned Development (PD) District, incorporating approximately 6.4566 acres of land into the LNR Clear Creek Planned Development, to wit:
Legal Description: 6.4566 acres of land out of the James Hamilton Survey, Abstract No. 876 in Harris County, Texas, same being part of Lots 13 1/2 and 20 of Block F of Allison-Richey Gulf Coast Home Company Suburban Gardens Subdivision, the plat of which is recorded in Volume 3, Page 40 of the Harris County Map Records.
General Location: Southwest Corner of Sam Houston Parkway West and Hooper Road.

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

Mohamed A. Bireima, AICP
 Senior Planner

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of BRAZORIA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5 met in regular session, open to the public on January 13, 2023 at the Silverlake Clubhouse located at 2715 Southwyck Parkway, Pearland, Texas 77584, at which a quorum of said Board was present as follows:

- Leshan Jayasekara, President - Present
- Richard Ghiselin III, Vice President - Present
- Daryl Irby, Secretary - Present
- Brian Reagan, Deputy Treasurer- Present
- David Haynes, Assistant Treasurer - Present

at which the following business was transacted:

It was duly moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that the location of the administrative office and special meeting place for the Board of Commissioners of Brazoria County Emergency Services District No. 5. Effective immediately, the location of the designated office and special meeting place of the District:

(1) Administrative Office for District Records and Special Meetings Bacon, Wallace & Philbin, LLP 6363 Woodway, Suite 800 Houston, Texas 77057

The office of the District is designated to be a public place for the purposes of all District business.

The mailing address for correspondence directed to the District is 6363 Woodway, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77057.

The President is authorized to execute and the Secretary to attest this Order on behalf of the Board and the District.

PASSED, ORDERED, and APPROVED the 13th day of January, 2023

/s/ David Irby Secretary, Board of Commissioners /s/Leshan Jayasekara President, Board of Commissioners

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Pearland ISD presents two musical productions

Experience a night of music and theatre at Pearland Independent School District with Pearland High School's Pearland Theatre production of "Descendants" and Dawson High School's Ovation Theatre production of "Matilda".

Descendants
 PHS's Pearland Theatre presents "Descendants"! Based on a popular Disney movie of the same name, Disney's *Descendants: The Musical* is jam-packed with comedy, adventure, Disney characters and hit songs from the films!

Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost – home of the most infamous villains who ever lived – the teenaged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar and Cruella De Vil have never ventured off the island... until now. When the four troublemakers are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes, they have a difficult choice to make: should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good?

The musical "Descendants" can be seen in the PHS auditorium (3775 South Main) on Jan. 20 and Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

and Jan. 21 and Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students, senior citizens and staff, and \$12 for reserved admission. All tickets must be purchased online at www.pearlandisd.org/FineArtsTickets.

Matilda
 Roald Dahl's "Matilda" will soon take place at Dawson High School.

Matilda, an extraordinary girl armed with a sharp mind and a vivid imagination, dares to take a stand against her oppressive parents and head teacher to change her story with miraculous results.

The musical "Matilda" can be seen in the DHS auditorium (2050 Cullen Blvd.) on Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. and on Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students, senior citizens and staff, and \$12 for reserved admission.

All tickets must be purchased online at www.pearlandisd.org/FineArtsTickets.

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