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Around Town

JULY 27

MOVIE ON THE LAWN

Outdoor free screening of the film, "Cruella" begins at 7 p.m. in the parking lot of Baybrook Mall, 500 Baybrook Mall, Friendswood. Blankets and lawn chairs recommended. Baybook's Movies on the Lawn series is held Thursdays during the summer through Aug. 31. Baybrookmall.com.

MOSQUITO FESTIVAL

The Great Mosquito Festival kicks off at 5 p.m. Thursday at 100 Parkview Drive in Clute and runs through midnight Saturday. Tickets are \$2 Thursday and \$10 for adults Friday and Saturday. Visit mosquitofestival. com for information and schedules

HOUSTON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Houston's Miller Outdoor Theatre presents free performances of Macbeth and Much Ado About Nothing as part of the 49th annual Houston Shakespeare Festival, a production of the University of Houston, Shows will be held each night from July 27 to August 5. For more information visit millerout-

JULY 28

A teen lock-in themed Family Feud will be 5:30 to 9 p.m. at West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 713-436-0995.

READING AROUND THE BASES

Astros Foundation hosts Reading Around the Bases from 2 to 5 pm. at 1200 Pearland Parkway with free popcorn, frozen treats, storytime with Pearland ISD Superintendent Larry Berger and a free book for children in grades kindergarten through third while supplies last. For information, email MoralesC@UHCL.edu.

BIG TIME BINGO AT VFW

It's BINGO time in Pearland! Every Sunday, Monday, Thursday, and Friday, join Big Time BINGO at the Pearland VFW Post 7109 for two sessions a day. Sunday and Monday Doors open at 5 p.m. First session begins at 7 p.m. Second session begins at 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday Doors open at 10 a.m. First session at noon Second session at 1:30 p.m.

POKÉMON TOURNEY AT SPUDSTCG Join the sanctioned play Pokémon tour-

naments at SpudsTCG every Friday in Pearland! Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the tournaments begin between 6 and 6:20 p.m. There is a 24 participant maximum, so be sure to get there early!

JULY 29

OUTDOOR COOKING WORKSHOP

Delores Fenwick Nature Center hosts and Outdoor Cooking Workshop from 5 to 7 p.m. at 5750 Magnolia Parkway. Cost is \$15 and pre-registreation is required. For information or to register, call 281-652-1960, or visit parks.pearlandtx.gov.

JULY 30

BAYBROOK FARMERS MARKET

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

JULY 31

END OF SUMMER READING PARTY

End of Summer Reading party for adults at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive, will be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Call 281-652-1677 or email pearland@bcls. lib.tx.us for information.

AUGUST 1

Brazoria County Drainage District No. 4 meets at 9 a.m. at the District No. 4 offices, 4813 West Broadway. For information and agendas, visit bdd4.org, email info@bdd4. org or call 281-485-1434.

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Hotel standards get mixed reception

By N. BRADFORD

Reporter News Staff

Pearland isn't getting any younger, and neither are its

But aging hotels and the process known as "deflagging" can affect a community's image, a city councilman pointed out Monday. "If somebody came in here

and wanted to build a low-end hotel, this council would shut it down," said Councilman Rushi Patel, himself a hotel owner. "But the issue is current hotels, you cannot stop from de-flagging and making it a lower end hotel."

Deflagging is a term used when an independent owner discards their franchise and can no longer display brand flags -- such as Marriott or Hilton -- on the property.

Patel said as Pearland has grown older, he has noted many older hotels morphing into a lower tier brand.

In some communities, one example being Grapevine, hotels are restricted to minimum standards, said Patel, who has encouraged fellow councilmembers to adopt similar restrictions.

"Any time we're moving in the direction of better quality, that's something we want," Mayor Kevin Cole responded. "The devil is always in the details."

While hotel owners could still de-flag, proposed minimum requirements such number of rooms, maintained amenities and conference

space would ensure con-

go and build a 120-rooms

and then go deflag tomor-

row, but in theory you hav-

"If somebody came in here tinued investment in those and wanted to build a low-end properties. hotel, this council would shut Councilman Alex Kamkar was skeptical, saying it down. But the issue is curthe suggestion felt like more rent hotels, you cannot stop regulation. from de-flagging and making "Even if this ordinance is approved, somebody could

Rushi Patel, Pearland City Council

it a lower end hotel."

en't really solved the problem," he said. "I feel like we have larger items to address."

In Pearland, hotels require a conditional use permit from the city.

At the end of Monday's discussion, city staff said they would look further into the possibility and what other

"From my industry's point of view, (deflagging) is something I see happening," Patel said. "I'm just telling vou beware."

Pearland native graduates from U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Ensign Alyssa D. Burns graduated from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, on May 17, 2023 and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard.

ENS Burns completed four years of intensive academic, physical and leadership training, resulting in a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Marine Environmental Science.

She is the daughter of Jim & Dawn Burns of Pearland and their second daughter to attend the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. ENS Burns comes from a family of military service, with her father, grandfathers, uncles, cousins, great uncles and great-grandfathers all having served.

Following graduation ENS Burns has been assigned to the USCGC Rollin Fritch (WPC 1119) out of Cape May, NJ as a Deck Watch Officer and Support Department Head, with collateral duties as the Weapons Officer and Morale Officer.

The Rollin Fritch is a USCG Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutter (FRC) whose duties include law enforcement, Search and Rescue, Homeland Security and Defense. Specifically designed for Search and Rescue and the interception of Smuggling activities, the Rollin Fritch is armed with a 25mm autocannon, four crew-served Browning .50 cal machine guns, and a water-jet pursuit boat able to be deployed and retrieved on the go. As a Sentinel-class FRC, the Rollin Fritch has an endurance of 5 days and 2,950

ENS Burns' goals are to successfully fulfill her duties as Deck Watch Officer, serving her crew and the public over the next two years afloat. Longer-term, ENS Burns intends to explore graduate school options leveraging together her Coast Guard career, Marine Environmental Science interests and emerg-



ing technologies in Geographic Information Sys-

ENS Burns has subsequently been engaged to a fellow graduate, ENS Nicolas G. Fisher, assigned to the USCGC Lawrence Lawson (WPC 1120) also out of Cape May, NJ.

As one of the smallest and most specialized of the five federal service academies, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy offers a quality higher education and professional development experience. Upon graduation, Cadets go directly into positions of leadership in service to others.



Garden, Fite, Walnut up for repaving

Work is set to begin in September to repave five of Pearland's roughest streets through a city-county partnership. Through a longstanding interlo-

furnishes materials and Brazoria County provides labor and equipment for the annual project on a select number of Pearland Streets each vear. "We use our pavement condition

cal agreement, the City of Pearland

index to guide which roads we include in this program," City Manager Trent Epperson said.

Streets selected for asphalt paving this year are: Garden Road from Broadway to the city limits; Fite Road from Harkey to McLean; Walnut Street from Old Alvin to Broadway; Hawk Road from Cullen Road to Norfolk; and Hillhouse Road from Hughes Ranch north to its dead end.

Since Hillhouse and Hawk both run beside Dawson High School and the start of school is approaching, the work on those streets likely won't begin until the Thanksgiving Break, according to Eric Hammond, assistant director of Public

"We're trying to align our schedule with the county and the school break," he said.

The cooperative with the county has been in place for decades, Mayor Kevin Cole said.

"It's your tax dollars, your road and bridge dollars that you pay when you renew your vehicle that goes to the county and coming back into the city to help with certain roadways," he said. "This year looks like double the lane miles we had last year."

Study: **Local drivers** among safest

Everyone seems to think their hometown has the worst drivers.

For those in Pearland, though, a recently released study by ConsumerAffairs ranks Pearland as No. 2 in the state for best drivers and at No. 8 nationwide.

The site based its rankings on numbers of auto crashes and driving violations gathered from the U.S. Department of Transportation. In Texas, Pearland landed behind the north Texas city of McKinney.

Nationwide, the safest drivers are in Green Bay, Wis., followed by Cary, North Carolina, Oxnard, Calif. and Bellevue, Wash., according to the study. In places five through seven were McKinney; Lynn, Mass.; and Glenndale, Calif.

The U.S. city with the worst score was Memphis, Tenn., with 34 fatal crashes for 100,000 residents. Several other Tennessee cities rank in the top 60 for worst drivers: Knoxville at 12th, Clarksville at 17th, Chattanooga at 19th and

Libraries provide respite during summer

By N. BRADFORD Reporter News Staff

A hotter-than-average summer remains unrelenting as August approaches. Cooling centers remain open as fans, AC units and water donations are equested for those without air conditioning.

The Red Cross is encouraging those without air conditioning to seek relief in "cooling centers" during the hottest part of the day. In Pearland, these cooling centers include both local libraries, the Tom Reid branch at 3522 Liberty Drive and west branch at 2803 Business Center Drive.

Countywide cooling centers will remain open through Sept. 30 through a partnership among the United Way of Brazoria County, Brazoria County Library System, Brazoria County Dream Center and Gulf Coast Transit District. Those without transportation to cooling centers should call the Gulf Coast Transit District at 800-266-2320.

water are encouraged to drop them off at any of the twelve libraries throughout the county. At the Pearland Neighborhood Center, the Cool Deal Fan Program is col-

Organizations and individuals that would like to donate cases of bottled

lecting donations of new fans and AC units at 2335 North Texas Ave. in addition to its annual summer food drive. At City Hall, Mayor Kevin Cole had declared "No tie June, July and Au-

gust" for city council and staff. "It's 400 degrees outside," he said, "so let's get somewhat comfortable

and settle in for the summer." The forecast for the coming week has little variety, staying hot and sunny

through the weekend. Early August brings a 32 percent chance of isolated thunderstorms next Thursday and Saturday, according to forecasters.

PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

Wednesday, July 19

Multiple cases of vehicle burglaries were reported in the early hours Wednesday on Oakedge Drive.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 3 a.m., 2900 block of Broadway St.

Industrial accident reported at 10:15 a.m., 14200 block of Hatfield Road.

at 11 a.m., 1400 block of Felony theft charges were

woman who has previous convictions. Death investigation con-

Parkway. Theft by fraud reported at 8:26 p.m., 700 block of Ap-

made at 8:30 p.m., 1500

Thursday, July 20

Two people were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia at 4 a.m., 2500 block of Pearland Parkway. A Pearland teenager was arrested for family violence assault at 1 a.m., 9700 block

of drug paraphernalia was made at 3 p.m., 2500 block of Cullen Parkway.

Criminal investigation conducted at 5 p.m., 7000 block of Robin Meadow St.

for shoplifting at 6 p.m., possession was made at 1710 Broadway St.

A Pearland woman, 58, was arrested at 10:48 p.m. for assault by contact, family violence, 2200 block of Grand Blvd.

Friday, July 21

A 23-year-old woman was arrested at an apartment complex for assault causing bodily injury, family member, 12325 Shadow Creek Parkway. A Pearland man, 42, was ar-

rested for felony drug possession at 3:33 a.m., 1600 block of O'Day Road. An arrest for public intoxication was made at 4:36 a.m., 12700 block of Broad-

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 5:19 p.m. 2400 block of N. Washington Avenue.

A 32-year-old Pearland woman was cited for handicapped parking violation, One person was arrested 11200 Broadway St.

Saturday, July 22

DWI arrest was made at 3 a.m., 4200 block of Broadwav St.

DWI arrest at 3:26 a.m., 9000 block of Broadway St. Shoplifting arrest was made at 6 p.m., 2710 Broadway St.

Three people were arrested for drug possession at 9 p.m., 3700 Main St.

DWI arrest was made at 9:30 p.m., 2300 block of Heritage Landing Drive.

Two people were arrested An arrest for felony drug 11600 Broadway St.

11:30 p.m., 1900 Main St.

Sunday, July 23

A Houston man, 31, was arrested for assault family violence and interfering with an emergency phone call just after midnight, 12500 Pearland block of Broadway St. Criminal investigation conducted at 1:40 a.m., 1300

block of Austin St. DWI arrest was made at 10 a.m., 16100 South Freeway. Unlawful installation of a tracking device was reported to police at 11:30

a.m., 13900 block of South

Cruelty to animals was reported at 4:15 p.m., 13100 block of Split Creek Lane.

Monday, July 24

Freeway.

Burglary of building reported shortly after midnight, 2800 block Business Center Drive.

for assault causing bodily injury and another was arrested on a warrant at 3:18 a.m., 1100 block of Melford Avenue.

Burglary of building reported at 5:13 a.m., 9600 block of Broadway St.

Theft from building reported at 6:22 a.m., 7100 block of Broadway St. Handicapped parking viola-

tion cited at 3:43 p.m., 2800 Business Center Drive. Shoplifting arrest at 4:30 p.m., 1919 Main St.

DWI arrest at 7:17 p.m.,

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

JULY 18 thru JULY 24

July 18 (1:34 p.m.) Criminal mischief and theft were reported at a residence in the 16800 block of Blackhawk Blvd. The father of the victim's child was at her home to visit. During the visit, the suspect intentionally broke the victim's cell phone. Several days later, the same suspect withdrew money from the victim's checking account using Apple Pay.

July 19 (9:02 a.m.) A renter at a property in the 16700 block of Hibiscus is accused of theft. The City of Friendswood shut off water to the residence for non-payment. Since that time, two padlocks have been installed and both padlocks have been removed and the water lines tampered with.

July 19 (3:00 p.m.) Two sus-

pects involved in four recent

HEB thefts were identified as suspects in a Friendswood HEB theft that occurred on July 9th. The suspects stole Pokemon cards. The identities of the two suspects are known and charges will be filed for the multiple retail thefts. July 20 (11:49 p.m.) A theft of

mail was reported in the 100 block of Tower Drive. The resident observed a white Ford Explorer parked in front of his mailbox. As he ran outside to confront the driver, the vehicle drove off at a high rate of speed. The victim's mailbox was left open and there was no mail inside. The resident does subscribe to Informed Deliv-

ery and knows that he should Traffic gone missing from the victim's card and a social security card.

Fraud

swood resident received an email from Frost bank advising him that a new online checking account was opened using his name. He went to Houston, was charged with report the fraudulent activity. Much of the victim's personal identifying information was used to open the account including his social security number.

July 17 (1:00 p.m.) A Friend-

July 18 (9:15 a.m.) A Friendswood family purchased three \$500 Southwest Airlines gift cards from Costco as a Christmas gift. They made reservations in March using one of the cards. When they tried to make reservations using the cards in July, they found the balances on the cards were used to purchase flights in June. The card numbers and PINs were used by an unknown person. Neither Southwest Airlines nor Costco will provide the victims any relief for the theft of funds from their gift cards.

July 20 (9:51 a.m.) A Friendswood woman reported identity theft. Her personal information was used to open an investment account with STASH.

have received three letters in July 17 (8:49 a.m.) A hit and the mail. Over the past couple run accident occurred in the of months, several items have HEB parking lot located at 701 W. Parkwood Avenue. mailbox including a new credit The report was made through the online citizen portal. The incident occurred on July 14th. The owner of the vehicle was shopping and found damage to the bumper of her vehicle.

Arrests A 49-year-old male, of

a local Frost bank branch to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Display Expired Registration, and No Insurance. A 38-year-old male, of Am-

ite, LA, was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and No Seat Belt. A 33-year-old male, of Dick-

session of a Controlled Substance in penalty Group 1. A 34-year-old male, of Dickinson, was charged with De-

inson, was charged with Pos-

Seat Belt. A 32-year-old male, of Friendswood, was charged with Assault Causing Bodily

fective Brake Lights and No

Injury. A 36-year-old male, of Houston, was charged with Flee-

ing from a Police Officer. A 33-year-old male, of Splendora, was charged with Harassment and Assault by

Threat.

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FAITH MATTERS By Rev. Dr. Brian Gigee

"REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY"

"May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works— who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who reaches to the high mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. 34 May my Lord." - Psalm 104:31-35

What does one do once one has figured it out? When you learned to ride a bike, did you help your friend learn how to ride theirs? Sure, you did! When you figured out how to grill a great steak or cook some falloff-the-bones-melt-in-your-mouth baby back ribs... did you keep the secret to yourself? Of course not! You let everybody know! And what about that stock tip or 60% sale on that thing you knew a friend was looking for... you kept quiet, right? Nah! You texted them as soon as you found out!

or friend about the new Faith matters.

of yours? Everyone be- God desires... lieves in something. Is it a

struggle with their faith? Because they haven't figured it out? Is it as easy as riding a bike? Not always. Does it take an effort? Certainly! How many ribs did you burn before you got it right? Isn't that why the point of "practicing our faith" is perfected by "practicing our faith?" Because faith isn't magic and we just don't "POOF" (magic pixie dust kind of 'poof") ourselves meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. into a deep relationship with God over a 4-day week-35 But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wick- end... we practice our faith so when we need a faith, we ed be no more. Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the have one that we can depend on... now, we're talking...

> OUESTION: So, what does it take for the world to get its faith posture in good order?

> ANSWER: Repeat the sounding joy! You know like the repeat the sounding joy in the song... 'Joy to the World" when the Lord has come! God knew the world needed to have the love of God... so the love of God was brought to us by God in the flesh... by Jesus... The Emmanuel... the one we know as "God with us!"

Have you ever looked carefully at the song, "Joy to But, truth be told... most the World"? Even though we sing it loud and proud at folks in our culture are far Christmastime... it wasn't written as a Christmas song quicker to tell a neighbor at all. It is based on Psalm 98 and particularly verses 4-9... go ahead... look it up... and the words point to electric hybrid car sitting the love and power, joy and purpose of God and how in their driveway than they the whole world cannot keep silent... in fact, it really is are to share thoughts about a song about the mission of God's people... that WE... the case for Christ and what repeat the sounding joy... to let the world know that a difference it makes to fol- God is love... and God's love is trustworthy above all low in the way of Jesus. things... and the path of God (Jesus did say... "follow me!") is a path that leads to righteousness and bless-And what about this faith edness... not as brag or goal... but just the simple way

The difficult part however is one cannot repeat the soundstruggle? Have you figured ing joy if one doesn't know or have any of the sounding it out? Do you have friends joy the Psalmist speaks of... and this all proves true when and family members who we get to the third verse of the song... "No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns

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we do claim... despite life's difficulties... Yes! So... let's repeat the sounding joy all Summer and all the way to Christmas! 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 following Brian's blog 'murmurings' at

ments and/or questions to

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infest the ground; He comes

to make His blessings flow...

Far as the curse is found...

We repeat the sounding joy

simply because God's joy re-

places our sin and sorrow...

always... and his blessings

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An arrest for possession

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54. Unload, as stock

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48. Germany's V-2, e.g.

, Calif.

46. Santa __

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ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNER



Helene Carmel Sireci was born October 12, 1921 in San Anselmo, CA and passed away in Webster, TX on July 9, 2023 at the age of 101. She lived in League City and Friendswood area for over 20 years. Helene enjoyed going to the Friendswood Senior Center and loved being a member of Ladies of the Knights with her church St.

Mary of the Expectation Catholic Church in League City.

Helene is reunited with her husband of over 50 years, Joseph Francis Sireci, Jr. and her son, Joseph Francis Sireci, III.

She leaves behind her daughters: Catherine Salerno husband Anthony; and Charlene Sireci; sons: Michael P. Sireci, wife Barbara, Paul F. Sireci, wife Annabelle, and James Sireci, wife Emiko; fifteen grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren. She was a loving wife, mother and adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorial donations can be made to the Friendswood Senior Center 416 Morningside, Friendswood, TX 77546

FROM THE CLUTTERED DESK by Dr. David Davis

When you drop the ball

This is the time of the year when football fanatics are in the prime of their life. Football season is just around the corner, and we are excited about what the future holds for our favorite team -- whether it is high school, college, or the NFL.

There seems to be one thing that happens during the course of a game that really gets to me. That's when a quarterback throws a perfect pass to his receiver -- only to watch him drop the ball.



Or to see a defensive back who breaks on a pass and has a pick six, but fails to catch the ball and misses an opportunity to score a touchdown for his team. The reason I mention this is because we are all going to drop the ball in life.

I'm talking about making mistakes. Doing the wrong thing, usually with the best of motives. And it happens with remarkable regularity. What really bothers me is when someone points out our failures, but then expects you to be more forgiving when they fail. Ever meet anyone like that? I can assure you I have!

In a book entitled: The Incomplete Book of Failures by Stephen Pile -- the author shares such things as: the least successful weather report, the worst computer, the slowest selling book, the worst aircraft, the ugliest building ever constructed, and some of the worst statements...proven wrong in time. Some of those statements were:

"Far too noisy, my dear Mozart. Far too many notes" ~ The Emperor Ferdinand after the first performance of The Marriage of Figaro.

"If Beethoven's Seventh Symphony is not by some means abridged, it will soon fall into disuse." ~ Philip Hale, Boston

"We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on their way out." ~ Decca Recording Company when turning down

the Beatles in 1962. "You will never amount to very much." ~ A Munich

schoolmaster to Albert Einstein, age 10. The truth is -- all of us will blow it at some time or anoth-

er. Instead of being the designated critic -- be the one who helps pull someone up when they fall. We must take the risk to make mistakes. We must have the courage to start again. It is better to get up when knocked down! Some anonymous writer penned these words:

To stand up than to stay down! To keep on than to give up! To hold on than to drop out! To move on than to roll over! No one is beaten until he quits, No one is through till he stops. No matter how hard failure hits, No matter how often he drops, A fellow is not down till he lies In the dust and refuses to rise. Fate may bang him around And batter him till he is sore, But it is never said that he's down While he bobs up for more. A fellow is not dead till he dies,

Nor done till he no longer tries. Old friend Robert said, "So then - whenever one of us blows it and we can't hide it...how about a little support from those who haven't been caught yet?"

Opps - correction. How about a lot of support? E-mail: drdaviddavis@yahoo.com

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Final Quarter Payments for 2022 Taxes Due

The last day to pay senior, disabled person and veteran and disaster fourth quarter installments for 2022 property taxes is July 31st. Avoid hefty penalty and interest and make that payment on time or contact our office to discuss your options with a Property Tax Specialist by calling 409-

Pay in person at any full time County Tax Office in Galveston, League City, Santa Fe and Texas City Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm and Fridays from 8:00 am through Noon. The Friendswood Satellite Office is open Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm (closed Noon to 1:00 for lunch) and Friday 8:00 to 12:00. For directions to office locations call (toll free) 1-877-766-2284.

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SPORTS



rushed for 1,023 yards on 141 carries (7.3 yards per carry) and scored 16 touchdowns while he also caught 21 passes for 164

Dawson set to challenge for District 23-6A crown









Chase Davis

Time passes by quickly as Dawson head coach Mike Allison begins his sixth year at the helm of the Dawson football program.

Allison has certainly continued the foundation that was laid when the school opened in 2007 with former head coach Eric Wells in charge.

Coach Allison has posted a 40-17 record for his first five years while also advancing to the area round of the playoffs all five seasons.

The 2022 season began with an uncharacteristic 0-3 non-district start, but Allison rallied his troops to win the next six out of eight games to finish 6-1 in district with their only loss to Shadow Creek 16-10 which could have easily turned out in favor of the Eagles.

Coach Allison is always the first to give credit to his players and dedicated coaching staff regarding their accomplishments. The players and coaches know how to get along with one another which is a great asset when transferring information to young high school players.

The Eagles have always been a team that will be highly competitive no matter who they are playing. While they may play a team with more talent, Dawson will never be out coached which stood true with former head coach Eric Wells and now, with coach Allison and his staff.

The Eagles will have a strong non-district schedule again as they will face the same three teams they played last season. Dawson is a pre-season pick to finish second in the District 23-6A title race.

The Eagles will play the Hightower Hurricanes (9-3), the Klein Collins Tigers (10-2), and the Tomball Cougars (8-5). These three teams were a combined 27-10 in 2022 with all three teams advancing to the post-season. This schedule will prepare Dawson for district competition.

Dawson returns four offensive and nine defensive starters as well as 31 lettermen from a 6-5 team in 2022 that advanced to the bi-district round of the playoffs.

One of the key losses on offense was three-year starting quarterback and Texas Wesleyan commit Colin Johnson. However, Allison believes that QB Gage Greene (6-2, 180) will be able to step in and provide the leadership and skill set for the Eagles offense.

"Gage (Greene) had a strong spring showing and I believe he has the talent to take over at quarterback," Allison said. "The players have a lot of confidence in him and I like what I saw in our spring game.

"He is an unselfish leader of this team that will be a big part of the success we are looking for on offense."

Greene will have a lot of help as senior running back Bryce Burgess (5-6, 160, 4.5) returns to lead the ground attack. Burgess was named the District 23-6A "Offensive Player of the Year" last season. He rushed for 1,023 yards on 141 carries (7.3 yards per carry) and scored 16 touchdowns while he also caught 21 passes for 164 yards and two

"Offensively, we have some dynamic athletes in the skill positions," Allison said. "They have the ability to line up in different positions and do some different things to help the team.

"We have some experience coming back on the O-Line, and have a few of the underclassmen stepping up and competing for the open spots.'

Another offensive weapon returning is Tony Robertson III who will make an impact on that side of the ball for the Eagles.

"Tony will be returning from a season-ending injury that happened Week One of last season," Allison said. "He will be a three-year letterman, that will be hungry to show what he can do." Other players on offense that All

son will be looking for a strong season include WR Braylon Howard, WR Joseph Brown, and OL Torion Armelin.

The strength of the Eagles to begin the season will be the nine defensive starters who will set the pace early.

"The two holes we have to fill are at nose guard and linebacker," Allison said. "We have a few players competing for the position at nose, and expect Hudson Windsor, who started at linebacker last year, to step into that vacant

The defensive foundation will begin with the two bookend defensive ends

had 45 stops, seven TFL, and two sacks and Edward Smith (6-6, 240) who had 24 tackles, eight TFL, and two sacks. Both have committed to Texas Tech.

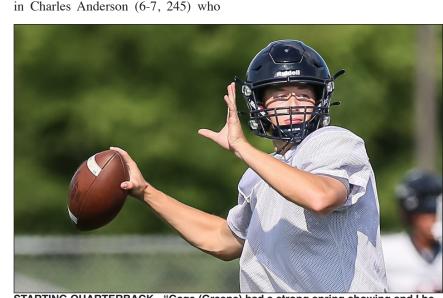
Other key defensive standouts include first-team All-District Bryson Burgess (5-6, 165) who had 50 solo stops, 18 assists, one TFL last season. DB Max Menedez (5-10, 170) who had 31 tackles, and one sack. DB Chase Davis (5-10, 165) and DB Gabe Mc-Farland (5-10, 160) who had 41 tackles seven TFL, and one sack. LB Jerimiah Treadaway LB Hudson Winsor, and LB Jordan Harrison.

"Harrison (LB) is an athletic linebacker that will be one of our returners this season," Allison pointed out. "He has worked hard this offseason and has added 10-15 pounds without losing any speed."

Dawson will also have a proven placekicker in junior Ayden Treadaway who can make the pressure PATs and FGs when called upon in the clutch.

"I expect the Dawson Eagles to be successful," Allison said. "Everyone wants to win district, make a long run in the playoffs, and win a state title.

'Our district has some very good coaching staffs and talented athletes on each team. I believe that there are going to be difficult battles each week. We will play hard, be disciplined in the things we do, and be fun to watch."



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(Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)

2023 Dawson Eagles Football Schedule

Sat9/2 Klein Collins Away6:00 p.m.
Sat9-9 Tomball
OPEN
Fri9/22 *Alief Hastings Home7:00 p.m.
Thur 9/28 *Alief Taylor 6:00 p.m.
Fri10/6 *Strake JesuitHome7:00 p.m.
Fri 10/13 *Pearland
Fri 10/20 *Shadow Creek Home 7:00 p.m.
Fri 10/27 *Alief Elsik
Thur 11/2 *Alvin Home 7:00 n m

* Denotes District 23-6A Game

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Notice Of Constable Sale Order of Sale Cause Number 120445-CV

(See Notes Below)

James Brawner Constable Precinct 4

Under the authority and by virtue of an Order of Sale dated and issued pursuant to the judgment of the 149th Judicial District Court Brazoria County, Texas by the clerk of said courts as shown in the following schedule of cases, and to me directed and delivered as Constable in Brazoria County, Texas, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in August, the same being August 1st, 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 13th day of March, 2023, Sierra Vista at Canyon Gate Property Owners Association, , recovered a judgment in the 149th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against, Rocky Aviles for the sum of Five Thousand Eighty Two Dollars and Fifity Six Cents (\$5,082.56) as the total amount due on the assessment acount of the Property that is secured by the Plaintiff's lien on the Property as of the date the motion for Default was filed; reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of Two Thousand Eight hundred Fifteen Dollars and fifty Cents (\$2,815.50); additional attorney's fees in the amount of one thousand eight hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,800.00) in the event it becomes necessary for Plaintiff to obtain a writ of execution and/or an order of sale and have the Property posted for a constable or sheriff's sale in order to collect the amounts awarded in this judgment; all costs of court in the amount of \$369.38, process server fees in the amount of \$132.50, and post-judgment interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum on the total judgment, including attorney's fees awarded herein, from the date this judgment is signed until fully paid; and, whereas, the said judgment is a foreclosure of a Property lien on the

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
120445-CV 149th Judicial District Court Judgment Date 3/13/2023 Sale #	Sierra Vista at Canyon Gate Property Owners Association, VS , Rocky Aviles	Lot 7, in block 2, of Sierra Vista, Sec 1, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in document no. 201758170 of the plat records of Brazoria County, Texas more commoonly known as 2626 Half dome Drive, Rosharon, Texas 77583 ("Property");	Date Issued 5/12/2023 Levy Date June 8th, 2023	

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

The Minimum Bid Is All Costs Of Suit And Sale.

Estimated Minimum Bid: \$2,416.99

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Terms: Cash, or Cashier's Check

Additional Terms:

(Real Property being Sold at the Direction of the Plaintiff's Attorney) Consult with an Attorney) (Made Subject to right of redemption (if any) in accordance to law) (Constable's Commission due upon final Bid amount)

SALE TO BE HELD 1st day of August, 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

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 1:59 PM

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023, and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

Dixie Farm Rd at Cowart's Creek Bridge Transition Area and Dixie Farm Rd at Mary's Creek Bridge Transition Area City of Pearland, Texas COP PN: TR2205 ITB: 0623-16

The project will consist of the following for Dixie Farm Rd at Cowart Creek Bridge Transition Area and Dixie Farm Rd at Mary's Creek Bridge Transition Area: The project will entail the improvements for the bridge transition at Cowart's Creek and Mary's Creek including realigning geometry for a smoother transition. The improvements will include removal of existing roadway elements, widening of concrete pavement, installations of curb, concrete median, islands, pavement markings, and traffic signs.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held in person at the City of Pearland Public Works Rio Grande Conference room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 10:00 a.m. on August 3, 2023

All bids should be submitted through the E-Bid system located on the City's website at: https://pearland.ionwave.net/Login.aspx. All interested Bidders are advised to register as a "supplier" on the City's E-Bid System at the above website by clicking on "Supplier Registration" and completing a short registration questionnaire. Electronic Bid Documents, including Plans, Technical Specifications and Bid Forms are available for download after registration is approved by City Purchasing office. No plan fees or deposits are required for bid documents obtained through the City's E-bid System. Questions regarding electronic bidding should be directed to City Purchasing Office at ebids@pearlandtx.gov.

Bid Documents are also available for review at the following plan houses:

Amtek Plan Room (713) 956-0100 The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. (713) 334-7100 Virtual Builders Exchange (832) 613-0201

Bid Security, in the form of Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Bid Bond, pay-

able to the City of Pearland in the amount of 5% of the total base bid price, must accompany each Bid proposal. See Instructions to Bidders for Bond submittal information and instructions

The City of Pearland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Frances Aguilar City Secretary, City of Pearland

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(800) 393-6343

The following Ordinance were approved on July 10, 2023:

ORDINANCE NO. 2000T-39

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Pearland, Texas, for the purpose of amending to the Unified Development Code of the City of Pearland, Texas,

Ordinance No. 2000T, Chapter 1, Section 1.1.3.3 (a)(2), Advisory Capacity of the Planning and Zoning Commission to the City Council to review, prepare reports upon and make recommendations concerning approval, conditional approval, or denial of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) petitions; and Chapter 2, Section 2.2.3.3 (b), Role of the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and comment on Conditional Use Permit (CUP) petitions; and containing a savings clause, a severability clause, and an effective date and other provisions related to the subject.

For a full copy of the Ordinance, please contact the Office of the City Secretary at 281.652.1653.

Frances Aguilar, TRMC, MMC City Secretary

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2023-15 **VENDING MACHINE**

Sealed Competitive Bids shall be submitted via one (1) electronic copy, each copy on one flash drive or CD. Each flash drive/CD must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match identically. The PDF files 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. 2023-15, and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary, and are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546 before 2:00P.M., AUGUST 10, 2023.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all bid and to waive any informality in the bids received. The contract, if any, will be awarded to the bidder who provides the goods and/or services at the best value for the City based upon the evaluation factors included in the bid specifications. The City pays for goods and services according to the provisions of Chapter 2251 of the

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 ten percent (10%) 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 Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for AUGUST 3, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., at Friendswood City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX

For additional information, please contact Jeff Spears, Purchasing Coordinator at (281) 996-3274 or via email nbender@friendswood.com

/S/Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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The following Ordinance were approved on July 10, 2023:

ORDINANCE NO. 1358-25

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Pearland, Texas, amending non-development usage and service fees; containing a savings clause, a severability clause, a repealer clause, providing for publication and an effective date.

For a full copy of the Ordinance, please contact the Office of the City Secretary

Frances Aguilar, TRMC, MMC City Secretary City of Pearland, Texas

Help Wanted! SALES REPRESENTATIVE

We're looking for a customer-oriented professional with excellent communication and negotiation skills.

> For inquiries please email: jim@myreporternews.com

Friendswood Seniors Cruisin' in 2024

The Friendswood Senior Citizens are going cruising again, this time to the Eastern Caribbean onboard the Carnival Dream.

The eight day cruise will be from March 23rd to 31st, 2024 and will depart from Galveston. Stops include Key West, Florida, and three ports in the Bahamas before returning to Galveston.

For more information or to book a cabin, contact Mickey McDaniel at (281) 489-1905.

Annual Airshow returns to Ellington

The Wings Over Houston Airshow returns to Ellington Airport this fall, celebrating its 39th consecutive year Oct. 14-15.

"We're thrilled to welcome the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds back to the Wings Over Houston Airshow after their fan-favorite performance in 2021," said show executive director Bill Roach.

The event includes displays of vintage aircraft and interactive areas for children and adults. Led this year by a Houston-native, the U.S. Air Force

Thunderbirds will perform enhanced maneuvers in their crowd-favorite demonstrations. "On our 70th anniversary, the 2023 Thunderbirds team built a demonstration worthy of our core mission: to unite in divided times, grow the American people's trust in our

institutions, and create a beacon of excellence in the name of service to something greater than ourselves," said Lt. Col. Justin Elliott, Thunderbird 1, commander/leader. The event will also include performances by the A-10 Thunderbolt II Demonstartion Team, Aftershock Jet Truck. C-17 demo, Debby Rihn-Harvey, John and Shane McGillis, U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue, U.S. Navy Growler

Guard and more. Other special elements include a "Military Might!" drivein style show Oct. 13 and the Guitars N' Cars featuring a classic guitar auction benefitting U.S. VETS-Houston. For updated schedules and information, visit www.wingsoverhouston.com.

Airshow Team, ReMax Skydiving Team, Tulsa National

Tejano Fest planned August 5

Tejano Jam Fest is planned from 6 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway.

The featured act will be Grammy winner Bobby Pulido. Performers also include Michael Salgado, Stefani Montiel, and Lucky Joe, with guest performances by Madison Pulido and Pearland's own Bianca Ruiz

Tejano Jam Fest is presented by Ruiz Law Firm and includes a 50-inch TV and backpack giveaways for back-toschool. Bilingual educators will be honored during a most valuable teacher award.

For more information, contact Jim Luna, 979-665-1923.

PPD offering citizens academy

Pearland Police Department is enrolling for its next Citizen Police Academy, set to begin Sept. 7. Designed to familiarize locals with the police officers who

serve them and how law enforcement works, the program also allows police the opportunity to meet and hear from citizens.

The first program in Pearland was held in 1995, and now has more than 1,100 graduates.

Topics include procedures, SWAT, criminal investigations, K9, drones, animal control, crash investigations, crime scenes and more. Participants visit the Brazoria County Detention Facility and act as the officer on mock building searches and traffic stops.

The program is free and open to all who live or work in Pearland. Applicants must be 18 or older or 17 attending with a family member.

For information or to apply, call 281-997-4193 or visit pearlandtx.gov/departments/police under "programs and classes."

Surfside at top of state ranking

A research website that analyzes air quality data this week released a reporting ranking Surfside Beach as the "vacation hotspot with the cleanest air in Texas."

San Diego-based MyBioSource.com this month released a report on summer vacation destinations with the cleanest air, based on Air Quality Index that factors in pollutants such as s in particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and lead. On the Air Quality Index scale, a 0 represents clean air and a 500 is the highest concentration of pollutants. The Environmental Protection Agency has asserted an AQI of between 51 and 100 is "acceptable."

Nationwide, vacation destinations in Hawaii and Alaska ranked topped the U.S. list with average AQI ratings under 10.

In Texas rankings, South Padre Island at the bottom, scoring an average Air quality index of 47. Galveston scored an average 44, and Surfside Beach had the best average rating of 19. Surfside Beach also landed at No. 17 on the nationwide rankings. The full study and infographics can be found online at mybiosource.com/summer-vacation-air-quality-index.

Library Gala returns September 30th

Step into the whimsical world of Lewis Carroll as the Friendswood Library cordially invites you to a spectacular evening on September 30th from 7pm to 11pm. This year's theme is "Through the Looking Glass." Immerse yourself in an unforgettable journey as you cross the boundary of the ordinary into the extraordinary, much like Alice in her adventures.

Enjoy a night of enchanting entertainment, delectable cuisine, and captivating conversation. Expect the unexpected and pay tribute to Carroll's timeless masterpiece, exploring themes of curiosity, knowledge, and the joy of imagination.

The 'Looking Glass' themed gala is more than just a celebration of literature; it's a journey into the fantastical realm, underpinned by the power of words and the thrill of exploration. Dress in your finest or come adorned in attire inspired by your favorite Carroll character, for an evening that promises to be as thrilling as a mad tea party.

Tickets will go on sale on July 31st and all funds will support the Friendswood Library in its mission to foster lifelong learning and inspire the community through the power of literature. Your presence and contributions will aid in enhancing library resources, programs, and services for the benefit of all.

For more information, visit www.librarygala.com.