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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 milleroutdoorthatre.com.

JULY 28

LIBRARY LOCK-IN

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 p.m. 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 TOURNAY AT SPUDSTCG
Join the sanctioned play Pokémon tournaments 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-registration 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.

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BCDD MEETING

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 hotels.

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.

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Rushi Patel, Pearland City Council

"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 continued investment in those properties.

Councilman Alex Kamkar was skeptical, saying the suggestion felt like more regulation.

"Even if this ordinance is approved, somebody could go and build a 120-rooms and then go deflag tomorrow, but in theory you haven'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 cities do.

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

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 Systems.

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.



Libraries provide respite during summer

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

A hotter-than-average deflagger remains unrelenting as August approaches. Cooling centers remain open as fans, AC units and water donations are requested 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.

Organizations and individuals that would like to donate cases of bottled 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 collecting 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 August" 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.

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 interlocal agreement, the City of Pearland furnishes materials and Brazoria County provides labor and equipment for the annual project on a select number of Pearland Streets each year.

"We use our pavement condition 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 Works.

"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 Glendale, 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 Nashville at 59th.

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.
 Recovered stolen vehicle at 11 a.m., 1400 block of Main St.
 Felony theft charges were filed against a Houston woman who has previous convictions.
 Death investigation conducted at 7:15 p.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.
 Theft by fraud reported at 8:26 p.m., 700 block of Apple Blossom Drive.
 An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 8:30 p.m., 1500 block of Broadway St.

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 Berkshire Trace.
 An arrest for possession 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.
 Two people were arrested

for shoplifting at 6 p.m., 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 Pearland woman was arrested at an apartment complex for assault causing bodily injury, family member, 12325 Shadow Creek Parkway.
 A Pearland man, 42, was arrested 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 Broadway St.
 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, 11200 Broadway St.

Saturday, July 22
 DWI arrest was made at 3 a.m., 4200 block of Broadway 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.
 An arrest for felony drug

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

Monday, July 24
 Burglary of building reported shortly after midnight, 2800 block Business Center Drive.
 One person was arrested 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 violation 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., 11600 Broadway St.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

JULY 18 thru JULY 24

Theft
 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 suspects 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 have received three letters in the mail. Over the past couple of months, several items have gone missing from the victim's mailbox including a new credit card and a social security card.

Fraud
 July 17 (1:00 p.m.) A Friendswood resident received an email from Frost bank advising him that a new online checking account was opened using his name. He went to a local Frost bank branch to report the fraudulent activity. Much of the victim's personal identifying information was used to open the account including his social security number.
 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.

Traffic
 July 17 (8:49 a.m.) A hit and run accident occurred in the HEB parking lot located at 701 W. Parkwood Avenue. 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 Houston, was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Display Expired Registration, and No Insurance.
 A 38-year-old male, of Amite, LA, was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and No Seat Belt.
 A 33-year-old male, of Dickinson, was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in penalty Group 1.
 A 34-year-old male, of Dickinson, was charged with Defective Brake Lights and No Seat Belt.
 A 32-year-old male, of Friendswood, was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury.
 A 36-year-old male, of Houston, was charged with Fleeing 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 Gige

"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 meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. 35 But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the 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 fall-off-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!

But, truth be told... most folks in our culture are far quicker to tell a neighbor or friend about the new electric hybrid car sitting in their driveway than they are to share thoughts about the case for Christ and what a difference it makes to follow in the way of Jesus. Faith matters.

And what about this faith of yours? Everyone believes in something. Is it a struggle? Have you figured it out? Do you have friends and family members who

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 into a deep relationship with God over a 4-day weekend... we practice our faith so when we need a faith, we have one that we can depend on... now, we're talking...

QUESTION: 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 the World"? Even though we sing it loud and proud at Christmastime... it wasn't written as a Christmas song at all. It is based on Psalm 98 and particularly verses 4-9... go ahead... look it up... and the words point to the love and power, joy and purpose of God and how the whole world cannot keep silence... in fact, it really is a song about the mission of God's people... that WE... repeat the sounding joy... to let the world know that God is love... and God's love is trustworthy above all things... and the path of God (Jesus did say... "follow me!") is a path that leads to righteousness and blessedness... not as brag or goal... but just the simple way God desires...

The difficult part however is one cannot repeat the sounding joy if one doesn't know or have any of the sounding joy the Psalmist speaks of... and this all proves true when we get to the third verse of the song... "No more let sinners and sorrows grow, Nor thorns 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 replaces our sin and sorrow... always... and his blessings 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. Gige is a long-time resident of Pearland, having pastored four churches over the last four decades in Texas and Louisiana. Read more following Brian's blog 'murmurings' at <https://briangige.wordpress.com/>. Send comments and/or questions to godworks247365@gmail.com.

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SPORTS



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Bryce Burgess was named the 2022 District 23-6A "Offensive Player of the Year." Burgess 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 scores.

(Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)

Dawson set to challenge for District 23-6A crown



Bryce Burgess



Jordan Harrison



Edward Smith



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

scores. "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 Allison 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 spot."

The defensive foundation will begin with the two bookend defensive ends in Charles Anderson (6-7, 245) who

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 McFarland (5-10, 160) who had 41 tackles seven TFL, and one sack. LB Jeremiah 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."



STARTING QUARTERBACK - "Gage (Greene) had a strong spring showing and I believe he has the talent to take over at quarterback," Dawson head coach Mike 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."

(Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)

2023 Dawson Eagles Football Schedule

Sat . . . 8/26	Hightower	Away	6:00 p.m.
Sat . . . 9/2	Klein Collins	Away	6:00 p.m.
Sat . . . 9-9	Tomball	Home	6:00 p.m.
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Fri . . . 9/22	*Alief Hastings	Home	7:00 p.m.
Thur . . 9/28	*Alief Taylor	Away	6:00 p.m.
Fri . . . 10/6	*Strake Jesuit	Home	7:00 p.m.
Fri . . . 10/13 . . .	*Pearland	Home	7:00 p.m.
Fri . . . 10/20 . . .	*Shadow Creek	Home	7:00 p.m.
Fri . . . 10/27 . . .	*Alief Elsik	Away	7:00 p.m.
Thur . . 11/2	*Alvin	Home	7:00 p.m.
* Denotes District 23-6A Game			

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



SIRECI

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.

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 music critic, 1837.

"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 another. 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?

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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 409-766-2481.

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.

Avoid the line and pay online at www.galcotax.com via electronic check (\$0.50 fee) or credit/debit card (2.2% fee) or via debit or credit card by telephone (toll free) at 1-800-420-1663. Payments may be mailed to 722 Moody, Galveston, Texas 77550 but must be postmarked by July 31st to be considered timely.

