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## Around Town

### NOW UNTIL AUGUST 12

#### KIDZ PACZ FOOD PROGRAM

The Kidz Pacz Summer Program will offer free food packs for qualifying children, ages 3-18 years old, from June 5 to August 12 at the Friendswood Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr. Registration is required. Library hours are: Monday-Thursday 10am to 9pm, Friday & Saturday 10am to 6pm. Call 281-482-7135 or email [chicks@friendswood.com](mailto:chicks@friendswood.com) to register or for more information. The program is provided by the Galveston County Food Bank.

### AUGUST 2

#### CROCHET ALL TOGETHER

Enjoy making some cute, feel good items such as hearts and teddy bears. Or help make community crochet wraps for the library's trees. Come make a crochet block to contribute. You may also bring your own project (e.g. knitting, needle point, sewing, embroidery, cross stitch). Some crochet instruction will be provided. Beginners welcome. For ages 11 and older. Meeting will be held at the Friendswood Library from 4:30 to 5:30pm.

#### ADULT ESL CLASS

Practice your English conversation skills with Martha on Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Computer Room at the Friendswood Library. This is an in-person program. No registration needed.

### AUGUST 3

#### CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

Free movie screening at the Friendswood Library with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Feel free to bring your own seating. This week's movie is "Emily." This movie tells the uplifting journey to womanhood of a rebel and a misfit, one of the world's most famous, enigmatic, and provocative writers, who died, too soon, at age 30. Show starts at 6:30pm.

#### MOVIE ON THE LAWN

Outdoor free screening of the film, "Brave" 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. [Baybrook-mall.com](http://Baybrook-mall.com).

### AUGUST 4

#### FISD ONLINE VERIFICATION

All FISD families must submit proof of residency and complete all district online forms for K-12 grade students prior to the beginning of the school year. Head to [myfisd.com](http://myfisd.com) for details.

#### ADULT ESL CLASS

Practice your English conversation skills with Vincet on Fridays from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Computer Room at the Friendswood Library. This is an in-person program. No registration needed.

#### 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 [milleroutdoortheatre.com](http://milleroutdoortheatre.com).

#### MOVIE IN THE PARK

Movies in the Park are held every Friday night from July 14 to August 4 at the Centennial Park Amphitheatre. This week's feature film is "Clifford." Gates open at 7pm and the movie will start around 8:15. This is a free event.

### AUGUST 5

#### FRIENDSWOOD FARMERS MARKET

Find local artisan goods from fresh produce to handcrafted chocolates to locally-sourced honey. The Friendswood Farmers Market will host nearly 40 vendor stalls on Saturday, August 5th from 9am to 1pm.

#### FRIENDSWOOD MUSEUM TOURS

The Frank J. Brown Museum and the Perry Home will be open for tours from 10am to 2pm on the first Saturday of every month. The Brown Museum is located at 109 Skyview Terrace and the Perry Home is at 109 W. Spreading Oaks.

#### MUTABILIS PRESS POETRY EVENT

The Friendswood Library presents a captivating anthology featuring an array of talented poets. Don't miss this opportunity to listen to their exceptional work firsthand. Event begins at 11am.

#### MUSIC FOR RELAXATION

A shared music listening experience at the Friendswood Library. Close your eyes and relax to the soothing ambience of music and sounds. Feel free to bring comfortable seating (yoga mats, pillows, bean bags, etc.). Event will be held in the Joycena Baker room from 12:30 to 1pm.

#### ACOUSTIC PICKERS MEETUP

Bring your acoustic guitar, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, or other acoustic string instrument to the Friendswood Library from 2pm to 3pm. Meet and hang out with other musicians in your community. Impromptu jams and lessons. A rip-roaring good time it'll be.

#### MEET THE MUSTANGS

Come out to Henry Winston Stadium from 6 to 8pm and meet the Friendswood Mustangs Football Team. Get pictures with players and cheerleaders, dunk a coach in the dunking booth, maybe even win a raffle prize. First 300 kids to enter will receive an autographed football.

## Friendswood Fire Department Receives Donation from Rotary Club



Pictured are (l. to r.): Chief Lisa Camp, (Rotarians: Past President Judy Wiggins, Sergeant-at-Arms Landon Blair, President Elect Scott MacKenzie, Public Image Chair Denise Spruiell, Assistant Governor Robin Hall, Treasurer Scott Dayton, President Dave Barron and Secretary Craig Hall), Lieutenant Greg Otto and Fire Chief Stan Kozlowski.

The Friendswood Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) have gratefully received a substantial donation from the local Rotary Club to help bolster their life-saving equipment. The Rotary Club of Friendswood has generously contributed \$15,000 for the purchase of six state-of-the-art defibrillators. The new equipment will allow the Friendswood Fire Department and EMS to respond more effectively to cardiac emergencies, and, importantly, it will help to save more lives.

Defibrillators are vital devices in emergency medical situations, particularly in cases of heart attacks, where they can literally be the difference between life and death. Having access to an increased number of these machines will significantly enhance the Fire Department's ability to provide immediate and effective care to the residents of Friendswood.

The Rotary Club of Friendswood is part of Rotary International, a globally recognized service organization dedicated to benefiting local and global communities.

With the stated mission of providing service to others, promoting integrity, and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace, Rotary International often contributes to initiatives that support these values. Their involvement with professional, business, and community leaders allows them to make meaningful contributions to various causes.

This generous contribution from the Rotary Club of Friendswood serves as a shining example of the Rotary Club's mission of service to others.

## FHS Theatre Thespian Troupe 1084 Attains Honor Troupe Status

By Friendswood ISD Communication Department

Friendswood High School Theatre Thespian Troupe 1084 showcased its dedication and commitment to excellence as it achieved the esteemed title of Honor Troupe. The accolade was awarded in recognition of their exemplary leadership skills and outstanding collaborative efforts after participating in The Leadership Academy, a year-long online training program offered by Texas Thespians.

The program required the FHS Thespian Troupe 1084 members to engage in rigorous leadership training and project submissions. The culminating event, Texas Thespian Troupe Day, held at The Woodlands High School on Saturday, July 22, witnessed the fruition of their hard work as they were officially bestowed with the prestigious title of Honor Troupe.

The Leadership Academy, designed for both developed and struggling troupes, as well as those transitioning to new leadership, proved to be an invaluable platform for fostering essential skills within the participants. Guided by expert facilitators through engaging Zoom calls and Google Classroom assignments, the program focuses on developing leadership abilities, enhancing troupe dynamics, promoting collaboration, establishing best practices, and fortifying theatre programs.

"We are immensely proud of our talented students from Friendswood High School Theatre, Thespian Troupe 1084, who have demonstrated exceptional leader-

ship qualities and unwavering dedication throughout their participation in The Leadership Academy," said Kathy Powdrell, the Thespian Sponsor and Troupe Director. "Their commitment to excellence has not only enriched their own experiences but has also positively impacted our entire theatre community."

The hard work and dedication of the FHS Officers of 2023-23 played a significant role in the success of this project. The following officers demonstrated remarkable leadership and contributed their utmost to achieving the Honor

Troupe status: Jiszelle Cross, Connor Adams, Jacob Mayfield, Hunter Hovorka, Gabi McGregor and Kynlee Lundrum.

As recipients of the prestigious Honor Troupe title, Friendswood High School Theatre, Thespian Troupe 1084, will be commemorated with a plaque, a banner to be proudly displayed in their theatre, and a feature in the esteemed Texas Thespians Monthly publication. This recognition not only celebrates their accomplishments but also serves as an inspiration to aspiring thespians and theatre enthusiasts across the state.



Pictured are (back row, l to r): Kathy Powdrell, Troupe Sponsor, Mason Patterson, Tech Director; (middle row, l to r): Thatcher Chase, Jacob Mayfield, Avery Burriss (front row, l to r): Beau Laviolette, Caroline Krebs, Jim Perry, and McKenna Fritts.

## FHS finishes in Top 10 for 5A Lone Star Cup

Friendswood High School has achieved a tremendous milestone by finishing in the Top 10 in the 2022-2023 UIL 5A Lone Star Cup standings. A testament to the school's commitment to excellence in a wide variety of extracurricular activities, Friendswood ended the season with an impressive 72 points.

The Lone Star Cup competition honors the best overall academic, athletic, and music programs in the state of Texas. Points for the Lone Star Cup are earned in categories that span across 24 diverse activities. These range from athletics, including team tennis, cross country, football, and basketball, to fine arts like marching band, theatrical design, and film, to STEM-oriented competitions such as robotics.

Friendswood High School's achievement reflects the cumulative effort of their students and faculty, who have excelled across the spectrum of UIL competitions. Their success demonstrates the value of a holistic education model that encourages students to pursue a wide variety of interests.

Despite fierce competition, Friendswood students demonstrated their prowess, not just in sports, but also in a variety of other fields. Their points tally came from consistent performances in diverse areas, showcasing the multifaceted talents of Friendswood's student population.

First place in the UIL 5A Lone Star Cup standings went to Argyle High School, which finished with an outstanding 96 points. Despite the stiff competition, Friendswood High School proved itself a worthy contender, demonstrating an impressive breadth and depth of talent.

The UIL 5A Lone Star Cup, established by the University Interscholastic League (UIL), is a highly coveted award recognizing the top high school programs in Texas. Each year, schools across the state compete in a variety of disciplines, with the top schools earning a place in the esteemed rankings.

Friendswood has finished in first place in the Lone Star Cup three times since its inception. The last time was 2014.

While this year's competition was tough, Friendswood High School has once again shown its ability to compete at the highest levels, proving that with dedication, teamwork, and spirit, great things can be achieved. Friendswood High School's Top 10 finish is not just a proud moment for the school, but also for the entire Friendswood community.

# FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

JULY 25 thru JULY 31

## Theft

July 24 (12:56 p.m.) A stolen vehicle was reported by Enterprise Car Rental, 607 S. Friendswood Drive. They rented a blue 2020 Chevrolet Equinox with Florida LP 0791AZ to a 66-year-old Houston man. The vehicle was supposed to be returned on June 26th. Several attempts to pick up the vehicle from the Houston man's address were unsuccessful. The same man's phone number was used to rent another vehicle from Enterprise in the Galleria area. That vehicle has also been reported stolen after it was not returned. A warrant is pending.

July 29 (6:08 a.m.) A white 1999 Ford truck was stolen from the Bridgestone Apartments located at 4949 FM 2351. The stolen truck is an extended cab with a camper shell on the back. The license plate number is TX 93DV994. The theft occurred sometime overnight.

July 29 (8:13 a.m.) There was an attempt to steal a Ford F150 from the parking lot of the Salem Square Apartments located at 107 Clearview Avenue. The vehicle was left unlocked. The vehicle sustained damage to the ignition.

July 29 (11:08 a.m.) A Friendswood man reported the theft and forgery of two business checks. He received a notification of a password change on his bank account. He went to his bank and found that the two checks were forged.

July 31 (10:30 a.m.) A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Bellmar Lane. The victim reported that on July 26th, she was leaving for work and noticed the glove box inside her vehicle was open and the contents were removed. Contents inside the center console were also removed. A suspect has been named.

## Fraud

July 24 (10:30 a.m.) A Friendswood woman reported her identity stolen and used to open a Bank of America business account. Fortunately, the woman had a personal account. When the contact information did not match, the bank flagged the application as fraudulent.

July 24 (2:39 p.m.) A series of attempted fraudulent deposits were reportedly occurred at Texas First Bank, 111 W. Parkwood Avenue, on July 14th. Several accounts were opened, deposits of fraudulent checks were made, and attempts to make cash advances for the uncleared checks.

July 26 (8:57 a.m.) A Friendswood woman was scammed out of \$1000 when she purchased gift cards at Walgreens. The woman believed that she was paying fines for citations resulting from her not appearing in a Manvel court. The scammer posed as a police officer, threatened arrest, and tried to extort additional money from the victim. This is a common scam that has been highlighted through local media, please remember, if you receive this type of call, hang up, find the number for the agency the caller is representing, and call the agency's main number to verify the information.

July 26 (12:33 p.m.) A Friendswood woman's identity was stolen. She received an email from a collections company regarding a rental property. Neither the victim, nor her husband, gave anyone permission to use their personal information to rent an apartment.

July 31 (8:47 a.m.) A customer at a business in the 4500 block of FM 2351 believes two of her credit cards were compromised after making payments for services. The victim made an initial payment for services on July

26th. The card was immediately compromised after the transaction. Someone used the credit card information to make a purchase from Sephora. When she returned to the business the next day, she used a different credit card. Again, the credit card was immediately compromised, and the credit card information was used to make a purchase at TST Kings BBQ, American Eagle Outfitters and ChickFilA.

## Harassment

July 24 (10:11 a.m.) A Friendswood resident made an online report of harassment. The victim shared nude photos of himself with an unknown female on Instagram. After the nude photos were shared, the female threatened to expose the photos on social media if he did not pay her \$1500.

## Traffic

July 26 (2:09 p.m.) A hit and run accident was reported in the 1400 block of Buttonwood Drive. When the officer arrived, he observed a vehicle with its rear bumper pulled off, along with white paint transfer and scratches along the rear passenger quarter panel. The incident occurred between 11:09 a.m. and 11:11 a.m. when a Costco delivery driver arrived at the home.

## Arrests

A man, 43, of Friendswood, was charged with Public Intoxication.

A man, 23, of Houston, was charged with Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon.

A woman, 34, of Friendswood, was charged with Assault.

A woman, 34, of Houston, was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1.

A woman, 36, of Friendswood, was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

A 56-year-old male, of Friendswood, was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

A 28-year-old male, of Pearland, was charged with Display Expired Registration, Driving While License Invalid, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and No Insurance.

A 39-year-old male, of Friendswood, was charged with Assault.

A 23-year-old male, of Webster, was charged with Driving While License Invalid.

# Touch of Sold Boutique Ribbon Cutting



The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Princess Willams, owner of Touch of Sold Boutique. They are located at 402 E. Edgewood, Suite A, Friendswood, Texas 77546. Give her a call at 832.641.4816. Everyone enjoyed learning about her journey in business and checking out the beautiful gift baskets, other items for gift giving, wonderful food and beverages.

Enjoying this special day with Princess are her supportive family members along with Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice-President Diane Hass and President/CEO Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Team Member Rosly Cooper-Transformational Development by How 2 Lady and Chairman of the Board of Directors and Ambassador Team Member Robert Smithart-Minuteman Press.

For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce give us a call at 281.482.3329 or info@friendswoodchamber.com. Check out our website at www.friendswoodchamber.com for

our upcoming events and our online membership application. "Your Business is Our Only Business" The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood, Texas 77546.



# Rent in Pearland ranked 2nd highest

Ranking	City	1 Bedroom			2 Bedrooms		
		Median Price	Mo M	Yo Y	Median Price	Mo M	Yo Y
1	Sugar Land	1,460	-2.0%	0.7%	1,870	-5.1%	3.3%
2	Pearland	1,320	-2.2%	0.8%	1,710	-1.7%	1.8%
3	Houston	1,290	3.2%	-0.8%	1,540	0.0%	-3.1%
4	League City	1,240	0.0%	6.9%	1,430	1.4%	-2.1%
4	Spring	1,240	6.0%	-4.6%	1,570	6.1%	-4.3%
6	Conroe	1,210	1.7%	2.5%	1,470	0.7%	-0.7%
7	Galveston	1,110	1.8%	14.4%	1,400	-2.1%	-6.7%
8	La Porte	1,040	6.1%	4.0%	1,340	-6.3%	-12.4%
9	Pasadena	860	0.0%	2.4%	1,090	-0.9%	-0.9%
10	Baytown	800	-4.8%	-29.2%	1,030	1.0%	-13.4%
11	Huntsville	780	4.0%	21.9%	1,020	-2.9%	10.9%

From a monthly perspective, La Porte experienced the most significant growth rate in rent prices, with a jump of 6.1%. Spring was hot on its heels with rent climbing by 6%, and Huntsville ranked third, showcasing a rent growth of 4%.

## Pearland in Context

Amidst these fluctuations, Pearland's rent prices remain relatively high, being the second most expensive city for renters in the Houston Metro area. The Texas one-bedroom median rent, as noted by the report, was \$1,139 last month, which is lower than Pearland's median rent of \$1,320. This underlines the fact that Pearland is indeed a pricey city for renters.

The Zumper report is instrumental in guiding prospective renters and real estate investors alike, offering them a clear perspective on rent trends and changes. However, it's important to remember that these figures are median asking rents, and actual rents can vary based on specific factors such as the property's location, size, and amenities.

Pearland stands out as one of the more expensive cities in the Houston metro area, with rent prices surpassing the Texas as one-bedroom median rent. Its relatively high rent prices are important for renters and investors to consider. However, one should bear in mind that fluctuating market trends and specific property attributes can significantly affect rent prices. As such, whether you are a prospective tenant or a real estate investor, comprehensive research and a keen understanding of the local rental market are key to making informed decisions.

According to the latest monthly Metro Report for Houston, published by Zumper, Pearland ranks the second highest in rent cost. The report, which analyzed active listings last month, gives insights into the most and least expensive cities, as well as the cities with the fastest-growing rents. Let's dive into the specific insights gleaned from the report and how these impact the city of Pearland.

Houston occupied the third spot, with a median rent of \$1,290.

On the flip side, the report identified Huntsville as the most affordable city, with a median one-bedroom rent at \$780. Baytown and Pasadena followed, with rent prices at \$800 and \$860 respectively.

## Changes in Rent Price

In addition to examining the static prices, the Zumper report also tracked the dynamic changes in rent prices. Huntsville experienced the fastest growing rent on a year-over-year basis, witnessing a steep increase of 21.9% since last year. In second place, Galveston saw rent climb by 14.4%, and League City was third with a rent increase of 6.9%.

## The Most and Least Expensive Cities for Rent

According to the report, Sugar Land emerged as the most expensive city, with a median rent price for one-bedroom apartments standing at \$1,460. Close behind Sugar Land, Pearland ranked as the second priciest city with a median rent at \$1,320.

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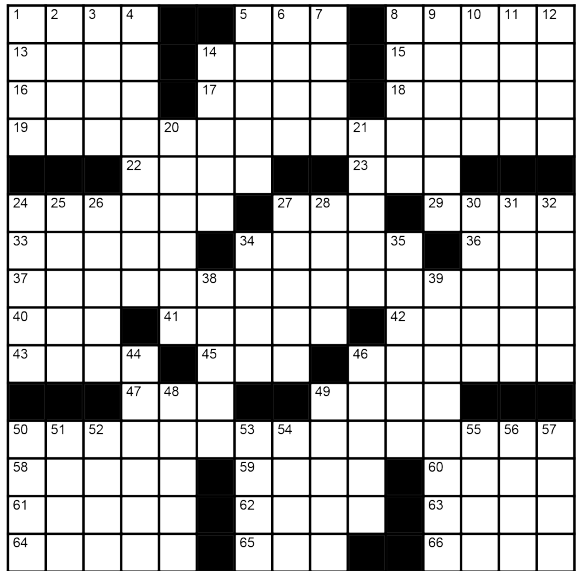
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  - Henry \_\_\_\_
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  - Absorbed, as a cost
  - \_\_\_ fly
  - \_\_\_ de deux
  - Merlin, e.g.
  - Humor open to interpretation
  - Acquiesce
  - Benefit
  - Exude



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- Divisions
- Wild blue yonder
- Flight data, briefly
- Down**
- Obscures
- Ashtabula's lake
- Farfetched
- Babies crawl on them
- Aviary inhabitants
- Hokkaido native
- Cambodian currency
- Small part
- First act
- Bananas
- Canaanite deity
- The "O" in S.R.O.
- Locale
- Deepest
- Clutch
- Mosey
- Agra attire
- Roman shields
- Adhesive
- "... or \_\_\_!"
- Indigenous Canadian
- Celebrates
- Heraldic band
- Buttonhole, e.g.
- Come to light
- Clear, as a disk
- Exceed the prescription
- Happy
- Itsy-bitsy
- "Smart" ones
- Expressionless
- Honoree's spot
- Eye
- Acid related to gout
- Declines
- Breakfast area
- Carrot, e.g.
- "The Snowy Day" author \_\_\_ Jack Keats
- Adjusts, as a clock

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# SPORTS

## Positive start with non-district schedule important for Eagles



**TOP BANDIT - Gabriel McFarland led the Dawson defense with three interceptions last year while also getting 28 tackles, 13 assisted stops, two tackles for loss, one sack, and four pass breakups in 2022. McFarland is looking to improve on those numbers in 2023. (Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)**

By Dr. David Davis

The old saying is, "It's not how you begin -- but how you finish that counts."

While that is true -- how you begin can set the tone for how you finish.

In 2022 -- the Dawson Eagles began the season 0-3 as they fell to Fort Bend Hightower, Klein Collins, and Tomball.

Despite the winless start, Dawson head coach Mike Allison didn't lose faith in the Eagles as they rallied to win the next 6-of-8 games and made the post-season. Dawson finished second in the District 23-6A standings and lost to league champion Shadow Creek 16-10 while having a chance to pull out a victory in the final quarter.

Allison is confident that his team will be stronger this season and that their non-district schedule will have a different outcome against the same teams.

"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."

And the real strength of the team at the beginning of the season will be the Eagle defense.

The defensive foundation will begin with the two book-end 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.

"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."

### Dawson Eagles vs Fort Bend Hightower Hurricanes Saturday, August 26 Hall Stadium at 6:00 p.m.

Dawson led Hightower 17-16 at halftime last season but they weren't able to protect the lead as the Hurricanes scored 13 unanswered points in the second half to pull out the 29-17 non-district win in the season opener for both teams.

Hightower returns five offensive starters and eight defensive starters and 28 lettermen from a 10-3 team that advanced to the 6A Div. II regional semifinals.

QB Joseph Stewart (5-10, 165, 4.5) will return to lead the offensive assault after he threw for 2,833 yards and 26 TDs while rushing for 378 yards and two scores last year.

He will have strong help with TCU commit RB Jeremy Payne (5-11, 180, 4.5) in the backfield. Payne rushed for 1,002 yards and 13 TDs while catching 17 passes for 320 yards and three scores.

Other weapons include WR Zion Kearney (6-2, 170, 4.5) who caught 39 passes for 765 yards and eight TDs. RB Austin Bowen (5-8, 165, 4.5) added 560 yards and eight scores to the attack.

The strength of the defense will be in the secondary with DB Kameron Reddic (5-11, 170, 4.5) who had 67 tackles, 5 TFL, and one INT, CB Ephraim Dotson (5-11, 175, 4.5) who had 49 tackles, five INTs, and DB Kade Phillips (6-3, 190, 4.8) who had 41 tackles.

This game should be a great season-opener for both teams.

### Dawson Eagles vs Klein Collins Tigers Saturday, September 2 Klein Memorial Stadium - 6:00 p.m.

Dawson will face one of the top teams in the Houston area when they take on the Klein Collins Tigers who are a pre-season pick to win the District 15-6A crown.

The Tigers were 10-2 last season while advancing to the 6A Div. I area round. The Tigers lost to state-power Westfield 41-38.

Collins will return seven offensive and seven defensive starters to go with 49 lettermen in their quest to improve on their 2022 season.

Dawson was never in contention in last year's game as the

Tigers dominated from start to finish leading 24-7 at halftime and closing out the game 14-7 in the second half to post the 38-14 final score.

QB Tucker Parks (6-2, 205, 4.6) leads the potent offense after a banner year as a junior. Last season he threw for 2,744 yards and 31 TDs while rushing for 724 yards and 13 scores making him one of the top quarterbacks in the state. He has committed to the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers.

The Tigers have other weapons in RB Michael Wilson (5-11, 175, 4.5) who had 508 yards and 4 TDs as well as WR Donovan Baker (5-11, 170, 4.6) who caught 31 passes for 608 and 5 TDs.

Other offensive players include RB Jarrod Penright (6-0, 180, 4.50) and RB Randall Jackson (6-0, 195, 4.6).

Defensively, the Tigers will be led by DB Chris Gant (5-10, 190, 4.5) who had 90 tackles and three INTs while DL Antoine Milon (6-0, 280, 4.9) had 60 tackles and 10 sacks.

The Eagles will have to bring their A game against the Tigers.

### Dawson Eagles vs Tomball Cougars Saturday, September 9 Pearland ISD Stadium at 6:00 p.m.

While Dawson gave a good effort against Tomball last year, they still came up short 34-21 to begin the season 0-3 for the first time in school history.

Dawson knows the only way to get better is to face strong teams and the Eagles will do that again in 2023.

Tomball is a pre-season pick to finish third in District 15-6A. They have five offensive and nine defensive starters returning with 38 lettermen so they will present a challenge this season.

The defense will be rated as one of the best in the Houston area and they are led by LB Keegan Demmer (6-0, 200, 4.7) who set a school record with 153 tackles, 14 TFL as a junior. He will have plenty of support with DB Matt Gainey (6-2, 180, 4.6) who had 88 tackles, 7 TFL and DE Ramon Pernas (6-2, 225, 4.7) who had 77 tackles, 12 TFL, and three sacks.

Offensively, the Cougars will be led by QB Carter Noyas (6-0, 180, 4.6) who threw for 1,526 yards and nine TDs. He will have help from WR Brooks Junod (6-1, 185, 4.6) who caught 44 passes for 656 yards and five scores. RB Koby Foshier (5-11, 180, 4.7) will lead the ground attack with 667 yards and six TDs.

Others who will make an offensive impact will be Ath Jaxyn Faldyn (5-11, 165, 4.6), TE Aidan Waldron, and OL Brent Perkins.

The non-district contest between Dawson and Tomball will be another strong test for the Eagles before the start of district.



Dawson Head Coach Mike Allison

swood Methodist Church, volunteered as a paramedic with the Friendswood Fire Department and enjoyed piloting airplanes and helicopters. Ginny also enjoyed riding motorcycles, playing tennis and spending time caring for all the horses, dogs, cats and the myriad of other animals she and her family adopted.

Those that knew Ginny understood her commitment and love for a special group of Friendswood ladies who called themselves "The Dirty Dozen". These women were best friends for many decades and supported one another through good times and bad.

Ginny is predeceased by her husband Clinton and her brother Cole Younger Townley Jr. She is survived by her two sons, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. These include her eldest son Clinton R Hackney, III, and his wife Toby (Sawyer) Hackney, their three children Markayla, Taylor, and Isabella, and their two children Brynn and Tenley; and, her youngest son Steven Townley Hackney and his ex-wife Candi (Walker) Hackney, their sons Travis and Bryce, and their children Sebastian, Lyra and Raynar.

In lieu of a service, the family requests donations be made to the Shriners Childrens Hospital, a children's cause she felt very strongly about. Links to this organization are: <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en>



### HACKNEY

Genevieve "Ginny" (Townley) Hackney, 90, of Friendswood, Texas, passed away on July 24, 2023, from a stroke.

Ginny was born on February 20, 1933 to Cole Younger Townley, Sr., and Verna Watson Townley in Huntsville, Texas. After she graduated from Huntsville High School, she went on to study journalism at Sam Houston State University.

In 1951 Ginny married her high school sweetheart, Clinton R. Hackney, Jr. Ginny and Clinton went on to have two sons, Clinton R. Hackney, III, and Steven Townley Hackney.

Ginny loved her family and her community. Together she and Clinton bought and developed a small ranch in Friendswood, and she supported the development of the family-owned business, H & H Music Co., headquartered in Houston, Texas. Her sons were an integral part of her life and she devoted herself to supporting their passions, especially football and motocross racing. She was active in the Friend-



Nico Partida

## Pearland diamondmen receive All-State honors from Texas Sports Writers

The Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) announced their 2023 All-State teams and several Pearland players were honored by this prestigious organization. The Oilers captured the 23-6A crown and the 6A Region III title while advancing to the 6A state finals.

Named to the All-State first-team was Pearland pitcher Nico Partida and first baseman Caden Ferraro.

Partida was the Co-Most Valuable Player for District 23-6A while posting a perfect 13-0 pitching record for the Oilers. He had a 1.08 ERA, with 77.1 innings pitched, and 82 strikeouts for the Oilers who had 33-6-1 record. The Arizona State commit was the Houston Chronicle Newcomer of the Year. Partida will be a junior next year for the Oilers.

Ferraro hit .389 (49-126), with 14 doubles, two HRs, 27 RBIs, and 24 runs. He will continue his education and playing career at Texas A&M. He was also a member of the All-Greater Houston team.

Named to the All-State honorable mention team was UH signee shortstop Anthony Avalos and Stephen F. Austin signee outfielder Brett Smajstrla.

Pearland head coach David Rogers was a Coach of the Year finalist.



Caden Ferraro

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Notice About 2023 Tax Rates
Property tax rates in the City of Friendswood

This notice concerns the 2023 property tax rates for City of Friendswood. This notice provides information about two tax rates used in adopting the current tax year's tax rate. The no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same amount of taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years.

Table with 2 columns: Tax Rate Type, Rate. Includes 'This year's no-new-revenue tax rate' and 'This year's voter-approval tax rate'.

To see the full calculations, please visit www.galcotax.com for a copy of the Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by corresponding debt obligation.

Table with 2 columns: Type of Fund, Balance. Shows General Fund with a balance of \$14,552,061.

Current Year Debt Service

The following amounts are for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from upcoming property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Table with 5 columns: Description of Debt, Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes, Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes, Other Amounts to be Paid, Total Payment. Includes rows for GO Refund Bonds, GO Bonds, and Capital Equipment Lease.

This notice contains a summary of actual no-new-revenue and voter-approval calculations as certified by Cheryl E. Johnson, PCC, CTOP, Galveston County Tax Assessor Collector on 07/26/2023.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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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.

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.

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

Table with 2 columns: Plan House Name, Phone Number. Lists Amtek Plan Room, Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., Virtual Builders Exchange, and McGraw Hill Construction.

Bid Security, in the form of Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Bid Bond, payable 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.

Frances Aguilar City Secretary, City of Pearland

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS FRIENDSWOOD I.S.D. RFP #23-010-SUPP

SUPPLEMENT to PROMOTIONAL ITEMS & APPAREL (INCLUDING SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY)

The Friendswood Independent School District will be accepting Sealed Proposals (Texas Education Code 44.031) to supplement our existing contract for PROMOTIONAL ITEMS & APPAREL (INCLUDING SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY).

Vendors already approved and renewed under RFP #21-010 do not need to submit. Sealed proposals can be submitted online or to FISD's Administration Building at 302 Laurel Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546. Proposals must be received on or before 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

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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.

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.

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.

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 77546.

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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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, August 21, 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, September 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581, for the following cases:

1. Zone Change Application No. ZONE23-11: A request by Jack A. Duran, LDDBlueLine, applicant, on behalf of Harmony Public Schools, owner, for approval of a zone change for 20.014 acres of land from Single-Family Residential-1 (R-1) District to General Commercial (GC) District, to wit:

Legal Description: Being a tract of land containing 20.014 acres, situated in the H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey, Section 9, A-234, Brazoria County, Texas, and being a portion of Lots 61 and 62, Section 9 of the Alison Richey Gulf Coast Home Company Part of Suburban Gardens, a subdivision of record in Volume 2, Page 23 in the Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas, and being all of that certain called 9.990 acres, Lot 61, Section 9 of the Alison Richey Gulf Coast Home Company Part of Suburban Gardens (Tract I) as described in deed to Louis E. Lentz III and Marybeth Porter and the certain called Lot 62 of the Alison Richey Gulf Coast Home Company Part of Suburban Gardens (Tract II) and recorded under County Clerk's File No. 2011015274 in the Official Records of Brazoria County, Texas (O.P.R.B.C.).

General Location: 2510 Roy Road, Pearland, Texas.

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.

Patrick Bauer Planner I

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Rodeo Houston announces time changes

Rodeo Houston this week announced season ticket sales and entries into the wine competition begin Aug. 1.

In addition, food and vendor applications for the 2024 event close Aug. 15 and a time change is being made for weekend rodeos in 2024.

The 2024 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is scheduled Feb. 27 through March 17. Season ticket levels begin at \$500.

Entries for the Uncorked! International Wine Competition must be distributed in Texas and available during the rodeo. For information, visit rodeohouston.com/wine.

The rodeo this week also announced that weekend rodeos in 2024 will begin at 2:45 p.m. instead of 3:45 pm. Gates will open at 2 p.m. and that day's entertainer will take the stage at 5 p.m. The time change was made to allow guests to spend more time on the grounds after the Saturday and Sunday concerts, rodeo officials said.

For updated information, visit rodeohouston.com.

Tax-free weekend set Aug. 11-13

Back-to-school shopping will be sales tax free the weekend of Aug. 11-13.

In place since 1999, the state's annual sales tax holiday will save shoppers an estimated \$136 million in state and local sales taxes, according to Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar's office.

Families buying school supplies, clothes and other qualifying items save approximately \$8 per \$100 spent. This includes items purchased online, by phone or mail, so long as they are purchased during the exemption period. Tax-free weekend begins the morning of Friday, Aug. 11 and runs until midnight Sunday.

Tax exempt items include shoes, clothes, face masks, backpacks, lunch boxes and most school supplies such as notebooks, chalk, markers, highlighters and paper. To qualify, larger items such as backpacks, shoes or clothing must be priced under \$100 each. Items that do not qualify are jewelry, computers, luggage, umbrellas, wallets or specialty items such as cleats or football pads.

A detailed list of items that can be purchased tax free can be found at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

TPWD launches awareness campaign

Texas hunters should note increasing messages about Chronic Wasting Disease as Texas Parks and Wildlife launches a new public awareness campaign.

The highly transmissible, fatal neurological disease affecting white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and other species is continuing to spread through the native deer population, according to Parks and Wildlife Big Game Program Director Alan Cain, adding that proper carcass disposal and testing for each harvest are the greatest contributions hunters can make.

"CWD isn't a disease where people can afford to stick their heads in the sand," Cain said. "The outreach effort is meant to generate discussion, educate folks about the disease, current CWD regulations and what we can do to manage the disease."

The significance of the disease's impact on Texas deer may not be recognized this hunting season or even the next, he said. For more information, visit tpwd.texas.gov.

Schools offer free/reduced lunch program

Friendswood ISD and Pearland ISD have begun distributing letters to the households of the children in their districts about eligibility benefits and any actions households need to take to apply for these benefits. Applications also are available online at myfisd.com for Friendswood and www.schoolcafe.com for Pearland.

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must complete an application for free and reduced-price meals and return it. Eligibility is determined by household size and income.

New fee for electric vehicles begins September 1

Owners of electric vehicles in Texas will soon pay an additional fee when registering their vehicle. Senate Bill 505, passed by the Texas Legislature during the 88th Regular Session, adds a \$200 annual fee for electric vehicle registration renewals and a \$400 fee at the time of new electric vehicle purchases for the initial two-year registration period.

The new fee will be collected on electric vehicle registrations processed on or after September 1, 2023, in addition to the standard vehicle registration fees and any tax due for the vehicle. Texans may renew their vehicle registration up to 90 days prior to expiration. The fee will not apply to hybrid vehicles.

Revenue collected from the fee will be deposited into the state highway fund to help pay for roadway construction and maintenance projects.

Mobil Steel earns safety recognition

Mobil Steel International, Inc. earned its fifth consecutive Diamond Level STEP safety recognition, the top-level safety performance within the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), a national construction industry trade association representing more than 22,000 members. The Houston steel fabricator was recognized during the ABC Greater Houston Chapter membership breakfast hosted by the local chapter's safety committee on July 14.

Mobil Steel employees worked during 2022 without incurring a job-related injury that required medical care or time away from work. STEP members work nearly seven times safer than the construction industry average, according to data compiled by ABC.

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