

# Fellow Ranchers,

The City of Pearland and Waste Management have recently provided us with the latest in recycling container technology. The photo titled, "The Good" shows that these large-capacity carts have been adopted by our household and by many of our neighbors. With these new recycling carts, we can make SCR an even more beautiful place to live. Here's how!

One of the things that our family has done to support the SCR community is removing litter from the wetlands near the Silver Leaf Glen subdivision and along the shores of Lake Paige. We are blessed to have others in our community doing the same. If you have been picking up this type of litter for several years you likely noticed a recent reduction in the amount of recyclable type litter in the wetlands and lakes of SCR. I am convinced that this reduction is the result of our use of the new recycling carts.

The connection between the reduction in the amount of litter in the wetlands and lakes and the use of the carts may not be obvious. However, while walking the dog in our beautiful community I have observed recyclables blowing out of open bins and into the street on windy recycling days. This is the "Bad" aspect of recycling. If not collected from the street, the recyclables end up in our storm sewers and are then washed into our rainwater retention lakes and wetlands during the next rainfall. Recyclables in our lakes and wetlands are the "Ugly" aspect of recycling. So by utilizing the new recycling carts and by keeping the cover closed, you are reducing







the amount of litter that ends up in the lakes and wetlands of SCR. Kudos to our fellow ranchers that have made the switch to the new recycling carts.

For those that are still utilizing the open bins for recycling, thanks for your efforts but please consider taking the next step towards improving the environment by switching to the new recycling carts. Some additional advantages offered by these new carts include the following:

- When closed, the cover provided on the carts keeps the recyclables dry on rainy recycling days. Unfortunately, wet paper and wet cardboard from the old-style bins is considered a waste by the recycling separation facility.
- The increased capacity of the new recycling carts over the old-style bins allows us to put the recyclables out to the curb less often. This means fewer recycling truck stops and lower air emissions from these trucks.
- The carts can be rolled to the curb so no heavy lifting is required.

If you do not have the latest in recycling container technology and would like to upgrade from your old-style bin, please contact:

- The City of Pearland Utility Billing Office at 281-652-1603 or e-mail waterbilling@ci.pearland.tx.us or
- Keep Pearland Beautiful at 281-652-

Carl Holmgren Shadow Creek Ranch Resident

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#### 2015 Alvin ISD Employees of the Year Announced

Alvin ISD district leaders have announced the selection of the 2014-15 employees of the year, which include campus teachers of the year, campus paraprofessionals of the year, the counselor of the year, and other departmental employees. These top employees, along with retirees, and service award recipients will be recognized at that the district's Employee Recognition Ceremony on May 26.

The individuals selected as the campus teachers of the year will now compete for the district teacher of the year title. One elementary and one secondary teacher will be selected to represent Alvin ISD in the Regional Teacher of the Year Competition. Prior to the selection of the district representatives, each teacher is required to submit a completed application, and participate in an interview process with a selection committee. From there the committee will make recommendations to the superintendent of schools, who will then select an elementary and a secondary teacher of the year to represent Alvin ISD.



The elementary campus teachers of the year for this year are: Sandy Holdsclaw, Alvin Elementary; Lorena Towne, Alvin Primary; Jeanie Schultheis, Don Jeter Elementary; Tonya Richardson, Duke Elementary; Rebecca Garza, E.C. Mason Elementary; Oswaldo Cancinos, Hood-Case Elementary; Dawn Shaffer, Longfellow Elementary; Danica Garza, Mark Twain Elementary; Dana Yesland, Mary Marek Elementary; Misty

Kettler, Melba Passmore Elementary; Alejandro Gomez, Savannah Lakes Elementary; Kathleen Anderson, Stevenson Primary; Alyssa DeLaCruz, Walt Disney Elementary; Joni Windham, Wilder Elementary; Amanda Barnard, York Elementary.

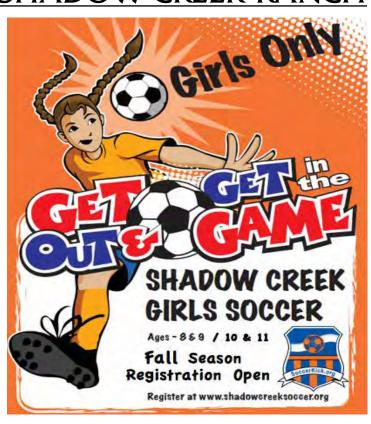
The secondary campus teachers of the year are: Gerald Oberg, Alvin High School; Victoria Satterwhite, Manvel High School; Anneke Williams, ADAPT; Edna Reyna, ASSETS Academy; Stacy Nesrsta, Alvin Junior High; Katie Batchelor, Fairview Junior High; Gwendolyn Jones, Harby Junior High; Beverly Stewart, Rodeo Palms Junior High; Amy Gardziel, Nolan Ryan Junior High.

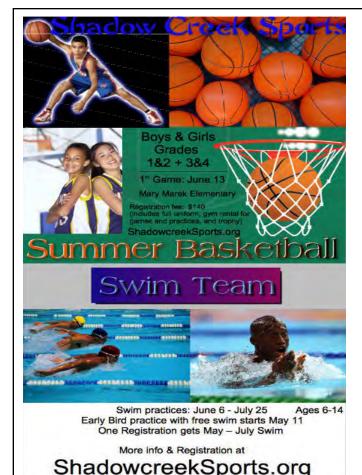
In addition to selecting a teacher of the year, each school also selected a campus paraprofessional of the year, who will compete to become the district paraprofessional of the year. The individuals selected for the 2014-15 school year were Norma Kay, Alvin Elementary; Lisa Medina, Alvin Primary; Pamela Taylor, Don Jeter Elementary; Araceli Reyes, Duke Elementary; Stacy Dixon, E.C. Mason Elementary; Irma Garcia, Hood-Case Elementary; Lori Middleton, Longfellow Elementary; Sylvia Pedraza, Mark Twain

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Elementary; James Moody, Mary Marek Elementary; Sharon Wyatt, Melba Passmore Elementary; Laura Costello, Savannah Lakes Elementary; Cindy Vargas, Stevenson Primary; Natosha Solis, Walt Disney Elementary; Casey Streater, Wilder Elementary; Winnie Garcia, York Elementary; Greg Goering, Alvin High School; Toni Earles, Manvel High School; LaWanda Daniels, ADAPT; Allison Perez, ASSETS Academy; Linda Fusig, Alvin Junior High; Maria Mercado, Fairview Junior High; Jessica Leija, Harby Junior High; Gerry Martinez, Rodeo Palms Junior High; Vonda Ellis, Nolan Ryan Junior High.

The Alvin ISD Counselor of the Year for the 2014-15 school year is Lakeisha Williams of Savannah Lakes Elementary.

Other Employees of the Year who will be recognized are Maria Trevino, Custodial Operations Employee of the Year; Alex Martinez, Maintenance Employee of the Year; Jason Vargas, Grounds Employee of the Year; Wendy Hoyt, Child Nutrition Employee of the Year; Teresa Kelly, Technology Services Employee of the Year, along with a transportation departmental employee of the year and a police officer of the year. Both of which have not yet been selected.

"Each of our employees of the year have dedicated themselves to the students of Alvin ISD. We appreciate their service, and are proud to have them as a part of the team of committed individuals who make

up the district," said Dr. Buck Gilcrease, superintendent of schools.

Photos of each of the Alvin ISD Teachers of the Year can be found and used by visiting https://www.flickr.com/photos/aisd/ sets/72157651771652096/

Photo attached: Alvin ISD Counselor of the Year (center) pictured with Assistant Principal Jennifer Marz (left) and campus Principal Elizabeth Sassin (right)





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June 15-18 at Independence Park, Pearland June 22-25 at Westside Events Center, Pearland July 6-9 at Centennial Park, Pearland July 20-23 at Independence Park, Pearland

The cost is \$105 per camp, per child, which includes a camp t-shirt. \$10 discount for 2 or more siblings attending the same Link to online registration and more information can be found

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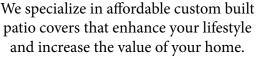
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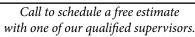


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#### ALVIN ISD CLASS OF 2015 TOP TWENTY STUDENTS ANNOUNCED FOR ALVIN HIGH SCHOOL, MANVEL HIGH SCHOOL, AND ASSETS ACADEMY

Yesterday the Alvin ISD Education Foundation stopped by Alvin High School, Manvel High School and ASSETS Academy to recognize the top 20 students of the class of 2015 at each campus.

Dr. Johnny Briseno, principal of Alvin High School, along with his counseling staff, released the names of the top twenty students in the Class of 2015. Valedictorian for the Alvin High School class of 2015 is Niha Khan, while Suzanne Zeller holds the honor of salutatorian. The following students filled the remainder of the top twenty spaces for the campus in order from three to twenty: Katie Nelson, Brianna Diaz, Abigail Armesto, Tommy Tran, Grant Klein, James Freitag, Mary Hoffmann, Kelsey Flores, Muhammed Khan, Savannah Lee, Andrea Toledo Castillo, Kelsey Purcell, Conner Hansen, Ashley Lawhorn, Chelsea

Picture are the top 20 students of the Alvin HS Class of

Sanchez, Mauricio Exiga, Mattalin Vojacek, and Lumina Tonu. During a separate meeting, Charlotte Liptack, principal of Manvel

High School, along with her counseling staff announced that the

following students are the top twenty students in the class of 2015 at Manvel High School: Valedictorian is Quang Duong, salutatorian is Patricia Thai, while Scott Rohren, Yssra Hamid, Lucas Harvill, Sheryl Soundar, Laura Rybicki, Roderick Mullen, Gabriel Viernes, Jennifer Nguyen, Robin San Miguel, Elizabeth Roudbari, Adrian Mihalcea, Nikhita Korampally, Jenny Lee Quach, Isa Arce, Joshua Ryncarz, Brandon Manibo, Karla Leyja and Brittany Warneke make up the remaining top twenty students.

ASSETS Academy top two students (Continued on Page 7)



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were announced by Principal Tracy Hummel. Lauren Rangel is the 2015 valedictorian, while Jala Elmore is the salutatorian for the campus.

The Alvin ISD Education Foundation will honor the above listed students at the annual Celebration of Academic Excellence, which is set for Tuesday, May 19 at Victory Camp in Alvin, located across from Living Stones Church. Sponsorships are still being accepted for the event. For details contact the Education Foundation at 281-245-2505.



Pictured are the Manvel HS Top 20 student of the Class of 2015



Pictured are Alvin HS Salutatorian – Suzanne Zeller and Valedictorian – Niha Khan



Pictured are ASSETS Academy Salutatorian – Jala Elmore, along with Valedictorian – Lauren Rangel



Pictured are Manvel HS Valedictorian – Quang Duong, along with Salutatorian – Patricia Thai





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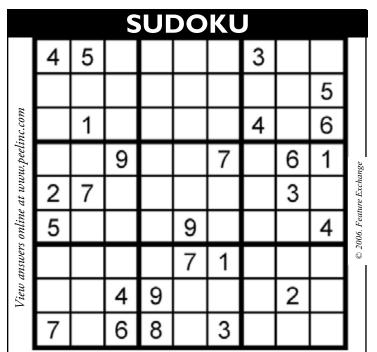


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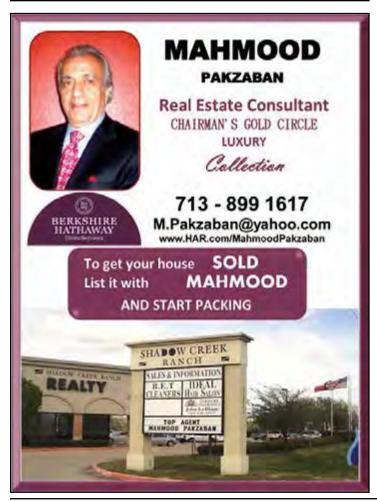


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## KEEP PEARLAND BEAUTIFUL

Keep Pearland Beautiful will continue the tradition of celebrating Arbor Day in 2014 by giving away the following native and adaptive seedlings at both the Pearland Community Center and the Westside Event Center from 8:00AM – 11:00AM on Saturday January 11, 2014: Swamp Chestnut, Southern Crabapple, Pawpaw, Laurel Oak, American Beauty Berry and Pecan Tree. The seedlings are free to Pearland residents (two per family), but donations are always welcome.







### **WHY TENNIS!**



UNITED TENNIS ASSOCIATION serves special report: More than a sport- Tennis, Health and education is the first nationwide study to compare the education and health profiles of youth tennis participants with participants in other contact and noncontact sports, as well as students who do

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Most female mosquitoes require a blood meal for egg production whereas males feed on nectar and do not bite. Eggs can be laid on the surface of water or in dry locations that are occasionally flooded by water. Some eggs are able to remain dormant under dry conditions for several months. Eggs hatch into larvae, or wigglers. Mosquito larvae live in water and feed on organic debris or microscopic plants and animals. Larvae molt into pupae which do not feed. Mosquito pupae spend the majority of their time at the surface of the water, only moving when disturbed.

Female mosquito.

Many things can help to reduce mosquito problems around the home. Eliminate all sources of standing water. Containers such as watering cans, buckets and bottles can turn into mosquito breeding grounds. Water should be drained from birdbaths, gutters, flowerpots and pet dishes at least once a week. Children's wading pools should be emptied of water at least once a week and stored so they cannot collect water when not in use. Tree holes should be filled in with sand or mortar, or drained after each rain. Leaky faucets and pipes located outside should be repaired.

Areas that cannot be drained, such as ponds or large rain collection systems, can be stocked with mosquito fish that eat mosquito larvae. Dunks can also be used in these areas. Dunks are a small, donut-shaped product that contains Bacillus thuringiensis var. israeliensis. The donut disrupts the life cycle of the mosquito and is non-toxic to humans, amphibians and fish.

Avoiding peak hours when mosquitoes are active

# **MOSQUITOES**

is probably the best method to avoid being bitten. When outside, wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing with long sleeves & long pants. Repellants containing active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus can be effective to keep mosquitoes from biting when evening activities cannot be rescheduled. Other products such as citronella candles will also repel mosquitoes, but work best in enclosed areas.

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