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Shadow Creek & Pearland Split Titles

Several soccer teams from Shadow Creek Soccer Club recently met Pearland United Soccer for an all day tournament. Since both clubs have never met for formal competition, the meeting was called “The Pearland Showdown.”

Shadow Creek took four teams in two age groups—under 9 and under 10.

There was incredible soccer from 8:30 in the morning to late in the evening at the new Hickory Slough Sports Park right down the road from Dawson High School. Shadow Creek's “A” teams in U9 and U10 played well during the day and qualified for the final match in the evening. The U9 team was mostly 3rd graders but also had two 2nd graders and one 1st grader. Shadow Creek scored first and held the lead for most of the first half, and then Pearland United tied the game going into halftime.

With some amazing goal keeping from Luke Davis and defending by the whole team, the 2nd half attacked resulted in another goal for Shadow Creek and was energized by Milan Damani, Keneth Esquivel, Richard Agyeman-Yeboah, ILLias ElFadili, Jacamo Federico, Myles Gardner, Langdon Dai, and others. With more rugged defending in the final minutes of the game, Shadow Creek took the championship.

The under 10 team of mostly 4th graders found the final game tough going and went down 3-0 in the first half. 2nd half was more unexpected soccer as Shadow Creek score 1, 2, 3 goals...and then a 4th goal to take the lead 4-3. With only seconds remaining in the game, Pearland United scored and tied 4-4. The overtime was hard fought, and then a 2nd overtime with still no score, so to decide the game and award a champion, there was a final penalty shoot-out. Each team scored multiple times until Shadow Creek missed by 2 inches. It was an amazing 2nd place and a worthy match for all.



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Alvin ISD Board Members Approve New Facility Names

During the April 12 Alvin ISD Board Meeting, Trustees approved the recommendations of facility names that were brought about by the Alvin ISD Facility Naming Committee, which consisted of community members, teachers, staff members and trustees. The committee worked over a period of two months to evaluate nominations and formalize their recommendation for the Board. The following facility names were approved:

Rebuild of Alvin Elementary – Betty K. Nelson Elementary

Betty Nelson taught at Alvin Elementary for over 20 years and received the Alvin Teacher of the Year Award in the 1990s. She was involved in many facets of education serving in leadership roles at both the campus and district levels. She served as the Alvin Library League's President and served on the Bay Area Reading and Writing Council for many years. Betty's legacy is one of integrity. To this day, former students talk about her and how she graced the halls of Alvin Elementary.

Elementary #17 located in Shadow Creek Ranch Development – Shirley Dill Brothers Elementary

Shirley Brothers has been a prominent part of the Alvin community for more than 40 years. She spent her entire career in education right here in Alvin ISD teaching Special Education and then moving on to be the spokesperson and face of Alvin ISD for more than 20 years. She is well known and loved throughout Alvin ISD. She continues to serve in and lead in the community and within the district. Mrs. Brothers was named Longfellow Elementary Teacher of the Year as well as Alvin ISD District Teacher of the Year. She has also been awarded the Citizen of the Year, Alvin Woman of Distinction, and Texas School Public Relations Association Professional Achievement Awards. Since her retirement she has given many hours back to Alvin ISD in various capacities including Board Member of the Education Foundation.

Alvin ISD Agricultural Center – Bobby G. Verdine Agricultural Science Center

Bobby Verdine started his educational career in Alvin ISD in

1968 as the principal at Mark Twain Primary and at R.L. Stevenson Elementary (later Primary). He had the respect of students, faculty members, other principals, and parents. In 1992 he moved to a position in the Central Administration Building. Mr. Verdine became the Acting Superintendent of Schools upon the retirement of Bill Hasse. After retiring from Alvin Independent School District in 1999, Mr. Verdine was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Alvin Independent School District where he continued to represent the citizens by looking out for the operations of the school district.

Alvin ISD CTE Center – JB Hensler Career & Technical Education Center

J B Hensler served on the Alvin ISD School Board during two different periods spread across 4 decades. With 33 years of total service to the Alvin ISD community, he was recognized upon his retirement as having been the longest serving member of a school board in state history. Hensler earned his degree in 1963, and spent the first two years of his career working in Lufkin before returning to the Alvin area, where he found work with Red Cross Drug. Later, he became the owner-operator of an Alvin-based Medicine Man Pharmacy. He spent 40 years there before selling the business and launching a career with Walgreens. Hensler first ran for a position on the school board in 1975, with the goal of furthering education in Alvin.

He served on the board for 21 years, then retired. After two area judges, a banker and a former superintendent told him the board still needed him, he agreed to run for a position again. Two years after he retired, Hensler was back on the job. He would stay another 12 years. Over the course of his career on the board, Hensler saw the district's operating budget go from \$7 million to \$145 million. He worked with six superintendents and three interim superintendents. He spent 15 years on the board as president. Hensler said he has tried not only to support strong academics in Alvin, but also quality buildings and extracurricular programs.



Alvin ISD educator selected to sing in front of thousands at Austin Music Festival

For the past 11 years, the City of Austin has been home to the highly attended and family-friendly Urban Music Festival. The festival brings together music lovers from across the State of Texas and surrounding states, to enjoy two full days of entertainment provided by local up-and-coming artists, as well as those who are nationally known.

For the first time in the existence of the festival, lesser-known artists had the opportunity to participate in "The R&B Challenge." Interviews took place during the month of March. Winners were notified shortly after that they would have the opportunity to showcase their skills and talents during the month of April, at the festival. Out of hundreds of artists, local Alvin ISD educator, Dana Clark Green, known simply as Dana Clark in the music industry, won the track artist section of the challenge. The win meant that Clark would have the opportunity to showcase her vocal talents in front of more than 10,000 attendees, at the festival. Upon the completion of her performance, numerous individuals including some of the national artists, raved about her.

"She was dynamic," shared Luke Jackson, Urban Music Festival attendee. "My family and friends really enjoyed her performance."

Clark, who is known for engaging her crowd through song and dance, sang a total of six songs throughout her 30-minute set; three of which she wrote herself.

"It was a lot of work to prepare for this particular event, especially balancing my educator duties, which is another passion and love of mine, but thankfully I was able to make it happen," mentioned Clark.

At the conclusion of her performance, Clark, who is originally from Austin and currently resides in the Houston Metropolitan area, was presented a check for \$1,000 for her accomplishments.

"I am truly thankful to the Austin Urban Music Festival leaders for allowing me the opportunity to showcase my talents in front of attendees in my hometown," said Clark. "It was a wonderful opportunity and experience that I will always be thankful for."

Back in Pearland where Clark teaches, and is known as Mrs. Green, she was greeted with nothing but kindness and support as she returned from Austin.

"The teachers and staff at my school are fabulous! They have always been so supportive of my efforts in and outside of the classroom. I am blessed to have a great support group, at home and at work," Clark said.

Clark will continue to make great music and perform regularly, as she has done in the past at private events. She will also continue to share her experience and love of music and education with her students daily, as she believes it is important that she uses her gifts to positively impact the students within her local community and beyond.

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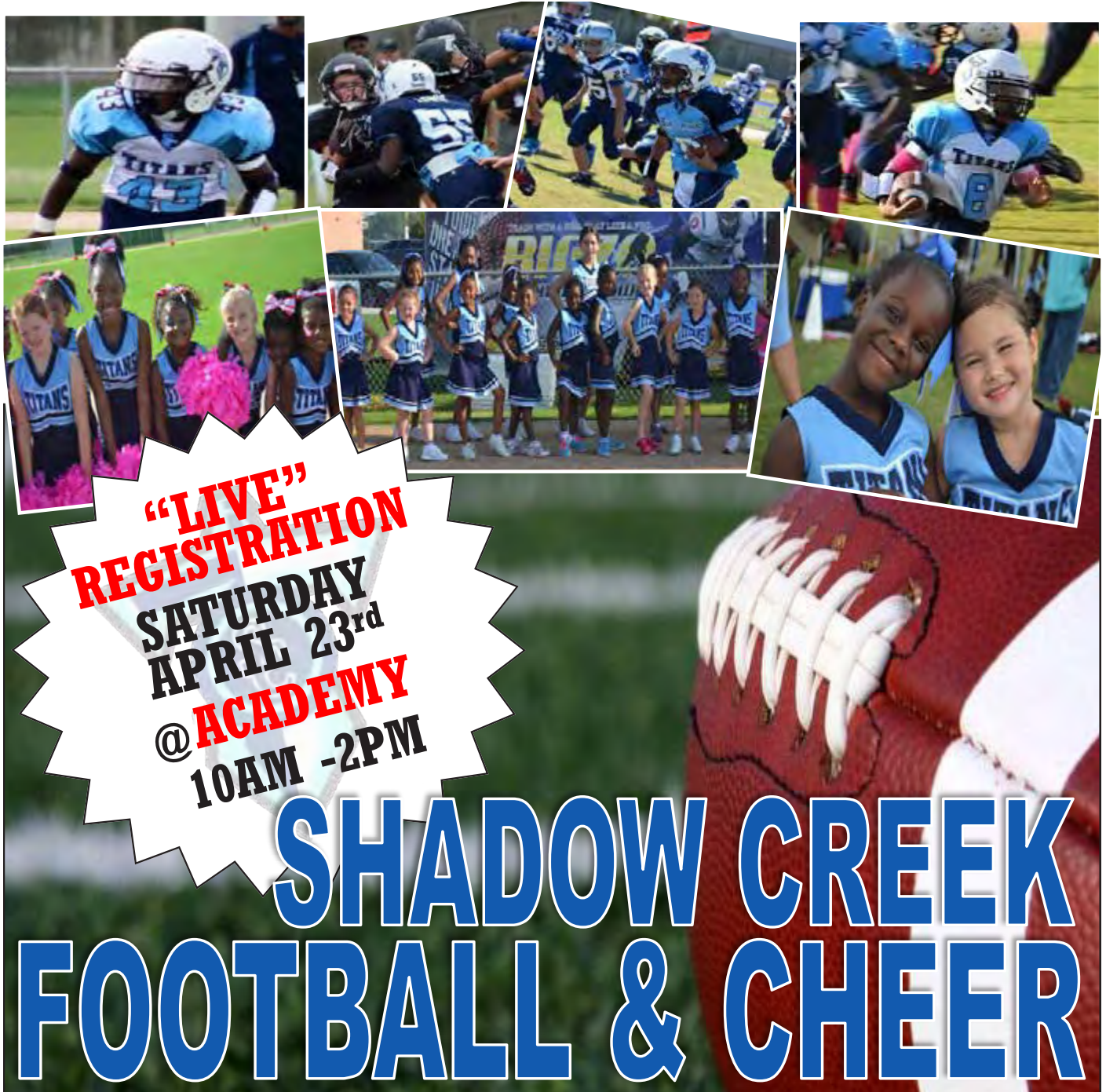
IMG 2607: Dana Clark Green pictured prior to her performance

at the Urban Music Festival in Austin, TX

IMG 2711: Dana Clark Green engaging her students in the educational process at Nolan Ryan Junior High School. Clark has a passion for the arts and educating her students as an English Language Arts teacher.



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Nonprofit offering scholarships for survivors



The Pearland, TX based nonprofit, KidsRStrong2 (KRS2), not only supports children with life-threatening illnesses in the areas special programs and research for cures, but the organization also raises funds to allow for the allocation of scholarships to survivors interested in attending college.

"We are thankful to have the opportunity to support children in various ways during their battle with a life-threatening illness, and even after, as they transition into adulthood. The KidsRStrong2 scholarship program is just one more way that we are able to give back to the community through our organization," said Tomika Gamble, president and founder of KidsRStrong2.

The KRS2 scholarship program is named in honor of a young girl

named Mikayla, who in December 2015 lost her battle with a rare form of brain cancer, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG). Mikayla, who was only 7 years old, had a love for learning, which is why it was fitting to name the program "Mikayla's Scholars."

"It was important for us to honor this sweet little girl who fought a good battle. Her strength and courage was absolutely amazing, and this is just one way that we will carry on her legacy," Gamble said.

High School seniors interested in the applying to be a Mikayla's Scholar must meet the following requirements: 1) have battled a life-threatening illness between the ages of 0-18; 2) be a graduating high school student with a GPA of 2.5 or better; 3) pursuing post-secondary educational opportunities at a four-year undergraduate college or university, a two-year community college, or a technical school

The deadline for submission of applications is June 15, 2016. Late submissions will not be considered. Scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$250, up to \$1,000, depending on Board approval. Not all requests will be granted.

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Whiteflies

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Whitefly populations can increase quickly when temperatures are warmer. The insects like to be on the underside of leaves, often in clusters. Common species of whiteflies have a wide host range and can switch host plants.

Whiteflies suck plant juices and large populations can cause foliage to turn yellow, appear to be dry or even fall off the plant. Some whiteflies cause plant distortion or foliage to turn silver in color. Whiteflies produce honeydew, a sticky substance secreted by some insects. Honey dew causes foliage to become shiny in appearance and can attract a fungus called sooty mold. Some whiteflies are capable of transmitting plant viruses.

Try to encourage natural enemies to help manage whitefly populations in your garden. To do this, make wise pesticide choices. Try to choose pesticides to target specific pests and/ or specific areas. Also, you may need to manage ants that tend the whiteflies to obtain honeydew. The ants protect whiteflies from natural enemies that may

normally keep the pest population at manageable levels.

In vegetable gardens, you may want to try reflective mulches to make the underside of the leaves where whiteflies hide less habitable.

As for chemical treatment, you can use high pressure water sprays, insecticidal soap, azadirachtin, d-limonene, botanicals or a synthetic product. Target your treatment to the underside of the leaves to get to where the whiteflies like to hide.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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6 Health Benefits of Eating Dark Chocolate

If your sweet tooth craves chocolate, there are plenty of reasons to surrender to your cravings and indulge. Dark chocolate is loaded with nutrients that can positively affect your health. Made from the seed of the cocoa tree, it is one of the best sources of antioxidants on the planet. Cacao offers a number of health benefits from helping to control blood sugar to lowering the risk of cardiovascular disease because it contains flavonols, which are a type of antioxidant that has been shown to improve blood flow and can protect against sun-induced damage, improve blood flow to the skin and increase skin density and hydration.

Bottom Line: Quality dark chocolate has various nutritional perks so enjoying a delicious treat that has at least 65% cacao can be guilt-free if you don't overdo it.

NUTRITIONAL PERKS

HEART-HEALTHY

Dark chocolate has been shown to improve blood flow and possibly prevent blood clots. It also helps lower blood pressure and may help keep arteries from hardening.

BRAIN FOOD

Because chocolate increases blood flow to the brain, it can be a boost to your cognitive health.

MOOD CHANGER

Chocolate also contains phenylethylamine (PEA), which encourages your brain to release endorphins that make you feel good.

CANCER FIGHTER

Antioxidants in chocolate help rid your system of free radicals, which have been linked to multiple age-related health risks and diseases.

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

Theobromine, found in dark chocolate, helps harden tooth enamel, which helps prevent cavities.

SUN BLOCKER

Some studies show that people with diets high in flavonols take longer to burn in the sun than people with low flavonol diets.

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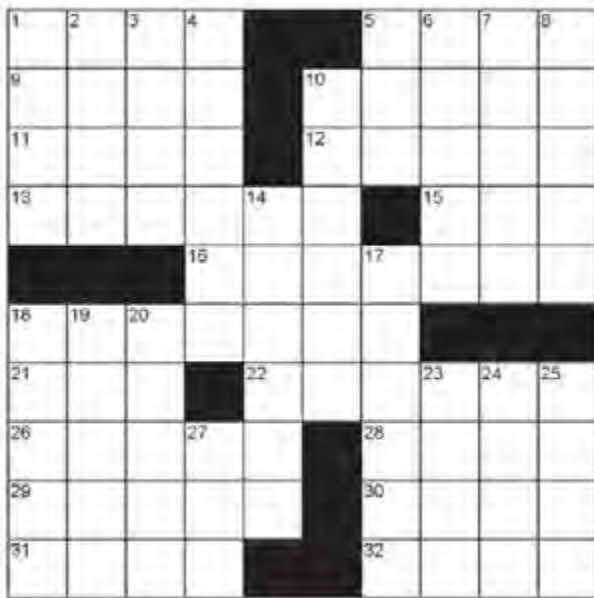
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4. Elevator alternative
10. Fire remains
11. Short guy, hairy feet
12. Manipulate
13. Indoor
14. Coaxing
16. Condensation
17. Adolescent
18. South Carolina (abbr.)
20. New Jersey (abbr.)
22. Hornet
26. Rock
29. Loves
31. Demonstrate
33. Government agency
34. Subordinate
35. Cause of sickness
36. Elapse (2 wds.)
37. Surface to air missile

DOWN

1. Finds _ -
2. Make available
3. Not here
4. Tibia
5. Fire iron
6. Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
7. As previously cited
8. Cycle
9. Soup
15. Hotel
19. Cash with order (abr.)
21. Rachel's husband
23. Regions
24. Reddish brown
25. Sacred song
26. Pearls
27. Vile
28. Brief
30. Refuse to believe
32. Pinch

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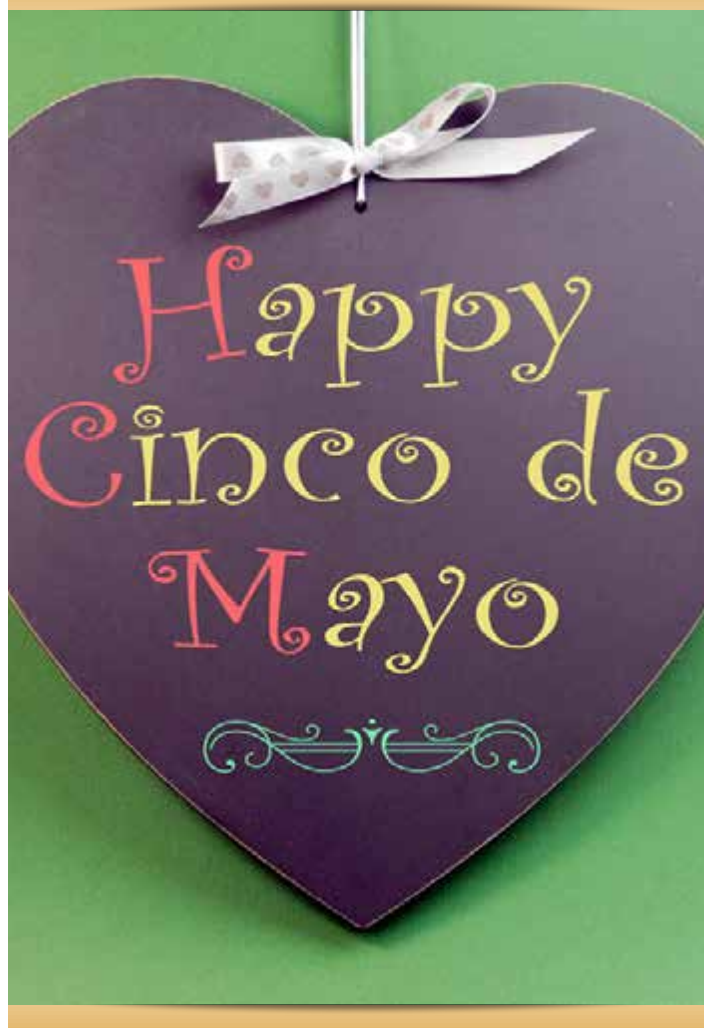
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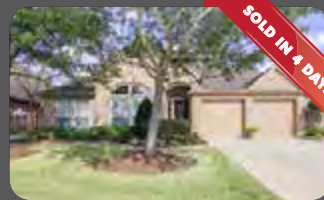
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