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Around Town

May 12 LIBRARY MOVIE NIGHT

Friendswood Library Movie Night for Thursday, May 12 is "Hearts in Atlantis". Refreshments provided by Friends of the Library. Free to public. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

May 13 CONCERT IN THE PARK

Modulation will be the featured band at the Concert in the Park on Friday, May 13. Music begins at 7pm. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, refreshments, blankets, dinner or snacks. All concerts are free and take place in the gazebo in the park. Prizes are given out during intermission. Concerts are held at Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. To sponsor the event or donate prizes, contact James Toney at 281-996-3220.

COUNCILMEMBER STORYTIME

Friendswood Library's next Councilmember Storytime is slated for Friday, May 13 at 10:10am. Readers will be Mayor Mike and Councilmembers Trish Hanks and Steve Rockey. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

May 13-14 PLANT SALE & FLOWER SHOW

Heritage Gardeners will host a huge plant sale May 13-14 from 9 to 4 pm at 112 W. Spreading Oaks. The community is also invited to tour their Flower Show consisting of a Horticulture Show and Photography exhibit. For more information, follow HG on FB.

May 14 GAZEBO DEDICATION

The public is invited to a special dedication to Tom and Penny Burke for the Stevenson Park Gazebo. The event will take place at the gazebo beginning at 11:30am on Saturday, May 14. A dedication plaque will be unveiled at that time. Stevenson Park is located at 1100 S. Friendswood Dr.

May 17 SUNSET DRUM CIRCLE

Come join the Friendswood Library's Sunset Drum Circle on Tuesday, May 17 at 7pm. All ages and abilities welcome. Bring your hand drum, shaker, or triangle. Some percussion will be provided - do not bring drum sets, snare drums or cymbals. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

May 20 CONCERT IN THE PARK

Gary-Michael Dahl will be performing Smooth Jazz/R&B at the Concert in the Park on Friday, May 20. Music begins at 7pm. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, refreshments, blankets, dinner or snacks. All concerts are free. There will also be a special performance by the Friendswood Wranglerettes. The group will perform during the concert's intermission, along with the unveiling of their very own Fairy to be added to the Friendswood Fairy Trail. Concerts are held at Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr.

COUNCILMEMBER STORYTIME

Friendswood Library Councilmember Storytime will be held on Friday, May 20 at 10:10am. Readers will be Councilmembers Sally Branson, Brent Erenwert, and Mayor Pro Team Robert Griffon. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

May 20-21 LIBRARY BOOK SALE

A Friends of the Library Book Sale is set for Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 from 10am to 5:30pm each day. Books, music, audiobooks, and movies for all ages will be for sale. \$5 per bag or \$10 per box. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

May 21 COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast monthly meeting is Saturday, May 21 from 7:30 to 9:00am at Westwood Elementary, 506 West Edgewood Dr. All are invited for the breakfast, for the program "Message from the Heart" by Pastor Mario Ayala of The Tree of Life Church, and for a time of prayer around the tables. For more information and to RSVP, please call or text Carol or Byron Fulk at 713-408-4785. Breakfast is \$5.

CLASSIC CAR & BIKE SHOW

Friendswood Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Annual Friendswood Classic Car & Bike Show Saturday, May 21 from 9am to 3pm at Stevenson Park at 1100 S. Friendswood Drive. For more information on signing up for the event, call 281-482-3329.

May 28 SWIMMING POOL OPENS

Stevenson Park swimming pool opens for the season on Saturday, May 28 with free entry from 1 to 7pm. The pool is located at 900 Cedarwood Ave.



Teachers of the Year: Carolyn Lowe, Danita Jacobson, Tess James, Kristi Pon, Laurie Spangle and Melissa Novak.



Paras of the Year: Cline: Biljana Stojkovska, Westwood: Pam Ricklefsen, Bales: Juanita Ruffeno, Windsong: Rachel Keehn, FJH: Lynn Landry and FHS: Jennifer Burris.

FISD celebrates top teachers, paras, coaches

Friendswood ISD celebrated its 2022 Teachers of the Year (TOY) and Paraprofessionals of the Year at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Friendswood ISD School Board held recently in the Boardroom at 402 Laurel.

TOYs include Tess James at Cline Elementary; Kristi Pon at Bales Intermediate; Laurie Spangle at Friendswood Junior High, Melissa Novak at Friendswood High School, Carolyn Lowe at Westwood Elementary and Danita Jacobson at Windsong Intermediate.

POYs include Biljana Stoikovska at Cline Elementary; Juanita

Ruffeno at Bales Intermediate; Lynn Landry at FJH, Jennifer Burris at FHS, Pam Ricklefsen at Westwood Elementary.

Coaches of the Year are Joseph Taylor and Robert Koopmann.

Taylor's recognition is from the National High School Strength and Conditioning Association (NHSSCA). This organization provides many professional development opportunities for people in his role. The award is given after an intensive application process, according to Taylor.

Koopmann is the District 9-5A Division 1 Coach of the Year.

City awarded grant for local water conservation project

The Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (HGSD) has awarded five local entities a total of \$450,000 in grants to support water conservation projects.

Local entities selected to receive this year's water conservation program grant include the City of Friendswood, City of Galveston, and City of Webster, who will install advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) on meters for their water systems. These AMI projects improve meter accuracy and allow water customers to access their data in real-time as well as expedite leak identification and notification for customers with potential leaks. Harris County Freshwater Supply District 1A will utilize grant support for leak detection and

water line repair. Harris County Municipal Utility District 50 will be implementing a shower head replacement project for their residents to improve water efficiency.

"We are excited to be able to work with the District's constituents in a joint effort to achieve more efficient use of our water resources so that we can continue to manage the devastating effects of subsidence. We hope to see measurable and meaningful results and continue to fund future water conservation projects," said Lindy Murff, HGSD's Water Conservation Committee Chair.

The Harris-Galveston Subsidence District implemented this water conservation grant program in 2019 for projects that can achieve

quantifiable water conservation, including projects and programs that correlate to implementing irrigation best management practices, water loss control measures, and water efficiency measures.

Applications for next year's water conservation grant program will be available at the end of May for water utilities, public entities, independent school districts, non-profits, university research programs, or private entities looking to improve water efficiency through irrigation projects in Harris or Galveston counties. For more information about HGSD water conservation grants, visit <https://hgsubsidence.org/water-conservation/grant-program/>.

Youth enjoy competing for 'the big one'

By KAROLYN GEPHART

Reporter News Staff

Over 150 fish were caught at the Youth Fishing Derby May 7 in Centennial Park in Friendswood. The annual fun event is hosted by the Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department.

Breakfast was supplied by Whataburger for the first 200 people.

Many fishing caught their first fish ever and dads and moms with grandparents and friends cheered on the youth as they tried for the biggest fish in the pond.

Sponsors this year include Daryl's A/C & Heating, LLC, Hometown Bank of Friendswood, Mosquito Authority, Operation-Redemption, Big Blue Marble Academy, Legacy Gymnastics, Target Store Baybrook, Raymond James Sally Branson, Whataburger Friendswood, and Walmart.

The banks around the fishing area were covered with youth and their families enjoying the weather, the temperature, the fun, and the competition.



SWEET SUCCESS

Victoria Rose George is one of the many drink and snow cone stands that were set up using Lemonade Day guidelines. She is the daughter of John and Erika George of Friendswood.

Pearland receives ISO Class 1 rating

The Texas Department of Insurance presented City Council with an ISO Class 1 rating for the City of Pearland recently.

The ISO Class 1 rating represents a superior number of resources dedicated to fire protection and is the highest Public Protection Classification (PPC) attainable. The new ISO Class 1 rating places Pearland in the top one percent of all communities in the nation that have been issued an ISO grade in the PPC program.

Previously, the City was rated at Class 2, when the last ISO survey was conducted in 2015. In less than 15 years, the City has moved from an ISO Class 3 to an ISO Class 1, reflecting rapid improvements and significant investment in infrastructure, facilities, water supply and reliability, communications dispatch and overall fire protection services.

"A Class 1 means that we are meeting the highest standards for the integrated components needed to protect Pearland from fires," Fire Chief Vance Riley said.

"In addition, it provides opportunity for lower fire insurance premiums and aids our city in competition for economic development."

Communities whose ISO Class improves may get lower insurance rates, and fire departments receive a valuable benchmark when planning, budgeting, and justifying fire protection improvements.

According to the ISO, a community's grade depends on needed fire flows, emergency communications, water supply and the fire department's equipment, staffing, training, station distributions, operations, and risk reduction efforts.

"Achieving this rating requires a strong team effort across multiple city departments, direction from the City Manager with long term planning and supporting policy by City Council," Chief Riley said. "And we appreciate the study funded by Pearland Economic Development Corporation which lead to the information that we were eligible for this Class and could expedite our request to be

surveyed by the ISO."

The Insurance Services Office, Inc is the leading supplier of data and analytics for the property and casualty insurance industry. The rating will become effective July 1, 2022.

ISO's Public Protection Classification Program plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. The program is often used by insurance companies in deciding what coverages to offer or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance. The goal of the program is to accurately reflect a community's fire suppression and control resources.

Most insurers use PPC classification for underwriting and calculating premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties. ISO visited the City to gather information needed to determine a public protection classification which may be used to develop property insurance premium calculations.

Wranglerettes to perform, unveil new park fairy

Join the Friendswood High School Wranglerettes for a Concert in the Park Friday, May 20 at 7 pm in Stevenson Park.

The dancing group will provide with a special performance for the audience during the concert's intermission. They will also unveil their new Fairy that will join the other fairies in the Friendswood Fairy Trail in the park.

The Wranglerettes will also have a booth at the concert where they will be handing out swag. The girls will also be available for photo ops.

Music on the May 20 will be provided by Gary-Michael Dadahl.



PEARLAND CONVENTION BUREAU HOSTS RECEPTION
In tandem with the Harris County Houston Sports Authority and the Abilene, Frisco, El Paso and Lubbock CVBs, the Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau hosted a Texas-sized reception at the Sports Events & Tourism Association Symposium in Fort Worth recently. The event brought together sports rights holders from across the country looking for host city opportunities in a variety of sporting events. Coinciding with National Travel and Tourism week, the multi-day event focuses on the benefits and economic impact of sports tourism.



PCPA CLASS #53 GRADUATES
May 5 was graduation day for the Pearland Citizens Police Academy Class #53. During the graduation it was said, "Any day you can learn something new, is a great day." Everyone involved in CPA Class #53 can attest, every Thursday with this class was a great day. Anyone interested in applying for CPA Class #54, which will begin in September, can visit <https://www.pearlandtx.gov/citizens-police-academy>.

GCTO receives Gold Performance Quality Award

Galveston and Montgomery County Tax Offices have earned the TxDMV Goal Performance Award for 2021, placing them in the top 1% of 254 Texas Counties. Only 5 counties have achieved Gold recognition since the program began.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles established the Performance Quality Recognition Program to recognize county tax assessor collectors that go above and beyond in complying with State laws and Agency rules and provide outstanding performance and efficiency in providing title and registration services.

There are three levels of performance - Bronze, Silver and Gold. In 2019 The Galveston County Tax

Office (GCTO) achieved the Silver level. TxDMV just announced it has been awarded the Gold level for 2021. This voluntary, multi-level recognition program, includes criterion for Business Processes, Fraud Prevention, Customer Service and Training. Requirements for each level must be met in addition to those of the level applied for. Gold level recipients have demonstrated superior title and registration services and compliance with State laws as well as a commitment to preventing fraud, providing a high level of customer service and training employees through the adoption of policies and procedures. Since inception, only 8%

of 254 Texas Counties have achieved a performance level. They include:

According to Tax Assessor Collector Cheryl E. Johnson, "This achievement is a reflection on the leadership and performance of the entire Operations team and could not have been achieved without the support of the Administration, Support Services and Accounting teams. Special recognition to our own Melissa Norris who performed the research, gathered and submitted the many documents and pushed all of us to complete the requirements necessary for this success. GCTO is indeed, Driven to Serve."

BMI Management is now hiring for **Apartment Community Porter/Groundskeeper** in Friendswood area.
Responsibilities included groundskeeping, pool maintenance, completion of assigned work orders and assist in preparation of make-ready units.
Qualifications: High School diploma or GED, valid Texas Driver's License, Bilingual a plus.
Contact **281-996-7778** for further information and to schedule interview.

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 - Big laugh
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 - Enter
 - Advertiser's phrase
 - Win back, as trust
 - Be there
 - ____ Khan
 - Misses
 - Didn't do well at all, as a movie
 - Cheese choice
 - Danger for sailors
 - ____ jacket
 - Draw a bead on
 - Kids' virus
 - Confounded
 - Ace
 - Barbecue offering
 - Beauty pageant wear
 - Bops on the head
 - Abbr. often used by the self-employed
 - Fix, in a way
 - Ed.'s request
 - Went out, as a fire
 - Improves metal
 - ____ gin fizz
 - Bats one's eyelashes, say
 - Herb-of-Grace extract
 - Long dash
 - Acted badly
 - "Desire hath ____": Burton
 - Doublemint, e.g.
 - Absent in Latin
 - No-good
 - Oceanic tunicate
 - Do a half-____ job
 - Act the blowhard
 - Benjamin Disraeli, e.g.
 - Bad marks
 - Go-____
 - Oolong, for one

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Election results in Friendswood, Pearland

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

The City Council for the City of Friendswood will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 18 beginning at 5:30pm to canvass and declare the results of the City of Friendswood General and Special Elections held on May 7.

Oaths of office will be administered to Robert Griffon, Councilmember Position 4 and Brent Erenwert, Councilmember Position 6. Griffon ran unopposed. Incumbent Erenwert won his election with 61.21 percent of the vote.

In the city election, all amendments except Proposition B passed. Proposition B failed.

In Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees election, incumbent Scott Bowen received 48.81 percent of the votes and will be canvassed as the winner in CCISD.

In unofficial results in Pearland City Council, Joseph Koza won in Position 1, Jeffrey Barry won in Position 6, and there will be a runoff election for Position 5 between Zach Boyer and Layni Cade.

In Pearland ISD, Amanda Kuhn won a spot on the Board of Trustees in Position 5, Lance Botkin in Position 6, and Nanette Weimer in Position 7.

In the Galveston County Consolidated Drainage District #3, Rusty Burkett received the most votes.

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Master Gardeners to present topics in May and June

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Galveston County Master Gardeners will be hosting presentations and a plant sale for May and June. The events are free and offer gardening topics for the two months.

May 14 "Home Fruit Growers Tours" 9 am -12 Noon, 3 fruit orchards and vegetable gardens open for tours. No pre-registration needed; visit sites in any desired order. No rain date, will occur regardless of weather. Free. For orchard locations and additional information: <https://galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/mgseminars/>

May 28 "Summer Pruning of Fruit Trees," with Galveston County Master Gardener Robert Marshall and Stephen Brueggerhoff, Extension Horticulturist, presenting 9-11:30 am, begins at Galveston County AgriLife Extension Bldg. in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main (Hwy 519), La Marque and continues in the Discovery Garden. Free. Registration limited to 30 people. To pre-register and for more information, go to: <https://galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/mgseminars/>

June 4 "Growing Strawberries," with Robert Marshall, Galveston County Master Gardener, presenting 9-11 am, in Galveston County AgriLife Extension Bldg. in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main (Hwy 519), La Marque 77568. Free. To pre-register and for more information go to: <https://galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/mgseminars/>

June 4 "Plumeria Propagation," with Loretta Osteen, Galveston County Master Gardener, presenting 1-3 pm. Note location: Discovery Garden in Carbide Park, 4102 Main (Hwy 519), La Marque 77568. Free. Class limited to 12 people; you must pre-register to attend. To pre-register and for more information go to: <https://galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/mgseminars/>

June 17-18 "Sizzling Summer Sale," Shop online Noon to Noon June 17-18. Browse online beginning June 10. Curbside pickups in Discovery Garden scheduled for June 24. Visit the Galveston County Master Gardener online store for more details – <https://store.galvestonmg.org>

For more information, follow Galveston County Master Gardeners on Facebook.



The UIL One Act Play team placed 6th at the State University Interscholastic League (UIL) meet with their production of *Macbeth*. Harden Hobbs received the League's Bronze Medal for her role of Lady Macbeth Senior Balint Kidd was named Best Performer. This was the 18th trip to the State Meet for FHS. The first as a finalist in 1970; then 1978 3rd place; 1980 3rd place. This was the 15th appearance for FHS with Director, Powdrell with 4 State Championships and first appearance with technical director Amy Thornton.

FISD honors students for outstanding competitions

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

May in Friendswood ISD brings with it large groups of students to be honored at the School Board meetings. Many competitions are held in the Spring and FISD has a record for having outstanding success by the participants.

On May 9, many student groups were brought before the School Board and presented Celebration of Excellence awards.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian for 2022 were announced and honored. Christian La Rue is Valedictorian for the Class of 2022 with Audrey Nguyen Salutatorian. Christian will attend Texas A&M University and study Chemical Engineering. Audrey plans to attend Rice University this fall to major in Molecular Biology and Biomedical Sciences.

From SkillsUSA Texas District Competition, FHS students advanced in Audio/Video, Design, Engineering and Law.

Applied Engineering: Ben Chapman, Eli St John, Kurt Saunders & Dylan Hileman
Principles of Engineering and Technology: Shelby McKee (State Bronze Medalist)

Architectural Drafting: Manon Murphy & Colin Rocha

Additive Manufacturing: Seth Kabiri, Sabrina Gasiorowski, Ben Cruse & Henry Kirk

Entrepreneurship: Lauren Sandoval, Alexis Florence, Sienna Shutts & Bryden Camp

Television/Video Production: Ryleigh Kennedy & Carleigh Williams (State Gold)

Television/Video Production Technical Test: Tommy Dearmond (State Bronze)

Audio/Radio Production: Elizabeth Sala & Nick Garcia (State Gold). Isabelle Le & Clayton Morgan (State Bronze), Kam Harper & Cristian Taliaferro

Broadcast News Production: Erica Howard, Sara Nabizadeh, Luke Blain, Steven Faltysek (State Bronze)

Grant Newmann, Spencer Jones, Jonathan McCoy, Sienna Shutts, Jackson Austin (State Silver)

Advertising Design: Holly Stom

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Community Service: Elizabeth Sala, Zoe Sellers, Elise Marx, Karis Hernandez

Extemporaneous Speaking: Luke Blain

Felony Traffic Stop Technical Test: James Gasiorowski (State Bronze)

Crime Scene Model Team of Two: Ava

Arnold and Jennifer Sanchez (State Silver)
Crime Scene Model Individual: Elizabeth Sterken (State Gold)

FCCLA students competed at State in Dallas April 8-9, 2022. Maddie Davis received an \$18,000 scholarship. Medalists include Anabelle Soileau (4th place Public Policy Advocate); Avery Horman and Mia Baker (4th place Hospitality and Tourism); Luke Bowles, Sawyer Skelle (5th place Sports Nutrition). Other students honored for competing include Roshai Chuandhari (Cupcake Presentation); Wesley Blair (Serving Up Success); Caroline Jensen (Culinary Math Management); Tayler Wiederhold (Professional Presentation); Jake Cipolla (Teach and Train);

Jake Cipolla; Kynadee Zamora (Early Childhood Education); and Emily Confair (Leadership).

FHS Color Guard was honored for placing sixth in the Winter Guard World Championship. Members honored include Mercy Garner, Isabelle Le, Lillian Ray Denson, Ashley Wang, Layla Franco, Kathleen Caram, Sara Parmitano, Madison Williams, Aydan McLaren, Alexis Koch, Kali Delk, Kami Harris-Right, and Bryce Harris.

One Act Play advanced to the State Meet and with their performance of *Macbeth*. Members included Jiszelle Cross, Maris Morgan, Gabi McGregor, Colby Clayton, Grant Newman, Balint Kidd, Justin Paulder, Hayden Hobbs, Luke Johnstone, Connor Adams, Will Boone, Coy White, Jon Sims, Robert Scully, Carter Hall, James Nelson, Jason Enochs, Max Bischoff, Madeline Raska, Maddie Schatzke, Thatcher Chase, Nicolas Fantasia, Claire Gibson, and Jacob Mayfield.

Friendswood Junior High 6th grader Vikram Gupta was honored for competing in the State Science and Engineering Fair. He is the first 6th grader in FJH to advance to State!

Friendswood HOSA had seven (7) students for competing and five (5) have advanced to the International HOSA conference in Nashville, TX from June 22-26, 2022. The students include Ethan Yang, 1st Place (Medical Reading), Evelyn Jiang, 1st Place and Laura Genzer, 1st Place (CERT Skills), Shriya Alli, first place (CPR/First Aid Skills) and Haley Romine, 1st Place and received a \$2,500 scholarship from Texas HOSA. Carla Burris was named HOSA State Advisor of the Year.

Five FHS art students competed at the state level in VASE. All five were gold medalists in their events. They are Jiszelle Cross, Amorette Garcia, Soobin Lim, Devon Palmer, and Kamryn Phillips.

FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

THROW AWAY GODS

"So, the Israelites cried to the LORD, saying, 'We have sinned against you, because we have abandoned our God and have served the Baals.'" -Judges 10:10

In 1979 I spent the summer on an archaeological dig at a place called Tel-el-Hesi... in the Negev desert a little over an hour's drive south and west of Jerusalem. In the earliest days of expeditions this site was thought to be Megiddo... the place where the battle of Armageddon is to take place. My Old Testament professor, the late Rev. Dr. Ralph Doermann said to me... "you either love archaeology or you hate it... but you won't know it unless you go do it." He was right. I loved it; but sadly, I have never returned... but yet, my memories of being there are like yesterday and because I was able to be present in this holy land... while still a seminary student... my understanding of scripture, especially the Old Testament and the life of Jesus has been amplified in my reading of the Bible and the Judeo-Christian faith I cling to daily.

During one of the days of digging, a friend was knee deep in an ash pit that would finally be determined to be a 2500 B.C. 'trash pile' as it was filled with broken pottery, olive pits, chicken bones and on that day the broken head of a Canaanite mantle god figurine who went by the name of Baal... (NOTE: The image above is a clay replica of the original about the size of a very plump strawberry). The lesson? Some gods break and are thrown away... with chicken bones and olive pits... or as in our culture... replaced with anything else that seems to make like easier.

Have you ever felt like God was broken? Have you ever given up on God... trying another way... acting like God has shattered and the only move left is to toss God in the closest nearby ash pit? Well, if so... you're not alone. It's not new.

The Bible tells us that Jesus was broken on our behalf... and one time even the good people of his hometown of Nazareth tried to toss him off a cliff after he told them he was

the Messiah... long promised and long awaited... for stating the kingdom of God was near... as in right before their very eyes as he was the fulfillment of said kingdom. And not long after... as Jesus' body was placed in a tomb and as his disciples witnessed his untimely death... it might as well have felt like Jesus was no good now... not to anyone... being left in a cave... like part of a pile of trash... not knowing what was next and that his resurrection would need to be the means to make all the difference. Faith matters. Then and now.

I was speaking with some friends this morning and our conversation turned to the topic of atheists and agnostics... as there seems to be so many of them now... and how for some it has become the adoption of a 'life-style' in an effort and a way to reject Christianity... and I'll be the first to admit... it hasn't been completely a 'love your neighbor as yourself' thing over the centuries with the Crusades and the Inquisition and all... taking on a convenient way of life to ignore what so many others find comforting, purposeful as well as challenging along the Christian path... as taking on the posture of not believing in God or a god at all is much easier than following in the steps of Jesus. After all, it's one thing for a Canaanite to toss a broken Baal figurine into the trash after falling off the mantle... but who would dare do the same to Jesus and expect the same results? Jesus keeps showing up and keeps coming back... whole, loving, powerful and just...

And this... future archeologists won't find a broken Jesus at the landfill; but will surely find the broken things some have replaced Jesus with...

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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The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Cal Adams, Ann Marie Cantu, Taylor LeBlanc, and Harry Singh with Fit Theorem. They are located at 405 W. Parkwood Ave., Friendswood. Give them a call at 832-593-8203 or check out their website at www.fittheorem.com. Everyone enjoyed food, drinks, networking and watched a workout class. Enjoying this special day with the Fit Theorem team members are Cody Pancamo-Anchor Point, Luanne Newman-Belle Transformations MedSpa, Jonelle Fields-Center for Pregnancy, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Pastor David Lorenz-First Baptist Church, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice President Diane Hass and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Team Member Mike Marcantel-Marcantel Insurance, Ambassador Team Member Robert Rinehart-Robert Rinehart Insurance and Rob Roy-Texas Flat Fee Realtors.



The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Gloria Greene, owner of Living Magazine-Bay Area Friendswood. They are located at 2925 Gulf Freeway S. #B310, League City. Give Gloria a call at 409-316-4961 for more information or visit www.livingmagazine.net. Enjoying this special day with Gloria is Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Dan Garza-Amtex Loan, Cody Pancamo-Anchor Point, Ambassador Team Member Shirley Lange-Best Coupons, Jonelle Fields-Center for Pregnancy, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Cindy Deaton-Deaton Custom Pools, LLC, Sheila Rieke-Dentistry 4 Children and Bay Area Dental Specialists, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice President Diane Hass, and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Jacob Goodin-HV Global Services, Ambassador Team Member Terry Rodgers-Massage Heights-Friendswood, Curtis and Mariah Schultz-Optic-Kleer South Houston, Elisa Williams-Perfect Arrangement Interiors, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Linda Fee-Plylox, Inc., Ambassador Team Member Robert Rinehart-Robert Rinehart Insurance Agency, Ambassador Team Member Megan Heard-Serendipity | Luxury Wellness, Rob Roy-Texas Flat Fee Realtors, Ambassador Team Member Lisa Goodwin-Village on the Park and Ambassador Team Member Mary Faller-Window Genie of Clear Lake.



The Friendswood Chamber welcomes Francis Nance, owner of BMR Janitorial Services. They are located at 3272 E. Broadway #21, Pearland. Give her a call at 281-731-7019 for all your commercial and residential cleaning services. Everyone enjoyed BBQ lunch, door prizes and networking. Enjoying this special day with Francis is Board and Ambassador Team Member Dan Garza-Amtex Loan, Cody Pancamo-Anchor Point, Luanne Newman-Belle Transformations MedSpa, Ambassador Team Member Shirley Lange-Best Coupons, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Pastor David Lorenz-First Baptist Church-Friendswood, Taylor LeBlanc-Fit Theorem, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice-President Diane Hass and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Team Member Janis Wood-Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast, Ambassador Team Member Devin Blount-The Health Agents, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member LeAnn Shoemaker-Infinity Real Estate Group/Christy Buck Team, Ambassador Team Member Terry Rogers-Massage Heights-Friendswood, Chairman of the Board and Ambassador Team Member Robert Smithhart-Minuteman Press, Ambassador Team Member Avis Svahn-Nothing Bundt Cakes, Ambassador Team Member Robert and Phyllis Rinehart-Robert Rinehart Insurance Agency, Board Member David Torok-The Torok Law Firm, P.C. and David Miller and Angelica Marta-Voyage Insurance Group.



The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes David Miller with Voyage Insurance Group. They are located at 3272 Broadway, Pearland. Give them a call at 713-902-9851 for all your insurance needs. Everyone enjoyed the BBQ lunch, door prizes and networking. Enjoying this special day with David is Angelica Marta-Voyage Insurance Group, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Dan Garza-Amtex Loan, Cody Pancamo-Anchor Point, Luanne Newman-Belle Transformations MedSpa, Ambassador Team Member Shirley Lange-Best Coupons, Francis Nance-BMR Janitorial Services, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Pastor David Lorenz-First Baptist Church-Friendswood, Taylor LeBlanc-Fit Theorem, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice-President Diane Hass and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Team Member Janis Wood-Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast, Ambassador Team Member Devin Blount-The Health Agents, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member LeAnn Shoemaker-Infinity Real Estate Group/Christy Buck Team, Ambassador Team Member Terry Rogers-Massage Heights-Friendswood, Chairman of the Board and Ambassador Team Member Robert Smithhart-Minuteman Press, Ambassador Team Member Avis Svahn-Nothing Bundt Cakes, Ambassador Team Member Robert and Phyllis Rinehart-Robert Rinehart Insurance Agency, Board Member David Torok-The Torok Law Firm, P.C.



The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Jignesh and Smita Upadhyaya, owners of Tutor Doctor Pearland. Give them a call at 281-760-6422 and check out their website at www.tutordoc.com/pearland for their inhouse and online tutoring. Enjoying this special day with Jignesh and Smita is one of their tutors Jace Blevins along with Ambassador Team Member Cary Haskell-Amsoil, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Dan Garza-Amtex Loan, Ambassador Team Member Shirley Lange-Best Coupons, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Cindy Deaton-Deaton Custom Pools, LLC, Sheila Rieke-Dentistry 4 Children and Bay Area Dental Specialists, Linda Elting-Family Promise of Clear Lake, Ann Marie Cantu-Fit Theorem, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice-President Diane Hass and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member LeAnn Shoemaker-Infinity Real Estate Group/Christy Buck Team, Ambassador Team Member Terry Rogers-Massage Heights-Friendswood, Kevin Smith-My Elite Massage, LLC, Rob Roy-Texas Flat Fee Realtors and Ambassador Team Member Robert Rinehart-Robert Rinehart Insurance Agency.



The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Nam Dinh, owner of namastea. They are located at 104 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood. Give them a call at 832-569-5000. Everyone enjoyed meeting Nam, her family, friends, team members and samples of their cookies and tea. Enjoying this special day with Nam is her Team Members Emma Cortiaus and Meghan Reyes, Mother Jenny Bui, friends Dianne Rummage and Sean Wright along with Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Dan Garza-Amtex Loan, Cody Pancamo-Anchor Point, Joshua Gomez-Cyber One Solutions, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Cindy Deaton-Deaton Custom Pools, LLC, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice-President Diane Hass and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Team Member Devin Blount-The Health Agents, Chairman of the Board and Ambassador Team Member Robert Smithhart-Minuteman Press, Vice-Chair of the Board and Ambassador Team Member Lindsey Vaughn-RE/MAX American Dream, Ambassador Team Member Cody Coe-SunCoe Solar, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member David and Norma Torok-The Torok Law Firm, P.C.



The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes General Manager Randy Bednar and Marketing Director Kathy Luna with Jaguar Land Rover of Clear. They are located at 17970 Gulf Freeway South, Friendswood. Give them a call at 713-405-7150 and check out their website at www.landroverclearlake.com for more information. Everyone enjoyed meeting the staff members, viewing the vehicles, networking, great food and drinks. Enjoying this special day with Randy and Kathy are Ambassador Team Member Cyndy Butcher-Advanced Dermatology, Ambassador Team Member Cary Haskell-Amsoil, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Dan Garza-Amtex Loan, Joshua Gomez-Cyber One Solutions, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Sara Ferguson-Empire Creative, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Pastor David Lorenz-First Baptist Church, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice-President Diane Hass, President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Team Member Mike Marcantel-Marcantel Insurance, Ambassador Team Member Terry Rogers-Massage Heights-Friendswood, Chairman of the Board and Ambassador Team Member Robert Smithhart-Minuteman Press, Vicky Smith-RE/MAX American Dream and Ambassador Team Member Robert Rinehart-Robert Rinehart Insurance Agency.



The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Ali Ezzo, owner of Ageless by Ezzo. They are located at 700 S. Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood. Give them a call at 248-224-6307 for more information or check out their website at www.agelessezzo.com. Everyone enjoyed networking, meeting the staff, great food, and drinks. Enjoying this special day with Ali are his supportive family and staff members, friends and fellow co-workers along with Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Dan Garza-Amtex Loans, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice-President Diane Hass and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador Team Member Devin Blount-The Health Agents, Jacob Goodin-HV Global Services, Ambassador Team Member Terry Rodgers-Massage Heights-Friendswood, Chairman of the Board and Ambassador Team Member Minuteman Press, Ambassador Team Member Avis Svahn-Nothing Bundt Cakes, Ambassador Team Member Robert Rinehart-Robert Rinehart Insurance Agency and Rob Roy-Texas Flat Fee Realtors.



The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Chantille Kelly, owner of The Crystal Sage. They are located at 415 S. Johnson St., Suite 2&3, Alvin, Texas 77511. Everyone enjoyed networking, great food, drinks and learning about Chantille's passion for her business. To learn more about Crystal Sage visit www.thecrystalsagetx.com. Enjoying this special day with Chantille are her supportive family members, friends, and customers along with Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice President Diane Hass, and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood, Jacob Goodin-HV Global Services, LLC and Chairman of the Board and Ambassador Team Member Robert Smithhart-Minuteman Press and Ambassador Team Member Mike Marcantel-Marcantel Insurance.

SPORTS

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

Those "dumb" moments of life

It is always amazing to experience the weird moments that happen in life. Ever have those moments when you wonder if you have the IQ of a chimpanzee? I think we all have had those times where we scratch our heads and say to ourselves, "What was I thinking?" Of course, we certainly wouldn't begin to write down those moments in our diary of stupidity for fear that someone might find our moments of weakness as grounds for the padded rooms in a mental hospital.

I recently ran into one of those who posed an interesting question to me. I stopped to get a vanilla ice cream cone. I won't tell you where, but I was taken back when, after I ordered the cone, the young lady asked, "Will that be for here or to go?" Duh! What difference does it make?

One of the unique things about the world wide web is being able to find moments in other people's lives who have gone into neutral — lost their sense of common sense — which allows us to elevate our intelligence, even if for just a few minutes.

A man stated, "I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: 'too many deer were being hit by cars' and he didn't want them to cross there anymore."

A mother shared: "My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for minimal lettuce." The person behind the counter said, "I'm sorry, we only have iceberg lettuce."

A co-worker observed, "I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the life of her couldn't understand why her system would not turn on."

Standing on the corner, "The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged co-worker of mine when she asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?"

This happened to me recently...I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

Perhaps you have experienced a dumb moment. Send it to me and give our friends something to laugh about.

Old friend Robert said, "I may be dumb, but I'm not stupid."

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Pearland senior DH Alissa McClellan hits a soft roller up the third base line for an RBI vs Summer Creek in Game 1. Pearland won the first game 8-1. The Lady Oilers won Game 2 and McClellan hit a three-run homer. Pearland (28-7) advances to face the No. 4 state-ranked Clear Springs Lady Chargers (28-4). All games will be at Manvel HS. Game 1 will be on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. Game 2 will be on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. Game 3 (if necessary) will be back at Manvel HS on Friday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Lady Oilers sweep Summer Creek in area round

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Lady Oilers swept the Summer Creek Lady Bulldogs in the Class 6A Region III area-round but it didn't come without a battle.

The first game was easier than the second contest as the Lady Oilers won both game 8-1 and 12-9 to eliminate the Lady Bulldogs from the post-season.

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Pearland 8 - Summer Creek 1

The first game of the best-of-three series between Pearland and Summer Creek was close for the first six innings as the Lady Oilers had a 2-1 lead during that stretch.

Summer Creek scored first in the bottom of the second inning for a 1-0 lead. Pearland

answered with a run in the top of the fourth to tie the game 1-1 and then took the lead in the fifth 2-1.

The game stood at 2-1 entering the top of the seventh when the floodgates open for the Lady Oilers who exploded for six runs and an 8-1 lead that stood as the final score.

Pearland registered 13 hits for the eight runs while Summer Creek didn't get a hit thanks to the outstanding pitching of Abigail Guteriez who tossed a no-hitter that included no walks and 14 strikeouts.

Leading hitters for Pearland included: Hailey Golden (3-for-5, 2 runs, 1 RBI), Kennedy Drafton (3-for-3, 2 runs, 2 RBIs, 2B), Kristyn Whitlock (1-for-3, 1 run, 2 RBIs), and Alissa McClellan (2-for-3, 1 run, 2 RBIs, 2B).

Pearland 12 - Summer Creek 9

The second game was totally different than the first as both team exploded on offense with the Lady Oilers winning the scoring battle 12-9 to advance to the Class 6A Region III quarterfinals to face the Clear Springs Lady Chargers.

Despite allowing six runs in the second inning for a 6-1 lead, the Lady Oilers came charging back with a pair of runs in the third and seven runs in the fourth frame to take an 10-6 lead.

Pearland scored a run in the sixth and seventh innings while Summer Creek cut the margin with three runs in the top of the seventh, but it wasn't enough as the Lady O's won the game 12-9.

The top five hitters for Pearland in the batting order were a combined 10-for-15 for 8 RBIs.

Leading the way was Raenna Liscano who was 3-for-5 with one run scored and five RBIs and double.

Other hitters included: Hailey Golden (3-for-4, 4 runs), Kennedy Drafton (1-for-4, 2 runs, 2 RBIs) and Alissa McClellan (1-for-3, 3 RBIs, 1 HR).

Isela Flores got the win in the pitching circle as she tossed four innings, allowing six hits, and five runs while striking out three. Abigail Guteriez recorded the final nine outs to earn the save.



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS - Pearland pounded Clear Brook 9-0, 11-1 to advance to the Class 6A Region III area round of the playoffs.

Pearland pounds Clear Brook 9-0, 11-1 from playoffs

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Oilers won the District 23-6A crown and entered the playoffs as the No. 1 seed. The Clear Brook Wolverines were the No. 4 seed from District 24-6A.

Pearland and Clear Brook agreed to play a best-of-three series in the Class 6A Region III bi-district round and the Oilers easily eliminated the Wolverines 9-0 in Game 1 and 11-1 in Game 2.

Mark Zapata earned the victory on the mound for Pearland as he tossed all seven innings, allowing three hits and no runs while striking out seven and walking one.

Meanwhile, his teammates provided plenty offense as they banged out eight hits for nine runs for the 9-0 shutout.

The Oilers scored a run in the top of the third for a 1-0 lead and then scored four runs in back-to-back innings in the fourth and fifth frames.

Leading the way on offense for

Pearland was Anthony Avalos (2-for-4, 2 runs, 1 RBI, 2B), John Moya (2-for-4, 1 run, 3 RBIs, 2B), Caden Ferraro (2-for-3, 2 RBIs, 2B), and Isaiah Castaneda (1-for-2, 2 runs, 1 RBI, 2B).

Pearland 11 - Clear Brook 1

Pearland left no doubt in the second game of the best-of-three series against Clear Brook and the Oilers got a convincing 11-1 win to end the season for the Wolverines.

The Oilers set the pace in the opening frame with five runs for a 5-0 lead thanks to six hits by the offense.

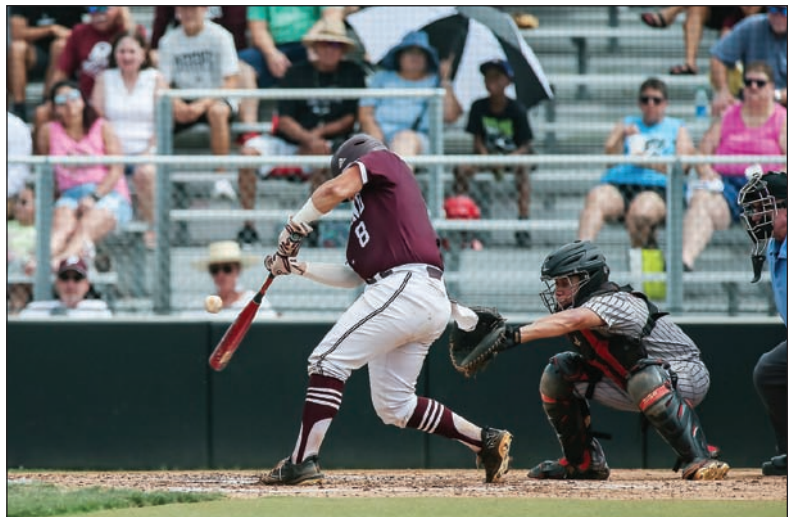
Caden Ferraro earned the victory on the hill as the lefthander surrendered one run on three hits over five innings, striking out four and walking one.

The Oilers continued their offensive display with three more runs in the third and three in the fifth to put the 10-run mercy rule in effect to end the game 11-1. The Wolverines scored their run in the top of the fifth.

Pearland finished the game with 11 runs on 14 hits.

Leading hitters for Pearland included Anthony Avalos (2-for-3, 3 runs), John Moya (3-for-4, 2 runs, 2 RBIs), Ferraro (1-for-1, 1

RBI). Jace Caceres (2-for-4, 3 RBIs, 2B), Brett Smajstrla (1-for-3, 1 run, 2 RBI), Braeden Morse (3-for-3, 2 runs), and Justin Ogle (2-for-3, 1 run, 2 RBIs, 2B).



MULTIPLE HITS - Pearland junior catcher Jace Caceres hits an RBI double vs Clear Brook in round one of the playoffs. Caceres had an excellent series with three hits and four RBI's as well as playing great defense behind the plate to help propel the Oilers to a series win and Bi-District Championship. Pearland will face the West Brook Bruins in the Class 6A Region III area round.

PEARLAND OILERS 2021



MEDIA GUIDE



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Lady Mustangs edge Lamar Consolidated 2-1 to advance

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

When the softball playoffs begin, most coaches prefer a best-of-three series instead of just a single playoff game that ends the season for the loser.

In the playoff game between Friendswood and the Lamar Consolidated Lady Mustangs, the choice was a one-game, one-and-done, contest that would send the winner to the next round.

As they have done all year, Friendswood took care of business with a 2-1 win to get the win in the Class 5A Region III area-round contest at Shadow Creek High School.

Friendswood was led by the pitching of Chloe Riassetto who gave up only one hit, three walks while whiffing 13 Lamar Consolidated batters.

"Chloe is a senior and she's battle-tested," Friendswood head coach Christa Williams-Yates said. "Things like that are not something that's going to worry her."

Riassetto's ability to manage tough situations is what makes Yates feel comfortable with her in the circle.

Back-to-back doubles from Riassetto and Lianie Shaeffer put Friendswood ahead in the first frame 1-0.

Base hits from Shaeffer and Janelle Wilson opened the Friendswood fourth inning. Charleigh Esparza reached on a fielder's choice to load the bases with no one out.

It looked like Friendswood would blow the game open, but Lamar Consolidated pitcher Hope Lock set down the next three batters to hold the score to 1-0.

"I was down there sweating it the whole game," Yates said. "We had opportunities. I felt like we were trying too hard, almost pressing in certain situations, especially with the bases loaded. When you press, that happens."

Friendswood took advantage of two Lamar Consolidated errors and a crucial two-out hit to take a 2-0 lead in the top of the sixth.

Wilson stroked a one-out single and advanced on an error.

Lock recorded the second out before Maddie Wilson came through with a run-scoring single.

"I felt like we were a little bit out of kilter," Yates said. "The bottom line is, I felt that (Lamar Consolidated) did a really good job. (Lock) made some great defensive plays. It made a big difference and kept them in the game. They made some great plays, so you have to tip your hat."

Lamar Consolidated scored their only run of the game in the top of the sixth inning on a run scoring double by Aubree Jones to cut the lead to 2-1, but Riassetto recovered to retire the next two hitters.

Schaeffer (2-for-3, 1 RBI) and Wilson (2-for-3, 1 run) were the leading hitters for Friendswood.

DAWSON WATER POLO

The Dawson Eagles Water Polo team finished as runner-ups at the state tournament. Dawson closed out the 2022 season with a sparkling 35-4 record that included a 28-game win streak. Dawson head coach Daniel Cox was named "Coach of the Year" at the state tournament.



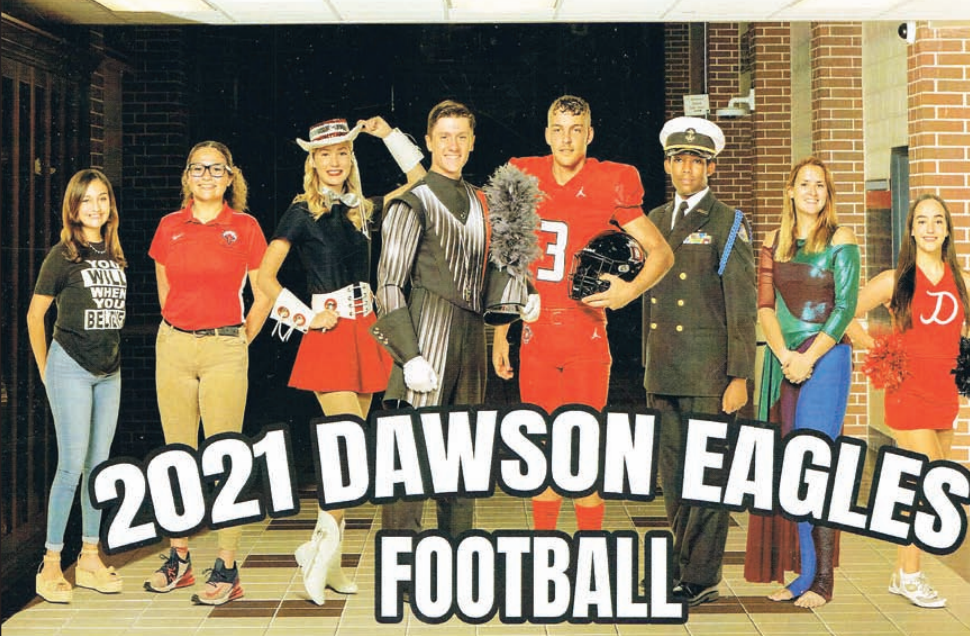
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MEDIA GUIDE

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Dawson, Pearland football media guides receive top awards

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

For the eighth straight year, Pearl Land Reporter News Sports Editor and Pearl Land ISD Sports Media Consultant Dr. David Davis has produced the top football media guides in the nation.

Davis entered the media guides for the first time in 2014 in the National High School Sports Publications contest in Maryland and both media guides have swept the top two honors for eight consecutive years.

"Our judges, professionals in the areas of graphic design, coaching, and athletic direction selected your entry for Dawson High School as our Gold Award Winner in the category: Public Schools, with over 2,000 students," said Joseph E. Criscuoli, director of the NHSSPA staff.

Pearland High School's football media guide received the Silver Award.

Dawson and Pearland High Schools are currently developing the 2022 media guides for the upcoming football season. Area businesses are encouraged to support these two award-winning, full-color media guides.

All advertising dollars go to support the Dawson Football Booster Club and the Pearland Touchdown Club and their scholarship funds. Each business makes their payment directly to each booster club which handles 100 percent of the money.

The award-winning media guides can be seen at: www.reporternewsports.com

Click on a cover and turn the pages to review the media guides. If you have any questions - please call Dr. Davis at 713-449-7474 or send an Email to: drdavidavis@yahoo.com

FISD School Board honors track, golf, water polo members

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Students in three different sports were honored with Celebration of Excellence awards May 9 at the School Board Meeting.

The Friendswood Boys Track & Field Team traveled to Humble High School on April 29 and 30 to compete in the Region III 5A Track & Field Championships. Seven athletes competed in eight events, and of those, FHS had four punch their tickets to the 5A State Track & Field Championships in Austin on May 13.

Region III 5A Track & Field Championships results include Alberto Orta - Region III Discus Champion State

Qualifier; Zade Kayyali - 3200m Run State Qualifier; Brandon Schirck - Shot Put State Qualifier; and Kade Stevens - High Jump State Qualifier.

Mary Kerr was honored for competing in the State Golf Tournament.

Seven girls in Water Polo are advancing to State competition.

The team members are District 32 Champions and 4th place seed from the South Region. The members include Lacey Drouet (2nd team All-District); Nicki Hansen (2nd team All-District, HM All-South Region); Molly Fruehan; Riley Holcomb; Madeline Long; Amelia Morgan; and Genevieve Ringo.



GARZA CELEBRATES CINCO DE MAYO

Friendswood High School junior Chloe Garza gave a live performance recently on KPRC Channel 2 Houston Life celebrating Cinco de Mayo. She will perform her solo "Los Laureles" at the FHS Choirs Pop Show, "A Night on Broadway" Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Brazoria Drainage District No. 4, 4813 W. Broadway, Pearland, Texas 77581 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the District, 4813 W. Broadway, Pearland, Texas 77581 on Thursday, May 26, 2022 for the following:

22607 – VEGETATION CONTROL & CHEMICAL APPLICATION BID

The scope of the project includes vegetation control & chemical application within the geographical boundaries of Brazoria Drainage District #4.

Bid packages with specifications and details may be obtained at the District's office or on the District's website: www.bdd4.org. Any questions regarding specifications should be directed to Clint Goebel at 281-485-1434.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive bidding informalities. Those bids deemed most advantageous to the Owner will be considered for the award of a Contract. Late bids will not be accepted.

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22612 - REINFORCED CONCRETE STORM SEWER BOX CULVERTS ANNUAL CONTRACT

The scope of the project includes: 3x2 through 12x12 Reinforced Concrete Storm Sewer Box Culverts priced per linear foot for an annual contract.

Bid Documents may be picked up without charge in the offices of Brazoria Drainage District No. 4, 4813 W. Broadway, Pearland, Texas 77581 or may be obtained from our website at www.bdd4.org.

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Specifications were prepared by Brazoria Drainage District No. 4 at 4813 W. Broadway, Pearland, Texas 77581, Telephone No. 281-485-1434.



Rogers Middle School wins the Global Issue Problem Solving junior team division at the Texas FPS State Bowl.



At the Texas FPS State Bowl, DHS recently took the top two spots in Community Problem Solving as well as two of the top three spots in Global Issue Problem Solving (GIPS).

Dawson High School, PJH West and Rogers Middle School students bound for Future Problem Solving International

Dawson High School, Pearland Junior High West and Rogers Middle School will represent Texas at the 2022 Future Problem Solving Program International Conference to be held June 8-12 in Amherst, Massachusetts. At the Texas State Bowl, DHS took the top two spots in Community Problem Solving as well as two of the top three spots in Global Issue Problem Solving (GIPS). PJH West's Kara Li won the Individual GIPS competition and Rogers won the GIPS junior team division.

Pearland Junior High East, Alexander Middle School and Sablatura Middle School also qualified and competed in the FPS State Bowl, taking home several awards.

The DHS, PJH West and Rogers students advancing to the International level of the contest will compete against more than 2,200 students from around the globe, participating in problem-solving around this year's theme, "Antibiotic Resistance."

Students advancing to the international competition this year include:

• DAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Grand Champions in Community Problem Solving (and also Best CmPS Display): Cordelia Li, Aruna Muthupillai, Allen Jiang, Bidisha Halder, Shaili Shouche, Jasmine Wong, Jayden Lu, Michael Pasala, Melissa Tariq-Rodriguez, Julia Wu, Mihir Kalvakaalva, Bryan Li, Rishabh Dave, Enjia Wang

1st Place, Senior Division Community Problem Solving: Annie Vu, Carolyn Hoang, Catherine Bai, Harrison Zhu, Mai Nguyen

2nd Place, Senior Division Team Global Issues Problem Solving (GIPS): Thomas Liang, Jasmine Wong, Jayden Lu, Jalen Nguyen

3rd Place, Senior Division Team GIPS: Enjia Wang, Raina Zhang, Joryn Li, Stephen Mao

• PEARLAND JUNIOR HIGH WEST

1st Place, Middle Division Individual Global Issue Problem Solving: Kara Li

• ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st Place, Junior Division Team GIPS: Caroline Mao, Enya Zhou, Nidhi Thirunagari, Shreya Vaithianathan

Although not advancing to the international competition, the following students also won awards at the State Bowl:

• DAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

4th Place, Middle Division Individual GIPS: Bowen Xie

Semifinalists, Senior Division Team GIPS: Annie Vu, Catherine Bai, Harrison Zhu, Mai Nguyen

Semifinalists, Middle Division Team GIPS: Irene Shi, Jerry Zhang, Marc Lu, Taylor Chan

• PEARLAND JUNIOR HIGH WEST

1st Place, Middle Alternate GIPS Team: Roy Wang, Vedant Yadav

2nd Place, Middle Alternate GIPS Team: Nyssa Williams

• ALEXANDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Semifinalists, Novice Division Team GIPS: Gabrielle Alexander, Kelsie Andrews, Alexis Cesari, Charlotte Bonner

1st Place, Junior Alternate GIPS Team: Kaylee Silva

2nd Place, Junior Alternate GIPS Team: Olivia Durham

3rd Place, Junior Alternate GIPS Team: Hannah Carr

2nd Place, Novice Presentation of Action Plan: Cody Conway, Jacob Frerking, Jackson Millman, Emerson Johnston

• SABLATURA MIDDLE SCHOOL

2nd place, Novice Division Team GIPS: Elizabeth Cline, Saanvi Thakre, Hannah Zhang, Helen Zhou

Semifinalists, Junior Division Team GIPS: Leah Hong, Jenny Huang, Emerson Li, Nathan Li

1st Place, Novice Presentation of Action Plan: Elizabeth Cline, Saanvi Thakre, Hannah Zhang, Helen Zhou, Michelle Buettel

Future Problem Solving coaches include DHS's Angela Ruth, PJH West's Lisa Shapiro, PJH East's Elizabeth Myers, Rogers' Lynda Ketterer, Sablatura's Cassandra Maldonado and Alex Serrano and Alexander's Elesha Alexander.

The FPS State Bowl topic this year was "Mining." In addition to developing a solid grasp of the topic, students used their research to predict future issues and solutions related to it.

FPS stimulates critical and creative thinking, problem solving and decision-making skills while preparing students for leadership. Each year, thousands of students compete from the U.S., Australia, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore, Turkey and more, learning to work with others and designing positive futures.

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22608 – MOTOR FUELS BID

The scope of the project includes delivered motor fuels to the District's office.

Bid packages with specifications and details may be obtained at the District's office or on the District's website: www.bdd4.org. Any questions regarding specifications should be directed to Clint Goebel at 281-485-1434.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive bidding informalities. Those bids deemed most advantageous to the Owner will be considered for the award of a Contract. Late bids will not be accepted.

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22613 – HIGH DENSITY POLYPROPYLENE STORM SEWER PIPE ANNUAL CONTRACT

The scope of the project includes: 12 through 60-inch-High Density Polypropylene Storm Sewer Pipe priced per linear foot for an annual contract.

Bid Documents may be picked up without charge in the offices of Brazoria Drainage District No. 4, 4813 W. Broadway, Pearland, Texas 77581 or may be obtained from our website at www.bdd4.org.

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22614 – HYDRO MULCH MATERIALS ANNUAL CONTRACT

The scope of the project includes: Hydro Mulch materials to be used for various projects within the District's boundaries for an annual contract.

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22611 – HAULING SERVICES ANNUAL CONTRACT

The scope of the project includes an annual contract for hauling of materials for various projects within the District's boundaries with the usage of dump trucks and operators.

Bid Documents may be examined without charge in the offices of Brazoria Drainage District No. 4, 4813 W. Broadway, Pearland, Texas 77581 or may be obtained from our website at www.bdd4.org.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the offices of the District, 4813 W. Broadway, Pearland, Texas 77581 on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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22609 – CONCRETE PAVING SERVICES ANNUAL CONTRACT

The scope of the project includes an annual contract for concrete paving services for all projects greater than 500 square feet within the District's boundaries.

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22610 – GENERAL CONTRACT SERVICES ANNUAL CONTRACT

The scope of the project includes an annual contract for various contract services for all projects within the District's boundaries; including but not limited to, usage of excavators, dozers, and other heavy equipment and operators.

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Home Chemical Collection Site & Learning Center

ABSOLUTELY NO LATEX PAINT!!!

Accepted:*

- Ignitable - Oil Based Paint, Paint Thinners, Petroleum Distillate Cleaners
- Oxidizers - Fertilizers, Pool Chemicals
- Corrosives - Acids, Bases, Cleaning Solutions, Drain Cleaner
- Poisons- Pesticides, Fungicides, Herbicides, Wood Preservatives
- Automotive Materials - Oil, Anti-freeze, Transmission Fluid, Radio Brake Fluid

*1 gallon or smaller containers

*5 gallon total limit

Not Accepted:

- Latex Paint
- Explosives - Ammunition, Fire Works, Compressed Gas
- Any Regulated Waste from Regulated Entities - Asbestos, PCB's
- Large quantities - 50 pound limit & not more than 5 gallons total (in 1 gallon containers only)
- Commercial/Industrial/Agricultural Waste
- Trash, Debris, 55 gal. Drums, Medical Waste, Radio Active Waste, Smoke Detectors
- Electronic Waste - No Batteries

*ATTENDANT MUST BE PRESENT!

Operating Days/Hours: Second Saturdays 8am to 4pm (only)

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