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## Around Town

**May 6**  
**CONCERTS IN THE PARK**  
Get ready to rock Pearland because Concerts in the Park are back for the summer! The events are free and will feature a variety of local bands throughout the months of May and June every Friday from 7-9pm. Local food vendors will also be at the concerts. The featured band for May 6 will be Adrian's Fault playing Classic Rock. For more information visit [pearlandtx.gov/concerts](http://pearlandtx.gov/concerts).

**May 7**  
**SILVERLAKE FARMERS MARKET**  
The next Silverlake Farmers Market will be held Saturday, May 7 from 3 to 7pm at 2715 Southwyck Parkway in Pearland. The event brings farmers, artisans, foods, and entertainment together.

**PEAR RUN**  
The Pear Run will be held Saturday, May 7 at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. Register today at [pearrun.com](http://pearrun.com).

**May 8**  
**BROOKSIDE FARMERS MARKET**  
Brookside Village Farmers Market will be held Sunday, May 8 from 9am to 1pm at Lawhon Elementary, 5810 Brookside Road in Pearland. Local vendors including food producers, makers, and area backyard gardeners, kids activities and live music. The market is held monthly on second Sundays.

**May 13**  
**CONCERTS IN THE PARK**  
Hamilton Loomis will be playing Blues Rock music at Concerts in the Park on Friday, May 13 from 7 to 9pm at Southdown Park, 2150 Countryplace Parkway. Concerts are free and will feature a variety of local bands throughout the months of May and June. Local food vendors will also be at the concerts. For more information visit [pearlandtx.gov/concerts](http://pearlandtx.gov/concerts).

**May 20**  
**CONCERTS IN THE PARK**  
Mango Punch will be playing Salsa Variety music at Concerts in the Park on Friday, May 20 from 7 to 9pm at Southdown Park, 2150 Countryplace Parkway. Concerts are free and will feature a variety of local bands throughout the months of May and June. Local food vendors will also be at the concerts. For more information visit [pearlandtx.gov/concerts](http://pearlandtx.gov/concerts).

**May 26**  
**MARINES IN TEXIAN REPUBLIC**  
Local researcher Andrew Hall will present "Marines in the Texian Republic" on Thursday, May 26 at 6pm at the Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 E. Cedar St. in Angleton. Learn the history and legacy of the little-known Marine Corps of the Republic of Texas. Free to public.

**May 27**  
**MEMORIAL DAY BBQ COOKOFF**  
Pearland VFW Memorial Day BBQ & Cookoff will be held Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28 at 4202 W. Walnut in Pearland. Entry fee is \$175 for brisket, ribs, or chicken; \$20 entry fee for beans or Bloody Marys. Sign up in person from 3 to 10pm every day until cookoff.

**June 13-16**  
**SUMMERTIME NATURE CAMP**  
Brazoria County Parks Department presents Summertime Nature Camp on June 13-16. Children ages 7-12 will learn about aquatic habitats, insect identification, hiking trails, reptile show, bird identification and archery. \$30 per child. Space is limited to only 30 participants - pre-registration is required. For information, or to register, call (979) 864-1152, or e-mail [mikem@brazoria-county.com](mailto:mikem@brazoria-county.com).

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## PEARLAND SIGNAL-CALLER

Pearland freshman QB Jackson Hamilton looks for the open receiver on the first full-pads practice day of spring football. Hamilton was Pearland's first-ever freshman QB on the varsity roster in 2021 and looks to compete for the starting role as a sophomore for the 2022 season. The Oiler Spring Game is set for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17 at The Rig. (Photo by Lloyd Hendricks)

## Registration ends May 6 for Pear Run

By KAROLYN GEPHART  
Reporter News Staff

The 5K Pear Run will officially return to Pearland on Saturday, May 7 at Independence Park. Registration is open now for the event that is available for all ages.

Register at [pearrun.com](http://pearrun.com). Registration fee now through May 6 is \$35. Registration on the day of the race is \$45.

The Pear Run is an annual fundraiser with proceeds used to benefit the Pearland CPAAA and the Pearland Police Department. The Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (PCPAAA) is comprised of professional volunteers who are dedicated to community/police involvement and helping to make the city of Pearland a better and safer place to live. It is the mission of the PCPAAA to assist and support the Pearland Police Department in developing and maintaining a positive relationship between the department and Pearland citizens.

The race will begin and end at Independence

Park with some of its course being along Pearland Parkway. Finishers will receive medals and early registrants will receive race t-shirts. The event is rain or shine, but in the event of severe weather, the Pear Run may be delayed or cancelled. If the Pear Run is cancelled due to inclement weather, it will not be rescheduled and registration costs will still be applied to benefit the Pearland Police Department.

The Pear Run was started as a fundraiser for the Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (PCPAAA) in 2001. PCPAAA raises funds to support the Pearland Police Department, and helps to purchase non-budget items. In the past these items have included fully equipped bicycles for the police bike team, K9 officers, contributions to the mobile command center, fallen officer memorial garden, and more.

Independence Park is located at 3449 Pearland Parkway. For more information, visit [pearrun.com](http://pearrun.com).



## Election Day is Saturday, May 7

A General Election in Pearland will be held on Saturday, May 7 for the purpose to elect Councilmembers, Position 1, Position 5, and Position 6, for a 3-year term each.

Voting in Pearland can be done at the following locations in the city: Precinct 3 Sub Office at 2436 S. Grand Blvd. Ste 110; Pearland Recreation Center at 4141 Bailey Rd.; Silverlake Recreation Center at 2715 Southwyck Parkway; Tom Reid Library at 3522 Liberty Drive; Westside Event Center at 2150 Country Place Parkway, and Pearland Westside Library at 11801 Shadow Creek Pwky.

For other Brazoria locations to vote, visit

<https://www.pearlandchamber.org/Where-Do-I-Vote?>

For the Council election, incumbent Luke Orlando is running against Joseph Koza for Position 1. Candidates in Position 5 are Zach Boyer, Layni Cade, Tiffany Fairdosi and Rishabh Jain. In Position 6 candidates are Jeffrey Barry and Orlando Bruzual.

In the Pearland ISD election, three candidates are running for Position 5: Dr. Rich Bradley, Amanda Kuhn and Jin Yoon. In Position 6, David Nguyen faces Lance Botkin. In Position 7, E. Ellen Kuo, Trent A. Perez, and Nanette Weimer.



## Pearland Park to be named for State Rep Ed Thompson

State Representative Ed Thompson received a special surprise when he attended a recent Pearland City Council meeting. The new all-inclusive park that is set to open in the fall will bear his name.

Thompson, State Representative for District 29, was instrumental in helping with the fundraiser in 2020 held by the Forever Parks Foundation of Friendswood. He offered his support and assistance in helping get funding with no idea that the park would bear his name.

The all inclusive park is the only one of its kind in Brazoria County. It offers a playground for

children of all abilities and developmental stages.

It is located at The Sports Complex at Shadow Creek Ranch in Pearland.

According to the Forever Foundation, features of the playground include wheelchair swings, sensory tunnels, accessible activity panels, and a rubberized surface that allows individual of all abilities to play together. The inclusive playground at the Sports Complex at Shadow



THOMPSON

Creek Ranch will be located immediately adjacent to the Miracle League Field. The 9,200 square ft playground will serve the recreation needs for hundreds of families in Brazoria County.

The Forever Parks Foundation requested to commemoratively name the inclusive playground at the Sports Complex at Shadow Creek Ranch with Ed Thompson's name. City Council members passed the resolution

for the name request in a unanimous vote.

The official name is The Ed Thompson Inclusive Park.

The Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland began fundraising in 2020 to build Pearland's first all inclusive playground.

The Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland was created to advocate for the Parks and Recreation Department by building strong community relationships to aid in raising substantial funding and the development of additional resources to enhance the Department's ability to provide recreational opportunities to the Pearland.



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## AEC to be led by 2 new positions, CEO to leave

By KAROLYN GEPHART  
Reporter News Staff

The Adult Education Center's Instruction and Professional Development Manager, Gloria Spruce is the new Chief Program Officer for the program.

Spruce will be responsible for leading the organization's Programs, Finance, Human Resources, and Facilities areas. She has an undergraduate degree in Music Education and is pursuing a post-baccalaureate degree in business.

Current Organizational Advancement Manager, Natasha Charles has been promoted to Chief Advancement Officer. Charles was a former board member before becoming a part of the AEC staff. She will be responsible for leading the organization's fund development, stewardship, marketing, and board relations areas. Charles has two graduate degrees in Public Policy and Administration and Arts in Globalization and Development.

Both positions will report to AEC's Board of Directors Chair, Kevin Murphy.

Collectively, Spruce and Charles have more than 25 years of experience in education, business administration, organizational development, community development, and revenue generation.

President and CEO Ernest Lewis is stepping down from his position May 5, 2022. The Board of Directors has developed a new model for the organization and have put Spruce and Charles in their new positions to continue the continuity of services that the organization provides as well as advance the AEC mission.

The AEC recently had success with their 18th Annual Red Hat Literacy Luncheon and raised over \$62,000.

The Adult Education Center's mission is to engage, educate, and empower communities of adult learners by advancing literacy skills and employment opportunities to achieve a better quality of life.

The center is located at 2246 Washington St. in Pearland.

For more information visit [adulthoodeducationcenter.texas.org](http://adulthoodeducationcenter.texas.org).

## UTMB Health seeks women participants in Challenge Study

UTMB is offering women ages 65 to 85 an opportunity to be part of the Challenge Study. The new study uses technology to increase physical activity and UTMB is recruiting women who want to be part of it.

Researchers are seeking women ages 65 to 85 that have daily access to a smartphone and who are interested.

If chosen to participate, UTMB Health will provide the participant with a wearable activity monitor to wear on their wrist along with brief counseling on their physical activity levels. Participants will be assigned to one of two different groups randomly.

One group will monitor steps. The other group will play a game with weekly walking challenges.

The challenges will involve taking pictures on a smartphone while walking and then sharing them with other participants in a private Facebook group.

In addition to age criteria, several other eligibility criteria include not currently physically active with less than 150 minutes of physical activity per week, BMI between 18-40, and having physical activity safe for the participant to do.

The study will last for 18 months.

UTMB Health will provide parking as necessary and gift cards per participant for those who complete the study. Participants will be able to keep their Fitbit monitors.

For more information contact Lakesha Golliday at [lagollid@utmb.edu](mailto:lagollid@utmb.edu) or call 409-266-9630.

### ATTENTION NON-PROFIT PRIVATE SCHOOLS, HOME SCHOOLERS

Non-profit private schools and home schoolers who legally qualify as non-profit (currently hold a 501-C3 certificate) are invited to meet with representatives from Alvin, Clear Creek, Dickinson, Friendswood, Hitchcock, La Porte, Santa Fe, and Texas City Independent School Districts to learn more about federally funded services available for eligible residents of these districts. The meeting will be held virtually at 1:00 P.M on May 4, 2022. For the link, please visit the district website.

### ATENCIÓN ESCUELAS PRIVADAS Y ENSEÑANZA EN CASA SIN FINES LUCRATIVOS

Las escuelas privadas sin fines lucrativo y los educadores en el hogar que califican legalmente como instituciones sin fines de lucro y que actualmente tienen un certificado 501-C3 están invitados a reunirse con representantes de Distritos Escolares Independientes de Alvin, Clear Creek, Dickinson, Friendswood, Hitchcock, La Porte, Santa Fe y Texas City para obtener más información sobre los servicios disponibles por el gobierno federal para los residentes elegibles de estos distritos. La reunión se llevará a cabo virtualmente a la 1:00 p.m el 4 de mayo de 2022. Para acceder el enlace para la junta, por favor visite el sitio web del distrito.

## Fire Chief Riley retires after 11-year career with PFD

Fire Chief Vance Riley celebrates his retirement from Pearland Fire Department at Fire Station 4 on May 4. The event features an honor guard flag presentation, uniform inspection, comments from City staff and Chief Riley's family and friends. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Chief Riley announced his retirement in September 2021 after 11 years of dedicated service at the City of Pearland and a total of 42 years in public service. His final day in office was Friday, April 29.

Chief Riley joined the Pearland Fire Department as Fire Chief in April 2011. "I saw that it was a planned but rapidly growing city with the need to expand Fire and EMS services to meet that growth," Riley said when asked why he was attracted to Pearland.

Inspired by his late uncle who was a volunteer firefighter in Canyon, TX, Chief Riley entered the EMS and Fire Service in 1980, joining the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department. From there, he served in various fire service positions for several organizations, including Fire Marshal, Fire Chief, Naval Reserve Hospital Corpsman for the U.S. Marine Corps, and board positions for the Texas Emergency Management Advisory Council, Texas Fire Chiefs Association Board of Directors, and Chair of the Texas Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council. Chief Riley has spent the last 30 years serving as a Fire Chief.

During his 11-year tenure with the Pearland Fire Department, Chief Riley oversaw the growth and transformation of the Pearland Fire Department, with achievements including the transition from a mostly volunteer fire staff to a full paid staff department with more than 175 members;



consolidation of the Fire and EMS departments; the conversion and construction of six fire stations, the Fire Administration Building, and Live Burn Training Building; obtaining ISO Class 2 and later Class 1 status; strengthening Community Risk Reduction by bringing in Code Enforcement, and continuously improving the department through training, policies, procedures, and improved safety.

Among those, Chief Riley said he considers his greatest accomplishment the evolution of the department through its personnel.

"Bringing in all these great, professional, dedicated members - all with servant's hearts - into the Pearland Fire Department is my greatest achievement," Riley said. "Seeing the awesome, caring work they do for our residents is inspiring, and I'm proud to have watched our members grow professionally - and in many cases - promote to higher ranks. I will miss working alongside each and every member of the Pearland Fire Department, as well as City staff," Riley said.

Chief Riley said he plans to spend more time with his wife Ann, his children and grandchildren, as well as going hunting, fishing, and golfing. He also plans to continue to serve on various boards of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, as well as exploring additional opportunities to work.

Chief Riley's announcement to retire triggered a nationwide search for a new Fire Chief, which culminated in appointment of Jack "J" Taylor, III as incoming Fire Chief. Chief Taylor's first day in office as Pearland Fire Chief is May 16. Assistant Chief Curtis Birt will serve as Interim Fire Chief in the meanwhile.



Pictured left to right: Ty Brantley, Britton Merritt, Emily Thomas, Ryan Flick, Audrey Nguyen, Elaina Chong, Claire Hookstra, Aiden Kaouk, Connor Gibson, Balint Kidd, Christian La Rue.

## Friendswood Chamber honors 2022 FHS Top 10 graduates

With graduation less than a month away, the Top 10 Friendswood High School 2022 graduates have been named. The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce honored the group for their academic success on Thursday, April 28, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Valedictorian for the Class of 2022 is Audrey Nguyen. She will be attending Rice University this fall to major in Molecular Biology and Biomedical Sciences. Nguyen is involved in the National Honor Society (President), Interact Club (Vice President), National English Honor Society (President), Wranglerettes, National Spanish Honor Society, ballet and Recycling Club.

Christian La Rue is the FHS Salutatorian. He will attend Texas A&M University and major in Chemical Engineering. LaRue is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, National English Honor, Spanish

Club, College Planning Club, First Baptist Friendswood Youth Group, Recycling Club and Paws Fur a Cause.

Emily Thomas is third in the Top 10. Thomas plans to attend the University of Houston Honors College to study Business. During her time at FHS, Thomas has been involved in Academic Decathlon, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Latin Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, Math and Science Club, Interact, Recycling Club and Paws for a Cause.

Connor Gibson, four, plans to pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering and will be attending the University of Texas Austin in the Engineering Honors Program. He is a member of the Band (President and Drum Major), Houston Youth Symphony, UIL Science Team, UIL Literary Criticism Team, FHS Musical's Pit Band, Recycling Club, Paws Fur a Cause, National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Britton Merritt, five, will attend University of Texas Austin to major in Finance. At FHS, he is involved with Football, UIL Social Studies District (Champion), National Honor Society, and the Class Rank Committee.

Elaina Chong, six, is planning to study Biology at the University of Texas Austin. She is a member of Wranglerettes, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Clear Lake Chinese American Culture Group, HOSA, Student Council and YoungLife.

Ryan Flick, seven, will attend the University of Texas Austin to study Electrical and Computer Engineering and Business. He is a member of UIL Mathematics, UIL Science, UIL Computer Science, National Honor Society, Water Polo and Band.

Balint Kidd, eight, will attend Columbia University in the fall to pursue a degree in Philosophy. He is a part of the FHS Musical and UIL One Act Play.

Ty Brantley, nine, will study Aerospace Engineering at Texas A&M University. Brantley is a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the baseball team.

Tying for the tenth spot, Claire Hookstra will attend the University of Texas Austin to study Corporate Communications. She is a member of National Honor Society (Parliamentarian), Interact Club (Secretary), National Art Honors Society and National English Honors Society.

Also tenth, Aiden Kaouk is planning to study Biology at the University of Texas Austin. He participates in National Honor Society (Officer), Varsity Soccer (Captain), French Honors Society (President), Dynamo South Soccer and National Art Honors Society.

The Chamber also honored Nguyen with a scholarship.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

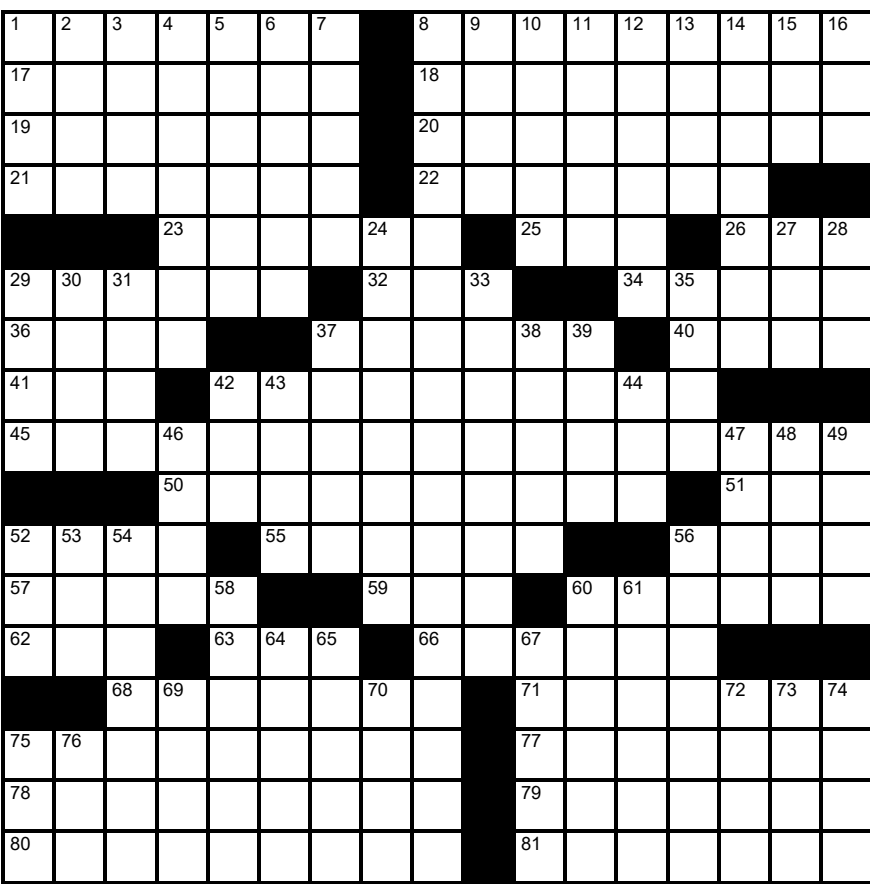
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# THE BUDDING GARDENER

By MICHELLE THOMPSON

## Local Garden Club Presents Flower Show

With gardens waking up and spring flowers emerging there is a good chance to find a flower show listed in area events. I have viewed gorgeous floral displays from some very prestigious flower shows, albeit most were online videos. Probably the most distinguished is the Royal Historical Society Chelsea Flower Show held in the affluent Chelsea area of London, England. This year it will be held at The Royal Hospital May 24 – 28.

In the U.S. our nation's longest running horticultural event, celebrating its 193rd year June 11-19 is the Philadelphia Flower Show. This year's theme "In Full Bloom" will be held at the FDR Park in southern Philly. The event will be held outside, sprawling 15 acres, with promises of spectacular floral displays, juried competitions in horticulture and floral arranging, demonstrations, markets and food. I will be observing the festivities of these two flower shows from the comfort of my home on my computer.

Over the years I have been to numerous local flower shows and have competed in several through my garden club. Flower shows can be presented by garden clubs and horticultural societies such as The Lone Star Daylily Society, The Houston Rose Society and Lone Star Hibiscus



Society each featuring flowers specific to their club's specialty.

Flower Shows can be held at garden clubs, churches, botanic gardens, art museums, historical homes and other venues. Flower shows help educate members and the viewing public, stimulate interest in horticulture and floral design and provide an outlet for creativity.

Those participating in a flower show follow the general rules which are exact requirements provided by the presenter called a flower show schedule. The general rules state who can enter the show, the procedure for making entries, date, time and place for accepting exhibits and the time of judging. The schedule lists a title page with basic club information, show theme, committee chairs, division titles, a scale of points that judges use for scoring and information on any special awards being offered. National Garden Club flower shows, like the ones sponsored by Heritage Gardeners in Friendswood, can have divisions in horticulture, design, education, youth groups and botanical arts (which includes photography).

A flower show presented by the Heritage Gardeners Garden Club with divisions in horticulture, youth and botanical arts will be open to the public on May 12-14. Their clubhouse is located at 112 W. Spreading Oaks, Friendswood, Texas and is surrounded by beautiful gardens also open to the public. The title of the flower show is "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" with eighteen different horticulture sections with fun names like "Tasty Morsels" for herb specimens and "A Buffet" for horticulture displays. "Behind the Glass" will feature youth terrariums and botanical arts photography has classes titled 'Look who is coming to dinner' and 'Caterpillar to Butterfly'. Attendees can expect to see many display tables of cut horticulture specimens, hanging baskets, container grown plantings, cacti and succulents and vegetables. There will be a large number of photography exhibits relating to horticulture, gardening and the environment.

The garden club will also be having a plant sale on May 13 & 14. For more information on the Heritage Gardeners Flower Show or plant sale go to facebook.com/FriendswoodHeritageGardeners.

Michelle Thompson is a Galveston County Master Gardener and is a member of Heritage Gardeners of Friendswood. She served as President 2018-2020.



## Heritage Gardeners to have huge Plant Sale, Horticulture Show

A huge plant sale is planned by Heritage Gardeners for May 13 and 14 from 9 am to 4 pm at their clubhouse at 112 W. Spreading Oaks in Friendswood. The huge selection of plants will be in the Briscoe Gardens behind the clubhouse. Both annuals, perennials, shrubs and more will be offered in a variety of sizes. Decorative pots and garden art will also be sold. Many plants are what are considered 'passalong' plants and not necessarily sold locally.

At the same time as the sale the club is having their National Garden Club (NGC) Horticulture Specialty Flower Show *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* inside their clubhouse. The event is judged and ribbons as well as specimens will be on display for the public to view May 12 from 1-4 pm as well

as May 13 and 14 from 9 am to 4 pm.

The show will also have a Botanical Arts Photography Show. This category is also judged and winning ribbons will be on display as well as all photographs entered.

Heritage Junior Master Gardeners under the direction of club member and Galveston County Master Gardener Kaye Corey will have terrariums entered into the show.

The club hopes the community will take a few minutes to walk through the free horticulture show inside the clubhouse.

Heritage Gardeners Garden Club is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. South Central Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., District IV of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., and Houston Federation of Garden Clubs.



Chinese Indigo (*Indigofera tinctoria*) is one of the hundreds of plants that will be on sale May 13 and 14 by Heritage Gardeners.

## State Comptroller to speak at Pearland Chamber event

The State of Texas economy is the topic for the upcoming Pearland Chamber of Commerce monthly membership luncheon planned for Thursday, May 19 at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland.

The featured speaker is Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar.

His keynote is based on the philosophy of Serve Business, Promote growth and Empower community. Hegar was elected as the 36th Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in 2014, He is the state's Chief Financial Officer, the state's treasurer.

Tickets to attend the luncheon are \$30 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members.

Sponsorship opportunities include both Industrial Sponsorships for \$500 and Business Level Sponsorships for \$300.

The luncheon will run from 11:30 am to 1 pm at Golfcrest located at 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland.

For more information or to get tickets or sponsorships, contact Leslie Esqueda at Leslie.esqueda@pearlandtexas-chamber.us or 281-485-3634.

Visit the Pearland Chamber at [www.pearlandchamber.org](http://www.pearlandchamber.org).



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## Register now for adult basketball league

It's almost time for the Pearland recreational basketball league. This fun basketball league is open to men 18 and older and takes place at the Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium.

Registration fee includes a seven game regular season schedule, single elimination playoff, officials, and awards.

Game schedule, scores, and league standings will be updated regularly.

For more information or to register, visit the Welcome Center or online at <http://ow.ly/vRMZ50IH6B1>.

The new seasons begin Monday, May 2 and June 27.

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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A large nectarine tree is in bloom in the Discovery Garden of Carbide Park. The garden is maintained by Galveston County Master Gardeners. It is one of the three free fruit tours planned for Saturday, May 14.

## Master Gardeners offer tours of 3 fruit orchards

Home Fruit Growers Tours will be offered by Galveston County Master Gardeners free to anyone interested Saturday, May 14 from 9 am to noon in three locations.

Three local fruit orchards are on the tour this year. Vegetable gardens at each site will also be open.

The tour sites contain a wide variety of fruit trees, including a peach orchard and container highbush blueberries in Dickinson, the Galveston County Master Gardener Discovery Garden Orchard in La Marque, and a sizeable home orchard in Santa Fe.

Each site will be open from 9 am to noon with no pre-registration needed; visit sites in any desired order.

There is no rain date for this event. It will occur, rain or shine. Wear appropriate shoes and bring other rain gear as needed.

Orchard locations include the following: Galveston County Master Gardener homeowner at 5202 Highland Road, Santa Fe; Galveston County Master Gardener Demonstration Orchard and Garden at 4102 Main Street (Hwy 519), La Marque; and Wilson and Renee Hillman's Fruits 'n Such Orchard at 6309 Ave. U, Dickinson located off Bowerman Road and FM 517; ph. 832-443-6733.

For additional information: <https://galveston.agrilife.org/horticulture/mgseminars/>.

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# FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

## ON ELECTION

*"His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world... Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble." For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.*

-2 Peter 1:3-4a, 10-11

How many times were you ever that last one picked? Once was always enough, right? The only time it was ever good to be last was in the Spelling Bee at school because then you were the winner and oh yes... there was musical chairs... hide-n-seek and don't forget... the cheese stands alone... all being the winner, too. But all childhood games aside... most of us learn early on in life that our world is full of winners and losers... from Little League to Superbowls... from band competitions to choir tournaments... from lottery tickets to Las Vegas weekends... from city and state to federal elections, too... all placing us in a position to win or lose and in those cases it's not always about how you play the game. The next-to-the-last-one standing is still left out. But that's not God's way.

Election is God's way of reminding us how important we really are... each and every one of us... and that in God's way of thinking we are never losers but, rather... all winners... all important... as the Bible reminds us, "God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34)... above all saying... we all count... we all matter... as we are loved the same by the one who has enough affirmation for us all recalling what St. John wrote... "God so loved the world that he gave us Jesus... " a love that is as much personal as it is eternal... for each and every generation... which is and was or is to come... I like that kind of love!

Over the years, I've had a lot of fun striking up conversations with folks wearing a Nike "swoosh" cap or t-shirt. I say to them, "Oh you're blessed!" And then I wait for that

look and then go on after a "huh?" or two... saying ... "blessed... you know you're wearing your blessed cap. When God made everyone, he gave them a cap (or T-shirt), walked by and checked off..." you're mine," "you're, mine," "you're mine," I pick you, etc." That's what God's election is all about. Being chosen, first and last and everyone in between... as it's God's way...

It's election season around the country and in this part of the state as I voted earlier last week... and by the time you read this... early voting will be over and if you read this by Friday you can still vote on Saturday and if you read this on Sunday and hadn't cast your vote by then... you'll need to wait until November... but here's my little side bar on elections... something my dad said to me in 1972 as I was turning 18 and able to vote for the first time... "Being able to vote is a sacred gift in this country. We get to talk about the candidates... we get to meet them and ask them questions and then we get to go to the polls and pull the curtain and vote. You'll want to do that but then when you're done... don't tell anyone who you voted for... just support the winners as best as you can and be the best citizen you can be." Something like that as it was 50 years ago... but remain good words for all of us because there are people we know and care about who run for public office... sometimes against each other... some of them being elected and some of them not... and still we must live in the same place and care for the same people before and after election day... and maybe that's the point... in our election from God... we are put in the public square to serve God and serve our neighbor... the best we can... just life my dad said or as Roald Dahl put it... "Somewhere inside of all of us is the power to change the world." Faith matters. For winners and losers as we are all elected by God for greatness!

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](mailto:godworks247365@gmail.com).



## NEW TINY LIBRARY

Friendswood has a new tiny library and it is in front Gimme A Bark by Stevenson Park. Anyone can stop by and select a book to read, and/or leave a book for others to enjoy. The structure was created by engineering students at Friendswood High School and painted by the Quest students at the campus.

## Alvin ISD Transportation Dept. ranked top ISD in nation

The Alvin ISD Transportation Department was recently recognized by the National Fleet Management Association as one of the 100 Best Fleets in America for the 5th year in a row.

Fleets are judged on 12 criteria and ordered 1-100. This year, Alvin ISD Transportation ranked #65 and the highest ranked ISD in the nation.

"Our Transportation managers have to submit a great deal of factual data and statistics to be judged and ranked.

The program recognizes peak-performing fleet operations. This program identifies and encourages the ever-increasing levels of performance improvement and innovation within the public fleet industry.

Congratulations to Alvin ISD Executive Director of Transportation, Jeff Dungan, Director of Transportation, Greg Bingham, Fleet Maintenance Manager, Andres Montes, and the entire Alvin ISD Transportation team for their hard work and dedication!



Pictured left to right (back row) Jennifer Corl, Debbie Hebert, Joe Burst, Delma Bush, Richard Bradley, Buck Stevens; (front row) Lewis Barnes, Judy Armstrong, Cassidi Corl.

## Exchange Club of Pearland installs Child Abuse Awareness Field on FM 518

The Exchange Club of Pearland, a 32-year-old community service organization in Pearland, installed a Child Abuse Awareness field for the month of April. Regions Bank graciously allowed the club to use the lot on FM 518 between the bank and Casa Ole. 514 pinwheels were installed and 2 crosses. Each pinwheel represents one confirmed case of child abuse in Brazoria County for 2021. Sadly, each cross represents each confirmed death at the hand of child abuse in Brazoria County in 2021. The club was extremely happy with the turn out. Mayor Cole gave a Proclamation and many public officials, the police chief, and some local busi-

ness owners were in attendance.

The Exchange Club of Pearland meets every 2nd and 4th Wed at noon at Casa Ole. Members Exchange their time and talents to bring awareness and better their community thru projects in Americanism, Community, Youth, and the Prevention of Child Abuse. To help with their latest fundraiser - the club is bringing back Founders Day with a Craft Show and Car Show at Pearland Town Center Sept. 23 & 24. Please visit our website to sign up as a crafter, vendor, sponsor, and car show participant at [www.pearlandexchangeclub.org](http://www.pearlandexchangeclub.org).



## 2022 SOUTH TEXAS REGION BOYS COACH OF THE YEAR

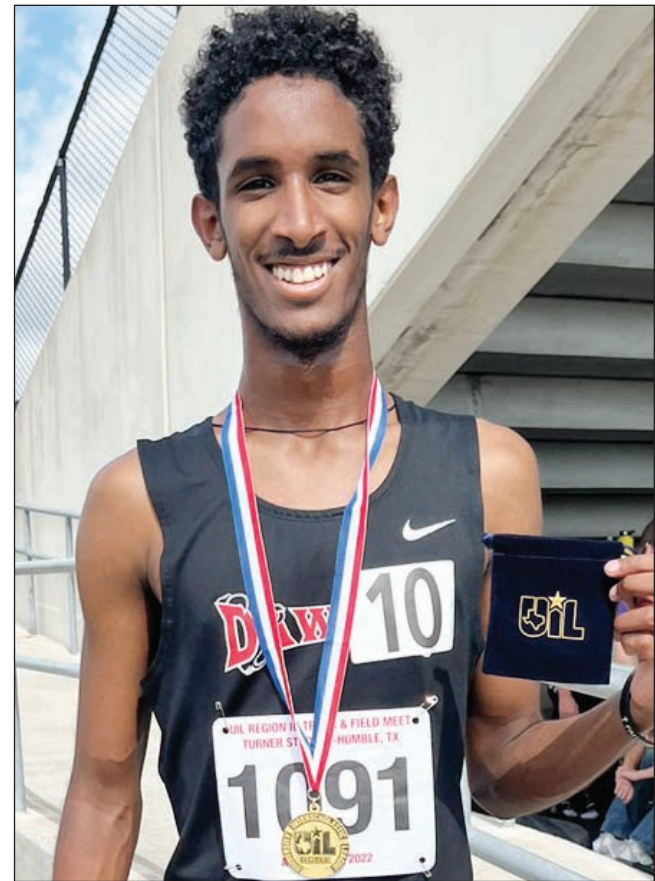


DANIEL COX



## SOUTH REGION CHAMPIONS

The Dawson boys Water Polo team beat Brazoswood 18-13 to capture their second consecutive South Region Championship. The Eagles will advance to state as the No. 1 seed from the south with a 25-game win streak.



## STATE BOUND

Dawson senior Noah Haileab won the gold medal at the Class 6A Region III track meet with a personal best 9:08.05 which was 14 seconds better than his previous personal record in the 3200 meters. Haileab will compete at the 6A state track meet in Austin at Michael A. Myers Stadium on May 12-14.



## HEADED TO STATE

Pearland sophomore Madison Peters won the Gold Medal in the 3200 which qualifies her for the 6A state track meet in Austin. Peters also placed second in the 1600 meters to qualify for state in that event.

# SPORTS

## From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

### Mother's Day Thoughts

This coming Sunday is Mother's Day. I hope it is a special time at your home. I know I am thankful for my mom. Two years ago, at the age of 94, she went to her heavenly home. I still get amused when you ask children about their family. The following things were sent to me last week so I thought I would share them with you. I'm sure you would agree that only through the mouths of babes can you get these kinds of insights about mom.

### WHY GOD MADE MOMS

Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

#### Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

#### How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus superpowers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

#### What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

#### Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mom like me.

#### What kind of a little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

#### What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

#### Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

#### Who's the boss at your house?

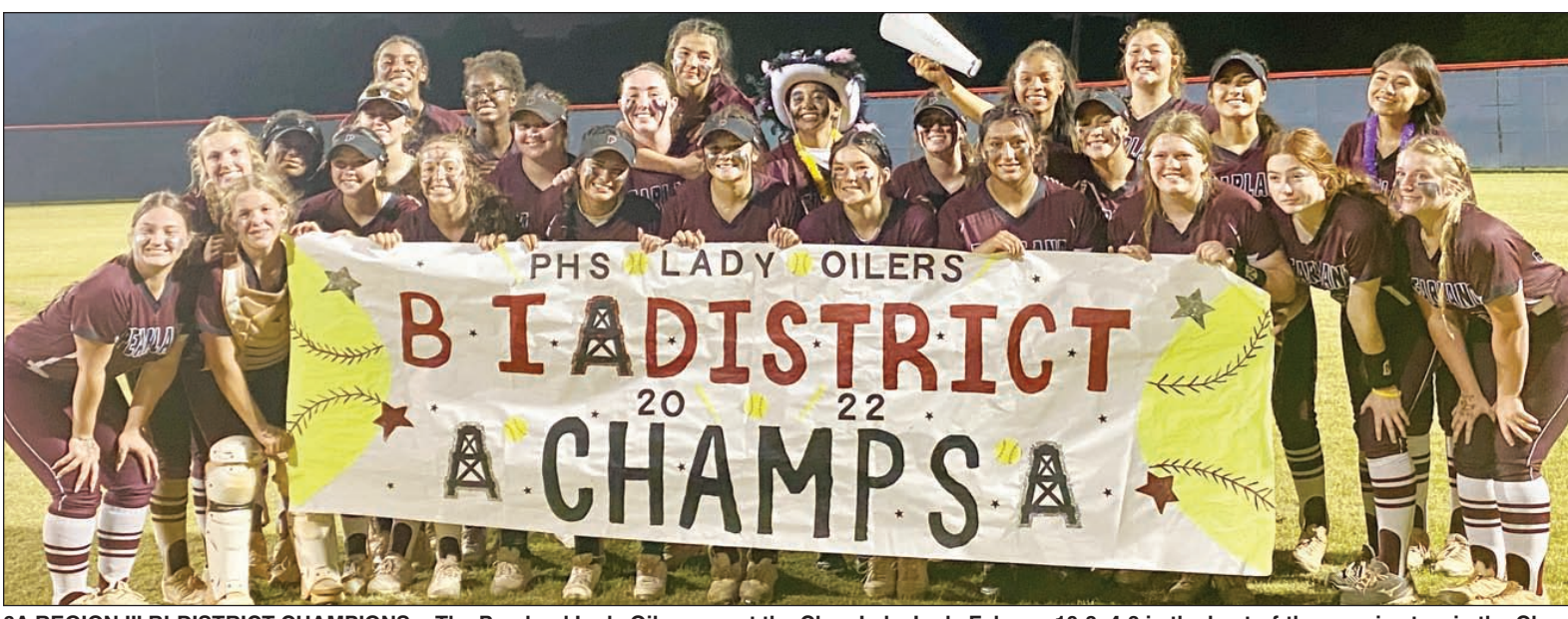
1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

#### What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

Old friend Robert said, "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!"

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**6A REGION III BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS** - The Pearland Lady Oilers swept the Clear Lake Lady Falcons 10-3, 4-3 in the best-of-three series to win the Class 6A Region III bi-district championship. The Lady O's advance to the area round where they will face the Summer Creek Lady Bulldogs in a best-of-three series on Friday and Saturday, May 6-7. Photo by Michelle Robinett

## Lady Oilers sweep Lady Falcons in opening round

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

Pearland faced the Clear Lake Lady Falcons in the opening round of the Class 6A Region III bi-district playoffs and came away with a 10-3 and a 4-3 sweep in the best-of-three series.

The Lady Oilers advance to the area round where they will face the Summer Creek Lady Bulldogs in a best-of-three series that begins on Friday, May 6 at Summer Creek at 7:00 p.m. Game 2 is schedule for Saturday, May 7 at Pearland HS at 5 p.m. If necessary, Game 3 will follow 30 minutes after Game 2 ends.

### PEARLAND 10 - CLEAR LAKE 3

Clear Lake scored the first run in the top of the first inning, but Pearland answered with a pair of runs in the bottom half of the first frame for a 2-1 lead.

The Lady Oilers added another run in the bottom of the third making the score 3-1.

But the fourth frame proved to be the back-breaker for Clear Lake as the Lady Oilers broke the game open with five runs and an 8-1 advantage.

Players that sparked the big inning were

Hailey Golden, Alayna Calvillo, Raenna Liscano, and Kristyn Whitlock who all drove in runs.

Pearland increased the lead to 10-1 with a run in the fifth and a run in the sixth.

Clear Lake continued to battle with two runs in the seventh, but it was too little too late as the Lady Oilers prevailed 10-3.

Leading hitters for Pearland included Golden (3-for-3, 2 runs, 2 RBIs), Calvillo (1-for-3, 2 runs, 1 RBI), Liscano (1-for-4, 1 run, 3 RBIs), Whitlock (4-for-4, 1 run, 2 RBIs, 2 doubles), Lydia Njus (1-for-3, 1 run, double), and Trinity Perry (1-for-2, 1 RBI).

Abigail Gutierrez was the winning pitcher for the Lady Oilers as she pitched 2.1 innings and gave up no runs, no hits, and struck out four. Flores pitched 3.1 frames and gave up two hits, one run, and struck out four while Carpenter tossed 1.1 innings and allowed two runs and two hits.

### PEARLAND 4 - CLEAR LAKE 3

Pearland faced Clear Lake in the second game of the best-of-three series with the Lady Oilers leading the series 1-0.

This game was much closer as Pearland scored a run late in the game to pull out the 4-3 win and the series to advance to the Class 6A Region III area round to face the Summer Creek Lady Bulldogs.

Pearland took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning and scored two more in the third for a 3-0 advantage, but Clear Lake cut into the lead with two runs in the bottom half of the third making the score 3-1.

The Lady Falcons tied up the game in the bottom of the fifth with a run making the score 3-3.

The Lady O's scored the winning run in the top of the sixth when Kelsey Martin reached base on an error by the third baseman. After Martin advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Lydia Njus, Trinity Perry singled to move Martin to third. Hailey Golden hit a one-out RBI single to make the score 4-3 that stood as the final score.

Abigail Gutierrez picked up the win after allowing nine hits, two runs, four walks, and three strikeouts.

## Friendswood sweeps Port Neches-Groves in bi-district round

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

Friendswood got a 4-0 win over Port Neches-Groves in Game 1 of their Region III-5A bi-district playoff opener at Goose Creek Memorial High School.

"This team is very different from any team I've coached. They're very business oriented, whereas the other ones I've had before ... if they're not emotional about it, I'm usually worried," Williams-Yates said. "This team is a little bit different. I usually don't know what they're going to bring to the table until they show up."

Friendswood is now 26-6 on the season. They managed to string together four hits for a 2-0 lead in the top half of the first inning.

Janelle Wilson, Chloe Riassetto, Lainie Schaefer (RBI) and Charleigh Esparza (RBI) hit consecutive singles to push across two quick scores.

In the fourth inning, Friendswood freshman Nevaeh Cason opened with an infield single and came home one out later on a long double to left by Madelyn Wilson. Baileigh Burtis then brought in Wilson on an infield single off the glove of Vines making the score 4-0.

Riassetto, who was steady in the circle, allowing just three baserunners while she finished with eight strikeouts to get the win.

"It's playoffs. You can have all the scouting reports you want. You still have to execute," said Williams-Yates. "I thought we stayed pretty even keeled ... not too high emotionally,

### FRIENDSWOOD 7 - PN-G 1

Friendswood led 1-0 after three innings, then hit PN-G with a six-run fourth, including a pair of errors, a passed ball and a wild pitch into a base-running parade.

Janelle Wilson scattered five hits and fanned nine as Friendswood improved to 27-6. PN-G ended at 22-10-3.

After Nevaeh Cason and Maddie Wilson reached on Lady Indian errors to open the fourth, Chloe Aldrich brought home the first run with a sacrifice fly. Halle Cordova then reached base on a fielder's choice, Baileigh Burtis followed with a single and Chloe Riassetto added a run-scoring hit as the Lady Mustangs batted around for their six runs.

## Pearland diamondmen capture district title with Dawson sweep

By DR. DAVID DAVIS  
Reporter News Staff

Pearland faced their cross-town cousins and swept Dawson 5-3 and 6-2 to win the District 23-6A outright. The Oilers will be the No. 1 seed when they begin the 6A Region III playoffs.

In the first game, it appeared that Dawson would take the game as they built a 3-0 lead after four frames.

But Pearland began to chip away scoring a run in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings to finish the game tied 3-3 in regulation and sending the game into extra innings.

After two scoreless innings by both teams, Pearland finally broke through with a pair of runs in the top of the 10th frame for a 5-3 advantage.

The winning rally began when

Anthony Avalos reached base on an error by the Dawson shortstop. John Moya hit into a fielder's choice and Avalos was thrown out at second base.

Caden Ferraro and Jace Caceras both walked to load the bases to set up a sacrifice fly by Brett Smajstrla to score Moya and take a 4-3 lead. Caceras would then score on a passed ball to give the Oilers an insurance run for a 5-3 lead.

Dawson was unable to score in their half of the 10th inning which gave Pearland the 5-3 win.

Jake Mader-Cooper got the victory on the mound for the Oilers as he surrendered no runs, no hits over two innings, striking out two. Josh Graf and Daniel Ontiveros entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.



**Dawson senior pitcher Trevor Brigham threw 5.2 innings vs Pearland with three strikeouts while giving up just five hits and only two runs. The Eagles were ahead 3-2 after his outing but Pearland was able to claw back into the game and win 5-3 in extra innings.**

Mark Zapata started the game for the Oilers as he allowed six hits and three runs over two and two-thirds innings.

Trevor Brigham started the game for Dawson. Brigham went five and two-thirds innings, allowing two runs on five hits and striking out three.

Travis Minard took the loss for Dawson in relief as he allowed no hits, two runs over three innings, striking out three.

### PEARLAND 6 - DAWSON 2

Pearland trailed early in the game against Dawson who had built a 2-0 lead through the first three frames.

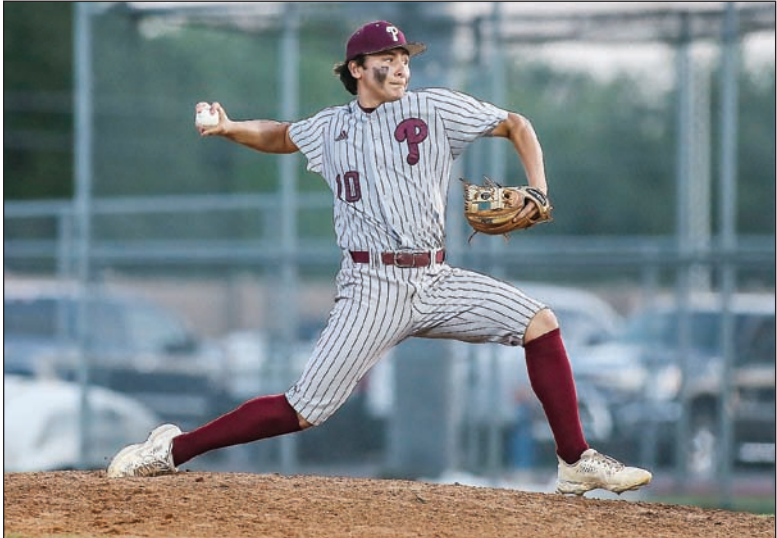
The Oilers scored a run in the bottom of the fourth when blasted a solo home run over the left field wall to cut the lead to 2-1.

bottom of the sixth when Anthony Avalos ripped a three run triple to center field to drive in Franco Aguilar, Logan Scott, and Partida scores to make the score 6-2. Brett Smajstrla scored earlier in the inning after reaching base on an error.

Caden Ferraro earned the win for Pearland as he lasted six and a third innings, allowing six hits and two runs while striking out 14 and walking zero. Jake Mader-Cooper threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Jacob Dugas took the loss for Dawson. The hurler lasted five and a third innings, allowing five hits and six runs while striking out one.

The Eagles tallied six hits. Jonah Reynolds and Trevor Brigham all managed multiple hits for Dawson.



**Pearland senior pitcher Josh Graf delivers a strike vs Dawson in a relief appearance in the first game between the two teams. Graf went four scoreless innings with one hit, one walk and six strikeouts. Graf's clutch performance kept the Oilers in position to make a comeback in extra innings and win the game 5-3 in the tenth frame. The Oilers would go on to sweep the season series with Dawson on Friday with a 6-2 win as well.**

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### INVITATION TO BID

#### BDD # 4 MIMOSA ACRES DETENTION FACILITY

The scope of the project includes (approximately): 1,865 Square Feet of RediRock retaining wall and all associated improvements. Bid Documents may be obtained on the CivCast website at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). Bids shall be submitted on CivCast no later than May 17, 2022 at 10 a.m.

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

A Cashier's Check, or bid bond payable to Brazoria Drainage District No. 4 in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted, as outlined in the Contract Documents, is required. Upload a fully executed PDF copy of the bond or cashier's check with your bid to avoid disqualification. Successful low bidder shall hand deliver the cashier's check or bid bond to the District office at 4813 West Broadway Street Pearland Texas 77581 within two (2) business days of being notified the he/she is the low bidder for the project to avoid disqualification.

The successful bidder receiving Contract awards must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) each of the total Contract price. The successful bidder must also furnish a maintenance bond which shall guarantee all work done by the Contract against defective workmanship and materials for a period of one (1) year. Each such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive bidding formalities. Those bids deemed most advantageous to the Owner will be considered for the award of a Contract.

Bid Documents and Specifications were prepared by Lentz Engineering, LLC at 11511 North Garden Street Houston, Texas 77071, Telephone No. 713 839-8900. Plans not available for pickup at Lentz Engineering, LLC for this bidding opportunity. The retaining wall design and plan were prepared by JC Hines & Associates but please direct any and all RFIs through CivCast and not directly to JC Hines.

**ALL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, BID CLARIFICATIONS, ETC ARE TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE CIVCAST SYSTEM AND NOT TO THIRD PARTY VENDORS OR DESIGN FIRMS.**

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### NOTICE TO RESPONDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

#### Request for Statements of Qualifications (RSOQ) For General Engineering Design Services for Drainage, Utilities, Transportation and Public Facilities City of Pearland, Texas RFQ NO.: 0322-01

The City of Pearland is Requesting Statements of Qualifications (RSOQ) from firms who can adequately demonstrate they have the resources, experience, and qualifications to fulfill the role of Engineering Design Consultant for Engineering and Design Services for Drainage, Utilities, Transportation and Public Facilities.

The respondent should highlight its team of in-house professionals within one or more of these specialty fields to provide the above described services in an efficient manner in the best interest of the City of Pearland and that will provide successful, on-time, and on-budget project delivery. Information should be provided for each above specialty services the firm possesses personnel practicing in.

The RSOQ is available through the City's E-bid System and the responding RSOQs will be accepted through the City's E-bid System. All interested Respondents are required to register as a "supplier" on the City's E-bid System at: <http://pearlandtx.gov/business/doing-business/bid-opportunities> by clicking on "Supplier Registration". The RSOQ is available for download upon approval of registration. Once approved, registration provides automatic access to the RSOQ, any changes to the RSOQ, and any changes to the submission time or date. Submitting Firms accept sole responsibility for downloading all of the necessary documents required to provide a full response to the RSOQ.

RSOQs shall be submitted in the format described in the RSOQ and be submitted electronically through the E-bid System. Questions regarding electronic submission of the SOQ should be directed to City Purchasing Office at [ebids@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:ebids@pearlandtx.gov) and reference RFQ #0322-01

All RSOQs submitted electronically will remain confidential until the opening date and time when they will be opened and the names of the submitting firms read into the public record. No Fee information should be included with the submittal.

RFQs will be accepted until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 19, 2022**

#### Intent of this Request for Qualifications

From this RSOQ, the City will select a Primary Design Firms for upcoming projects based solely on the firm's qualifications to perform that work. Some projects may ultimately have a Primary Design Firm with sub-consultants under the direction and management of the City's Projects Department. The Primary Design Firm will be responsible for the successful management of their team, preliminary and final design services, bid phase services and limited Construction Phase services for the overall project. In addition, they will be responsible for managing, directing, and coordinating their team of engineering firms as assemble.

Leslie Crittenden  
City Secretary, City of Pearland

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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed Bids will be accepted until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 26, 2022** and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

#### Intersection Improvements - Broadway at Dixie Farm City of Pearland, Texas COP PN: TR1804 BID NO.: ITB 0322-08

The project will entail the improvements for the intersection of Broadway (FM 518) and Dixie Farm Road. Both approaches of Dixie Farm Road will be widened to add a second left-turn lane. The improvements will include removal of existing roadway elements, widening of concrete pavement, installation of curb, concrete median, islands, driveways, pavement markings, drainage inlets and pipes, and traffic signs. Existing signals will be modified to accommodate this change. The modifications will be limited to additional relocations of vehicular signal heads, installation of pedestals, pedestrian signal heads and detectors, ground boxes, new conduit, and cables.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held in person at the City of Pearland City Hall Council Chambers at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 11:00 a.m. on May 12, 2022.

All bids should be submitted through the E-Bid system located on the City's website at: <https://pearland.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>. All interested Bidders are advised to register as a "supplier" on the City's E-Bid System at the above website by clicking on "Supplier Registration" and completing a short registration questionnaire. Electronic Bid Documents, including Plans, Technical Specifications and Bid Forms are available for download after registration is approved by City Purchasing office. No plan fees or deposits are required for bid documents obtained through the City's E-bid System. Questions regarding electronic bidding should be directed to City Purchasing Office at [ebids@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:ebids@pearlandtx.gov).

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

Amtek Plan Room	(713) 956-0100
The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc.	(713) 334-7100
Virtual Builders Exchange	(832) 613-0201
McGraw Hill Construction – Dodge Reports	(800) 393-6343

Bid Security, in the form of Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Bid Bond, payable to the City of Pearland in the amount of 5% of the total base bid price, must accompany each Bid proposal. See Instructions to Bidders for Bond submittal information and instructions. The City of Pearland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Crystal Roan, TRMC  
City Secretary, City of Pearland

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### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES

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#### 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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#### CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2022-10 FM-518 ILLUMINATION INSTALLATION PROJECT

Request for Proposals (RFPs) shall be submitted via two (2) electronic copies, each copy on one flash drive or CD. Each flash drive/CD must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match identically. The PDF files must include the ink signature of a person with the authority to bind the vendor into a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with **RFP NO. 2022-10**, and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary, and are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546, before **2:00 P.M., Thursday, May 26, 2022**.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City considering the relative importance of price and the other evaluation factors included in this request for proposals.

Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City of Friendswood's website at <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Bids.aspx> or may be reviewed/inspected during regular business hours in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

A **Non-Mandatory Pre-RFP Meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.** via video conferencing using the following link: <https://friendswood.com/RFP-518-illumination>.

For additional information, please contact Jildardo Arias, PE, CFM at (281) 993-3411 or via email to [engineering@friendswood.com](mailto:engineering@friendswood.com).

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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#### CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until **2:00 PM on Thursday June 9, 2022**, and all bids will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join meeting by calling: #281-652-1775; Meeting: #1790, Access Code: #0971 on that date for:

#### RFP 0222-06 Playground Safety Surfacing and Related Equipment

Bid forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the following website: <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Vendors are encouraged to return the bid response electronically using the City's e-bid system, but may submit by hard-copy, with either manner due by the closing date and time stated above.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at City Hall Annex Texas Room located at 3523 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **2:30 PM on Thursday, May 16, 2022**. See bid solicitation for virtual link option if preferred.

Vendors should register on the City's e-bid system <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Once registered on the City's e-bid system, bid documents may be viewed on the site. If further assistance is needed, please email [ebids@pearlandtx.gov](mailto:ebids@pearlandtx.gov) no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, and refer to RFP 0222-06. Bid Closing Date: **2:00 PM on Thursday, June 9, 2022**.

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Second Publication: **May 11, 2022**

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#### NOTICE OF HEARING

This serves as formal notice of a hearing to address in an open court the code violations located at 6209 Butler Drive, Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas 77581, Brazoria CAD Property ID 215551 and 215552 and formally recognized as Hickory Creek Place (Pearland), Block 2, Lots 3 and 4. The court date has been scheduled at 3:00 p.m. on May 24, 2022, at the Pearland Municipal Court, using the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

The City of Pearland Chief Inspector and Acting Building Official inspected the property on March 3, 2022, and generated an Inspection Report. The Acting Building Official found the structures at 6209 Butler Drive to be substandard based upon violations of the minimum standards adopted under the Pearland Code of Ordinances and the International Property Maintenance Code. Specifically, the violations include:

- 1.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 108.1.1 – The property contains an unsafe structure that is dangerous to the life, health, property, or safety of the public or the occupants of the structure because such structure is damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe, or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation, that partial or complete collapse is possible.
- 2.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 108.1.3 – The property contains a structure that is unfit for human occupancy because the code official found that the structure is unsafe, unlawful, or because of the degree to which the structure is in disrepair or lacks maintenance, is unsanitary, vermin or rat infested, contains filth and contamination, or lacks ventilation, illumination, sanitary or heating facilities, or other essential equipment required by the code.
- 3.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 302.5 – All structures and exterior property shall be kept free from rodent harborage and infestation. Where rodents are found, they shall be promptly exterminated by approved processes which will not be injurious to human health. After pest elimination, proper precautions shall be taken to eliminate rodent harborage and prevent reinfestation.
- 4.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.1 – The property contains a structure, the exterior of which is not maintained in good repair, structurally sound, and sanitary, such that it poses a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare.
- 5.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.2 – The property contains a building on which exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, and trim are not maintained in good condition, and siding and masonry joints, as well as those between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors and skylights, are not maintained weather resistant and water tight.
- 6.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.4 – The property contains a structure including structural members that are not being maintained free from deterioration, and therefore are not capable of safely supporting the imposed dead and live loads.
- 7.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.6 – The property contains a building on which exterior walls are not free from holes, breaks, or loose or rotting materials; or is not maintained weatherproof and property surface coated where required to prevent deterioration.
- 8.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.7 – The property contains a building on which roof and flashing are not sound, tight, or have defects that admit rain, or on which roof drainage is not adequate to prevent dampness or deterioration in the walls or interior portions of the structure.
- 9.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.13 – The property contains a building with windows, doors, and frames that are not kept in sound condition, good repair, or weather tight.
- 10.) Int'l Prop. Maint. Code 304.15 – The property contains a building on which exterior doors, door assemblies, and hardware are not being maintained in good condition and on which locks at entrances do not tightly secure the doors.
- 11.) Int'l Fire Code 311.1.1 – Buildings, structures, and premises...which persistently or repeatedly become unprotected or insecure, which has been occupied by unauthorized person for illegal purposes, or which present a danger of structural collapse or fire spread to adjacent properties shall be considered abandoned, declared unsafe and abated by demolition or rehabilitation in accordance with the Int'l Prop. Maint. Code and the Int'l. Building Code.

These violations cause the building to be considered dilapidated, substandard, and/or unfit for human habitation and pose a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community.

The scheduled court date described above for a public hearing to determine the actions that must be taken by you and/or the City regarding the vacation, securing, repair, removal, or demolition of a substandard building located on the property listed above. The hearing will be before the Municipal Court Judge. At the hearing, the owner, lienholder, and/or mortgagee will be given the opportunity to comment, testify, or present witnesses or written information about any matter relating to the substandard building. At the hearing, the City shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the building is substandard as described in Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government Code. The owner, lienholder, or mortgagee shall have the burden of proof to demonstrate the scope of any work that may be required to comply with State Law and City Ordinances, and the time it will take to reasonably perform the work.

According to the real property records of Brazoria County, Texas, and appropriate records of the Secretary of State, Central Appraisal District, tax rolls, etc., Maria Victoria Castillo is an owner, lienholder, or mortgagee of the real property described in this notice. If you no longer own or have an interest in the property, please notify the office of the City Attorney on or before the hearing date.