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Around Town

June 1-July 31

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Pearland Library Adult Summer Reading program is back! For every 10 hours spent reading receive 1 branch ticket entry. Adults can also earn 1 ticket just for attending one of the library's programs for adults. Read 40 hours and you will win a completion prize for finishing the program and a ticket for the grand prize drawing. For more information go to <https://libraryaware.com/2JCWY2>. The library is located at 3522 Liberty Dr.

June 3

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Fab 5 Beatles Tribute band will be performing at Concerts in the Park on Friday, June 3 from 7 to 9pm at Independence Park, 3449 Pearlard Parkway. Concerts are free and will feature a variety of local bands. Local food vendors will also be at the concerts. For more information visit pearlandtx.gov/concerts.

June 5

DAWSON BAND CAR WASH

Dawson Eagle Band and Catalyst Color Guard crew will get your vehicle squeaky clean to help support Dawson HS Percussion Band. Stop by Big Horn BBQ on Sunday, June 5 between 2-5pm to get your car washed. Cash and credit card donations appreciated. Big Horn BBQ is located at 2300 Smith Ranch Road in Pearland.

June 10

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Ruben Moreno will be performing Zydeco at Concerts in the Park on Friday, June 10 from 7 to 9pm at Independence Park, 3449 Pearlard Parkway. Concerts are free and will feature a variety of local bands. Local food vendors will also be at the concerts. For more information visit pearlandtx.gov/concerts.

June 11

POCKET PEAR TOURNAMENT

The 40th anniversary Pocket Pear will be held June 11 at the Pearland Lions Club at 3550 S. Main St. in Pearland. Doors will open at 5:30 pm with the tournament beginning at 6:45 pm. Sponsorships are available now through May 31. To become a sponsor or for more information, visit <https://pearlandrecycles.com/fundraisers/>.

June 12

BROOKSIDE FARMERS MARKET

Brookside Village Farmers Market will be held Sunday, June 12 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.

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.

June 15

ALVIN ISD BOOK BUS

Alvin ISD Book Bus will be at Pearland Town Center (11200 Broadway St.) from 12:30-1:30pm on Wednesday, June 15. The Book Bus is loaded with brand new books, including the 2022 Bluebonnets, 2X2, Trailblazer, and Tejas award-winning books to ensure that students can read them before the school year starts. For more information visit <https://www.alvinisd.net/Page/25549>.



PEARLAND HIGH SCHOOL



DAWSON HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation 2022

Seniors in Pearland ISD graduated May 27 at NRG Stadium in Houston. Pearland High School hosted graduation at 9 am, Dawson High School at noon and Turner High School at 3 pm. Shadow Creek HS students held their graduation on Friday, May 27 at Freedom Field in Iowa Colony.



TURNER HIGH SCHOOL



SHADOW CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

Parkway Traffic Circle closed due to construction



By KAROLYN GEPHART

Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Parkway Traffic Circle has begun Phase 1 of construction and is closed to drivers. The project construction began on May 27, 2022 and closure is expected to last from three to four weeks.

This closure will impact traffic from Pearland Parkway North to McHard Rd West and McHard Rd East to Pearland Parkway North.

TX 35 is the suggested alternate route. The City of Pearland reminds all drivers to plan accordingly to avoid travel delays.

Mayor Kevin Cole addressed the

construction at the recent State of the City given at the Pearland Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon.

According to Cole, the reconfiguration will improve traffic flows by providing higher speed by-pass movement and reduce existing two-lane configuration conflicts. Traffic analysis of accidents from this area indicate changes will reduce injury accidents without a need to add traffic signals that impede traffic flows and increase commute times.

To help drivers plan their routes, sign up for traffic alerts at pearlandtx.gov/alerts.

New Cornhole League season to begin

By KAROLYN GEPHART

Reporter News Staff

The new summer season for the Pearland Parks and Recreation Cornhole League is set to begin.

Every Wednesday beginning June 22 will offer adult cornhole games.

The season will consist of five weeks of regular season play and concludes with a playoff bracket for the top teams.

Teams can be co-ed or all the same gender. If enough teams are created, the Parks Department will then separate co-ed and

men's divisions and will create separate schedules.

The third season following the June 27 opening season will be August 24. Cost to participate is

\$50 per team and teams must pay in full to register. Games run 7 to 10 pm. Two games per night minimum will be held. Games are played at the Pearland

Recreation Center at 4141 Bailey Rd. in Pearland.

Registration is done at the Recreation Center or online at <http://ow.ly/YLzx50IH6KW>.



DFNC to offer Camp Pelican

By KAROLYN GEPHART

Reporter News Staff

Summer has begun and with it comes Camp Pelican for ages 9 to 14 in Pearland.

Camp Pelican is a nature based summer camp program that operates out of the Delores Fenwick Nature Center. This summer camp runs Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm and each day is filled with nature exploration, live animal encounters, and outdoor recreation. Pelican stands for Pearland Environmental Learning Institute for Conversation, Adventure and Nature.

For 6 to 10 year old camps as well as for 9-14 year camps, Camp Pelican is designed to bring

children closer to nature and to foster a love and understanding of the natural world.

Campers work on projects throughout each week and will present them on the last day of each week of camp. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend.

Camps operate from 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

Dates and themes for camps include the following: June 13-17 Texas Tall Tales; July 18-22 Conservation Heroes and August 8-12 Awesome Anatomy.

The nature center is located at 5750 Magnolia Parkway in Pearland. For more information call 281-652-1960.

PHC to welcome Byrd Law in concert

Pearland House Concerts (PHC) welcomes Byrd Law - a mesh of roots, folk, rock, blues and disco country on June 18, 2022 in Pearland.

Dinner is included with your ticket and seating is first come first serve. The event will be outside with Covid precautions. Water and tea are provided and those attending are welcome to BYOB. These are casual, intimate shows and the suggested donation is \$35.

Food is served at 6 pm, music begins at 7 pm.

The goal is to have a great time and support live music. The charity the event will benefit is TBD at this time.

Byrd Law is comprised of four members: Alice Daskocil, rhythm guitar and vocals; Parker Stotts, lead guitar and vocals; John Farley, drums and vocals; Jenay Patterson Farley, vocals.

Pulling from various inspirations across genres, Byrd Law falls under the all-encompassing style of Americana, with blues and rock at the forefront.

With each member bringing different writing and playing styles to the table, their music



is a melting pot of upbeat grooves and thoughtful lyrics.

In 2012, Alice, Jenay, and John spent a few years playing small acoustic shows here and there in the greater Houston area, mainly in a song-swap format. The group pulled Parker back into their fold once they started working on what would eventually be called "Article I", which was recorded in John's small home studio.

For more information on Byrd Law, visit <https://www.byrdlawmusic.com/music-1>.

PHC tickets are on Eventbrite. The event takes place at 2845 Westchester Circle in Pearland. Parking is available in the parking lot of the business on the corner and behind the back fence as long as it is not muddy. Please do not park on the street.

For more information on PHC, visit <http://PearlandHouseConcerts.com/>

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KPB wins State Gold Star Recognition

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Keep Pearland Beautiful has been awarded Gold Star Recognition from Keep Texas Beautiful. This award honors the organization for their work.

To achieve Gold Star status, KPB members were required to share information on their mission and goals and to participate in the Governor's Community Achievement Award(GCAA) programs.

The Beautify Texas Awards, formerly the Keep Texas Beautiful Awards, recognize the efforts of those working to enhance their community and protect the Lone Star State. These awards range in honoring extraordinary volunteers, professionals, youth, educators, businesses, local/civic governments, organizations, and specific projects and programs. One winner per category are recognized at the annual KTB Conference.

KPB also received GCAA Second Place in Population 90,001 – 180,000 and Sustained Excellence – Applications Receiving a Score of 90 or Higher, 2020-2022!

The GCAA program is one of the most prestigious annual environmental awards in Texas. This year, ten winning communities will share \$2 million in landscape awards from the Texas Department of Transportation for their outstanding overall efforts to keep their communities beautiful. All award winners will be recognized at the annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference held June 27-30 in Austin, Texas.

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The history of Keep Texas Beautiful dates back to 1967, when Texas was preparing for the 1968 HemisFair in San Antonio and more than 16 million tourists were expected to descend upon the state.

A variety of representatives from diverse entities, including the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, decided that Texas cities and highways should be given a "facelift" so visitors would see a clean, beautiful state. To accomplish this goal, the group created a non-profit educational corporation, supported totally by membership dues, known as the Beautify Texas Council.

Realizing the importance of what had been accomplished via local volunteers and their love of their communities, the Beautify Texas Council continued to support communities in their beautification efforts even after HemisFair. By 1968, the Council had supplied almost every Texas town with information on how to improve their city's appearance.

In response to enthusiastic efforts from dedicated volunteers across the state, the Council eventually increased its focus to highway beautification, environmental education and public awareness, procurement and distribution of funding and support to local volunteers, and creating and maintaining valuable relationships with state officials and agencies.

In 1985, the Beautify Texas Council officially became Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc., and a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. Since that time, KTB has won top honors as an outstanding KAB state affiliate and have grown by creating an extensive affiliate program.



2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the 2022 Joe Miller Environmental Scholarship recipients. This year \$23,000 was awarded to seven High School seniors in the City of Pearland. This year's winners include Will Stinebaker(DHS), Kevin Keeping(THS), Samah Haidar(SCHS), Nimah Haidar(SCHS), Nikhil Surapaneni(SCHS), Shaili Shouche(DHS), Aruna Muthupillai(DHS). In 13 years, \$137,000 has been awarded! Help KPB raise funds for the Joe Miller Environmental Scholarship Fund and KPB programs! To find out more about Pocket Pear and the scholarship fund visit this link... https://pearlandrecycles.com/pocket_pear_fundraiser/



Masons John Branom, WM elect; Robert Griffon, Treasurer; scholarship recipients Carson Crow, Heidi McMillan, McKenzie Michael Kylyn Robbins; Masons Larry Scott WM, and Dean Bryant, District Deputy GM.

Masonic Lodges provides local scholarships

Anson Jones Masonic Lodge #1416 presented scholarships to local Friendswood, Pearland, and Lutheran South High School students. Each was awarded a \$1000 college scholarship.

Students included Carson Robert Crow of Friendswood High School, MacKenzie Renee Michael of Pearland High School, Heidi Anne

McMillen of Santa Fe High School, and Kylyn Rose Robbins of Lutheran South High School.

Scholarships of \$500 were also given to Ava-Lynne Ariss (home school and San Jac) and Austin Armour Ariss (home school and San Jac).

The Masonic Lodge is located at

108 E. Willowick in Friendswood.

The Masons donate over \$1 Million a day nationwide, including the free Shriner's Hospitals, Scottish Rite Clinics, and Knights Templar Eye Banks - Anson Jones Lodge donates each year to local needy undergraduate students and provides college scholarships for local High School students.

DHS senior Rishabh Dave earns perfect ACT score

Dawson High School senior Rishabh Dave recently achieved perfection on the American College Test (ACT) with a score of 36. Fewer than half of 1% of students who take the ACT earn a top score.

Dave took the test three times and achieved a 35 on the first two. He was excited when he received the results for the third one.

"It was really exciting to know I got this thing that I wanted in the past, and that now I have achieved it. I probably

could not have gotten (the perfect score) if I didn't have the opportunity to take it multiple times, and to study for it or for the SAT," he said. "It was a happy occasion and it should be celebrated, but it should also be noted that I achieved it because I had privileges that other people don't have."

Among U.S. high school graduates in the class of 2021, just 4,055 out of more than 1.29 million students who took the ACT earned a composite score of 36.

Dave believes in setting goals and practicing regularly.

"I would tell any student who is not looking to achieve a perfect score on an ACT to try achieving that. Because if you don't seek to accomplish something, you are never going to be able to aim and you are never going to be able to reach a higher level," he said. "If a student is trying to achieve (a perfect score), keep going until you feel satisfied and practice regularly."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Original Mobile Game

Across

1. Stomach muscles, briefly
4. CoverGirl purchase
11. A promiscuous woman
16. Charge
17. Floor cover
18. Blender button
19. 1971 Don McLean hit
21. Fold of skin
22. "___ Lama Ding Dong" (1961 hit)
23. Animal house
24. More cunning
25. Putting an end to
31. Slew
34. 40 winks
35. Back talk
36. Australian runner
37. Cashew, e.g.
38. Figure out
41. Leave of absence
44. Allow
45. Arborist's concern
46. Basketball boo-boos
48. "___ la Douce" (1963 film)
52. Bleat
55. Escape
58. Watercraft
62. Dr. Seuss's Sam ___

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1. Way, way off
2. Basilica area
3. Appear
4. ___ tai
5. Parenthesis, essentially
6. Caribbean, e.g.
7. Unvarnished
8. Canadian land unit
9. Being contrite
10. "Act your ___!"
11. Symbol of Americanism
12. Garden bulb
13. Actress Dombasle
14. Boot camp attendee
15. Oolong, for one
20. Absorbed
24. Wrap
26. Arm bone
27. Boor
28. Grammy-nominated songwriter of "Teach Me"

29. Atlanta-based station
30. Mail place: Abbr.
31. Numero uno
32. "Rubáiyát" poet
33. River into the Seine.
38. Soil used in brickmaking
39. "Beverly Hillbillies" daughter
40. Bic Clic ___ pen
42. Tony winner Neuwirth
43. Document that proves a work is genuine, abbr.
47. Michael of R.E.M.
49. German for "snot"
50. Jazz pianist ___ Allison
51. Little, e.g.
53. Was next to
54. Endure
56. ___-kiri
57. Arabic for "commander"
58. Small capitals, abbr.

59. More than thirsty
60. Composer Lalo
61. ___-Wan Kenobi
66. One living the high life?
67. Celebrity chef Ming ___
69. Impassioned movement
70. The unsaid or "___ dit"
71. Take up space
75. Packing info: Abbr.
76. After-dinner selection
77. Edible corm
78. Marienbad, for one
79. Altdorf is its capital
80. Small Hawaiian tree
81. '--- be a pleasure'
82. Drone, e.g.

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AIISD Superintendent Nelson to give State of District address

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

The State of Alvin ISD will be the keynote topic for the Pearland Chamber of Commerce monthly membership luncheon planned for June 16 at Hilton Garden Inn in Pearland.

Alvin ISD Superintendent Carol Nelson will speak. Alvin ISD is a large suburban school district south of Houston in the communities of Alvin, Manvel, Pearland, Hillcrest, Rosharon, Iowa Colony, Liverpool, and Amsterdam. Nelson has served the students, parents, and staff of Alvin ISD for over 27 years. Before assuming the role of Superintendent, Nelson served Alvin ISD as a campus teacher, librarian, assistant principal, principal, and Associate Superintendent.

The Chamber event will take place from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

Sponsorships are available now with two levels: Industry Level Sponsorship for \$500 and Business Level Sponsorship for \$300.

Single tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Hilton Garden Inn Pearland is located at 12101 Shadow Creek Parkway in Pearland.

To RSVP, contact Leslie Esqueda at (281) 485-3634 or email Leslie.Esqueda@PearlandTexasChamber.us.



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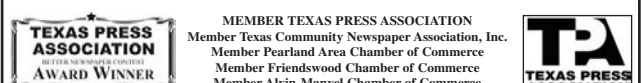
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Heritage Gardeners host successful Specialty Show

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Heritage Gardeners of Friendswood recently held a National Garden Club (NGC) Horticulture Specialty Flower Show, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, at the Marie Workman Garden Clubhouse in Friendswood.

Garden club members entered the horticulture events as well as the Botanical Arts Photography category.

National Garden Club certified flower show judges as well as professional photography judges awarded the prizes. Photography judges include Michelle Getz and Ron Brown.

The public was invited to view the show after the awards were selected for various entries.

Club member Tracy McGinley won both the Award of Horticultural Excellence Award for her bromeliad and the Botanical Arts Photography Award:

Arboreal Award was given to Linda O'Brien, Mimosa Tree (greater than 14" and less than 30") and Sherrill Burge, Yellow Bell Esperanza (Shrubs less than 14").

Award of Merit (Cut non-woody specimen) was awarded to Linda O'Brien, Hidden Ginger (Bulbs, Corm, Tubers, and Rhizomes; Michelle Thompson, Salvia (Cut Flowering Perennials); Deena Metaxas, Rose (single stem, one or more full sets of leaves present); and

Joan Schilling for both her Philodendron (Foliage, cut single species measuring over 8" in width) and Coral Vine (Flowering Vine, cut single specimen)

Grower's Choice Awards were presented to Tracy McGinley, Bromeliad (Container Grown Foliage) and Kaye Corey, Dish Garden, (Combination Planting)

In the Youth division, the Heritage Junior Master Gardeners entered both children's grown horticulture and terrariums.

Winners included Liam Shelly (age 11) for his container grown bell pepper; Avery Dengel (12) for a container grown pepper with peppers; Timmy Shelly (7) for his terrarium and Hannah Alley (10) for her terrarium.

The top part of the terrariums were dish gardens complete with handmade caterpillars in a garden. Shelly's dish garden had a caterpillar eating leaves and Alley's had caterpillars as bookworms complete with glasses and books.

All of the exhibitors have accomplished so much during the flower show from growing their plants, to conditioning their plants and getting them "show ready", making sure all plants are clean and "posed correctly". The photographers took pictures to meet the titles of their chosen photography classes.

All of the youth entries received blue ribbons.

"The purpose of the photograph is to stimulate garden/gardening interest, utilize photographic abilities, and educate the members of the garden club and the public. All photographs were required to be mounted and be the required size of 8" X 10". There was a fifth class of photographs titled "In Remembrance". One member's husband whose interest was in nature and photographing nature was shown as "display only" to honor his memory.

"All of the exhibitors accomplished so much during the flower show from growing their plants, to conditioning their plants and getting them "show ready", making sure all plants are clean and 'posed correctly.' The photographers took pictures to meet the titles of their chosen photography

classes," Show Chairman Sherrill Burge said.

"The purpose of the photograph is to stimulate garden/gardening interest, utilize photographic abilities, and educate the members of the garden club and the public. There was a fifth class of photographs titled In Remembrance. The club created a nature display to honor the memory of Master Naturalist and friend Bryan Corey, a member's husband whose interest was nature and photography," Burge said.

Heritage Gardeners hosts a Flower Show every two years.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The PEARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 5:00PM, June 14, 2022 in the District's Board Room at 1928 N. Main Street in Pearland, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$0.945000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.348100/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	0.30 % increase
Debt Service	-15.80 % decrease
Total Expenditures	-2.50 % decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$11,292,461,082	\$13,196,698,255
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$172,859,072	\$95,313,277
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$9,365,745,580	\$10,717,912,827
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$147,777,056	\$90,230,714

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$379,670,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.919600	\$0.395600	\$1.315200	\$5,926	\$4,505
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.914430	\$0.369480	\$1.283910	\$6,099	\$4,288
Proposed Rate	\$0.945000	\$0.348100	\$1.293100	\$6,132	\$4,457

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$307,157	\$331,430
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$272,650	\$286,034
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.315200	\$1.293100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$3,585.89	\$3,698.71
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$112.82

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.293100. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.293100.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$17,806,584
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$12,345,053

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.



Heritage Gardener Tracy McGinley won the Botanical Arts Photography Award for her photo of a succulent at the recent garden club Horticulture Specialty Show.



An Award of Merit was given to Joan Schilling for her philodendron leaf specimen.

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SPORTS

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

The word is Loneliness
Some time ago someone placed this ad in a Kansas Newspaper:

"I will listen to you talk for 30 minutes without a comment for \$5.00."

Sounds like a hoax, doesn't it? But the person was serious. Did anybody call? You bet! It wasn't long before this individual was receiving 10 to 20 calls a day. The pain of loneliness was so sharp that some were willing to try anything for a half hour of companionship.

The word is LONELINESS. It is the most desolate word of all human language. It is capable of hurling the heaviest weights the heart can endure. It plays no favorites, ignores all rules of courtesy, knows neither border nor barrier, yields no mercy, refuses all bargains and holds the clock in utter contempt. It cannot be bribed; it will not be left behind.

Crowds only make it worse; activity simply drives it deeper. Tears fall from our eyes as groans fall from our lips - but loneliness, that uninvited guest of the soul, arrives at dusk and stays for dinner.

There is simply no other anguish like the consuming anguish of loneliness. Ask the inmate in prison - or the uniformed man thousands of miles at sea - or the divorcee in that apartment - or the one who has just buried his or her life's companion - or the couple whose arms ache for the child recently taken - or the parents of a teenager who has run away - or even the single, career-minded person who prepares a meal for one and goes to bed early - alone - surrounded by the mute memory of yesterday's song and today's disappointment.

"Loneliness is the most devastating emotion of this age," wrote a great Christian psychiatrist. It will strike all of us at one time or another. Do not think it is only the widow all by herself who is lonely. People from all walks of life experience loneliness - the high and low, the rich and poor, the young and old. So why is loneliness such a common fact? It is:

1. A feeling of rejection that causes one to suffer.
 2. A basic sense of insecurity.
 3. A loss of perspective because of sorrow or tragedy.
 4. Selfishness.
 5. Depersonalization
- but that feeling does not have to master you.

Most of us, at some time in life, learned the Lord's Prayer. "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

A little girl misquoted it innocently, "Our Father which art in heaven, how does He know my name." Yes, the very God of the universe knows your name and frame. Not only does He understand how you feel and not only does He meet your needs in life - but He is always there. You may be alone, but with Him you never have to be lonely.

I've seen the lightning flashing, I've heard the thunder roll, I've felt sin's breakers dashing, Trying to conquer my soul. I've heard the voice of Jesus, Telling me still to fight on, He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone. No, never alone. No, never alone.

He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone. No, never alone. No, never alone. He promised never to leave me, Never to leave me alone.

Old friend Robert said, "The most terrible poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved." Email: drdaviddavis@yahoo.com www.reporternewsports.com Twitter: @drdavis111

Friendswood sweeps Brenham to advance to regional finals

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Friendswood Mustangs began the season as the No. 1 Class 5A team in the state. After defeating No. 4 state-ranked Crosby and Brenham, the Mustangs are now No. 6 in the state and in the 5A Region III finals against Montgomery Lake Creek.

In Game 1, the contest was close as both teams were tied 3-3 after five frames.

The Mustangs broke the game wide open with a five-run sixth. Collin Goolsby opened the frame with a single on the first pitch from Cayden Shields, who'd allowed only three hits through five innings.

After a sacrifice bunt by Ayden Pearce and a walk to Drew Harris, Kyle Lockhart stroked an RBI single and took second on a Cubs throw to the plate.

With runners on second and third, Dylan Maxcey was intentionally walked to load the bases and after a flyout, Boots Landry, the team's slugging first baseman, drove a Shields offering to the base of the right field fence for a double to clear the base paths.

"He kept us off our toes. That pitcher was good early, hitting his spots," said Cory Benevides, Friendswood's head coach. "He kept us off balance, but we kept going and kept going, and I kept telling them that you've got to put

pressure on the defense.

"We started to hit some ground balls, they made some mistakes and we capitalized," added Benevides, whose club benefitted from three Brenham errors.

Friendswood won the game 8-4 to set the second game of the best-of-three series.

Friendswood starter Jacob Rogers, who issued five walks in the first three innings, rallied with 1-2-3 innings in the fourth and fifth, including three strikeouts, to give the Mustangs a boost.

"That's a good thing about hav-

ing experience," Benevides said. "(Rogers) didn't have his best stuff, but he kept us in the game and gave us a chance, and the offense was able to pick him up."

In Game 2, Friendswood swept Brenham with a 2-0 win to send the Mustangs to the Class 5A Region III finals against the Lake Creek Lions. The Mustangs are now 23-6-1 on the season.

Dylan Maxcey lashed what proved to be the game-winning hit in the bottom of the second inning. Reed South then followed with an RBI single for the game's last run.

Along with Ty Brantley's lead-off single to open the second, those were the Mustangs' only hits of the game.

Friendswood rode the strong arm of Easton Tumis, who allowed a leadoff single to Brenham's Jacob Mabie to start the game and never gave up another over 5.2 innings.

After a pair of two-out walks in the sixth, Tumis, who fanned six Cubs, gave way to Dane Perry and Griffin Kasemeyer, who combined to strikeout three of Brenham's final four batters.

"All year, since the first day, we've been telling them that this is where we want to be again and we can do it," said Cory Benevides, Friendswood's head coach. "We've been through ups, downs, sideways...everything that could go wrong has gone wrong, but I truly believe it's prepared us for moments like this."

"It's good to return a core group, but we've had some young guys fill some big shoes and they've stepped up. Easton, he delivered for us, and I can't forget about the freshman, Dane Perry, and he came in in a big way."

Friendswood and Lake Creek will play on Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Rice's Reckling Park in a best-of-three series. A third game, if needed, will be played on Saturday at the same location at 1:00 p.m.



STRONG PITCHING PERFORMANCE - Friendswood starter Jacob Rogers, who issued five walks in the first three innings, rallied with 1-2-3 innings in the fourth and fifth, including three strikeouts, to give the Mustangs a boost. Friendswood and Lake Creek will play on Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Rice's Reckling Park in a best-of-three series. A third game, if needed, will be played on Saturday at the same location at 1:00 p.m.

Deer Park sweeps Pearland out of softball playoffs

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

It doesn't happen very often that a team sweeps a Pearland squad during the playoffs, but a Lady Oiler team isn't usually facing the defending 6A state champions.

Pearland and Deer Park were facing one another in the Class 6A Region III finals in a best-of-three series with the winner punching their ticket to the 6A state softball tournament in Austin.

Whenever teams are mentioned as state powers, Deer Park and Pearland are both included in the conversation.

Deer Park advanced to the state softball tournament in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017, and 2021. In the 2021 season, Coach Amy Vidal-Bush led her team to state and came home with a ring. They had an amazing season record of 38-8! The school now has three state

championships under their belt!

The Lady Deer advances to the 2022 state tournament with a current 40-4 mark while Pearland closes out their season at 32-10. That means both teams combined for a 72-14 record in 2022 with the Lady Deer still playing.

Pearland has won two state titles in 1996 and 2010 while also advancing to state in 2009 and 2011.

In Game 1, it looked like Deer Park would take control early after taking a 6-1 lead in the bottom of the second inning with five runs, but the never-say-die Lady Oilers overcame their early game jitters to score four runs in the top of the third to close the gap to 6-5 which stood till the bottom of the sixth when Deer Park added an insurance run to make the final score 7-5.

Both teams struggled in the pitching circle as walks by



LEADING HITTER - Pearland's Hailey Golden gets a hit against Deer Park in the 6A Region III finals. The Lady Oiler's fell to the Lady Deer and finished the season with a sparkling 32-10 season record. Golden will be a senior next season and is a Texas A&M commit. She led Pearland in hitting with a .636 batting average.

Pearland led to the five runs in the second inning, but Deer Park also was affected by walks in Pearland's four-run third inning.

Pearland junior pitcher Abigail Gutierrez suffered the loss after giving up four runs on three hits, two walks, and three strikeouts.

The Lady Oilers offense came up with only five hits led by Hailey Golden (1-for-4, 1 run), Raenna Liscano (1-for-3), Alissa McClellan (1-for-2, 1 run, 1 RBI), Trinity Perry (1-for-3, 1 RBI), and Darian DeLeon (1-for-4, 1 RBI).

In Game 2, the game turned out to be a pitching battle between Deer Park's Reanna Nieman and Pearland's Abigail Gutierrez.

Nieman faced only three batters over the minimum, and allowed only three scattered singles, in a 3-0 complete-game shutout of the Oilers at the UH softball field, sending the defending champions back to the state tournament.

Gutierrez allowed nine hits and

three runs while striking out four and walking two in taking the loss.

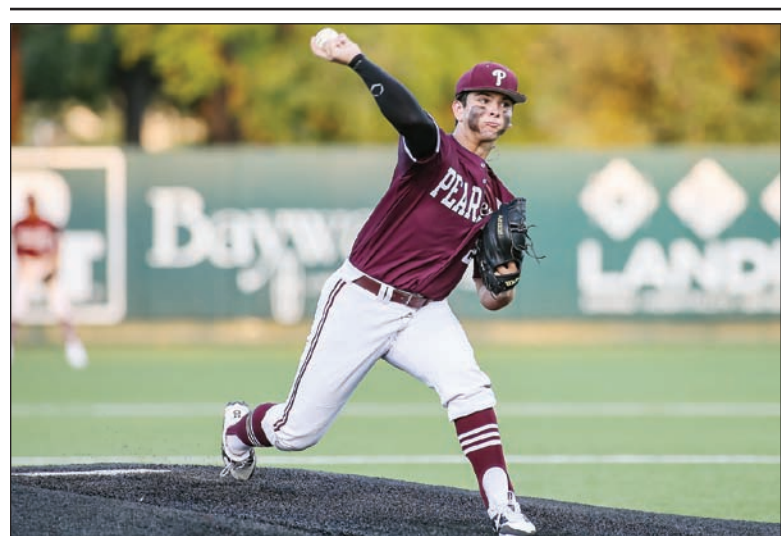
Deer Park took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second when left fielder Lorelei Graham reached on a throwing error by the shortstop, moved to second with a sacrifice bunt by Bryanna Fuentes, took third on Kylie Wilson's infield single, and scored on a sac bunt from nine-hole hitter Lindsey McKnight.

The game stood 1-0 until the top of the seventh when Deer Park leadoff hitter Emma Overla doubled and scored on Erin Perez's first-pitch single to left, and then courtesy runner Hanna York, in for Perez, scored from third on a Morales double that split the gap in right-center giving the Lady Deer two insurance runs going in the bottom of Pearland's final at-bat in the seventh inning.

Pearland closes out another successful softball season with a 32-10 mark.



RETURNING PITCHER - Senior-to-be Abigail Gutierrez posted a 16-3 season record in the pitching circle while fanning 128 batters with a 1.376 earned run average for the Lady Oilers this season. The lefty will be a strong performer for the Lady O's next year after pitching them to the 6A Region III finals this season.



STRONG EFFORT - Pearland sophomore pitcher Jake Mader-Cooper was on the mound vs Ridge Point in the decisive game of the 6A Region III semifinals. Mader-Cooper threw 3.1 innings, giving up four hits and two runs (only one earned run) while striking out five batters. The Oilers got a run and loaded the bases in the top of the seventh inning but couldn't keep the rally going as they fell 4-2 in the deciding game of the best-of-three series. Mader-Cooper will likely be relied on heavily next season as one of the two main starting pitchers for the Oilers. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Ridge Point edges Pearland in 6A Region III semifinals

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

It seemed that Pearland and Ridge Point were evenly matched as the two teams faced off in the Class 6A Region III semifinals in a best-of-three series.

Pearland was attempting to reach the regional finals for the first time since 2014 while Ridge Point was looking to advance to the regional final for the first time since 2019 when it reached the state championship game that year.

In Game 1, Pearland jumped out to a 2-0 lead with a run in the top of the second and the third

innings, but Ridge Point answered with four runs in the bottom of the third to take a 4-2 lead. The Panthers would add two more in the fifth that would be a 6-2 final score.

Pearland outthit Ridge Point 7 to 6, but five errors and five walks helped the Panthers on offense.

Leading hitters for the Oilers was John Moya (2-for-3, 1 run) and Brett Smajstrla (2-for-3, 1 RBI).

Ridge Point snapped the 17-game win streak for Pearland.

In Game 2, Pearland was facing elimination after losing the first

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game in the best-of-three series.

Pearland's Caden Ferraro took the mound against Ridge Point in the must-win contest and pitched a jewel limiting the Panthers. Ferraro (12-0) went over the 100-strikeout mark and has 104 on the season.

"The key to playing in May, is slowing the game down," Pearland coach David Rogers said. "After we settled our feet down, we made plays. It was evident, we played really well."

The Oilers' two runs came in the last of the fourth following a single by Justin Ogle. His two-out single to right brought in John Moya from second, and Brett Smajstrla came around to score on a throwing error for a 2-0 lead that stood as the final score.

While Ferraro allowed only two hits while striking out eight, the Oilers were able to capitalize on the only hit they got against the Panthers in the tight pitching duel. Ridge Point committed four errors and Pearland had three miscues in the field.

"You face elimination, but we told the kids, it's a game that you have to play in the moment," Rogers said. "And Caden Ferraro played in the moment."

In Game 3, the season would continue for one team and the other team would be hanging up their gloves.

Anthony Avalos opened the game with a double down the left-field line. The Oilers shortstop scored from third on Brett Smajstrla's infield single for a 1-0 lead.

Ridge Point knocked out starting pitcher Daniel Ontiveros in the second following Owen Farris' one-out single to left that scored J.J. Kennett from second base, knotting the score 1-1.

Justin Vossos scored the go-ahead run in the fourth on a wild pitch by Dylan Kalmus,

Pearland's third pitcher who struck out four over his 3 1/3 innings of relief.

Carter Groen and Parker Martin had two hits apiece for Ridge Point, which collected eight hits.

The Panthers added two runs in the sixth, highlighted by Groen's RBI double to deep left that scored Mason Dossett and a sacrifice fly by Travis Vlasek for the 4-2 final score.

Leading hitters for Pearland was Avalos (1-for-4, 1 run), John Moya (1-for-4, 1 RBI), Ferraro (1-for-3), Smajstrla (1-for-4, 1 RBI), Ogle (1-for-3), Isaiah Castaneda (2-for-3), and Logan Scott (1-for-3, 1 run).



TURNING THE DOUBLE PLAY - Pearland's Logan Scott throws to first for a double play against Ridge Point during game 3 of the Class 6A Region III semifinal at the University of Houston. The Oilers lost to the Panthers 4-2 sending Ridge Point to the region finals. Pearland ended their season with a 32-9-1 record while winning the District 23-6A crown.



Pictured left to right (front row); Guiliana Devora, Kyla Zalit, Cameryn Peter, Kelli Mulloy; (back row) Athletic Director Robert Koopmann, Nick Miller, Carson Crow, Izak Standley, Dylan Maxcey, Jacob Rogers, Griffin Kasemeyer, Tatum Black, Assistant Athletic Director Daron Scott.

FHS athletes sign letters of intent

On Wednesday, May 11, eleven Friendswood High School (FHS) seniors signed their letters of intent on National Signing Day.

Kelli Mulloy signed a letter of intent to cheer for the University of Texas Austin. She was a three-year team captain (2018, 2019, 2021) and a four-year All-American Cheerleader (2018-2021). Mulloy is also a member of Ready Set Teach, National Honor Society (NHS), National Technical Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, Math and Science Club, FCCLA, Link Crew and serves as Class Treasurer. She was joined at the signing by her parents Jeff and Susan and coaches Kerri Yee, Courtney Stryk and Matt Samuels.

Guiliana Devora signed a letter of intent to be on the stunt cheer team at St. Mary's University. During her time at FHS, she was a member of the Varsity cheer team (2020-2022). Devora was joined at the signing by her parents Johnny and Claudia and brother Gio.

Tatum Black signed a letter of intent to play baseball for McMurry University. He was joined at the signing by his parents Kenny and Jamie, brothers Jaxon and Tyson, and coaches Cory Benavides, Travis Moore and Brian Mavus.

Jacob Rogers signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Texas Tech University. He served as a team captain and was named 1st team All-District Pitcher (2021), 1st team All-County Pitcher (2021), TSWA 3rd Team All-State Pitcher (2021), 1st Team All-State Pitcher (2021) and pre-season All-American Collegiate Baseball (2022). Rogers was joined at the signing by his parents Josh and Debbie, and coaches Richie Beard, Ryan Henry, Cory Benavides, Travis Moore and Kenny Black.

Dylan Maxcey signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Texas Tech University. He is a team captain (2021-2022) and four-year starting Varsity catcher. His accolades include All-District Defensive MVP (2021), 1st Team All-City (2021), All-State honorable mention catcher (2021), pre-season high school All-American (2022), RBI record-holder (2021-2022), doubles record-holder (2021-2022), listed as one of the top 50 players in Texas high school baseball (2022) and named in top 20 catchers in Texas high school baseball (2022). Maxcey was joined at the signing by his parents Doug and Lori, and coaches Cory Benavides, Travis Moore, Bam Hollier, Adam Dunn and Chris Schulte.

Griffin Kasemeyer signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Alvin Community College. In 2021, he earned 1st Team All-District Pitcher honors. Kasemeyer was

joined at the signing by his parents Scott and Teresa and coaches Cory Benavides and Travis Moore.

Carson Crow signed a letter of intent to play tennis for East Texas Baptist University. His accolades include 1st Team All-District Doubles (2019, 2020), 1st Team All-District Singles (2020), Academic All-District (2020, 2021), 2nd Team All-District Doubles (2021), 2nd Team All-District Singles (2021), Mixed Doubles District Champion (2021), Regional Champion (2021), State bronze medalist (2021) and Mixed Doubles Regional Qualifier (2022). Crow was joined at the signing by his parents Dain and Molly, brother Cooper and coach David Cook.

Cameryn Peter signed a letter of intent to play soccer for Southern Nazarene University. Her awards include 2nd Team All-District (2020), FHS Lady Mustang Award (2020), USC 1st Team All-Region (2021), 1st Team All-State (2021), TASCO 1st Team All-Region (2021), 1st Team All-County (2021), 1st Team All-District (2021), Academic All-District (2021), FHS Offensive Player of the Year (2021), Team Captain (2022), TASCO 2nd Team All-State (2022), 1st Team All-District (2022), TASCO Academic All-State (2022), TGCA Academic All-State (2022), and Academic All-District (2022). She is also a member of NHS, National Spanish Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Interact, Babysitter's Club, PALS and serves as the President of Student Council. Peter was joined at the signing by her parents Stephen and Laura, brother Shelby and grandfather Gene.

Kyla Zalit signed a letter of intent to run cross country and track for Stephen F. Austin University. Her awards include Cross Country District Champion (2021), Track District Champion for the 800 (2022) and the Cross Country Outstanding Performer Award (2022). She is also a member of the debate team and choir program. Zalit was joined at the signing by her parents Daniel and Lauren, sister Avery, grandmother Nancy Ellis and coach Ty Bush.

Izak Standley signed a letter of intent to run track and field for the University of North Texas at Dallas. He was joined at the signing by his father Kenneth and coach Shane Deel.

Nick Miller signed a letter of intent to play soccer for the University of Tampa. His accolades include 1st Team All-District (2021), UPSL Academy (2021-2022) and being a member of the United Soccer and United Premier Soccer leagues. He was joined at the signing by his parents Mark and Deborah and coach Stephen Peter.



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

NATIVE AMERICAN WISDOM

(First in a series of three posts... maybe four)

From St. Paul... "My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" - Colossians 2:2-3

In a recent interview with famed astrophysicist, Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson, he said that the greatest achievement in the history of humankind was Christopher Columbus' discovery of the new world. He noted it could have been anybody... but Columbus gets the credit... even though we know now the Vikings crossed the ocean first.

And when asked, "why?" his reply went something like this... "Well people have always been on the move. 10,000 years ago, at the time of an ice age there was a land mass from the east across the Bering Straits into what we call the western hemisphere. Many people came across and kept moving south... into what we know now as Canada, the USA, Mexico down into South America. Then the ice melted... there then being no way back and for 10,000 years no one else on the planet knew there were people living where we live now... until Christopher Columbus..." Thus... NdT's thinking this was the greatest moment in human history as for the first time in 10,000 years the world was now re-connected.

That's my paraphrase anyway... and all Columbus bashing aside and pointing out that there are many today who would like to tear down his statues and rename the capital of Ohio... and admitting his antics were both brave, selfish, greedy and oppressive... people are still on the move... only now we can track them on their iPhones... to point out in real time whether their actions are for the good of all or for things most of us detest. But... 10,000 years is a long time and those who were 'native' to America somehow figured out how to survive and had a perspective of how life is to be lived and did so with no knowledge of

the story of Abraham... or Jesus... nor the religion of the ancient Egyptians or the gods of India or the Buddha which goes back to the 6th century B.C. taking form long after those who had trekked the Bering Straits 10,000 years prior...

St. Paul suggests that God is a mystery... and all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Jesus Christ... and if so... how could those living here when the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria arrived back in 1492 have anything to contribute to those who arrived. Sometimes I wonder who discovered whom?

In the coming weeks I want to present some of the native American wisdom I have stumbled on over the years... as those living here found their purpose and trust in the Great White Spirit... And did have much to share... for those who would listen... and so I leave you with these quotes until next time...

"Everything on the earth has a purpose, every disease an herb to cure it, and every person a mission. This is our way of life." - Mourning Dove (1888-1936)

"The Great Spirit is in all things. He is in the air we breathe. The Great Spirit is our Father, but the Earth is our Mother. She nourishes us... That which we put into the ground she returns to us." - Big Thunder (late 1800's)

And this... still broken-hearted and praying over the killings in Uvalde this past week...

"Remember that your children are not your own... but are lent to you by the Creator." - a Mohawk Proverb

Faith matters... 10,000 years and counting...

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 god-works247365@gmail.com.

THE BUDDING GARDENER

By MICHELLE THOMPSON

Evidence Shows Bugs Are In Trouble

People of a certain age are noticing a decreased number of insects. Many of us who are forty years old and above can remember the abundance of insects hovering around outdoor lights in the summer, on screen doors, getting into homes if doors were left open too long and the abundance of bug splatters that ended up on the car windshield after a road trip. The observation that fewer dead insects accumulate on the windshields of people's cars is called the windshield phenomenon. It's a worldwide observation by drivers, truckers and entomologists alike that have many concerned about declining numbers of insects.

The insect world is the most diverse and abundant group of animals accounting for 80% of animal life on earth. There are an estimated 5.5 million different species of insects with only one million being named so far by scientists. With so many insects it's hard to have an account of what's happening globally and it's easy to see how a majority are understudied. Most of the research on declining insect numbers I came across were coming out of Puerto Rico, the United States, and several other European countries. Studies were mainly on specific pollinating insects, most notably different butterfly, moth, fly and bee species. There have been some declaring the advent of an "insect apocalypse" with some criticisms from fellow experts. However, even scientists denying an "insect apocalypse", will agree things are not all good in the insect world. "We agree that declining insect populations is a real and concerning phenomenon" states ecologist Dr. Manu Saunders.

With so many different insects why should we be concerned with a decline of things that go buzz in the night? "Insects are a vital part of the world's ecosystems, providing essential services including pollination, pest control and decomposition. With the need to up food production and with climate warming set to continue, the threat to insects is likely to increase" cautions Charlie Outhwait from the Centre for Biodiversity and Environmental Research.

Although the bulk of insect species worldwide are not monitored "we often have good data on population trends for birds that depend on insects for food, and these [birds]



are mostly in decline" states Dave Goulson, insect expert and biologist. A decline in birds is also the observation of Doug Tallamy, author and entomologist whose initiative, Homegrown National Park, calls on homeowners help in regenerating plant biodiversity by increasing

native plant numbers, one yard at a time. The increased number of native plants will assist in increasing the numbers of insects and other animals that coevolved with native plants. Many are jumping on the band wagon to reduce lawn mass, create garden spaces, plant corridors of natives and wildflowers and cultivate insect-friendly outdoor spaces.

There are many drivers for the decline in insects but home gardeners can offer help. Light pollution is a big problem for both insects and bird migration. Outdoor lighting lures millions of insects to death as it draws insects in and they can't escape, fluttering about until exhaustion over takes. So, lights off after 11pm is the growing recommendation, alternately switching to yellow lightbulbs is an acceptable option.

Spring and summer are a time when insect numbers increase. I like the saying "if your leaves don't have holes in them, you are not feeding the ecosystem". Butterfly and moth

larvae may feed off your landscape plants especially if they are host plants. The insect eaten leaves may look unsightly for a time, but rest assured your plant will not die. These larvae and caterpillars are necessary food for baby birds, reptiles and other animals. In general, I find garden pests (like aphids) attract beneficial bugs that take care of a lot of the pests.

One worldwide cause of insect decline is the indiscriminate use of insecticides. It is important to know that insecticides are not specific to only one insect. When you spray for mosquitos, it will kill all other insects that come in contact with it. You can help reduce mosquitos by eliminating any standing water on your property. Also avoid purchasing seeds or plants that have neonicotinoids, a systemic insecticide.

Most importantly, informed land owners and gardeners need to spread the word about the plight of insects and measures to prevent a real insect apocalypse. Our future depends on it in many ways.



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LEGALS

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**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2022-11
CITY GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Sealed Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Fully Insured and Chapter 172 Group Medical Plans, including Group Life/ADD, Medical, Dental, and LTD plans, and effective October 1, 2022, 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. 2022-11**, 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, JUNE 16, 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.

The City is not requesting the services of a Consultant/Agent/Broker. Forms and specifications for this proposal may be obtained from the City's consultant/agent of record, Bob Treacy, LHIC, Gallagher Benefit Services (GBS), Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., 2245 Texas Dr., Suite 140, Sugar Land, TX 77479, (281) 295-3011, Email: Bob_Treacy@ajg.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2022-13
DEBRIS REMOVAL**

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. 2022-13**, 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., TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Spears, at (281) 996-3274 or via email to jspears@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, 3519 Liberty Dr., until **2:00 PM CST on Wednesday June 29, 2022**, and all bids will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join the meeting by calling into the meeting to: **Dial in #: 281-652-1955; Meeting #:1790#; Access Code #:0971# on that date for:**

**KENNEL CLEANING SERVICES
BID NO ITB 0522-15**

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 to City Secretary, with either manner due by the closing date and time stated above.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it.

Vendors should register on the City's e-bid system at <https://pearland.ionwave.net> (if not already registered). 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 no later than **5:00 PM on Tuesday June 14, 2022**. Reference **Bid Number ITB 0522-15**. **Bid Closing Date: June 29, 2022 at 2:00 PM.**

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

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2022, and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

**Independence Park Phase I
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: P20001
BID NO.: ITB 0522-14**

The project will entail the construction of an access road 12-feet wide that will consist of approximately 350 SY of concrete with about 1500 SY of asphalt. Work to be performed will include a paved access road to the park's special events stage utilizing the stabilization of the existing gravel road.

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 June 15, 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.

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.

Leslie Crittenden
City Secretary, City of Pearland

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Notice Of Constable Sale

Cause Number: 104610-CV*

(See Notes Below)

James Brawner Constable Precinct 4

Under the authority and by virtue of an Order of Sale dated and issued pursuant to the judgment of the 239th Judicial District Court Brazoria County, Texas by the clerk of said courts as shown in the following schedule of cases, and to me directed and delivered as Constable in Brazoria County, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in June, the same being June 7th, 2022, at 111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of the defendant(s) in the real property as described below in order to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties, costs, and further costs of executing this writ.

Whereas on the 29th day of September, 2020, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, recovered a judgment in the 239th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against, Juan Villatoro for the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty five Dollars and Ninety Three Cents (\$2,335.93), its reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of Three Thousand Forty-Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$3,047.00); An Order of Sale shall issue to any sheriff or any constable within the State of Texas, directing the sheriff or constable to seize and sell the Property the same as under execution, in satisfaction of this Final Default Judgment subject to any superior liens provided for the Restrictions or at law, if any; and, if the Property cannot be found, or if the proceeds of such sale be insufficient to satisfy the judgment, then to take the money or any balance thereof remaining unpaid, out of any other property of the Defendant, as in the case of ordinary executions. If any surplus remains after the payment of the sums adjudged to be due, it shall be paid to Defendant, Juan Villatoro; additional attorney's fees in the amount of one thousand eight hundred and 00/100dollars (\$1,800.00) because it became necessary for Plaintiff to obtain a writ of execution and/ or an order of sale and have the Property posted for a constable or sheriff's sale in order to collect the amounts awarded in this judgment; all costs of court in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Ten Cents (\$299.10), process server fees in the amount One Hundred Fifteen Dollars and No Cents (\$115.00), and post-judgment interest at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum on total judgment, including attorney's fees awarded herein, from the date this judgment is signed until fully paid. And, whereas, the said judgment is a foreclosure of a Property lien on the following described property, to-wit:

Any properties sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the property or their interest therein if allowed, within the time and in the manner provided by law.

ALL SALES SHALL BE BY Constable'S DEED AND ARE WITHOUT WARRANTY AS TO TITLE OR CONDITION, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS EVIDENCED BY Constable'S DEED.

Sale #	Cause Number	Court	Judgment Date	Order Issue Date	Levy Date	Other Account #
2	104610-CV*	239th Judicial District Court	9/29/2020	3/25/2022	April 27th, 2022	

Plaintiff: Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association,
VS

Defendant: Juan Villatoro

Property Description:

LOT TWENTY-SIX (26), IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF FINAL PLAT STERLING LAKES AT IOWA COLONY SEC11, AN ADDITION IN BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED UNDER CLERK'S FILE NO.2014042119 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS, more commonly known as 1810 Crystal Waters Drive, Rosharon, TX 77566 ("Property")

For More Information, Contact: Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey PC, Phone: 7137804135

The Minimum Bid Is All Costs Of Suit And Sale.

Estimated Minimum Bid: \$940.42

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Terms: Cash, or Cashier's Check.

Additional Terms:

(Real Property being Sold at the Direction of the Plaintiff's Attorney)
(Prospective Bidders or Purchaser's Responsibility to Research or Consult with an Attorney)
(Made Subject to right of redemption (if any) in accordance to law)
(Constable's Commission due upon final Bid amount)

SALE TO BE HELD

7th day of June, 2022
Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515

James Brawner, Constable
Brazoria County Precinct 4
121 North 10th Street
West Columbia, Texas 77486
(979) 345-2115

By: 
Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #

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

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3519 Liberty Dr., until **2:00 PM CST on Wednesday June 29, 2022**, and all bids will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join the meeting by calling into the meeting to: **Dial in #: 281-652-1955; Meeting #:1790#; Access Code #:0971# on that date for:**

**VETERINARY SERVICES
BID NO RFP 0522-07**

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 to City Secretary, with either manner due by the closing date and time stated above.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid or combination of bids deemed advantageous to it.

Vendors should register on the City's e-bid system at <https://pearland.ionwave.net> (if not already registered). 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 no later than **5:00 PM on Friday June 10, 2022**. Reference **Bid Number RFP 0522-07**. **Bid Closing Date: June 29, 2022**

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**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2022-12
DEBRIS MONITORING**

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. 2022-12**, 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., TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Spears, at (281) 996-3274 or via email to jspears@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF
THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Pearland, in Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas, will hold a public hearing on Monday, **June 20, 2022**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581; and that the City Council of the City of Pearland will hold a public hearing and first Ordinance adoption consideration on Monday, **July 11, 2022**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581, for the following cases:

1. Zone Change Application No. ZONE 22-08: A request by Anup Pande, applicant, on behalf of Hillhouse Holdings, owner, for approval of a zone change for approximately 4.8787 acres of land from Neighborhood Service (NS) District to Single-family Residential-4 (R-4) District, to wit:

Legal Description: Being a tract of land containing 4.8787 acres (212,517 square feet), situated in the H.T.&B. Railroad Company Survey, Abstract No. 506, Brazoria County, Texas, being the south 1/2 half of Lot 29 of the Allison-Richey Gulf COAST Home Company Survey of Section 20, as recorded in Volume 2, Page 23 of the Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: 2700 Block of Hillhouse Road, Pearland, Texas.

At said hearing, all interested parties shall have the right and opportunity to appear and be heard on the subject. For additional information, please contact the Community Development Department at 281-652-1765.

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