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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 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 Pearland Parkway. Concerts are free and will feature a variety of local bands. 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 Farmer's Market is moving inside and switching to summer hours! The market will be held Sunday, June 12 from 10am to 2pm inside E. A. Lawhon Elementary, 5810 Brookside Rd, 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>.

June 16

RAILROADS, CANALS, RIVERS

The Brazoria County Historical Museum will host "Railroads, Canals, and Rivers" presented by Dr. Paul Pedisich. On Thursday, June 16, at 6pm Dr. Pedisich will explore the evolution of transportation in Brazoria County. From flat boats to railcars, Dr. Pedisich will discuss the role of money, politics, and labor in the ever-changing industry of transportation in Texas from the 1830s to the 1860s. He will also examine the notorious "slave ditch" and address the use of slave and Irish immigrant labor. The Museum is located at 100 East Cedar in Angleton. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information follow us on Facebook or call 979-864-1208.

Parks Department gears up for Celebration of Freedom events

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Plans for the annual Fourth of July event in Pearland, Celebration of Freedom, are underway.

The date is July 4 from 6 to 10 pm at Independence Park at 3449 Pearland Parkway. Admission is free and all ages are welcome.

The event will feature live music from the variety band, Adrian Michael and the Greenway Band, on the H-E-B Entertainment Stage and a spectacular fireworks display.

For health and safety reasons, pets are not allowed at this event, with the exception of service animals. Smoking is prohibited. Outside food and drinks, including alcohol, are allowed but glass containers are prohibited. No tailgating or barbecuing will be allowed in the park or on school property during this event.

Activities will include Presentation of Colors, strolling entertainment, food trucks, vendor and sponsor booths and giveaways.

Event parking will be available at Pearland High School at 3775

S. Main Street. A limited lot with accessible parking will be located inside the park on a first come, first serve basis. Drivers should enter from Liberty Drive.

A limited number of booth

spaces are available for this event.

Applications are available at <https://www.parks.pearlandtx.gov/special-events/celebration-of-freedom#!/> and reviewed and approved in the order received. Completed forms may be emailed to events@pearlandtx.gov or dropped off at the Recreation Center & Natatorium, 4141 Bailey Road.

In addition to Parks & Recreation staff, volunteers help make the event successful. Anyone interested in volunteering and are over 16 years old, can sign up. All roles are active and outdoors, and will require standing and walking and some lifting. Email volunteers@pearlandtx.gov for more information.

For more information about Celebration of Freedom, email events@pearlandtx.gov.



Celebrate the freedom of the nation at Pearland's Celebration of Freedom events July 4 at Independence Park.

Talk of Town to discuss Keeping Pearland Safe

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

The topic for the next quarter's Talk of the Town is Keeping the Community Safe.

It is planned for Wednesday, June 29 at 5:30 pm. It will take place at the new Fire Station #4 located on Freedom Drive.

From 5:30 to 7 pm, all attending will have the opportunity to tour both the new Fire Station #4 and the upcoming Shari D. Coleman Animal Shelter and

Adoption Center.

An array of emergency response vehicles will also be available to tour and get a hands on experience of the equipment that keeps Pearland safe.

At 7 pm, join Mayor Kevin Cole for a discussion with representatives from the National Weather Service, Police, Fire, and Animal



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Control. The discussion will highlight the City's efforts in continuously improving public safety.

Talk of the Town, a quarterly event, was started in April 2021 to bring City Hall to the community in various locations around town. Feedback has been positive. Topics

are about current events as well as

concerns or answers to questions residents might have.

Since it began, focus topics have been healthcare partners, Learning, Living and Leading, Partnerships at Work, Water in Pearland. Some of the locations have included UH-CL Pearland Campus, the new West Pearland Library, HCA's new Center for Clinical Advancement located at the Pearland Town Center, and Rogers Middle School on Manvel Road.

Float and Flick returns for Dive-In Movie event

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

It's almost time for the Dive-In Movie sponsored by Parks and Recreation in Pearland.

Float and Flick will be June 25 at the Recreation Center and Natatorium. The event will be from 6:15 to 8:30 pm. The Dreamworks' movie Shark Tale will be shown while viewers float and relax.

It tells the story of a fish named Oscar who falsely claims to have killed Frankie (Imperioli), the son of a shark mob boss named Don Lino, to advance his community standing and teams up with the mobster's other son Lenny to keep up the other facade. Feedback from viewers of the movie find it is visually stunning, and the story makes the moral point that people cannot live a lie.

Only 50 tickets are available. The movie will be shown on a big video display board. Inner tube floats will be provided for those attending.

Tickets for residents as well as non-residents are \$10.

To get tickets or for more information, visit <http://pearlandparks.com/>.

The Recreation Center and the Natatorium are located at 4141 Bailey Road in Pearland.



Runoff election voting day is June 11

Voting Day for the Pearland City Council Position 5 runoff election is June 11. The election will determine Layni Cade or Zach Boyer will serve on Council. Early voting ran May 31 through June 7.

On May 7, Cade led the race across Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend counties by accumulated 46.14 percent of the votes with Boyer at 23.13 percent of votes.

People can vote in person during the early-voting period at Tom Reid Library at 3522 Liberty Drive, Pearland; the West Pearland Library at 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway, Pearland; and the Westside Event Center at 2150 Country Place Parkway, Pearland.

Pearland ISD to host job fair

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Pearland Independent School District will offer a one-stop-shop Job Fair for those interested in positions with Food Services, Transportation and/or Maintenance and Operations.

The fair will take place Saturday, June 11 from 8 am to noon at Pearland High School. Interested candidates are welcome to meet and greet with hiring teams.

The event is an Auxiliary Job Fair and those interested can get a hands-on experience while learning about positions with the different departments.

Applicants will have the opportunity to drive a bus, tour the cafeteria and/or visit classrooms.

Laptops will be available for attendees to fill out online applications as well as have on-site interviews.

Positions are available at several campuses. See available positions at www.pearlandisd.org/employment.

Bilingual staff will be available for assistance if needed.

Pearland High School is located at 3775 South Main St. in Pearland.

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.PearlandISD.org> or email Cissa.Madero@pearlandisd.org.

Registration begins for Leadership Pearland

Leadership Pearland registration has begun, according to Pearland Chamber of Commerce who hosts the program.

Leadership Pearland is a program which identifies and develops talented and committed citizens who aspire to provide leadership in Pearland's business and community activities.

The program develops leaders by providing quality, relevant, leadership skills training to match the dynamic needs of the community. The Program teaches participants about Pearland's governmental, educational, economic, and cultural organizations and encourages future leaders to explore options for personal involvement and relationship building.

The Chamber reports Leadership Pearland creates opportunities for participants to form effective connections with current, past, and future leaders in the community.

Leadership Pearland requires a serious time commitment from participants. It is a series of 11 sessions covering such areas as personal skills, government, economic development, social needs, and other key segments of our community. Additionally, there are mandatory events including the Community Leader's Reception, a Two-Day Retreat, and an overnight stay in Austin.

The program includes a leadership training segment within each session, led by local professionals, and ends with a celebratory graduation. Leadership Pearland will facilitate appointments of graduates into leadership roles within the Pearland Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations upon program completion.

The cost of the program is \$1,200 and is payable by the individual, the employer or a sponsoring organization. Tuition covers most meals, overnight accommodations, supplemental transportation and course materials. Applicants must be 21 or over and live or work in Pearland. Applicants must have employer's approval to be in the program also.

The Leadership Pearland program consists of mandatory attendance to the initial reception, the two-day retreat, overnight trip to our state capital and six day-long sessions, once each month, beginning in September and ending in June. An optional two-night, three day trip to the nation's capital is available for an additional fee. Participants are expected to attend all sessions and are welcome to attend monthly Chamber and Community Events. Participants will be removed from the program if more than 12 cumulative program

hours are missed.

Prime candidates for Leadership Pearland are those individuals who are emerging as leaders within their chosen careers and/or various community organizations and agencies, or current leaders wishing to improve their knowledge and leadership skills. They will represent every sector of the community and will be individuals with enthusiasm and dedication.

Each Leadership class is required to complete a group service project that benefits the community. The Leadership Pearland Class will receive a one-year complimentary membership to the Pearland Chamber of Commerce.

Leadership Pearland, Texas is a national leadership program sponsored by the Pearland Chamber of Commerce. It is designed to identify and bring together men and women of the area who seek the opportunity to expand their involvement in community affairs and are willing to assume leadership positions.

Applications are available at <https://www.pearlandchamber.org/leadership-pearland>.

For more information, visit www.PearlandChamber.org.

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Pearland ISD Names Three New Elementary Principals

The Pearland Independent School District Board recently approved three outstanding administrators to serve as principals at Carlestone, Cockrell and Silvercrest elementaries. Combined, the new principals have nearly 50 years of experience in education.

Amy Etchberger, Carlestone Elementary

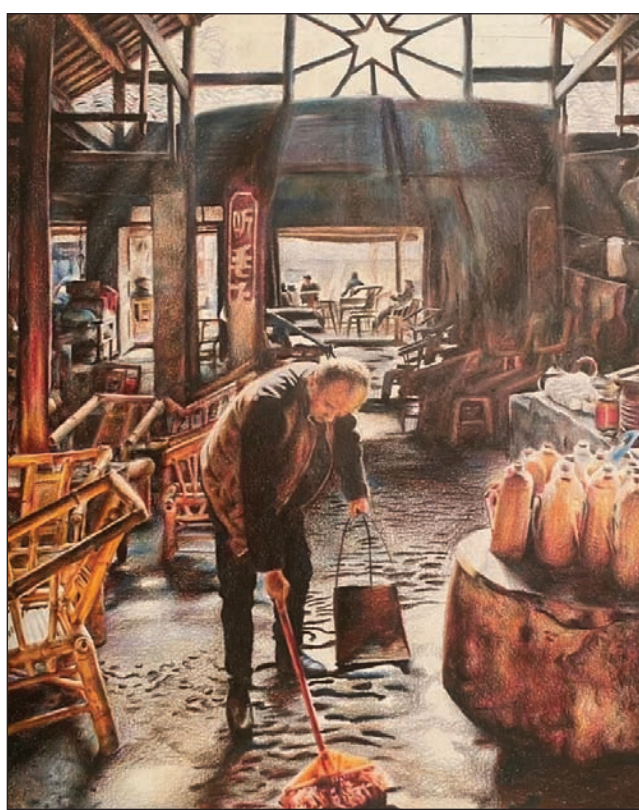
Amy Etchberger will join Carlestone Elementary after serving as an assistant principal at Lawhon Elementary since 2017. Etchberger holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from University of Houston Clear Lake and a master's degree in educational leadership from Lamar University. With 16 years of education experience having previously served as an 8th grade science teacher at Pearland Junior High East, Etchberger is excited to become a Carlestone Cub, grow relationships with the students, staff and families and build upon a great community. "My vision for Carlestone is to grow students academically, socially, and emotionally alongside all stakeholders. I believe we are all important and valuable," she said.

Amanda Windsor, Cockrell Elementary

Amanda Windsor, currently the assistant principal at Shadycrest Elementary, will return to Cockrell Elementary where she joined the Pearland ISD team in 2017 as an AP. After receiving a bachelor's degree in history from University of Houston Clear Lake and a master's degree in educational leadership from Lamar University, Windsor spent the next 13 years dedicated to education with Pearland ISD. She looks forward to sharing her passion and excitement for learning and to helping students and teachers grow. "My ultimate goal is to create a climate and culture that not only are conducive to learning but one where students, teachers, parents and the community feel welcome. It will be my mission to assist teachers in identifying their strengths and empowering them to develop their skill set to better serve our students. I want Cockrell to be a place where students thrive, and teachers feel encouraged and supported," she said.

Stacie Muras, Silvercrest Elementary

The assistant principal at Challenger Elementary since 2019, Stacie Muras will join Silvercrest Elementary with more than 16 years of experience in education. Muras graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in science and a master's degree from Lamar University in Educational Administration. As a fourth-grade teacher, Muras received various honors such as Teacher of the Year and looks forward to building relationships with students, staff and parents to ensure continued academic excellence at Silvercrest Elementary. "My vision for Silvercrest is for the staff, students and parents to build upon the foundation that has been laid and ensure that students are coming to school celebrating their achievements," she said.



GRANDPA'S SHOP by Sophia Fu



PEARLS OF POWER by Sainsha Baskshi

Seven Pearland ISD artists medal at State VASE

Seven Pearland Independent School District students medaled at the State Visual Arts Scholastic Event on April 29-30 in San Marcos. Advancement to State VASE is the highest level of achievement in visual art in Texas.

Three Pearland ISD students received a State Gold Seal Award, in addition to earning state medallions. The Gold Seal is the highest award an art student can receive at the state level from the Texas Art Educator's Association and it grants the artwork selected a spot in the Gold Seal Exhibit, which lasts seven months.

Students include Dawson High School's Sophia Fu (with "Grandpa's Shop"), Pearland High School's Emily Anderson (with "My His-tree") and Turner College & Career High School's Sainsha Baskshi (with "Pearls of Power"). Their art teachers are DHS's Teri Zuteck, PHS's Maryam Sohail and TCCHS's Mark Villalpando.

Also receiving state medallions were DHS's Aruna Muthupillai and Hannah Patterson, PHS's Savannah Miller and TCCHS's Emma Lawrence. Their art teachers are DHS's Teri Zuteck, PHS's Alyssa Hartgrove and TCCHS's Mark Villalpando.

State VASE is the culminating event of the school year for Texas art students and teachers.

Throughout the different competition levels, professional Texas Art Education Association jurors interview students and judge their pieces. During the state event, students have the opportunity to participate in professional workshops, lectures, demonstrations and sketching exercises.

Established in 1994, VASE began with just over 400 student art entries and has since expanded to approximately 31,400 entries in regional events statewide. Only about 2,000 were selected to advance to state.

USFA hosts opening ceremonies event in Pearland on June 24

On Friday, June 24 the (USFA) will host an opening ceremonies event in honor of the 2022 Futures National Tournament and the young athletes scheduled to compete in the series throughout the weekend.

The first of its kind tournament will include a kick-off event from 7 to 9 p.m. at Pearland Town Center and feature food trucks, an on-site DJ, a personal welcome from Mayor Kevin Cole, and a tug-of-war championship between participating athletes.

The Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau (PCVB) encourages community members to help welcome the competitors and their families at this fun and interactive commencement celebration.

"We're excited to support this inaugural event in Pearland in our continued partnership with USFA", said Tracy Rohrbacher, Executive Director of the PCVB. "The community is invited to join us in welcoming the Futures National athletes and their families to the city as they get

ready for a weekend of strong competition."

USFA has been a strong advocate for equality in sports for over 20 years and organizes fastpitch, girls softball tournaments for 8u through 18u players. This is the inaugural year for this new, branded event hosted by USFA.

The Futures National tournament is the fifth in a series of an eight-tournament agreement for 2022 between USFA and the PCVB. Since the partnership began in 2019, Pearland has hosted a total of 419 teams and an estimated 17,545 visitors to the city.

Each division-winning team will receive \$1,000 in USFA Tournament credit for select events during the 2022-2023 season. Registration is still open and interested teams can apply .

Get a selfie with Scratch of the Houston Sabercats, eat some delicious local cuisine, dance to the music under the Pearland Town Center pavilion, and join in welcoming these athletes and their families to Pearland.

KPB to host 40th Pocket Pear event

The 40th Anniversary Pocket Pear Hold'Em Tournament and Casino Night Fundraiser in Pearland is set for June 11 at the Pearland Lions Club at 3550 S. Main St. Doors will open at 5:30 pm with the tournament beginning at 6:45 pm.

All event proceeds will benefit Keep Pearland Beautiful (KPB) programming and the Joe Miller Environmental Scholarship. Since 2009, the Joe Miller Environmental Scholarship has awarded over \$130,000 in scholarships to high school seniors in Pearland who demonstrate environmental stewardship.

KPB programming doesn't end with recycling; they also organize city cleanups, provide environmental teacher training, and promote beautification projects throughout the Pearland area.

For more information or to get tickets, visit <https://pearlandrecycles.com/>.

On your marks...Get set....EXPLORE!

Bats will be the program topic for Environmental Explorers at Delores Fenwick Nature Center in June.

Environmental Explorers is a free, nature-based education program for children ages 0 to 11. Participants can expect to sing songs and hear stories while applying STEM concepts to explore the natural environment around the DFNC.

Pre-registration is required to attend this program and parents/guardians are required to stay with children during the program.

Dates for the Explorers are June 25, July 28, and August 13 from 10 to 10:30 am. Park instructor will be Park Naturalist of DFNC Nature Programs Katie Boughal.

For more information or registration call 281-412-8900. DFNC is located at 5750 Magnolia Parkway in Pearland.

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Photo winners in the KFB contest were announced June 3 at the Concert in the Park in Stevenson Park.

KFB Photo Contest winners announced

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Winners have been announced by Keep Friendswood Beautiful for the top four photo contest winners. KFB held their Annual Friendswood Photo Contest in May. Friendswood residents were asked to submit a photo of anything inside Friendswood City Limits that captures the beauty of Friendswood.

First place was awarded to John Allen for his photo of Friendswood High School football field. Second place was awarded to Sandra Flores for her photo of the Pollinator Garden in Stevenson Park.

Third place was given to Tommy McDonald for his photo of the Fourth of July Parade.

Fourth place was selected of a bluebonnet field by photographer Audrey McDaniel.

The winners were announced at the Concert in the Park June 3 in Stevenson Park.

First Place received a \$500 Visa Gift Card sponsored by HomeTown Bank of Friendswood. Second Place received a \$200 Gift Card to JJ's Car Wash. Third Place was given a \$50 Gift Card to Gimmie A Bark and a \$50 Gift card to Birraporetti's. Fourth Place received a \$50 Gift Card to Power Fit.



NAME THE CATERPILLAR CONTEST

There is a new resident in Stevenson Park but this little creature needs a name. Submit a name for this cute caterpillar in the comments on the City of Friendswood's Facebook page and have a chance to win \$25. The contest is sponsored by Wanda Murphy. The naming contest is open to children 12 and under and the lucky winner will be announced at the Concert in the Park June 24. The caterpillar has been painted by Elisa Williams and donated to the park by the Friends of Stevenson Park. The cute little caterpillar will be used for educational purposes and contest throughout the summer.

Keller named Pearland ISD's Executive Director of Elementary Education

Pearland Independent School District welcomes Marlo Keller as its Executive Director of Elementary Education.

Keller has served as Pearland ISD's 504/Dyslexia Specialist since 2019 and has over 22 years of experience in education, with 19 of those dedicated to the district. She joined Pearland ISD in 2002 as a special education teacher at Challenger Elementary where she taught for two years, served as an AP and principal at Lawhon Elementary from 2004 to 2010, and then as a principal at Shadycrest Elementary from 2010 to 2013.



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Prior to her current position in the district which supports all 23 campuses, Keller provided educational consulting and training services to Pearland ISD and other surrounding districts, while also serving on several district PTA executive boards and working as an administrative substitute.

"My vision is to empower, challenge, support and celebrate our elementary campus leaders through effective communication and a relational approach to leadership," she said. "These past few years have been challenging. Our district's incredibly hard-working principals have led campuses through unprecedented times. They went into leadership for a reason and now is the perfect time for them to be reminded of that. I want to assist in reigniting their passion for leadership and building a collaborative support network with their elementary principal colleagues. Passionate principals inspire teachers to provide the best educational environments possible for all learners."

Keller holds a master's degree in Educational Psychology and a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, both from Texas A&M University. She looks forward to being purposeful about setting up systems to build the capacity of both current and future leaders in Pearland ISD and to motivating other elementary leaders to do the same.

"I love all things elementary and inspiring others. I have been blessed with a variety of professional experiences and incredible mentors that have supported my professional growth throughout my career. I can't wait to be able to return the favor and watch our elementary leaders and teachers shine," she said.

Flower arranging, blackberries to be discussed by Galveston County Master Gardeners

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Register now for the upcoming gardening presentations by Galveston County Master Gardeners as well as saving the date for the upcoming end of summer, just in time for fall planting sale.

Unless otherwise noted all programs are conducted at the Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office located inside Carbide Park at 4102-B Main Street (FM 519) in La Marque.



Arranging Fresh and Artificial Flowers will be presented Saturday, July 9 from 9 to 11 am. Galveston County Master Gardener Jackie Auer will demonstrate and explain the basic techniques of fresh and artificial flower arranging. She has produced arrangements for the retail market, as well as for individuals.

Those attending need to bring their own vase for hands-on arranging. Class is limited to 20 attendees. You must pre-register in

order to attend. Register at <https://txmg.org/galveston>

Blackberry Propagation will be presented Saturday, July 16 from 9 to 11 am. Presented by Horticulture Agent Stephen

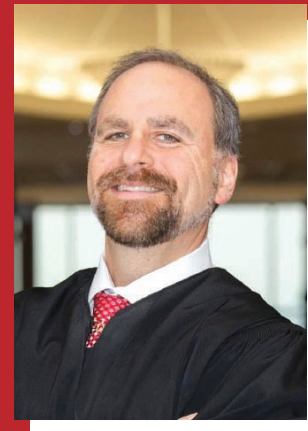
Brueggerhoff, the class will explore blackberry cultivation including varieties (thorned and thornless), growth habit and seasonal pruning, trellising systems, and fertilization. Attendees will learn about soil preparation and planting, as well as

disease and pest management. Register here: <https://txmg.org/galveston>

Save the date for the GCMG's Summer Sundown Sale held online from noon Friday, Sept. 9 to noon Saturday, Sept. 10. GCMGs will offer fruit and citrus trees, tomatoes, and perennial varieties available for purchase.

Visit the Galveston County Master Gardeners' online store for more details and to shop: <https://store.galvestonmg.org>.

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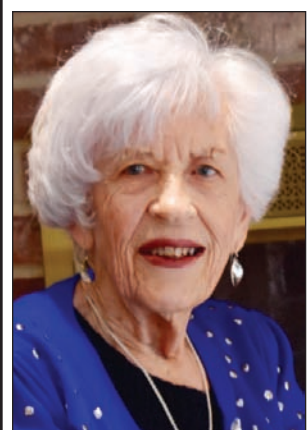
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OBITUARY



Baker

Joycina was born to parents Samuel Lyle Day and Emma Ellen Day (nee Munday), in Wichita, Kansas on Dec. 15, 1928.

Joycina was the oldest of 5 children in her immediate family (Uthona, Bonnie, Coleera and Sam), with two half-sisters (Mary an Elva) by her father from a previous marriage.

She attended Wichita High School East, and then Friends University, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, graduating with honors in English. During her time at Friends University, she met Jim Baker from Friendswood, Texas.

After courting Joycina for some time, Jim won her heart, and they married at Mt. Zion Methodist Church on June 12, 1949.

After graduation, Jim took his new bride back to Friendswood, Texas. Upon arriving at her new home, she very proudly became a Texan by choice, and quickly took to her new community centered around the Friends Church.

Within the course of two years, they built a home, began the process of establishing Friendswood's first true supermarket, and were expecting their first child.

Baker's Lucky 7 Supermarket had its grand open-

ing on July 26, 1952 and quickly became a central focus point for the entire community as they not only sold groceries, but Joycina took the helm of Friendswood's first newspaper, "The Baker Bulletin". She published a weekly newsletter that not only reported on the local happenings, but also the weekly specials on meat, produce and provisions.

By 1959, they had 4 children. Mark, Dayla, Wesley and Matthew.

As husband and wife, Jim and Joycina conducted their business with an honesty and integrity that is rarely seen in modern times. They became known as fair and generous employers, providing work for the local high school kids and keeping the community fed.

Sticking to their convictions, and going against the norm for the day, they refused to sell alcohol or tobacco. Despite that, a loyal customer base kept them in business for 30 years.

After the closing of Baker's supermarket, Joycina found herself drawn to a meaningful new project that combined her passion for the City of Friendswood with her passion for writing.

Over the course of nearly a decade, Joycina researched the families and the founders of Friendswood compiling a detailed history of her chosen hometown. By the time she finished her exhaustive research project, she'd put together a decade by decade account of Friendswood, from the time of its founding through the mid 1990's. Her book titled, "Friendswood: A Settlement of Friendly

Folks" was published just in time for Friendswood's centennial celebration.

During this time, she became active with the Friendswood Historical Society and the Galveston County Historical Commission. She was also instrumental in making the Brown museum what it is today. She is responsible for the placement of several historical markers, including the Quaker Settlement Sites, throughout the city commemorating many of the significant sites and events were detailed in her book.

Joycina received many awards and accolades over the years, Official City Historian (2013) and Friendswood Legend (2019), just to name a few. In 2018 she received the Key to the City on her 90th birthday from Mayor Mike Foreman.

Joycina was a gifted story teller. But one of her favorite pastimes was listening to other people's stories. With 4 children, 6 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, and 2 great-great grandchildren, her favorite stories centered around the lives and accomplishments of her family, which she considered to be her greatest legacy.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 10, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Jeter Funeral Home, 311 N. Friendswood Dr. in Friendswood. The service will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 10 a.m. in the morning at Friends Church, 502 S. Friendswood Dr., and will be streaming live.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Friendswood Historical Society, P.O. Box 474, Friendswood, Texas 77549.



Turner College and Career High School senior Gabriel Angel signed with Repcon and Dow.



Seve Cazares from Dawson High School signed with I.C.S. Inc., Dow and Olin.



Turner College and Career High School senior Vincent Villa signed with Brock and Chevron Phillips Chemical.

Pearland ISD students participate in Brazoria County Petrochemical Council Signing Day

Three Pearland Independent School District students were recognized at the Brazoria County Petrochemical Council (BCPC) Signing Day on May 9, hosted by the BCPC Workforce Development committee. At the event, the high school seniors were invited to pursue a full-time position within the petrochemical industry upon graduation.

Turner College and Career High School senior Vincent Villa signed with Brock and Chevron Phillips Chemical. Also from TCCHS, Gabriel Angel signed with Repcon and Dow. Seve Cazares from Dawson High School signed with I.C.S. Inc., Dow and Olin.

Signing Day Ceremony was a celebration

of students along with their families and supporters of their next step after graduation into full-time employment. Students were challenged to take advantage of the opportunity ahead of them, to work hard, pursue excellence and network, being exposed to limitless possibilities in the construction field.

To participate in BCPC Signing Day, students were required to have been a student in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) class, complete an application, participate in multiple interviews at ABC Texas Gulf Coast in Freeport. The graduates will be reporting to work summer 2022 as employees with multiple contractor and owner companies within the Brazoria County area.

FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

NATIVE AMERICAN WISDOM

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

"My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding - indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." - Proverbs 2:1-6

In late Summer 1973 I had just returned to Texas from Ohio for my second year of education at Texas Lutheran University... coming back a week early allowing me to catch up with new found friends and re-acclimate myself to a part of the country I had quickly come to love... and in that week I remember an outdoor concert in San Antonio showcasing a number of local musicians and featuring Michael Martin Murphy... having only one album recorded and just before we all knew he wanted to be a 'cosmic cowboy'... or chase 'Wildfire' down from Yellow Mountain... everyone looked forward to his playing "Geronimo's Cadillac"... his classic justice song sharing his understanding of how the native Americans were treated resulting from the 10's of 1000's of Europeans who had been arriving one boat at a time for almost 400 years... singing...

"Warden, don't you know That prisoners have no place to go? They took Ol' Geronimo by storm Ripped off the feathers from his uniform Jesus tells me, I believe it's true The red man is in the sunset too Took all their land and they won't give it back Sent Geronimo a Cadillac" (v. 2)

MMM's summation of what happened to the warrior chief and medicine man, Geronimo... for wanting to protect the land his ancestors had occupied for almost 10,000 years... or at least longer than anyone could remember... and just so you know... I love singing this song as it was one of many lullabies I tucked my children into bed with each night... and if you

do not know much about Geronimo and his philosophy and love of life... here's a short quote to peek your interest...

"I cannot think that we are useless... or God would not have created us. There is one God looking down on us all. We are all the children of one God. The sun, the darkness, the winds all listen to what we have to say."

But... don't forget the people around us are watching and listening, too... now more than ever... and still it is good to ask just what is 'wisdom,' anyway? Where does it come from? How do we get it? What do we do with it... once we think we have some? Put into perspective, please, that the wisdom of the native Americans was being catalogued via an oral tradition long before others were writing down sacred truths... and long before there were the religious traditions we now lean on for our 'way of life' these days.

In the book of Proverbs... we read... 'wisdom comes from the mouth of God' and it seems Geronimo would agree even though his life experience was far different from the European culture he faced... sensing that wisdom was both an accumulation of knowledge along with insight to apply that knowledge effectively... no matter where you are from or the name of God one uses to describe a holy relationship... Faith matters...

And from... St. Paul's Letter to the Romans ... "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen..." (ch.1:20) Chief Seattle would echo..."Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect..." as I've said often... 'we remain wonderfully and mysteriously connected.' All of us...

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.



PPD PROMOTIONS

Family, friends, and coworkers gathered in celebration June 1, 2022 as Pearland Police Chief Johnny Spires promoted Detective Jeffrey Bond and Officer Arthur Delgado to Sergeants. Sergeant Bond has been with the department since August of 2010 and has served in the Patrol Division and as a detective in the Criminal Investigations Division. Sergeant Delgado has been with the department since 2011 and has served in the Patrol Division and as a bike patrol officer.



CITY WELCOMES NEW ZEALAND VISITOR

Friendswood City Manager Morad Kabiri hosted Simon Mutonhori, City Management Professional from New Zealand, in Friendswood recently. Mulonhori was here on an exchange program visiting the City of Pearland and Friendswood, and will be attending the Texas City Managers Association Conference June 9-12 in Cedar Creek.

SPORTS

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

Watch your words!

I remember a commercial on the radio that was a warning to parents to “watch your words” to our children because of the adverse affect that they have on them psychologically and emotionally.

Phrases like: “You’re so stupid!” “I wish you had never been born!” “You’ll never amount to anything!” “You’re more trouble than what you’re worth!”

How devastating to a young child or teenager. Is it any wonder why we have so many young people drawn to the enticement of drug and alcohol abuse with the luring temptation that they will feel better about themselves? Is it possible that teen suicide has risen to epidemic proportions because death is more attractive than life?

Of course, words are also shot at parents from rebellious young people: “I wish you weren’t my parents!” “You don’t love me!” “You never let me have any fun!” “I can’t wait to get out of this house and away from you!” Sound familiar? Wonder where they learned those attitudes?

According to a recent article, a noted Christian counselor stated, “The greatest war going on in America is not the battle of drug and alcohol abuse, crime in the street, or fighting the poverty in the nation. The greatest war is the war of words going on in the homes of the American family.”

Words are used to assault another human being. They leave a young person or an adult battered in life. They murder a person’s reputation and character. They are as volatile as they are vital.

It was Washington Irving who first said, A sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use.”

Words can become verbal cyanide. Lethal, relentless, flaming missiles which assault with killing power, searing and destroying at will. That’s what happens every time you put your mind in neutral and your tongue in gear. Or, as William Norris, an American journalist penned:

If your lips would keep from slips, Five things observe with care:

To whom you speak; of whom you speak;

And how, and when, and where.

Publius, the Greek sage, put his finger on another technique we tend to forget when he admitted:

“I have often regretted my speech, but never my silence!”

King David, the beloved writer of the Psalms put it this way:

I will guard my ways, That I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth as with a muzzle.”

That’s it! A tight, conscious muzzle on the muscle in your mouth. To do this, why not consider three steps.

1. THINK FIRST

Before your lips start moving, pause ten seconds and mentally preview your words. Are they accurate or exaggerated? Kind or cutting? Necessary or needless? Wholesome or vile? Grateful or complaining?

2. TALK LESS

Your chances of blowing it are directly proportional to the amount of time you spend with your mouth open. Try closing it for a while. Compulsive talkers find it difficult to keep friends. They’re irritating. So conserve your verbal energy!

3. START TODAY

Fit that muzzle on your mouth NOW! It’s a project you’ve put off long enough.

There is a war going on in the American home. It’s the war of words. Your words can either bless or blast. But remember: the ones you are suppose to love the most are the ones who will be affected the most by what you say. WATCH YOUR WORDS!

Old friend Robert said, “Be sure you taste your words before you spit them out! Once your words are said, they can only be forgiven — not forgotten!”

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Photo by Olyn Taylor

WINNING PITCHER - Friendswood hurler Jacob Rogers pitched seven innings, gave up four hits and struck out five to get Game 1 win over Lake Creek in the best-of-three series. The Mustangs won 4-1 and 8-3 to advance to the 5A state baseball tournament at Dell Diamond Stadium in Round Rock.

Friendswood diamondmen advance to 5A state tournament

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
 Reporter News Staff

The journey continues for the Friendswood baseball as they swept the Lake Creek Lions 4-1 and 8-3 to win the Class 5A Region III title and punch their ticket to the Class 5A state baseball tournament at Dell Diamond in Round Rock.

“We’ve had a target on our backs since last year, and I’m so proud of these guys,” Friendswood head baseball coach Cory Benavides said. “The ups and downs that we’ve been through this year, it prepared us for now. And it showed — we were calm, relaxed, and that’s

what I asked for.”

In Game 1, Lake Creek took an early 1-0 lead, but the Mustangs responded by scoring four runs in the fourth frame after a lackluster first three frames.

The Mustangs exploded on offense as they batted around in the inning. A one-out single from Dane Perry breaking up Shane Sdao’s no-hitter got things started for Friendswood.

With two outs, three consecutive walks drawn by Collin Goolsby, Ayden Percy and Black (RBI) knotted the score 1-1. Kyle Lockhart stroked an RBI single to left field to give Friendswood a 2-1 lead, and then the Mustangs

were able to pad their lead to 4-1 with a run scoring on a balk and another scoring on a wild pitch.

That’s all the Mustangs would need to hang on to the 4-1 win over the Lions.

Friendswood ace pitcher Jacob Rogers settled in after getting support from his teammates. After giving up a run in the first inning and four hits through four innings, Rogers allowed no hits and retired nine of the final 10 Lake Creek batters in his final three innings - pitching a complete-game win (7 innings, four hits, one run, one walk, five strikeouts).

In Game 2, Friendswood got a solid team effort defensively, on the mound and a five-RBI outing from Dylan Maxcey for an 8-3 win over Lake Creek at Rice University’s Reckling Park, sweeping the best-of-three 5A Region III championship series.

Friendswood’s starting pitcher Easton Tumis went 4.2 tough innings (three hits, three runs, two walks, three strikeouts), freshman Dane Perry entered the game in a tough spot of middle-inning relief pitching (1.1 innings, two hits, no runs, no walks, two strikeouts), but came through to set the stage for closer Griffin Kasemeyer to slam the door on the game in the seventh inning.

Friendswood wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as Boots Landry sent a line-drive two-run home run over the right field wall in the top of the first inning for an early 2-0 lead.

Maxcey recorded the first of his five RBIs with a run-scoring double down the left-field line for a 3-0 advantage in the top of the second.

Lake Creek got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the second to cut the lead to 3-1, but Friendswood answered back in the top of the fourth, as Maxcey drilled a two-out three-run home run to left field to give the Mustangs a 6-1 advantage.

The Lions cut the margin to 6-3 in the top of the fifth, but the Mustangs answered in the top of the sixth on an RBI sac fly from Maxcey and an RBI double smashed into the right-center field gap by Reed South.

The Friendswood pitching staff did their part as starting pitcher Easton Tumis went 4.2 innings (three hits, three runs, two walks, three strikeouts), freshman Dane Perry entered the game in a tough spot of middle-inning relief pitching (1.1 innings, two hits, no runs, no walks, two strikeouts), but came through to set the stage for closer Griffin Kasemeyer to slam the door on the game in the seventh inning.

Friendswood belted out 11 total base hits coming from Maxcey (2-for-3), South (2-for-4), Ayden Percy (2-for-3) and Kyle Lockhart (2-for-3).

The Mustangs (27-9-1) will face Mansfield Legacy (32-9) at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 9 at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock in the Class 5A state semifinals.



Photo by Olyn Taylor

OUT AT HOME PLATE - Friendswood outfielder Tatum Black makes a sensational throw to catcher Dylan Maxcey to cut down the Lake Creek runner at home plate. The Mustangs swept the Lions 4-1 and 8-3 to advance to the 5A state baseball tournament in Round Rock on Thursday, June 9 at 4 p.m.

Clark, Pearland, Dawson softball players receive All-District honors

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
 Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Lady Oilers captured the District 23-6A title and advanced to the 6A Region III finals before coming up short against the 6A defending state champions Deer Park. The Lady Oilers closed out with a 32-10 season record.

The district coaches selected Pearland head coach Laneigh Clark as the District 23-6A “Coach of the Year.” Clark, who was inducted in the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) Hall of Fame last year, has won over 700 games and is the winningest 6A coach in Texas softball history. She has been at the helm of the Lady Oilers since 1998. Clark is the second winningest coach of any class in Texas.

PEARLAND LADY OILERS

Pearland had five players named to the All-District first-team. They were: junior pitcher Abigail Gutierrez [16-3 pitching record, 1.28 strikeouts, 1.376 ERA], junior second baseman Kennedy Drafton [.548 BA, 5 doubles, 2 triples, 3 HRs, 37

RBIs, 15 stolen bases, 31 runs], junior at-large infielder Kristyn Whitlock [.460 BA, 9 doubles, 5 triples, 6 HRs, 51 RBIs, 32 runs], junior outfielder Hailey Golden [.636 BA, 7 doubles, 2 triples, one HR, 24 RBIs, 38 stolen bases, 60 runs] and senior first-team at-large Alayna Calvillo [.414 BA, 26 runs, 28 RBIs, 1 double, 4 triples, 14 stolen bases].

Second-team All-District picks for Pearland were: catcher Trinity Perry, third baseman Raenna Liscano, outfielder Darian DeLeon, Utility player Lydia Njus and at-large selection Allissa McClellan.

Honorable mention for Pearland included: Isela Flores and Kelsey Mullen.

DAWSON LADY EAGLES

All-District first-team selections for Dawson included: junior pitcher Gigi Solis [4-1 pitching record, .238 ERA, .342 BA, 9 runs, 11 RBIs], junior catcher Makenzie Wright [.447 BA, 12 runs, 18 RBIs, 2 doubles], senior outfielder Brooklyn Malone [.400 BA, 12 runs, 23 RBIs], sophomore utility Cara Pittman [.364 BA, 25 runs, 18 RBIs, 2 doubles,

2 triples, 1 HR], and at-large picks sophomore Se’Mya Jones [.583 BA, 27 runs, 13 RBIs, 3 doubles, 2 HRs].

Second-team All-District picks include: freshman catcher Payton Travis, freshman outfielder freshman Evey Dieudonne and freshman Elana Luna, freshman DP Chloe Prince, and at-large picks junior Alexa Clark.

Honorable mention selections include: Abella Mata and Emily Mullen.



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LEGALS

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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposals for Restaurant, Catering, and Grocery Supply RFP # 22-0930-16 until 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 30, 2022. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and submit their response at the following link: <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>.

LEGALS

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 2022-15 CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

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. 2022-15**, 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 23, 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 **Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.**, at Friendswood City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

For additional information, please contact James Toney, Parks and Recreation Director at (281) 996-3220 or via email to rec@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

LEGALS

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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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Pictured left to right: Charlotte Hall, Leslie Yarbrough, FEF Board President Molly Crow, Kim Montz and FEF Nominating Committee Chair Allan Rasmussen.

FEF honors retiring directors

The Friendswood ISD Education Foundation (FEF) honored three retiring directors during its Board Meeting on May 5. The outgoing board members are Charlotte Hall, Kim Montz and Leslie Yarbrough.

"It is difficult to put into words what these three ladies have contributed to the growth of the Education Foundation," FEF Nominating Committee Chair Allan Rasmussen said.

Between the three, the group has dedicated 28 years of service to the Foundation's Board. Having served 13 years, Montz will be recognized as a Director Emeritus, maintaining all rights and privileges of an active director without holding a voting position.

Montz was instrumental in building FEF's Adopt-A-Grant program, serv-

ing as the Grant Committee chair for a number of years. She shared some of her favorite grants over the years were a Rapology grant for a junior high social studies class and the medical grants at the high school.

"While I served on a number of committees during my time with FEF, grants were always the most important to me because they are one of the greatest ways we live out our mission as a Foundation," Montz said.

Hall and Yarbrough shared some of their favorite memories serving on FEF's Gala Committee.

"Our first gala paddle raise in 2020 was definitely one of my favorite moments," Yarbrough said. "We were anxious to try something new but were blown away at the generous response from our guests. The result was truly

moving and more than we could have ever imagined."

The three leave big shoes to fill and are looking forward to continuing to support the Foundation in new ways.

"I have loved seeing how things have evolved over time," Hall said. "We are so excited to see all that lies ahead for the Foundation."

Rasmussen commented the three retiring directors share an energy and passion for education and kids that has been infectious to the rest of the Board.

"Charlotte, Kim and Leslie have been a huge blessing to the Foundation," Rasmussen said. "They will be greatly missed but we look forward to partnering with them in new ways in the future."

Alvin ISD staff members receive Alvin ISD Believes Award

Alvin ISD administrators set out across the District recently to surprise 39 district employees with the Alvin ISD Believes Award. This prestigious award is a district-wide initiative.

The Alvin ISD Believes Award is given to outstanding individuals who embody every component of our district vision and beliefs of:

- We believe students achieve their maximum potential when provided engaging learning opportunities.
- We believe parents expect excellence in educational experiences that will make each child's goals become achievable.
- We believe teachers create a safe and engaging learning environment that fosters the success of each student.
- We believe campus leaders establish a climate where everyone matters by creating a culture of pride and ownership in their schools.
- We believe the central office provides the foundation to equip staff with resources in a supportive environment so that each student has the opportunity to thrive.
- We believe the Board of Trustees engages the community to create an environment where excellence is prioritized to ensure each student reaches his or her maximum potential.

Alvin ISD Believes Award recipients are:
Debbie Middlebrooks - Insurance
Wayne Elsner - JB Hensler
Kyle Kettler - JB Hensler
Michelle McGowen - Federal & Special Programs
Ofc. Pheneria "Pea" Manuell - Harby Jr. High
Meagan Potts - Passmore Elementary
Elida Lara - Caffey Jr. High

- Justin Walker - Caffey Jr. High
- Michael Hernandez - Caffey Jr. High
- Brandi Goudeau - York Elementary
- Greg Bingham - Transportation
- Randy White - Harby Jr. High
- James Gage - Alvin High School
- Veena Menezes - Rodeo Palms Jr. High
- Tracey Pollard - Nelson Elementary
- Cecilia Thomas - McNair Jr. High
- William Thompson - McNair Jr. High
- Brandi Greaney - McNair Jr. High
- Jodi Christopoulos - Meridiana Elementary
- Letty Fuentes - Shadow Creek HS
- Michelle Terry - Savannah Lakes Elementary
- Jonathan Pham - Shadow Creek High School
- Enrique Ponce - Transportation
- John Burrows - JB Hensler
- Amanda Boyd - Wilder Elementary
- Rebecca Bergmann - EC Mason Elementary
- Amulette Moody - Brothers Elementary
- Michelle Zacharias - RISE Academy
- Renee Ryan - Mark Twain Elementary
- Laniece Fletcher - Marek Elementary
- Ashley Harris-Delgado - Walt Disney Elementary
- Daniela Almendarez - Don Jeter Elementary
- Robyn Brito - Fairview Jr. High
- Diona Lemon - Duke Elementary
- Lindsey Derbonne - Hasse Elementary
- Irving Peralta - Federal & Special Programs
- Keisha Miles - CTE
- Tammy Taylor - Administrative Services
- Roman Nieto - Sanchez Elementary



JASMINE JOURNEY HOLISTIC WELLNESS JOINS FRIENDSWOOD CHAMBER

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Amanda Schoby, owner of Jasmine Journey Holistic Wellness. They are located at 902 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood, Texas 77546. Give them a call at 281-731-3007 and check out their website for more information at www.jasminejourney.com. Everyone enjoyed touring the location, great food, drinks, and networking. Enjoying this special day with Amanda is her supportive family members and friends, along with Chamber Board and Ambassador team members. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce please call 281-482-3329, email info@friendswoodchamber.com, or visit www.friendswoodchamber.com. The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood.



FRIENDSWOOD CHAMBER WELCOMES SOUTH REGION DRIVING SCHOOL

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Coach Mark Milton, owner of South Region Driving School Friendswood. They are located at 700 South Friendswood Drive, Suite B, Friendswood, Texas 77546. Give them a call at 281.993.8191 or for more information check out their website at www.southregiondriving.com. Everyone enjoyed networking, fellowship, touring their new location, snacks, and drinks. Enjoying this special day with Coach Milton are his supportive employees DET Instructor-Yolanda Milton, Secretary-Ashley Milton, Office Manager-April Sullivan along with the location owners La Porte Alicia and Thomas Green. Also attending was Cnamber Board and Ambassador Team Members. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce please call 281-482-3329, email info@friendswoodchamber.com, or visit www.friendswoodchamber.com. The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood.