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Around Town

Now until August 12

KIDZ PACZ FOOD PROGRAM
 The Kidz Pacz Summer Program will offer free food packs for qualifying children, ages 3-18 years old, from June 5 to August 12 at the Friendswood Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr. Registration is required. Library hours are: Monday-Thursday 10am to 9pm, Friday & Saturday 10am to 6pm. Call 281-482-7135 or email chicks@friendswood.com to register or for more information. The program is provided by the Galveston County Food Bank.

June 15
MOVIES ON THE LAWN
 "Labyrinth" is the featured movie for the June 15 "Movies on the Lawn" at Baybrook Mall. Movie starts at 7pm. There will also be lawn games.

June 16
CONCERT IN THE PARK
 Lost Shaker of Salt - a Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band - will perform Friday, June 16 at Concert in the Park in Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. Concerts are free and start at 7pm. Prizes are given during intermission.

June 17
FRIENDSWOOD COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST
 The Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast will be held Saturday, June 17 from 7:30 to 9:00am at The Harbor Church, 2821 West Parkwood, Friendswood. All are invited for the breakfast, the program with speaker Jonelle Fields from Inspira Resource Center, and a time of prayer around the tables. For more information and to RSVP, please call or text Steve Martin Sr. at 832-607-1734. Requested donation is \$10.

DRAWING WORKSHOP
 Improve your skills or trying something new at the Friendswood Library's Drawing Workshop on Saturday, June 17 starting at 3:30pm. Feel free to bring a current project. Please bring pencils and paper. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr. To learn more visit friendswood.lib.tx.us.

MOBILE VET CLINIC
 Countryside Mobile Vet will offer a Low Cost Vaccinations Clinic on Saturday, June 17 from 11am to 3pm at Gulf Coast Equine and Pet Center, 4111 FM 2351 in Friendswood.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY FAIR
 The City of Friendswood will join area communities in presenting a Hurricane Preparedness and Safety Fair on Saturday, June 17 from 10am to 1pm at Hometown Heroes Park in League City. Information will include seasonal outlook from NWS, door prizes, touch-a-truck, preparedness vendors, face painting, music, and much more. Free to public.

June 20
CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT
 Friendswood Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours networking event is slated for Tuesday, June 20 from 4 to 6pm at Jado'z Grill House, 804 S. Friendswood Dr. Lite snacks will be served.

June 22
CHAMBER LUNCH & LEARN
 The public is invited to attend the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce Hurricane Season Lunch & Learn on Thursday, June 22 from 11:45am to 1:00pm at the chamber office, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. Learn how to prepare your home and business before a storm arrives. Bring your own lunch - no RSVP required.

FAMILY YOGA AT THE LIBRARY
 Family Yoga will be offered at the Friendswood Library on Thursday, June 22 from 1:30 to 2:00pm or 2:30 to 3:00pm. This family-friendly class will focus on the child. All ages welcome - especially ages 3-8. Space is limited so please arrive early -first come first serve. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

WORLD'S LARGEST SWIMMING LESSON
 The community is invited to attend the World's Largest Swimming Lesson on Thursday, June 22 from 12pm to 5pm at the city pool. Participants of all ages and abilities are welcome. All lessons will be taught by C.O.F. swim instructors and F.A.S.T. coaches. Register for the free event at <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/friendswood-tx/catalog>. For more information call 281-996-3342 or email pool@friendswood.com. The pool is located at 900 Cedarwood Ave.

June 23
CONCERT IN THE PARK
 Double Vision - a Foreigner tribute band - will perform Friday, June 23 at Concert in the Park in Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. Free to public.

FISD Board continues to honor staff, students

By KAROLYN GEPHART
 Reporter News Staff

Even though summer has begun and school is officially out, the Friendswood ISD School Board is still recognizing and honoring both staff and students in the district.

Each month a campus or department in FISD highlights and honors faculty or staff members who made a difference. At the Board meeting June 12, Kim Dingle from the Business Office was honored as an auxiliary staff member who made a difference in the district.

A Celebration of Excellence Award was given to Transportation Dept. members who participated in the TAPT Bus Road-co. Brant Perry earned 2nd place in the event. Michelle Summers and Shayna Smith placed 7th.

The FHS Girls Lacrosse team competed at State. Coach Eirene McBride and the following members were honored at the meeting:

Abby Lovett, Allison Black, Amanda Vigil, Annabelle Moran, Annabelle Rich, Anna Henry, Ashlyn Vincent, Ava Galvez, Ava Hickham, Bizzie Sterken, Brilee Bristow, Ella Whiteside, Hayden Hathaway, Jessica Voiers, Jordan Mast, Kendal Lawrence, Kinleigh Crochet, Lacy Bryan, Landry

Williamson, Lizzie Hillier, Mary Kerr, Naomi Vogtman, Nora Perry, Presley Studebaker, Rylee Miller, Suri Rocha, Tabitha Gotsch, Tori Voiers, Victoria Gomez and Zoey Tong.

In other Board meeting news, Matthew Bowles was approved to be a new Assistant Principal at

FHS, for the 2023-2024 school year. He was offered a one-year probationary Chapter 21 Administrator Contract. Bowles started his career in education in 2007. He served as an Assistant Principal for Bay City ISD during the 2022/2023 school year.

The Board also worked on their new schedule for the 2023-2024. The January, March, and July regular Board meetings fall on or near a district holiday. The Superintendent recommended re-scheduling the meetings to adequately prepare information and agenda for the meetings. The Jan. 8 Meeting is the Monday after Winter Break. It will move to the following Tuesday, Jan. 16 (Jan. 15 is a holiday). March 11 meeting is during FISD Spring Break. The meeting is now planned to be one week earlier on March 4, 2024. July 8 meeting is the Monday following the week-long closure. It has been moved to one week later on July 15, 2024.



Kim Dingle, FISD Bond Manager, received the Making a Difference Award. Kim is pictured with Board President Tony Hopkins and Superintendent Thad Roher.

Committee reports on 128th Friendswood July 4 Celebration

By KAROLYN GEPHART
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This year's theme for Friendswood 128th Annual Fourth of July Celebration is *Traveling in the USA*. A report of the upcoming celebration was presented at the Friendswood City Council meeting June 5.

The celebration will take place on Tuesday, July 4, with the Grand Parade starting at 10 am on S. Friendswood Drive (FM 518) at Heritage Drive and concluding at Stevenson Park.

The day program at Stevenson Park at 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. will follow the Grand Parade. There will be vendors, games, food, and entertainment until 2 pm.

The evening concert and fireworks display will again be held at Centennial Park at 2200 S. Friendswood Dr. This will be a special night, according to the committee, with music from the Tin Man Band and a spectacular fireworks extravaganza. The evening program will begin at 7:30 pm. Fireworks will begin at approximately 9:40 pm.

There is no public parking at Centennial Park. Instead, a shuttle service will be provided from Friendswood High School and Friendswood Methodist Church. Buses will start rolling at 6:30 pm. A bus to accommodate those with special needs will be available at Mary Queen Catholic Church. Shuttles will run to Centennial Park from 6:30 to 8:45 pm

For questions about the 4th of July festivities, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 281-996-3220 or rec@friendswood.com.

In other Council news, Waste Connections of Texas reported the name so their 2023 scholarship recipients. From Friendswood High School, Madison Ressler was a recipient and will attend Stephen F Austin State University to major in biology. Thomas Jennische is a recipient from Clear Brook High School and will attend Texas State University to study Communication Disorders. Aiden Clarkson from Clear Springs High School is the third recipient and will attend the University of Oklahoma to study Business Management.

Friendswood has special 10 year old mayor

By KAROLYN GEPHART
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When Friendswood ISD student Randen Wagoner returns to school in the fall, he will have a special event to share with his classes on what he did this summer. Wagoner was Mayor of Friendswood for a Day on June 8.

The opportunity to be mayor was given to him by his parents who purchased the auction item at the Friendswood Education Foundation gala in February 2023.

Mayor Mike Foreman and his staff organized the day and invited Wagoner to participate.

City Secretary Lettie Brysch conducted the Oath of Office for the one-day service in the Council Chambers to start the day. He received a special City of Friendswood pin and the stamped document authorizing the event.

After reviewing the mayor's itinerary for the day in the mayor's office, Foreman and Wagoner set out to places where the young mayor could learn more about the city. They attended an executive staff meeting and took a

tour of City Hall, meeting the many staff members in their departments.

Videographer Katy Harris worked with Wagoner to create a Mayor's Minute Public



Randen Wagoner was named Friendswood Mayor for a Day on June 8. Photo by Karolyn Gephart

Service Announcement featuring the young 'mayor.'

He toured the Fire Marshal's Office, Office of Emergency Management, Police Department, Court facilities, and the library.

The day for Wagoner ended with lunch with Mayor Foreman.

This is the beginning of a great summer for the 10 year old who will travel in July with his parents and three brothers to Italy for a family vacation. In the fall he will be in the fourth grade at Bales in FISD. He looks forward to returning to play his favorite sport, football where he performs as a defensive lineman. He also looks forward to watching the Kansas City Chiefs whom he predicted will have a great year.

He hopes to become a professional football player for his future career.

His parents are Hayley and Cody Wagoner of Friendswood. He has three brothers: Rhett (9th grade), Roston (8th grade) and Ren (pre-school). He is the only one in the family so far that has served as the Friendswood Mayor for a Day, a very special day indeed.

Library presents annual report to Council

By KAROLYN GEPHART
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The Friendswood Library presented its annual report at the recent Friendswood City Council meeting June 5. The report included the accomplishments of related library organizations as well as from the library itself.

The Library Board assisted and approved Friendswood Library 2023-2028 long-range strategic plan, served on the Galveston County Library System Advisory Council and approved the Galveston County Library System budget. They also assisted Friends of the Library in hosting the library fundraising gala, met with library staff for regular board meetings to advise on library services and policies and presented Outstanding Programming Award to Irina Varentsova for her volunteer art programs.

The Friends of the Library members are

currently planning the Through the Looking Glass themed Library Gala scheduled for Sept. 30. They have assisted the library with funding for a facility renovation project, raised over \$5,000 from book sales, and sponsored programs and events throughout the year. They sponsored programs and events throughout the year including music performances, movie nights and youth summer reading programs. They purchased prizes for summer reading programs and other reading challenges. They also purchased the new Library Outreach Vehicle for home delivery and other outreach projects. The Friends are composed of 156 members.

Library personnel also shared with Council their accomplishments as a library. The library won for the ninth consecutive year the TMLDA Achievement in Library Excellence Award. They were awarded the Community

Champion award by the Board of the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families. They hosted annual Summer Reading Programs, World Film Festival, ZakiCon anime event, Ceramics Art Show, and Ekphrastic Poetry Festival among numerous other educational and recreational programs.

They provided scholarships for the Excel Adult High School completion program offered through the library and provided school and daycare outreach for literacy and Makerspace programs. The library partnered with Galveston County Food Bank to provide food Kidz Pacz throughout the summer. They hosted Workforce Solutions job skills training and AARP tax preparation as well as added additional hotspots and e-book readers for circulation. The library provided home delivery of library materials to at risk and homebound patrons.

PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

Below are highlights from reports filed during the past week by Pearland Police. Incident and arrest reports are public record and are available in full online at p2c.pearlandtx.gov.

• Wednesday, June 7
Possession of drug paraphernalia arrest at 1:18 a.m., 3210 McLean Road.

Hospice death at 3:40 a.m., 1200 block of Roland Rue.

DWI arrest at 4:24 a.m., 11000 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Fraudulent use of identifying information reported at 12:15 p.m., 1100 block of St. John Drive.

Unauthorized use of vehicle at 2:47 p.m., 3600 block of Business Center Drive.

DWI arrest with blood alcohol level over .15 at 3:53 p.m., 3500 Broadway St.

An arrest for unlawful transfer of sexually explicit material was made at 4:11 p.m., 3100 block of Yost Blvd.

Arrest for violation of protective order, 6200 block of Promenade Lane.

A 31-year-old Pearland man was charged with continuous violence against family at 8:21 p.m., 5700 block of Cantu St.

Hospice death reported just before midnight, 1900 block of Washington Irving Drive.

• Thursday, June 8

Family violence assault arrest was made at 4:53 p.m., 5000 block of Francis Drive.

Possession of drug paraphernalia arrest at 10:33 p.m., 3000 block of Cullen Parkway.

Arrest for driving while license invalid at 11:14 p.m., 2500 Alexander Lane.

• Friday, June 9

A 31-year-old Houston man was arrested around 1 a.m. for fleeing police officer and possession of drug paraphernalia, 11944 Shadow Creek Parkway.

A Pearland woman, 24, was arrested for DWI-enhanced, at 2 a.m., 6000 block of Ravenwood Drive.

A Houston man was arrested at 5:48 p.m. for felony theft with previous convictions, 11200 Broadway St.

A Pearland man was arrested at 6:13 p.m. and charged with two counts of aggravated assault with deadly weapon, 11900 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Death investigation at 6:37 p.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

DWI arrest at 7:31 p.m., 3100 Dixie Farm Road.

• Saturday, June 10
Public intoxication arrest at 12:13 a.m., 3400 block of Dorsey Lane.

A 20-year-old local resident was arrested for DWI by a minor at 2 a.m., 4600 Orange Circle.

A local man, 21, was arrested around 7 a.m. in Houston and charged with sexual assault of a child, a first-degree felony.

A Pearland woman, 26, was arrested around 8 a.m. for assault impeding breathing or circulation, 5800 block of Little Grove Drive.

Possession of drug paraphernalia arrest at 9:16 a.m., 4600 W. Orange St.

A 48-year-old Galveston man was arrested at 8 p.m. for illegal dumping of more than five pounds, 3000 Broadway St.

Public intoxication arrest at 9:27 p.m., 2500 block of Julie St.

• Sunday, June 11

Family violence assault arrest at 1 a.m., 2800 block of Sam Houston Parkway East.

Family violence assault causing bodily injury arrest at 2:41 a.m., 3700 block of Timber Grove Court.

Family violence assault by contact at 5:18 a.m., 3100 block of Laurel Bend Lane.

Death investigation at 10:18 a.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Family violence assault causing bodily injury arrest at 1 p.m., 3000 block of Keswick Drive.

Hospice death at 4:25 p.m., 12600 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Death investigation at 6 p.m., 2900 block of Fountain Brook Court.

A Houston man, 59, was arrested for DWI -second offense, fleeing police and accident involving damage at 10:18 p.m. Sunday, 9500 Broadway St.

• Monday, June 12

Arrest for family violence assault impeding breathing or circulation at 7 a.m., 2900 Waterloo Road.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury at 4 p.m., 9700 Broadway St.

Two people were arrested and charged with shoplifting and felony theft around 6:20 p.m., 1710 Broadway St.

Shoplifting arrest at 7 p.m., 1919 Main St.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

JUNE 5 thru JUNE 11

THEFT

June 9 (1:46 p.m.) A theft of two Mellow Yellow Vapes was reported at Ranch Express located at 2210 S. Friendswood Dr. A male attempted to purchase the vapes, pretended to pay with his credit card, but when the charge did not go through, he grabbed the vapes and ran out the door. The store clerk was able to get a license plate as the man fled from the parking lot. The registered owner of the vehicle was contacted, and identified his son as the suspect.

June 10 (9:29 p.m.) A 43-year-old Alvin man was charged with Theft. A witness reported a man lying on the ground with a four-wheeler and a bicycle at the intersection of W. Parkwood Avenue and Falcon Ridge. When officers arrived, they found the suspect in possession of a small four-wheeler, a skateboard, and a bicycle. He was unable to provide the officer with information about where he obtained the items, and the officer was suspicious that the four-wheeler was stolen. The man was seen earlier in the evening in the 1500 block of Sunset Drive. The officer checked a vacant residence in the 800 block of W. Parkwood Avenue and found a similar four-wheeler parked there. After checking the registration on a truck parked at the location, the officer was able to identify the owner of the four-wheeler and theft charges were filed on the suspect.

June 11 (3:22 p.m.) Construction equipment was stolen from a construction site located at 14150 Beamer Road. When an employee arrived at the job-site, he noticed that a trailer was moved. Then, he realized that an orange Kubota skid steer was stolen. The equipment was equipped with GPS. The GPS showed the equipment in motion at 2:00 p.m. on June 11. The stolen equipment was found in the 1200 block of Dixie Farm Road. The equipment was vandalized but was able to be relocated back to the construction site.

FRAUD

June 6 (2:24 p.m.) A Friendswood woman was scammed in a fake employment scheme. She applied for part-time employment online. The initial contact was through Facebook Messenger, but soon moved to the Telegram App. She got the job and was sent an electronic check to be used to purchase a laptop and other necessary equipment for the job. She deposited the check into her checking account. She was instructed to wire money, using Zelle, in three transactions to three different individuals. Then, she withdrew cash from her account and purchased gift cards, giving the gift cards to her new employer. She later learned that the

check was fraudulent.
June 7 (1:16 p.m.) Chase Bank at 255 W. Parkwood Avenue reported suspicious activity. Persons were inside the bank attempting to use fraudulent identification to open a bank account. An undercover officer observed the two suspects leave the bank and get into a grey Kia. They drove within the business complex, stopped, exited the Kia and got into a white Dodge Charger. The Charger left, then pulled back into the bank parking lot. The undercover officer was watching this activity the entire time. The two suspicious persons exited the Charger and were stopped as they walked through the parking lot by a uniformed Friendswood police officer. A 51-year-old Baytown woman and a 20-year-old man from Spring were stopped. The woman presented a California driver's license with a different name on it. She had outstanding warrants. After talking with bank employees, the officers learned that the woman presented a fake New Jersey driver's license to open a savings account. The driver of the Kia was a 25-year-old Missouri City man. He was in possession of drug paraphernalia. Inside the vehicle, officers found several items showing social security numbers, checking and savings account numbers, passwords, and out-of-state drivers' licenses. All three were charged with Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information and Forgery.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

June 5 (9:11 a.m.) A 32-year-old Alvin woman was charged with Criminal Mischief. She intentionally broke a bottle of wine while at HEB, 701 W. Parkwood Ave. An employee observed her raise the bottle of wine above her head and throw it to the ground. She was found in the parking lot of HEB by police.

NARCOTICS

June 5 (3:54 p.m.) An 18-year-old Rosharon man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The suspect was stopped for no front license plate. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search yielded marijuana, a small scale, and several small plastic bags.
June 6 (4:10 pm.) A 39-year-old Alvin man was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The suspect was stopped for an insurance violation in the 1700 block of W. Parkwood Ave. He admitted to being in possession of marijuana. A search was conducted, and Ecstasy pills were found.

June 7 (7:30 p.m.) A 19-year-old Alvin man and a 19-year-old Magnolia woman were charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The man was stopped for a license plate violation

and defective brake lights in the 3500 block of FM 528. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search of the vehicle yielded a THC vape pen, marijuana, glass pipes, and a grinder.
June 8 (4:08 p.m.) A 25-year-old Houston man was charged with Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1 and Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon. A 26-year-old La Marque man was charged with Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon. The driver was stopped for failing to signal a turn in the 200 block of Whispering Pines. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. The driver handed the officer a marijuana cigarette that was in the center cup holder. The three occupants of the vehicle exited, and a search was conducted. The officer found marijuana, amphetamine pills, and two guns.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

June 10 (2:22 a.m.) A 36-year-old Pearland woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Evading Arrest or Detention with a Vehicle. An officer attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding in the 1000 block of N. Friendswood Drive. The woman did not immediately stop. Instead, she continued driving into Pearland with the officer behind her with lights and siren blaring. Once in Pearland, the woman hit a raised turn median and drove into oncoming traffic. She continued driving until pulling into a residence in the 3500 block of Pine Tree Drive. She exhibited signs of intoxication and refused any field sobriety testing.

June 10 (7:44 p.m.) A 39-year-old Webster man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 3100 block of FM 528. The driver was stopped for a defective brake light. During the contact, he exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

WEAPON

June 8 (10:59 p.m.) A 19-year-old Dickinson man was charged with Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon. An 18-year-old Houston man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The Dickinson man was stopped for a traffic violation in the 5100 block of Abercreek Avenue. He did not have a driver's license or proof of insurance. The 18-year-old had several outstanding warrants in Manvel. He exited the vehicle and told the officers that he had marijuana inside the vehicle. A female passenger was in possession of a stolen gun that she said was given to her to hold by one of the suspects. The officer conducted a search of the vehicle and found marijuana and promethazine.

Preparedness Expo set at fairgrounds

A Hurricane and Disaster Preparedness Expo is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 17 at the County Fairgrounds in Angleton.

This event has something for all ages and is free and open to the public. Presentations will cover the National Weather Service, generator safety, preparedness for pets and preparing your yard for hurricane season.

In addition to informational exhibits and presentations on storm preparedness, there will be door prizes, goody bags, booths, free hot dogs and emergency vehicle displays.

Atlantic Hurricane Season is June 1 through Nov. 30. For more information on the event, call 979-864-1596.

City to offer Severe Weather Open House



The Friendswood Office of Emergency Management is presenting a Severe Weather Open House June 17 from 5 to 7 pm at the Friendswood Library.

Be Prepared Stay Safe is the theme for the event.

Safety and weather information will be available from City of Friendswood Departments, Utility providers, Texas Wind Insurance Association and other local partners.

Attendees will be eligible to enter a drawing for free Astros tickets sponsored by Texas New Mexico Power Company.

For more information contact the Friendswood Office of Emergency Management at 281-996-3335 or friendswood.com/prepare.

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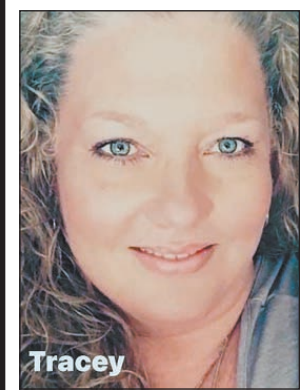
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OBITUARY



hout her life, Tracey provided excellent customer service in retail, banking, insurance, self-storage, and travel sectors.

She married Jay R. Smith, aka Chris St. James in the music entertainment industry, on June 14, 2005, in Missouri. Together they owned and operated Custom DJ Drops, providing promotional spots for DJs and radio stations across the nation.

Following Jay's death in 2014, Tracey joined the travel industry in an enjoyable customer service position that included meetings in business locations across America.

Surviving Tracey are her parents David and Beverly Baldwin of Friendswood; her brother Michael Dayton Boase of Houston; her bonus sister Rachel Baldwin Foster of Sacramento, CA; her aunt Diana Beard Seifried and several cousins, all in the Aurora-Springfield, MO area.

Tracey has many friends who survive her, including besties Christi Tucker Martin of Austin, Dora Silva Grogan of League City, and Tracy Gonzales Elsing of Monahans, TX. Besides her husband, Tracey is predeceased by her father John Charles Boase, and her paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Teel Boase; her maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Beard, and uncle David A. Seifried; and her bonus sister Sarah Baldwin Rose. Tracey lost her beloved West Highland White Terrier "Ivey St. James" two months before her own cancer diagnosis.

Tracey's Celebration of Life was held on May 21, 2023 at the Baldwins' Friendswood home, from 1 to 6 p.m. Her ashes were buried at sea with those of her late husband and father on May 22, 2023.

Her education continued in Gainesville TX where she moved with her brother, Michael Dayton Boase, and their then-single mother who was beginning her career in hospital management. Her family also lived in Beaumont and Texas City where Tracey graduated from high school in 1987. She attended college briefly but loved working in customer service. Her first real job at age 15 was at Burger King. Her manager selected her for a newspaper feature highlighting area teens' desire to work and provide great customer service. Through-



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

WORDS TO LIVE BY

(Last in a series of 5 messages from Mother's Day to Father's Day)

"Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy the truth and do not sell it— wisdom, instruction, and insight as well. **24 The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him.**" Proverbs 23:22-24

Father's Day 2023 is coming. I had a good one. His name was Howard, but everyone called him... 'Bud.' I wished he'd have lived longer as his death from Legionnaires' Disease was untimely and swift resulting in a huge shift to our family... and yet it's important to say ... even now that I have outlived his almost 57 years... I'm still learning from his life and the many words to live by he shared with so many ... and now... by trying to be a good dad still... it's the way I bring honor to his name.

My father was a quiet man. His actions of love, grace and kindness outnumbered his words. He never put his family at risk and provided for my mother... his mother... me and my four siblings for over 30 years. He even provided a home to my cousins when a need arose, and he always was a gracious host to my mother's very large family who often spent weekends and holidays at our home on Amberly St. And just to note... that place on Amberly St. was the only house he ever owned from the day he moved in one November 1956 until his death in 1987... and that house remains standing today with some new owners we passed the keys to his castle off to in 2011.

"Let the tool do the work," he would say to me as he taught me how to overlap the wheels of the lawn mower from one cut to the next reminding me to always cut in a different direction each time to allow the clippings the fertilize the yard in a healthy way... the same went for the paint brush and pan when slapping a new coat of paint on the weathered shingles... as well as the clippers he rarely let anyone else use to keep the hedges trimmed neatly along the

side of the driveway.

"Don't forget to vote! It's a sacred privilege we Americans have." And he'd be upset with me if I didn't as he took great pride in the fact he could go into the voting booth... close the curtain... vote his conscience... cast his ballot and then no matter who won or lost he'd walk out of the booth and back into the world to be the best citizen he could be. I think he and my mother cancelled out each other's vote a time or two, but I do not recall him painting their bedroom red and blue as a result.

I have a picture of me and my parents standing on the steps of old St. Paul's Lutheran Church on the day of my ordination into the Christian ministry. June 28, 1981... is the date on the back. But it's what he said to me just before that picture was taken that needs to be shared... as I recall he leaned into my right ear and in his quiet tone said, "This is the proudest day of my life." Wow.

But... then there's this... six years later I had called my parents in Ohio from my home in Huntsville, TX on my new cordless phone to brag a bit as my three-year-old daughter was riding her new birthday tricycle on the very large wooden deck I had recently built. My dad answered the phone and to my surprise he did not hand it off to my mom as he'd done so many times before. We had a good chat. And as he did hand off the phone he said, "I love you" ... the last words I'd ever hear my father speak. Yes... words I have embraced for a long time now... listening to them in my memory... to share with others as he did so well... words we live by... ancient and new... as words to live by are words that last. Faith matters!

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.

Clear Creek Education Foundation seeks nominees for annual awards

Nominations are now being accepted for annual awards for the 2023 Citizen of the Year, George B. Carlisle Distinguished Service, Distinguished Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) Alumni, Valor Award, Dennis Johnson Memorial Small Business Award. Recipients are selected by the Clear Creek Education Foundation.

The **Citizen of the Year Award** is given each year to honor an outstanding community member for their support of CCISD programs and activities. The nominee must have demonstrated a commitment to Clear Creek ISD through volunteer efforts; contributed significantly in ways that have benefited the entirety of CCISD; maintained a reputation across the Clear Creek ISD community as an individual with high standards and dedication to excellence in public education and voluntarily served the district and its students and patrons over an extended period of time.

The **George B. Carlisle Distinguished Service Award** is the highest award the foundation gives to a community member. The nominee must have made exceptional contributions that have benefited the Clear Creek Independent School District; is widely known as a community leader dedicated to excellence in education; exemplifies public service, and has served the district, the students, and patrons over an extended period of time.

The **Distinguished Alumni Award** is presented to a

CCISD graduate who has excelled in his or her chosen profession and has made a significant contribution to his/her community. One grad from each CCISD high school can be honored each year.

The **Valor Award** is awarded to an individual, living or deceased, that through their actions has demonstrated unselfish dedication to protect others; and has sacrificed for the well-being of others. The nominee must have made exceptional contributions that have benefited the Clear Creek Independent School District, is widely known as a community leader dedicated to excellence in education, and has served the district, the students, and families for a lengthy period of time. This award can be awarded posthumously.

The **Dennis Johnson Memorial Small Business Award**, created in 2013, is the award the Clear Creek Education Foundation awards to a small business or franchise in recognition of its owner's exceptional contributions that have benefited the Clear Creek Independent School District. Nominees should be widely known as a community leader dedicated to excellence in education and should have served the district, the students, and families for a lengthy amount of time.

Nomination forms may be found at www.ClearCreekEducationFoundation.org.

AREA BRIEFS

Country showcase is June 25

Pearland Town Center hosts the Country Music Showcase June 25 featuring country singer Britt Godwin.

The outdoor event is free and open to the public from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the center, 11200 Broadway St.

Coolers and lawn chairs are welcome. A Bridge City native now based in Beaumont, Godwin has been featured on the Grand Ole Opry, Louisiana Hayride, David Letterman Show and Charlie Pruitt Country Music Show and previously performed with the B.B. & Company band.

Other performers include Shalane, Ellie Townley, Zac Clifton, Allie Rae and Blair Kudelka.

For more information, go to VisitPearland.com/CountryMusicShowcase.

Paddling trip planned Saturday

Brazoria County Parks Department is hosting the annual paddling trip to Bird Island in San Luis Pass on Saturday, June 17. Participants will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the San Luis Pass County Park boat ramp and launch around 9 a.m., returning at noon. The 1.75-mile trip will take paddlers in view of newly hatched gulls, terns, egrets and pelicans, and binoculars and cameras are recommended along with sun protection and drinking water.

Kayaks are available from the parks department for loan but reservations are needed along with a signed liability release for all participants.

For information or to register, email mikem@brazoria-county.com or call 979-864-1152.

Davi Jay highlights Friday concert

Davi Jay and Bourbon Street Experience will perform at this Friday's Concerts in the Park Series at Independence Park, 2449 Pearland Parkway.

The 7 p.m. show is family friendly and free to the public. The series is hosted by the city's Parks and Recreation Department. Food vendors will include Cravin Poor Boys and Kona Ice.

Lawn chairs and pets on a leash are welcome; smoking is prohibited. Weather-related updates will be posted on the city website, parks.pearlandtx.gov/special-events/concerts-in-the-park or on the event hotline, 281-412-8989. For more information, email events@pearlandtx.gov.

Community theater opens 'Almost, Maine'

The Pearland Theatre Guild opens performances of the play, "Almost, Maine" this Friday at 8 p.m. at the Pearl Theater, 14803 Park Alameda Drive, Houston.

Running through July 2, performances are typically at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 3 p.m. Sundays. A talk-back with director and cast will follow the June 25 performance and a buy-one, get-one-free ticket special is planned for a special 7:30 p.m. performance June 22.

Tickets are \$18 adults and \$16 for seniors and students. For information, call 832-459-4674 or email director@pearl-theater.com.

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New youth theater PMT YAS! now open

There is a new youth theater in Friendswood, PMT YAS! Studio. It is located at 415 East Parkwood Ave. Eduardo Guzman is founder and artistic director of PMT Productions.

Focused on theater education and application, PMT YAS! offers weekly Creative Courses, week-long Cabaret Camps, a Broadway Concert Series, workshops, and full-scale musical theater productions for students ages 5-18.

PMT YAS! Studio offers Creative Courses in acting, dance, and ensemble music. Creative Courses occur in the spring and fall (Spring CC & Fall CC) and are non-performance based, weekly classes that focus on building fundamental skills in musical theater performance. Taught by Houston-based PMT YAS! Teaching Artists, Creative Courses maintain a regular theater schedule, strengthen fundamental performing skills, and provide opportunities to socialize with like-minded theater friends.

Occurring during summer and winter breaks, Cabaret Camps are week-long musical theater intensives that offer courses in music repertory, acting technique, production design, and collaborative study (ensemble). With small class sizes, hands-on instruction, and an emphasis on collaboration, students can hone in on those key areas of musical theater in a constructive environment. Cabaret Camps culminate in a cabaret-style performance, accompanied live by the PMT Band, showcasing the students' work throughout the week.

Broadway Concert Series is a fun-filled musical theater intensive for students ages 8-18 who love to be on stage. Students meet for four rehearsals over a month's time to rehearse a condensed Broadway musical production—concert style. Broadway Concert Series meets on Tuesday evenings and culminates in a fully-produced concert on the final Tuesday of each month.

Full-scale musical theater productions take place throughout the year in the spring, summer, and fall. With the guidance from a creative and technical team, students go through the entire production process—from audition to opening night. Throughout the production process, students will have the fundamentals of musical theater performance reinforced through real-life application of acting, dance, and voice performance. In addition to having access to the creative and technical resources of a professional production company, all YAS! productions are accompanied live by the PMT Band.

For more information and upcoming productions and classes, visit <http://www.pitchmethis.com/>.

Cheryl Johnson seeks re-election as Galveston County Tax Assessor

Galveston County Tax Assessor Collector Cheryl E. Johnson has officially declared her intention to seek re-election, aiming to continue her tenure in the role she has held since 2004. Johnson, who became the first Republican woman elected to a county-wide office, has been a resident in the Bay Area community since 1983. Her campaign will highlight her achievements in transforming the County Tax Office into an award-winning operation and her commitment to public service.

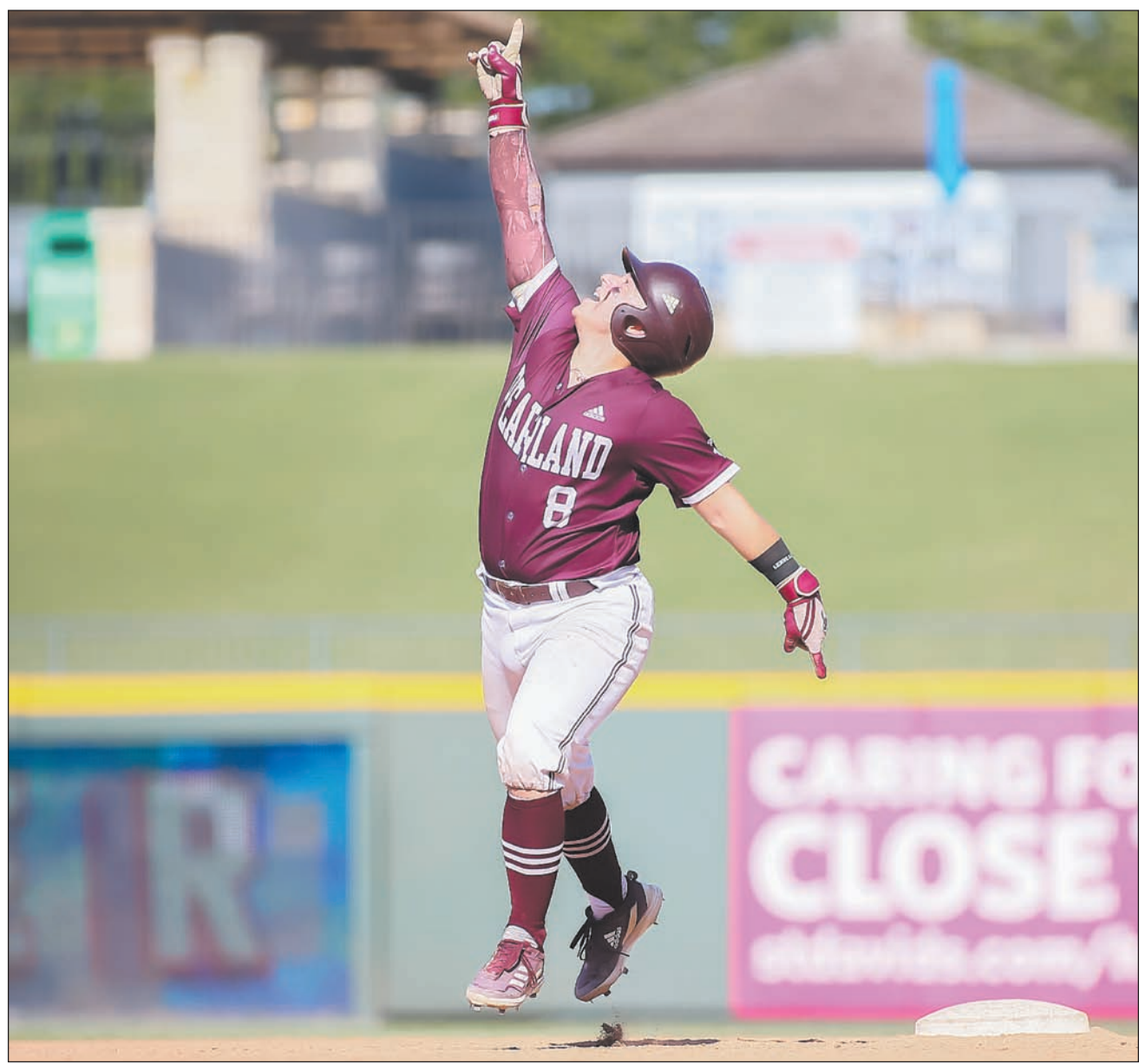
Under Johnson's leadership, the County Tax Office earned the Gold Performance Quality Recognition from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles in 2022. Johnson attributes this success to her team's commitment to excellence and her belief that the pursuit of quality is an ongoing endeavor.

Johnson's professional qualifications include certifications as a Professional County Collector and County Tax Office Professional. She serves on the boards of the Galveston and Harris Central Appraisal Districts, as well as various chambers of commerce. Additionally, she was appointed by Governor Perry to represent county tax collectors across Texas on the Consumer Protection Committee of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board from 2009 to 2011.

In a press release announcing her candidacy, Johnson affirmed her commitment to conservative values, and says she remains focused on delivering quality service, reducing costs, and advocating for property tax relief—an agenda she intends to continue pursuing if re-elected.

For more information about Cheryl E. Johnson's campaign, interested individuals can visit her website at www.Vote4Cheryl.com or contact her directly at Cuttax2020@outlook.com.

SPORTS



HOME RUN TROT

Pearland senior Jace Caceres makes his way around the bases after blasting a home run against Lewisville Flower Mound in the 6A state championship game at Dell Diamond in Round Rock. Caceres hit his 395-foot homer in the sixth inning to bring the Oilers within one run of tying the game. The Jaguars went on to a 6-4 win for the 6A state crown. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks



DAWSON



SHADOW CREEK

Area teams qualify for 7-on-7 state tournament

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
 Reporter News Staff

The state 7-on-7 tournament will be held in College Station on June 24-26 on the campus of Texas A&M University.

Pearland Dawson, Manvel, and Shadow Creek have all qualified for this year's tournament.

Dawson and Shadow Creek both participated in the state qualifier hosted

by Dickinson.

Dawson won their Pool to advance to the State Qualifying Round.

The Eagles beat Texas City 21-6, Pasadena Rayburn 35-7, and Clear Falls 12-6.

Shadow Creek was in another Pool where they beat Angleton 27-6, Clear Springs 13-12 while falling to FB Ridge Point 28-27.

Dawson beat Dickinson 32-15 and

Shadow Creek beat Seguin 19-13 sending both schools to the state tournament.

Manvel qualified with wins over Baytown Lee 26-6 and Willis 26-21 while dropping a close game to Houston Heights 28-20 to advance to the State Qualifying Round.

The Mavericks beat Bellaire Episcopal 27-15 to qualify for the state tournament.

FROM THE CLUTTERED DESK

by Dr. David Davis

A lasting influence

Some of life's greatest influences are learned as a result of being on an athletic team - especially in high school. I can still recall my days of playing in high school and college - especially the coaches that influenced my life.

While winning was a vital part of the experience - it would be the little things that I learned from various coaches that would have the lasting impact on my life.

I remember my college football coach, Elvan George, who was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame, would share various principles from the Bible as part of his coaching philosophy that carried over to my life experiences and not just football.

One of his favorite illustrations was pointing out that if there was a barrel of apples and somehow a rotten apple got in the barrel - it wouldn't be long before all the good apples would turn rotten.

His point was that we should be careful in who we allow to influence our lives - not just while we are on the football team - but in life on an every day basis.

That simple illustration has come to mind to me for decades as I would meet lots of people, and some would try to influence me in a negative way, and I would look at them and say silently - "They are nothing but a rotten apple trying to get in my barrel of good apples (friends)."

There are those that seek to provide a positive influence - especially some of the coaches that influence our young people.

While I can give you the names of dozens of coaches in our area schools that I believe are the good apples - I recently was touched watching a couple of our coaches in two different arenas.

One was Pearland softball coach Laneigh Clark who led

her girls to the Class 6A state softball title. She won a state championship in 2010 and now has done it again in 2023. She has also led the Lady Oilers to state in 2009, 2011, and 2016.

Clark is the winningest 6A coach in the state and yet she remains humble and shows her girls unconditional love and respect and her girls return the same.

But I saw another one of our coaches on the same stage just last week in Round Rock but the results were different.

Pearland head baseball coach David Rogers led his young men to the Class 6A baseball state finals in Round Rock. After the Oilers dismantled Austin Westlake 11-1 in the state semifinal contest - he experienced the pain of coming up short for a state championship when Pearland lost 6-4 to Flower Mound.

The most impressive thing I saw was what he did when they lost - not when they won.

As each player receive the silver medal as a state runner-up - coach Rogers went to each player and hugged each one and had words of encouragement just for that player.

I wasn't close enough to see any tears - but I could tell there were some as I watched them wipe their eyes.

It was at that moment that I realized that 10 - 20 - 30 years from now - that will be the moment that many of those players will remember when they think of coach Rogers.

In both cases I greatly admire coach Clark and coach Rogers and can say without hesitation that our kids are in good hands. Thank you coaches for showing our future leaders of America what is really important in life as you flesh-out unconditional love and respect to them.

Old friend Robert said, "If you have love and respect for people as they are, you can be more effective in helping them to become better than they are."

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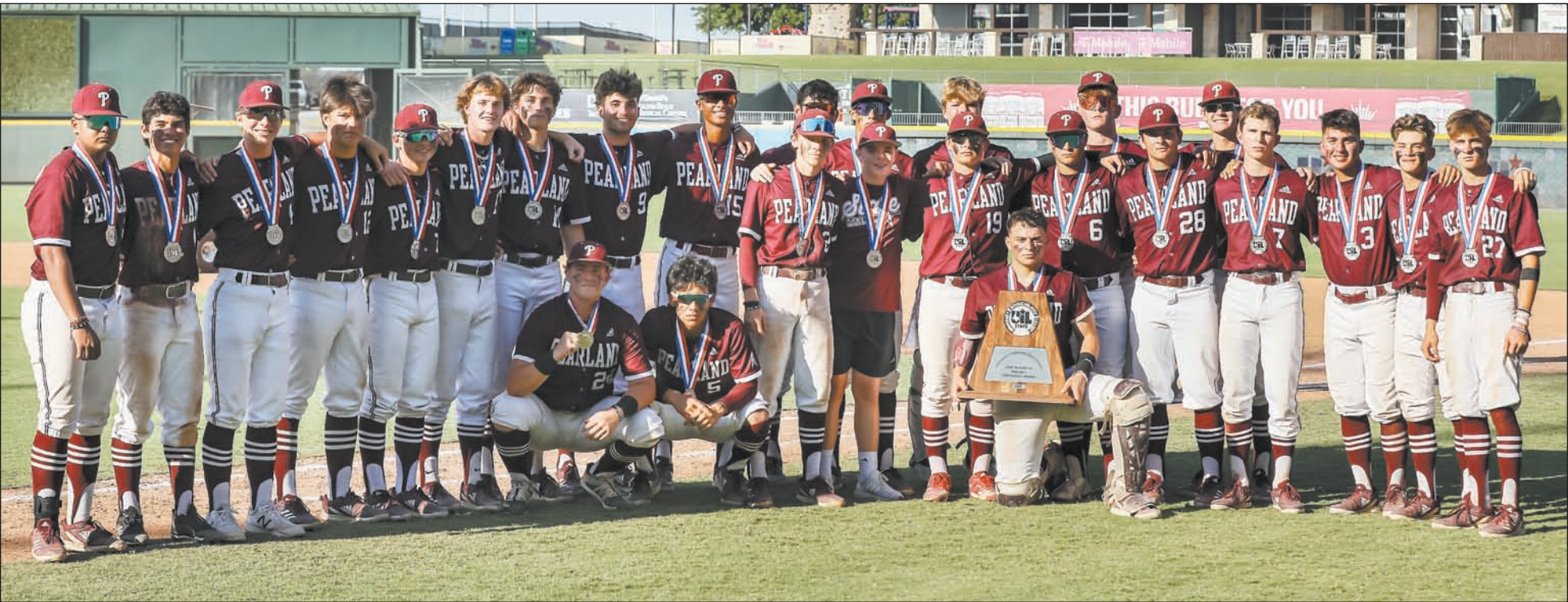
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SPORTS



STATE RUNNER-UP - The Pearlland gave it their all as they thrashed Austin Westlake 11-1 in the 6A state semifinals to advance to the 6A state title game to face Lewisville Flower Mound. Unfortunately, the Oilers came up short 6-4 but they still had an outstanding season finishing 38-7-1 overall. Pearlland won the District 23-6A title and the 6A Region III crown.

Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Pearland thrashes Austin Westlake; falls short to Flower Mound

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

Getting to the Class 6A state baseball tournament is no easy task and the Pearlland Oilers certainly proved they belonged there this year.

It has been 42 years since the Oilers last played for a state championship (1981) while they were crowned state champions in 1980.

The Oilers came into the state tournament ranked No. 1 in the state to face the nationally-ranked Austin Westlake Chaparrals (40-5) in the 6A state semifinal contest at Dell Diamond in Round Rock.

Pearland used the combination of great pitching from sophomore Rico Partida and an explosive offensive barrage that run-ruled the Chaps 11-1 after six frames to advance to the state finals against Lewisville Flower Mound.

Westlake struck first in the opening frame with a leadoff double by Braeden Babb followed by an RBI single by Theo Gillen to start the game with a 1-0 lead.

Little did Westlake know that would be the last thrill they would experience at the state tournament as the boys from Pearlland flexed their muscles to totally humiliate the Chaps that sent their fans packing by the fifth inning.

While Partida, an Arizona State commit, was in total command of his pitches and the game, his teammates piled up the run support in his favor that included four runs in the third and four more in the fifth frame to give him an 8-1 advantage.

“Our offense has been so hit or miss,” Pearlland coach David Rogers said. “(In the region championship series) Game 1 against Katy, we jumped out and scored seven runs and we really swung the bats real well. We showed spurts. We had good scouting report on (Westlake) and our kids just really started being able to hit the ball on line drives. The hits piled up and the runs piled up.”

Pearland took a 4-1 lead in the top of the third as eight batters went to the plate.

Cade Adams opened with a single and then two batters later, Caden Ferraro, a Texas A&M commit, drove a ball to the warning track in rightfield at the 400-foot mark for a ground-rule double and an RBI.

Partida supported his own cause when he drove in a run on a sacrifice fly to right.

Braeden Morse followed with an RBI single in the left field gap that got past a diving centerfielder.

Two batters later, John Moya found a hole through the right side of the infield.

In the fifth inning, Anthony Avalos, a University of Houston signee, and Moya had back-to-back two-run singles. Adams then bounced an RBI ground-rule double down the left-field side. Isaiah Castaneda scored on a wild pitch.

In the sixth inning, Avalos made it a 10-run advantage with an RBI single.

Pearland drove the final nail in the Chaps coffin when Partida was hit by a pitch in the sixth inning. After Morse flew out to left field, Avalos got his third hit to plate courtesy runner Jordan Hernandez to make the score 11-1.

Partida allowed only four hits, two strikeouts, one walk, and one run to pick up the win for the Oilers while mastering the Westlake batting order. It was a brilliant performance.

“Nico was amazing,” Rogers said. “We wanted to pitch the ball in and once he was able to establish the inner-half of the zone, he was money.”

Offensively, the Oilers were 12-of-28 for 11 runs with four walks and six strikeouts.

Leading hitters included Ferraro (2-for-3, 1 run, 1 RBI), Damian Landry (1-for-4, 1 run), Morse (1-for-3, 2 runs, 1 RBI), Avalos (3-for-3, 1 run, 3 RBIs), Moya (2-for-3, 1 run, 3 RBIs), and Adams (2-for-3, 1 RBI).

FLOWER MOUND 6 - PEARLAND 4

A dog fight between Lewisville and Pearl-land took place at Dell Diamond in Round Rock with the winner claiming the 2023 Class 6A State Baseball Championship.

While Pearlland never had the lead in the game, the never-say-die Oilers were a threat even in the final inning when they loaded the bases with two outs and down 6-4.

A base hit and a run or two scores to tie up the contest but unfortunately a ground out ended the game to give the state title to Flower Mound. The Jaguars also won state in 2014.

Ironically, the Oilers faced Flower Mound in the semifinals in 2014 where they were eliminated.

The Oilers closed out this season with a 38-7-1 record. Pearlland was making its sixth appearance at state.

“Effort did not equal outcome,” Pearlland coach David Rogers said. “At no time did I question this team and these guys’ effort at any moment in this game. The mistakes we made were mistakes that were trying to make us better. Mistakes trying to put us on the board.

“Sometimes it’s just not in the cards.”

The Jaguars scored first in the first inning as eight hitters came to the plate that produced four hits. Zane Becker and Cole Ridenour each drove in a run giving Flower Mound the early 2-0 lead.

Pearland got those runs back in the top of the second as Brett Smajstrla brought home a run on a bases loaded walk. Leadoff man Caden Ferraro then brought home a run on an RBI grounder that cut down the runner at second.

Flower Mound’s Adrian Rodriguez, a Texas A&M commit, drilled a two-run homer over the left centerfield wall that scored Josh Glaser for a 4-2 advantage in the bottom of the third.

Pearland wasn’t going to go away as Jace Caceres cranked out a solo homer to cut the margin to 4-3.

Ferraro got a one-out single, Damian Landry followed with a single to move courtesy runner Franco Aguilar to third base.

With the tying run at third and only one out, Partida flew out to center allowing Aguilar to score from third to tied up the game at 4-4. However, Aguilar was called out as he left the bag too soon before the catch in center which ended the inning and the Oilers still trailing 4-3 in the sixth.

In the bottom half of the inning, Sam Erickson slammed a two-run homer into the left-field bullpen for the 6-3 lead. Andrew Robinson crossed the plate in front of him after he had doubled to lead off the inning.

The Oilers managed to add another run in the seventh as Braeden Morse singled, Anthony Avalos walked, and Caceres got a two-out RBI single to close the margin to 6-4.

Smajstrla kept the inning alive with a walk to load the bases before Ferraro grounded out to end the game.

Jake Barfield started on the mound for the Oilers and went 2.1 innings and gave up six hits, four runs, while striking out two and walking two.

Cayden Schmidt (2.2 innings, 1 run) and Jake Mader-Cooper (1 inning, 1 run, 1 hit) also saw action on the hill with Mader-Cooper taking the loss.

Leading hitters for the Oilers were Ferraro (2-for-5, 1 RBI), Landry (2-for-3), Morse (2-for-4, 1 run), Avalos (1-for-3), John Moya (1-for-3, 1 run), Isaiah Castaneda (1-for-4, 1 run), and Caceres (2-for-3, 1 run, 2 RBIs, HR).

“There’s some guys taking this loss pretty hard,” Rogers said. “In reality, it was a team effort. We left the bases loaded a couple times; we left runners at second base. (Flower Mound) had an answer for us, too. Give them credit. They did a great job.”

Pearland won the District 23-6A title and the 6A Region III crown to advance to the state tournament. The Oilers have advanced to the playoffs every year since 2012.

“Our support was unbelievable,” Rogers said. “We had people drive a long way to watch us play. The community and the outpouring of love and support that they showed us is just unquestionable. It’s undeniable that this is an amazing place to be.”

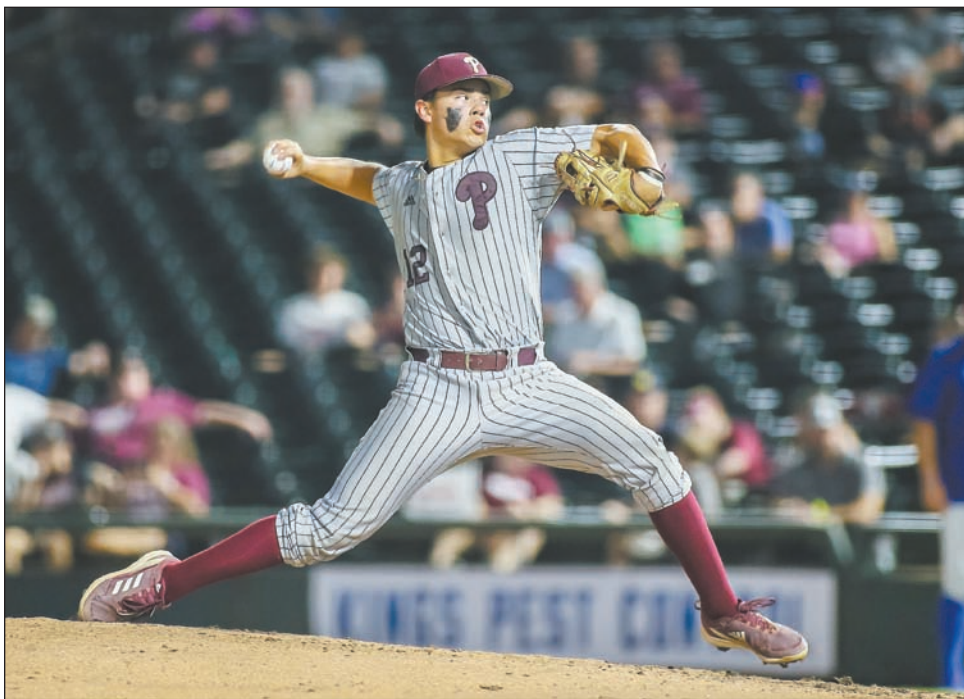


Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

MASTERFUL PITCHING PERFORMANCE - Pearlland sophomore Nico Partida pitched a masterful complete game against the Austin Westlake Chaparrals in the Class 6A state baseball semifinals. The Oilers drilled the nationally-ranked Chaps 11-1 in a run-rule contest that sent their fans packing in the fifth inning at Dell Diamond in Round Rock. Partida allowed only four hits, two strikeouts, one walk, and one run to pick up the win for the Oilers while mastering the Westlake batting order. It was a brilliant performance.

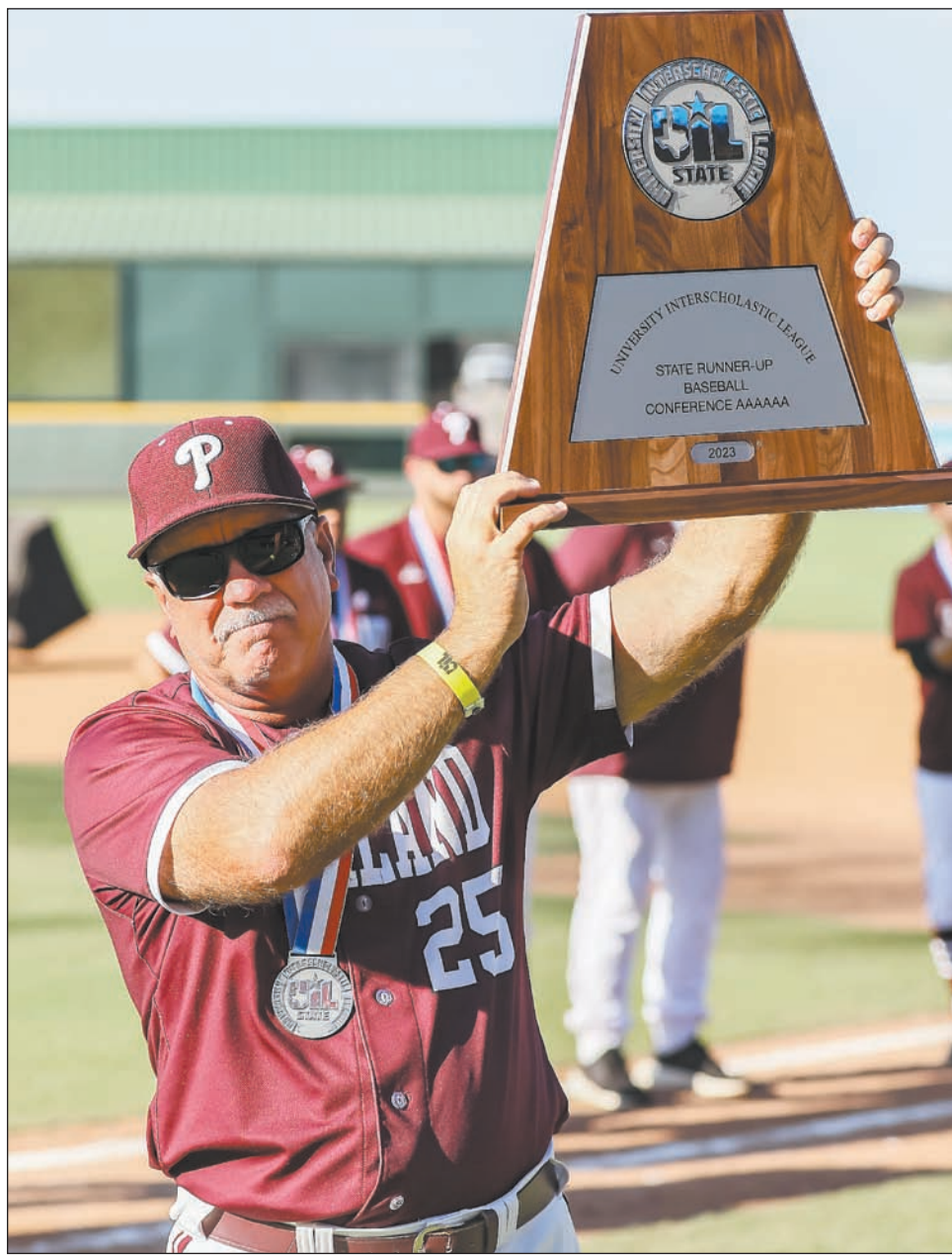


Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

STATE RUNNER-UP - Pearlland head coach David Rogers holds the 6A state runner-up trophy after the Oilers dropped a close 6-4 game to Lewisville Flower Mound in the 6A state baseball state finals. Rogers led the Oilers to the District 23-6A title, the Class 6A Region III crown and a 38-7-1 season record.

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LEGALS

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2023-12

ONE-TIME PURCHASE OF A 2022 OR 2023 TRANSIT BUS/VAN, ONE WITH A WHEELCHAIR LIFT AND ONE WITHOUT A WHEELCHAIR LIFT

Sealed Competitive Bids shall be submitted via one (1) paper copy and one (1) electronic copy in pdf format on a flash drive or CD. Each copy must match identically and 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 "BID NO. 2023-12", along with the name of the vendor and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary. Said submissions are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546 on or before **2:00 P.M., JUNE 22, 2023**, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all bid and to waive any informality in the bids received. The contract, if any, will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The City pays for goods and services according to the provisions of Chapter 2251 of the Government Code.

Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City'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, Purchasing Coordinator at (281) 996-3274 or via email to jspears@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

LEGALS

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., a regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Pearland, Counties of Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend, Texas, will conduct Public Hearing in the Council Chambers at Pearland City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas, for the following cases:

1. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 23-06: A request by Vidal Pineda, applicant, and owner, for approval of variances, as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to allow:

- a) An eight-foot-ten-inch (8'-10") high decorative fence within the front yard in lieu of the four-foot (4') permitted (Section 4.2.4.3(a)(2)(b));
- b) An eight-foot-ten-inch (8'-10") high decorative fence within the side and rear yard in lieu of the eight-foot (8') permitted (Section 4.2.4.3(a)(6));
- c) A residential fence to be located within fifteen feet (15') of a public street (Section 4.2.4.3(a)(2)(a)), to wit:

Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 1, Minor Plat of L & E Estate, a subdivision of 1.000 acres of land in the City of Pearland, Texas, according to the map or plat recorded in County Clerk's File No. 2014041116 in the Plat records of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: 3430 Keis Road, Pearland, TX.

2. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 23-07: A request by Tessie Gurley, applicant, on behalf of 2 Barretts, LTD, owner, for approval of a special exception and a variance, as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to allow:

- a) Special exception for construction to occur on a site with existing non-conformities (Section 2.7.3.7(a));
- b) Variance to the 25' front building setback requirement for the Neighborhood Service (NS) District (Section 2.4.4.4(c)(2)(a)), to allow for a building to encroach into the front building setback, to wit:

Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 1, Minor Plat of Tessie's Place, a subdivision of 0.9091 acres of land in the City of Pearland, Texas, according to the map or plat recorded in County Clerk's File No. 2019038486 in the Plat records of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: 4904 W Walnut Street, Pearland, TX.

3. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 23-07: A request by Alma Gonzalez, applicant, on behalf of Rebecca Le, owner, for approval of variances, as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to allow:

- a) Special exception for the construction of a new building on a property with existing nonconformities (Section 2.7.3.7(a));
- b) Variance to reduce the transparency requirement within the Corridor Overlay District (Section 2.4.5.1(d)(2)(c)), to wit:

Legal Description: Restricted Reserve "A", Block 1, Final Plat of Bank One - Broadway near Dixie Farm Road, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat recorded in Volume 24, Page 287, of the Plat records of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: 1509 Broadway Street, Pearland, TX.

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.

Patrick Bauer
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CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Request for Proposals – RFP No. 0623-01 Ballistic Shields – Pearland Police Department

Request for Proposals

The City of Pearland is seeking bids from entities that can supply the Pearland Police Department with approximately 50 ballistic shields. This RFP has been issued for the purpose of securing the Best Value for the City and the specifications include the technical dimensions and manufacturing composition of the required equipment. A previous solicitation for these items has been canceled, and this measure constitutes a 2nd attempt to secure bid responses for these items. Previous respondents ARE eligible and encouraged to submit bids in response to this 2nd solicitation.

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Drive until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, when all bids will be read aloud at Pearland City Hall – Council Chambers, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland TX 77581. A virtual option may be provided, which will be included in the detailed solicitation documents for RFP #0623-01.

Pre-Bid Requirements – Vendor Registration

Interested vendors must register on the City's e-bid system <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Once registered on the City's e-bid system, bid documents may be viewed on the site. If Ionwave assistance is needed, please email ebids@pearlandtx.gov and refer to RFP #0623-01.

Questions and Submission of Bid Proposals (RFP #0623-01)

Bid forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the following website: <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Vendors are encouraged to return the bid response electronically using the City's e-bid system, but may submit by hard-copy, with either manner due by the closing date and time stated above. Vendors MUST submit questions and inquiries about the solicitation process and any other aspect of the RFP, including technical information about the equipment specifications, by emailing those inquiries to ebids@pearlandtx.gov, no later than 5:00 PM Monday, June 19, 2023, and refer to RFP #0623-01. **The bid will close the following week at 2:00pm on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.**

Source of Funds

The funding for this purchase will come from a grant from the State of Texas. Texas Government Code – Uniform Grant Management Standards in Chapter 783 is applicable. The successful offeror must not be debarred from doing business with the State of Texas. Other statutory requirements apply.

Bid Closing Date

2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

RFP Advertisement Schedule

This RFP is scheduled to run twice in the City's local newspaper of public record – Reporter News (Pearland Edition):

First Publication: June 7, 2023
Second Publication: June 14, 2023

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until **2:00 PM on Wednesday July 5, 2023**, and all bids will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join meeting by calling: #281-652-1775; Meeting: #1790, Access Code: #0971 on that date for:

ITB 0623-14 Span Wire Rebuild

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

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at **2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 21, 2023**. See bid solicitation for virtual link option if preferred.

Vendors should register on the City's e-bid system <https://pearland.ionwave.net>. Once registered on the City's e-bid system, bid documents may be viewed on the site. If further assistance is needed, please email ebids@pearlandtx.gov no later than 5:00 PM Monday, June 26, 2023, and refer to ITB 0623-14. Bid Closing Date: **2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 5, 2023**.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Pearland Economic Development Corporation (the "Corporation") will conduct a public hearing to consider the use of sales tax proceeds from the levy of the one-half of one percent sales and use tax, approved by the voters of the City of Pearland (the "City") on January 21, 1995. The public hearing will take place at 5:00 p.m. on June 29, 2023 at 3519 Liberty Drive, Suite 350, Pearland, Texas.

Sales tax proceeds will be used for Projects, as part of the Corporation's fiscal year 2023-2024 budget that includes land, buildings, equipment, facilities, expenditures, targeted infrastructure and improvements that are for the creation and retention of primary jobs. Proposed project types include: manufacturing and industrial facilities, research and development facilities, transportation facilities, distribution centers, regional and corporate headquarter facilities and small warehouse and storage facilities. Sales Tax proceeds will also be used for promotional expenses to new and expanding businesses, open space improvements, demolition, infrastructure and transportation improvements, Old Townsite Master Plan, recreation, job training, debt obligations, administrative expenses and other improvements or facilities related to any of the foregoing projects, along with related maintenance for any of the proposed projects.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Roxanne Luna-Larsen at (281) 997-3001, within 48 hours of the scheduled business meeting date. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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City of Pearland

Request for Qualifications RFQ #0623-03 For Professional Design and Engineering Services Hickory Creek, Garden Acres, Herridge-Miller, and Hickory Slough Roadside Drainage Ditch Improvements and Flood Mitigation

Request for Qualifications and Scope of Work

The City of Pearland is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from firms that can adequately demonstrate they have the resources, experience, and qualifications to fulfill the role of Engineering Design Consultant for roadside ditch improvements for the purpose of mitigating residential flooding in Hickory Creek, Garden Acres, and Herridge-Miller subdivisions in Pearland, as well as along a small segment of Hickory Slough. The respondent should select a team of professionals capable of providing the required services in an efficient manner in the best interest of the City of Pearland and that will provide successful, on-time, and on-budget project delivery. Information on all proposed sub-consultants should be included in the response.

The city is seeking a firm that meets the requirements of the RFQ. The firm is to provide civil engineering, design and any applicable surveying and/or other professional services necessary for the construction of an approximately 47,336 linear feet of roadside ditch improvements, culvert and driveway replacements, and potential roadway improvements. In addition, the firm is to provide similar services for the removal and replacement of a concrete embankment slope located along the east bank of Hickory Slough drainage channel at its intersection with Garden Road. The successful Offeror will present the necessary qualifications, experience, capacity, and expertise for providing the architectural design elements to be used in the construction of the facility.

The Intent of this Request for Qualifications

From this RFQ, the city will select a Primary Design Firm for the project. The project is envisioned to have a Primary Design Firm under the direction and management of the City's Engineering and Public Works Department – Capital Projects Division. The Firm will be responsible for the successful design of the overall project. In addition, the successful Offeror will be responsible for managing, directing, and coordinating any and all teams of engineering firms and/or other sub-consultants it assembles to complete the required work.

Instructions for Submission

The RFQ is available through the City's E-bid System and the responding SOQs will be accepted through the City's E-bid System. All interested Respondents are required to register as a "supplier" on the City's E-bid System at: <https://pearland.ionwave.net/Login.aspx> by clicking on "Supplier Registration." The RFQ is available for download upon approval of registration. Once approved, registration provides automatic access to the RFQ, existing project information, any changes to the RFQ, and any changes in submission time and date. Submitting Firms accept sole responsibility for downloading all the necessary documents required to provide a full response to the RFQ.

SOQs shall be submitted in the format described in the RFQ and be submitted electronically through the E-bid System to the **City Purchasing Office**, City of Pearland, City Hall Annex located at 3523 Liberty Drive, Pearland TX 77581.

All SOQs submitted electronically will remain confidential until the opening date and time when they will be **publicly unsealed, and names of offerors read aloud at the City of Pearland City Hall, City Council Chambers, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, TX 77581.**

RFQ Publication Dates, Questions, and Submission Deadline

First Publication: June 14, 2023
Second Publication: June 21, 2023

Questions are due no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2023, and must be sent in writing via email to ebids@pearlandtx.gov, but may be delivered directly to the **City Purchasing Office - City of Pearland, City Hall Annex located at 3523 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581** if email is not an available option.

RFQs will be accepted until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 6, 2023.**

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Pearland ISD All-A Banquet honors students with top grades

High school students with top grades took a bow during the All-A Banquet hosted by the Pearland Independent School District in May.

During the annual banquet, board members and district officials honored high school students who have achieved the highest grades possible in all classes for three and four years.

This spring, Dawson, Pearland and Turner College and Career high schools celebrated more than 630 students achieving one to four years of all A's.

Students were presented with medals for their three-year honorees and plaques and honor cords for their four-year honorees. One-year and two-year honorees were recognized at their campus.

• Dawson High School:

Three Years: Gabriel Alatrash, Reagan Baertlein, Alexis Benoit, Constanza Calleja Rodriguez, Joshua Chen, Jessica Chen, Aaron Cheng, Ava Davis, Kathryn Agnes Dela Cruz, Jeremy Edwards, Gabriella Giacalone, Fred Guo, Charles Hackworth, Angela Haskin, Isabela Haskins, Isabelle Hildebrandt, Mikayla Hoffman, Daniel Jacob, Hantao Jin, Anagha Joby, Cyril John, Leya Jones, Brooklyn Karr, Issac Koshy, Sasha Kuzmenko, Ziyuan Ella Lu, Cameron Marshall, Ethan Montes, Alice Murphey, James Nguyen, Morgan Odom, Michael Pair, Raina Qiu, Travis Reed, Jonathan Robin, Deeba Sabzevari, Bharat Salvady, Madison Scott, Travis Thames, Arun Vaithianathan, Benjamin Walsworth-Purkiss, Katherine Webb, Tatiana Wilson, Melinda Yao, Noah Yared and Amanda Yee and Rachel Zhou.

Four Years: Catherine Bai, Ana Budimlic, Sean Diesel Camba, Xiaoyu Geng, Manali Catherine Ghurye, Layla Gipson, Brogan Heintz, Kamille Hernandez, Nathan Herrada, Mary Claire Hughe, Scarlett Kanga, Patrick Leonardi, Thomas Liang, Michael Meng, Roma Mudnal, Duy Nguyen, Ethan Nguyen, Graecl Nguyen, Faith Victoria Ni, Hannah Patterson, Juan Sanchez Andrade, Tanmay Savargaonkar, He Shi, Joshua Sitoy, Tanner Tran, Ana Gabriela Von Atzingen, James Williams III, Jace Winfree and Albert Xie.

• Pearland High School:

Three Years: Nabia Ahmed, David Alester, Emily Anderson, Annie Barnes, Christian Bui, Ashley Charbula, Amy Decker, Christine Early, Emily Elledge, Glyn Farmer, Brianna Gapsiewicz, Annafi Hossain, Maya Hughes, Ella Johnson, Kanishka Kancharana, Caden Kelly, Sarah Kim, Shubaani Kumar, Anna Le, Ximena Lopez, Kelsey Martin, Emily Meade, Jonathan Montemayor, Carys Nguyen, Nhat Huy Nguyen, Sophie Nguyen, Lindsey Norman, Sharon Nyaude, Natalie Ocampo, Katelyn Pena, Nataly Pena, Anika Phan, Brady Pierce, Allison Sayre, Alexandra Schwartz, Ryan Secrest, Hafsa Sheikh, Madolyn Soto, Chelsea Tran, Carden Tran, Kim Yen Tran, Jason Truong, Eva Volpe, Alexis Weaver, Jerry Wheeler and Alyssa Winter

Four Years: Sophie Adams, Bob Alva, Brady Beeson, Shayna Bui, Geneva Cline, Kasey Cook, Elden Deguia, Ella Elliott, Jaden Ferguson, Jackson Kasper, Lisa Luu, Tomiwa Oyewole, Mikayla Smith, Camille Stephens, Cameron Tien, Diana Tunstall, Tyler Vu, Tyler White, Madelyn Whitehead, Kasey Winter and Lindsey Wood.

• Turner College and Career High School:

Three Years: Destiny Agbonyeme, Jerin Biju, Hunter Bynum, Kennedy Drafton, Madison Hunter, Hanna John, Ian MacPhail Joshin Perakattu, Owen Roberts, Joshua Shapiro and Dakotah Spenik

Four Years: Jenna Bellview, Drew Spenik and Harrison Teng.

Preparedness Expo set at county fairgrounds

A Hurricane and Disaster Preparedness Expo is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 17 at the County Fairgrounds in Angleton.

This event has something for all ages and is free and open to the public. Presentations will cover the National Weather Service, generator safety, preparedness for pets and preparing your yard for hurricane season.

In addition to informational exhibits and presentations on storm preparedness, there will be door prizes, goody bags, booths, free hot dogs and emergency vehicle displays.

Atlantic Hurricane Season is June 1 through Nov. 30. For more information on the event, call 979-864-1596.

Pearland ISD Pearadox competes at the Robotics World Championship

Pearland Independent School District's robotics team, Pearadox, consisting of team members from Turner College and Career, Dawson and Pearland high schools, recently competed in the FIRST Robotics World Championship against teams from across the globe and finished 4th in their division. Pearadox has competed at the World Championship level every year since 2017.

The team had a remarkable season showcasing their technical skills, introducing community and industry leaders to Pearadox and hosting three conferences supporting students from around the world to enable networking for the under-represented and underserved in STEM.

This season, Pearadox also earned the prestigious Impact Award at the state championship, which honors the team that best represents the spirit of FIRST. Additionally, Turner CCHS's Ian MacPhail was awarded the Dean's List Semi-Finalist Award at the team's FIRST district event, the only award to recognize an individual student.

Pearadox finished the season ranked 7th in the state and through the State Championship playoffs finished 3rd in the Texas State Championship Apollo division. Their performance this year continues a streak of being in the top 10% of all world-wide teams since 2019.

Pearadox is mentored by industry professionals who volunteer hundreds of hours in support of the team and who have been critical to Pearadox's students consistently receiving scholarships, internships and learning invaluable industry skills.