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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 8

HEALTH FAIR

A health fair will be held at the Friendswood Library on Thursday, June 8 from 12pm to 4pm. Free health screenings, presentations, and local authors and organizations. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

MOVIES ON THE LAWN

"Secret Life of Pets" is the featured movie for the June 8 "Movies on the Lawn" at Baybrook Mall that starts at 7pm. There will also be lawn games.

June 9

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Queen tribute band "Queen Legacy" will perform Friday, June 9 at Concert in the Park in Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. Concerts are free and start at 7pm. Prizes given during intermission.

June 10

SQUARE/LINE DANCING

Join the Hanger Squares Square Dance Club on Saturday, June 10 from 7 to 9pm for Square and Line Dancing at the Friendswood Activity Center, 416 Morningside. Public welcome.

GARDENING PROGRAM

Bramble On! Blackberries will be presented by Galveston County Master Gardener Monica Martins and Horticulture Agent Stephen Brueggerhoff on Saturday, June 10 from 9am to 11am at the Galveston County AgriLife Extension classroom in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main St (FM 519), La Marque. The program will cover blackberry cultivation including varieties (thorned and thornless), growth habit and seasonal pruning, trellising systems and fertilization. Registration deadline for the free program is Thursday, June 8 at 11 am. To register visit: <https://galveston.agrilife.org>.

June 14

ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER

The 11th Annual BBQ Fundraiser will be held Wednesday, June 14 from 11am to 1pm at the Friendswood Activity Building, 416 Morningside Dr. Each meal includes a chopped brisket sandwich, potato salad, beans, cookie and water. Adults \$10, Seniors and Kids \$8. For more information call 281-482-8441. Proceeds benefit the Friendswood Senior Citizen Program.

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

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.

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 Jadoz 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.



TREE DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF KFB MEMBER LORETTA MURPHY

Keep Friendswood Beautiful and the Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department recently dedicated a tree in Stevenson Park to the late Loretta Murphy, former board member of KFB and a Friendswood resident. Loretta was instrumental in making Stevenson Park the green space it is today. She also helped the Friendswood Community Appearance Board transition into Keep Friendswood Beautiful (becoming an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful), which opened up many grant opportunities for the group.



"Through the Looking Glass" unveiled as library gala theme

By JIM FOREMAN

Publisher

The Friendswood Public Library is pleased to announce its enchanting theme for this year's Library Gala: "Through the Looking Glass". Inspired by Lewis Carroll's beloved stories of Alice and Wonderland, the gala promises a captivating night of whimsy, exploration, and literature.

The event is organized by the Friends of the Friendswood Public Library. Last year's gala raised a record-breaking \$43,000.

The annual event, which gathers book lovers, library supporters, and community members to celebrate and support the library, will be held on Sept. 30. This year's Host Committee is chaired by the Hillenburg Family.

"Through the Looking Glass" promises to transform the Friendswood Public Library into a labyrinth of literary wonder, reflective

of Alice's own adventures in the eponymous book. Guests can look forward to immersive decor, intriguing surprises, and an atmosphere that brings to life the magic of the written word.



Tickets for the Gala will be available for purchase through the Friendswood Public Library website. Proceeds from the event will go

towards new equipment that will ensure the library remains a vibrant hub of learning and creativity for all members of the community.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this extraordinary event. As Lewis Carroll himself wrote, "I can't go back to yesterday because I was a different person then." So step forward, through the looking glass, into a night that promises to be as memorable as the stories that inspired it. For more information, please visit the Friendswood Public Library's website or contact the Friends of the Friendswood Public Library.

About Friendswood Public Library

Friendswood Public Library is a community treasure, committed to providing free access to the world of ideas, learning, and entertainment. It offers an extensive collection of books, digital media, educational programs, and special events designed to engage, educate, and inspire patrons of all ages.

Friendswood City Health Fair promotes community resources

The City of Friendswood will host a special event this Thursday, June 8, from 12 to 4pm at the Friendswood Public Library. The afternoon will be chock full of information sessions, interactive booths, and free health screenings provided by the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) and the Galveston County Health District.

This event is a unique opportunity to engage

with Friendswood's most dedicated local organizations such as The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program, Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and Texas Health and Human Services.

The day's agenda includes a series of presentations designed to educate and inform community members on a range of crucial

health and community-related issues.

All community members are invited to take part in this free event and explore the wealth of resources that Friendswood has to offer. With something for everyone, this event is the perfect chance to connect with experts, learn more about the services available in your community, and even get a free health screening.



Architectural firm PBK's rendering of the new Culinary facility and bistro.

High School renovations in full swing

By JIM FOREMAN

Publisher

Drastic changes are coming to Friendswood High School as the end of the school year leads into a torrent of new renovations.

Construction crews began the dirty job last week of demolishing the Theater, Culinary, and Engineering classrooms to make way for brand new facilities.

The Dr. Myrlene Kennedy Auditorium will

also be renovated into new classrooms and workshops. With the new Performing Arts Center already in full swing, slated to be completed in the Fall, the existing auditorium will be rendered obsolete.

The new renovations will include a brand new commercial kitchen and bistro for the Culinary department, and new studio for the AV department, and a full size robotics arena for the Engineering department. The new

facilities are currently scheduled for completion in January 2024.

In the meantime, some of the displaced classes will be relocated to the existing Cline Elementary building, which will be vacant after moving to their new facility in West Ranch.

Some high school administrators are already operating out of the Junior High due to the construction.

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.

• Tuesday, May 30
Arrest for unauthorized use of temporary tag at 12:07 a.m., 2700 Cullen Parkway.

Arrest for assault family violence at 1 a.m., 11400 block of Grimes Avenue.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 1 a.m., 2000 Old Alvin Road.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 2:04 a.m., 2400 Main St.

Public intoxication arrest at 6:16 a.m., 2850 S. Sam Houston Parkway East.

Death investigation at 8:19 a.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Fraudulent use of identifying information was reported at 9:46 a.m., 3900 block of Littlebourne Lane.

A man was arrested for felony drug possession at 10:54 a.m., 13000 Mykawa Road.

An arrest for reckless driving was made at 12:40 p.m., 12800 Broadway St.

A Pearland man was arrested for aggravated assault with a weapon of a family member at 1:35 p.m., 3400 block of Dorsey Lane.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 7:41 p.m., 5400 Jefferson St.

Death investigation at 9:20 p.m., 11000 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Death investigation at 10:09 p.m., 11500 block of Freestone Avenue.

• Wednesday, May 31
Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 12:24 a.m., 10800 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Hospice death at 5:20 a.m., 800 block of N. Hampton Drive.

Failure to identify arrest at 10 a.m., 1800 Broadway.

An aggravated robbery was reported at 10:50 a.m., 1800 block of Pearland Parkway.

An arrest for assault by contact family violence at 9:35 p.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

• Thursday, June 1
An arrest for family violence assault at 12:13 a.m., 11700 block of Cascade Falls Lane.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 8:34 a.m., 2200 N. Grand Blvd.

A Houston man, 21, was arrested at 10:52 a.m. for aggravated robbery, 3100 block of Sam Houston Parkway E.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 5:20 p.m., 5300 Bailey Road.

Mental health incidents reported at 13900 block of South Freeway and 2000 block of Cheryl Drive.

A Pearland man, 28, was arrested at 11:11 p.m. for assault causing bodily injury of a family member, 14200 block of Carlisle Hollow Trail.

• Friday, June 2
Credit card abuse reported at midnight, 3900 block of Travis Lake Court.

Public intoxication arrest at 4:20 a.m., 16100 block of South Freeway St.

Two people were arrested for disorderly conduct-fighting at 2:56 p.m., 5706 Broadway St.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 5:35 p.m., 4100 Dixie Farm Road.

Arrest for unlawful carrying weapon at 7 p.m., 18500 Highway 288 S.

Accident involving injury or death, 7:20 p.m., 9300 block of Hughes Ranch Road.

Illegal dumping reported at 8:53 p.m., 5000 block of Colonial Drive.

An arrest for assault family violence at 9:26 p.m., 12800 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

• Saturday, June 3
An arrest for public intoxication at 1:16 a.m., 12300 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

An arrest for public intoxication at 1:49 a.m., 2200

County Road 94.

A 36-year-old Fresno Texas man was arrested for DWI-enhanced at 3:15 a.m., 1700 block of Max Road.

A South Houston man, 47, was arrested for DWI third or more and fleeing police at 4 a.m., 4300 Main St.

A Pearland man was arrested at 4 a.m. for making silent or abusive calls to 911, 1200 block of Dixie Farm Road.

A Pearland woman was arrested at 6:49 a.m. for evading detention with a vehicle, 2300 Business Center Drive.

Arrest for assault by threat, 9 a.m., 4800 block of Broadway St.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 11:50 a.m., 3108 Dixie Farm Road.

An arrest for pocket picking was made at 3:51 p.m., 1710 Broadway St.

• Sunday, June 4
An arrest for injury to a child, elderly or disabled person was made at 12:06 a.m., 13500 Broadway St.

DWI arrest at 1:34 a.m., 5500 Bailey Road.

An arrest for assault by contact family violence was made at 3:22 a.m., 2400 block of Morgan Bay Court.

A homeless man, 30, was arrested at 7:31 a.m. for felony theft with two or more prior convictions.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury family member at 11:17 a.m., 700 N. San Jacinto St.

A Rosharon Man, 35, was arrested for assault on a security officer, 11100 Shadow Creek Parkway.

A woman was arrested for assault of a family member, 10:09 p.m., 12900 Shadow Creek Parkway.

• Monday, June 5
Public intoxication arrest at 4:27 a.m., 2300 Main St.

Death investigation at 7 a.m., 3400 block of E. Walnut St.

Arrest for operating vehicle with expired plate, 7:28 a.m., 1300 Main St.

Possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia arrest at 10:46 a.m., 1900 Main St.

Criminal trespass arrest at 10:48 a.m., 4200 block of Keystone Trail

Possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia arrest at 12:48 p.m., 12000 Mykawa.

Arrest for felony possession of controlled substance at 8:42 p.m., 2500 Cullen.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

MAY 30 thru JUNE 5

TRESPASS
June 1 (12:07 a.m.) A young, white male was observed on video surveillance walking through yards in the 16400 block of Bougainvillea Lane and checking car door handles.

THEFT
June 2 (2:47 p.m.) A 34-year-old League City man was charged with Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information, Theft, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. The suspect was driving a vehicle with stolen license plates. He was stopped in the 700 block of W. Parkwood Avenue. The man believed he was being stopped because he had just been involved in a theft at an Alvin Dollar General. At the conclusion, officers discovered that he was not only driving with a stolen license plate, but he was also towing a stolen trailer with a stolen vehicle, he was in possession of a shotgun, he had two outstanding warrants, and was in possession of identification cards and credit cards belonging to others.

FRAUD
May 31 (8:16 p.m.) A Friendswood man's identity was stolen and used to fraudulently open bank accounts.

June 2 (9:26 a.m.) A Friendswood man is the victim of a Facebook Marketplace scam involving the purchase of a vehicle. When the victim was told by the seller that there were other inquiries, the victim used the Zelle app to send a deposit to hold the vehicle. Since the deposit, there has been no other contact with the seller, no address given, and the seller has blocked the victim's phone number.

June 3 (10:15 a.m.) A Friendswood man's identity was stolen and used to open a Nordstrom credit card account.

June 4 (12:46 p.m.) Friendswood police were advised of an injury to an elderly person incident that occurred at Friendship Haven, 1500 Sunset Drive. A nursing home employee is the alleged abuser who was captured on hidden video. The alleged abuse was suspected by the victim's family, so they installed a video camera. The case is under investigation.

ASSAULT
June 1 (8:27 p.m.) A 27-year-old Friendswood woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. Officers were called to the 1500 block of E. Winding Way for a suspicious person parked in the driveway, with the windshield wipers on, and acting erratically. When an officer arrived, he contacted the woman who was inside the running vehicle. She exhibited signs of intoxication, including the smell of alcohol on her person. She failed a field sobriety test.

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NARCOTICS
May 30 (4:50 p.m.) A 26-year-old Missouri City man, a 24-year-old Missouri City woman, and a 26-year-old Missouri City woman, were charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The man was stopped for expired registration in the 100 block of Rustic Lane. When he exited the vehicle, the officer observed a THC e-cigarette fall into the driver's seat. A search of the vehicle yielded marijuana and additional THC e-cigarettes.

June 1 (12:16 a.m.) A 19-year-old Friendswood man, and a 17-year-old Friendswood man were both charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The 19-year-old was stopped for an insurance violation. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. The officer conducted a search and found vape pens, rolling papers, marijuana residue and a THC cartridge.

June 1 (2:36 p.m.) A 26-year-old Webster man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The man was stopped for expired registration in the 700 block of W. Parkwood Ave. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search was conducted, and marijuana was found.

June 3 (7:05 a.m.) A 20-year-old man and a 24-year-old female were charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1 and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. The man was driving a stolen Hertz rental vehicle in the 1200 block of W. Parkwood Avenue. He was detained and found to be in possession of marijuana. The female passenger was also detained. The vehicle smelled of marijuana and a meth pipe was observed in the front seat. Alprazolam pills were also found.

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June 4 (1:24 a.m.) A 23-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. The man was parked over the protected median in the 3300 block of W. Bay Area Blvd. He claimed he did not see the barricades, hit the barricades, and then crashed into a tree in the median. He exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

WEAPONS
June 4 (4:51 p.m.) A 38-year-old Katy man was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. He was the passenger in a vehicle that was stopped for running a red light in the 500 block of E. Edgewood Drive. The 17-year-old female driver had an outstanding Montgomery County warrant. The inside of the vehicle smelled of marijuana. The man was asked to exit the vehicle but refused. During the woman's detention, she collapsed and appeared to be having a seizure. She was taken to a local hospital for treatment. The officer conducted a search of the vehicle and found Ecstasy pills, a gun, and a THC vape. The man was concealing marijuana on his person. After reviewing his prior felony convictions, he was charged a weapons charge. A warrant will be issued for the female charging her with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 2.

TRAFFIC
June 4 (10:11 a.m.) A 20-year-old Friendswood man was charged with No Driver's License and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was stopped for speeding, didn't have a driver's license, and was in possession of a THC vape.

June 4 (4:42 p.m.) A hit and run accident occurred at the intersection of W. Parkwood and Sunset Drive. The victim had minor damage to the rear bumper of his vehicle. He was struck from behind by a newer model blue 4-door sedan. The victim tried to follow the vehicle but lost sight of them. The suspect driver was described as a young, white male, between 17 and 19 years old. The suspect vehicle may have been either a Honda or a Hyundai.

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- "C'___ la vie!"
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- Public hanging?
- Of a certain part of speech
- Bother
- Fugue finales
- "... nothing to fear but fear ___"
- Barely make, with "out"
- "Hold on a ___!"
- Five-star flag officer
- Asian capital
- Barbecue offering
- Bushy-tailed monkeys
- Morse code line
- Hindu deity
- Charged particles
- Oxen's harness
- Like windows
- Anchovy containers
- The America's Cup trophy, e.g.
- Burned up
- Affranchise
- Physics units
- "Tarzan" extra
- Arrears
- "A Chorus Line" number
- Abandon orbit
- Union member
- Having a purpose?
- Cost of leaving?
- Sphere
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- French way
- Enlighten
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- Concurring.
- Casual attire
- Final: Abbr.
- Hit the slopes
- Draw into an argument
- Finger or toe
- Cigar residue
- Bar worker
- Plains Indian
- Angry
- Clairvoyants
- "... happily ___ after"
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- Dash lengths

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Friendswood Library to host several summer events

Library to host Health Fair

The library is hosting a Health Fair Thursday, June 8 from noon to 4 pm. Free health screenings by UTMB Health, opportunities to visit with

organizations and local authors and presentations will be offered

Presentation schedule includes Texas Health and Human Services Benefits at noon, Gulf Coast Center Programs at 12:45 pm, City of

Friendswood EMS presentation at 1:30 pm, COM Sickle Cell Club presentation at 2:15 pm and Dr. Tim McCullough to speak on GERD at 3 pm. The community is invited to attend.

The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr. in Friendswood.

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AREA BRIEFS

Save date for popular BBQ fundraiser

The Senior Activity Center's 11th Annual BBQ Fundraiser planned for June 14 from 11 am to 1 pm.

Each meal includes a chopped brisket BBQ sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, cookie and a drink. Orders of 10 or more meals can be delivered for free within City limits. There will also be dine in and to go orders. To go orders may be called in advance. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (50-plus) and \$8 for kids.

All proceeds benefit the Friendswood Senior Citizen Program (FSCP).

For more information on the fundraiser, contact the Friendswood Activity Building at 281-482-8441.

'No Name Fest' set June 9

The Brazoria Chamber of Commerce is planning the 38th "No Name Festival" beginning Friday, June 9, through the weekend. The event includes a barbecue and hamburger cookout, vendors, street dance and more. Festivities begin Friday at 4 p.m. at the Brazoria Heritage Foundation Civic Center, 202 W. Smith St., Brazoria

For more information, call 979-824-0455.

Variety band highlights concert

The Tracy Perez Band will highlight the Concerts in the Park Series this Friday June 9, at Independence Park, 2449 Pearland Parkway.

The 7 p.m. show featuring variety music is free to the public. The series is hosted by the city's Parks and Recreation Department. Food vendors will include Duron Kettle Corn, Bree-Z's Ice, Bobbie Jean's Fish and Wings.

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

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.

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.

Honey festival this summer at expo

The 6th annual Honey Expo is scheduled on Saturday, July 15, at the County Fairgrounds, 901 Downing Road, Angleton. This event is open to the public with educational displays on beekeeping, extracting honey and more, food and vendors.

Become a Junior Lifeguard

Youth can find out what being a Friendswood Lifeguard is really like with the Parks and Recreation Department Junior Lifeguard program. This program offers a unique insight into the day-to-day operations with the aquatics team. Participants will have the opportunity to attend weekly in-service training where they will be introduced to water rescue procedures and CPR/First Aid skills.

Junior Lifeguards will also assist swim instructors in the Acorn Aquatic Academy swim lesson program and participate in Shadow Shifts during normal recreational swim hours.

Session 1 is June 12-23 and Session 2 is July 10-21. Cost is \$10 per person for each session. Space is limited so anyone interested is encouraged to register immediately.

To register, click on the link on the Park and Rec's Facebook page or call.

For questions and inquiries call the Parks & Rec department at 281-996-3220 or email pool@friendswood.com/.

Pearland ISD junior high and high school bands excel in UIL competitions

Pearland Independent School District junior high and high school bands have much to be proud of with an impressive recent accomplishment.

Eight out of nine high school concert bands received the prestigious sweepstakes award, a first division in concert and sight reading. Additionally, all nine high school bands received a first division in sight reading. Contests held late last month at Dobie High School for the high school bands and at Pearland High School for the junior bands.

10 out of the 12 junior high bands received a sweepstakes, with a first division in concert and sight reading. Additionally, all 12 bands received a first division in concert.

FEF to hold new employee luncheon

The Friendswood ISD Education Foundation (FEF) is excited to present the 2023 FID New Employee Luncheon, The Beginning of a New Chapter.

This year's event will be "one for the books" and will be held on Thursday, August 3 from 11:15am to 12:45pm at the Lone Star Flight Museum located at 11551 Aerospace Ave, Houston.

The event will include lunch, door prizes, vendor giveaways, a special guest speaker and more.

This year's event would not be possible without the generous support of New Employee Luncheon Title Sponsor, Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union, and Co-Chairs, Alexis DiFruscio and Judy Wiggins.

A limited number of sponsorships are available and the Foundation is now collecting door prizes. Visit fef.myfisd.com/events/nel to join FEF in extending a mighty Mustang welcome to all of the new employees to Friendswood ISD.



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

WORDS TO LIVE BY

(Part 4 in a series of 5 messages from Mother's Day to Father's Day)

"Moses came with Joshua, son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people. When Moses finished reciting these words to all Israel, 46 he said to them, 'Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. 47 They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.' -Deuteronomy 32:44-47

Families and individuals have been sharing words to live by since there were people around to listen and share... you know... it's the attitude something isn't a mistake until it's done a second or third time... as the first time marks the learning curve for what is still to come. It goes way back with words of caution like...

"Don't get too near to the water's edge... there's alligators close by" ... or "stay away from that sinkhole... it seems to get bigger and bigger everyday"... or when God said the that first man and woman... 'you can eat from any tree in the garden... except the one in the center which exposes you to what God knows... the difference between both good and evil.' Even from the very beginning people have been dismissing God and the good things God has said to us...

Take for example the ten commandments given to Moses from God. They remain the foundational words for all our laws around the globe... and sometimes I wish religious leaders would have first referred to them as 'good commandments' rather than ten. My burden perhaps... not yours. Either way they're words to live by... like refrain from killing and ignore the desire to steal being good for everyone involved... no matter where you live or what language you speak or how much is in your 401K for later in

life. Anxiety would go down... we'd only need guns for providing food for the table and we'd put the locksmiths and smart car keys out of business.

And there is a beauty within those commandments from God... as the first few flesh out our relationship with the Almighty keeping a holy perspective about understanding there is only one God and trying to make something else god is both risky and ultimately self-destructive. And what's interesting is God only asks we take one day a week to set aside time to keep that relationship intact. The other commandments are about how we treat one another and how we live in community and are words to live by offering not just instruction, but protection and goodness... and I tried to teach teenagers the ten commandments are like a mirror... showing us how we really are rather than how we think and feel we are... and like the curb on the road to keep us from going into the life's deep ditches and like a measuring stick to show us how far we can go before we get into trouble... and where I come from... nobody I know likes trouble! Even the task of honoring mothers and fathers is good because they may be only doing the best they can.

The catch is this... the ten commandments are words all of us can live by... to be taught to each generation... and I must say over the years I have been with many young children who could name Santa's eight tiny reindeer or all of the Smurfs but could not tell me even three or four of the ten commandments... ones which bring a centering to life reindeer or small blue cartoon men could ever provide.

Words to live by guide our moments and days. Claim some. Share some. Faith matters. It does.

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.



FRIENDSWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES HOW 2 LADY

Through workshops and coaching, Rosly Cooper with Transformational Development by How 2 Lady provides tools to successfully and confidently navigate a variety of settings from upscale dining to social gatherings. Through training and education in Business Etiquette for Professionals from the Emily Post Institute, the main objective is to create productive habits, healthy online activity, and promote behaviors that will build stronger interpersonal and business relationships. To book your next group, or private lesson please email her at cooperrosly@gmail.com. We love to teach at birthday parties, schools & churches too. Let us know how we can help. Give Rosly a call at 281-299-4399. For more information check out their Facebook page. Enjoying this special day with Rosly are Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Team and Board Members. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce please call 281-482-3329, email info@friendswoodchamber.com or visit our website at friendswoodchamber.com for upcoming events and an online membership application. The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The PEARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 9:00AM, June 23, 2023 in the District's Board Room at 1928 N. Main Street in Pearland, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$0.894600/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.348100/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	8.07 % increase
Debt Service	10.01 % increase
Total Expenditures	8.38 % increase

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$12,882,895,429	\$15,987,356,916
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$93,924,976	\$92,340,154
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$10,166,272,070	\$12,211,669,535
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$87,421,782	\$78,786,058

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$358,840,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.954600	\$0.348100	\$1.302700	\$6,336	\$4,676
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.761500	\$0.345140	\$1.106640	\$6,553	\$4,175
Proposed Rate	\$0.894600	\$0.348100	\$1.242700	\$7,079	\$4,592

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$310,301	\$368,080
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$251,963	\$282,429
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.302700	\$1.242700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$3,282.32	\$3,509.75
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$227.43

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

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.152700. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.152700.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$28,159,660
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$11,087,749

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

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

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

SPORTS

No. 1 Pearland punches ticket to state baseball tournament

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Oilers diamondmen have a chance to do something that very few schools have ever done and that is to follow in the footsteps of the girls softball team to win the baseball title as well.

The Lady Oilers beat Denton Guyer 4-2 to capture the 2023 Class 6A state softball title and now the No. 1 state-ranked Oilers have an opportunity to bring both titles to Pearland.

The Oilers faced the Katy Tigers in the 6A Region III finals and came away with the best-of-three series 7-0 and 2-1 to advance to the state baseball tournament in Round Rock. Pearland will play Austin Westlake on June 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Dell Diamond. Cy-Woods and Flower Mound meet in the other semifinal contest at 4:00 p.m. on Friday.

The Oilers won their lone state title in 1980 and other appearances came in 1981, 1984, 2009 and 2014.

PEARLAND 7 - KATY 0

Pearland set the pace of how this best-of-three series was going to go as they dominated Katy 7-0 in the series opener. Katy (30-7-3) lost for the first time in the post-season.

Arizona State commit sophomore Nico Partida fired a three-hitter while striking out two and walking two in a seven-inning complete shutout performance.

Pearland loaded the bases in the fourth with a one-out walk to Braeden Morse, a single to left by Anthony Avalos and a walk to John Moya.

Oilers right fielder Isaiah Castaneda then smoked a single to centerfield to plate two runs, and a throwing error put runners on second and third.

Pearland catcher Cade Adams then laid down a perfect squeeze bunt to score Moya, and Brett Smajstrla followed with a run-scoring single for a 4-0 lead.

The Oilers then stretched the lead to 5-0 on three consecutive walks and a wild pitch with Anthony Avalos at bat.

Katy ended the scoring threat as Moya struck out and Castaneda hit into an inning-ending double play.

Caden Ferraro delivered an RBI single in the sixth to boost the Oilers' lead to 6-0, and an error brought home Pearland's final run in the seventh to post the 7-0 final score and take a 1-0 lead in the series.

Leading hitter for Pearland included Ferraro (1-for-4, 1 RBI), Damian Landry (1-for-2, 1 run), Partida (1-for-3), Avalos (2-for-3, 1 run), Moya (1-for-2, 2 runs, 2B), Castaneda (1-for-4, 1 run, 2 RBIs), and Smajstrla (2-for-4, run, 1 RBI).

PEARLAND 2 - KATY 1

Senior and Sam Houston commit Brett Smajstrla sent a

From the Cluttered Desk

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

You're Not A Failure Until You Quit

I think as you get older, you begin asking the hard questions in life. Most young people want to zip through life and ignore the various stop signs and roadblocks that we encounter. Instead, so we think, it is easier to look for the detours in life.

But sooner or later - we must all take time to see life as it really is and not as Hollywood portrays it to be.

For instance. How are you with interruptions? How do you deal with irritations? How about inconveniences? Or how about stress? Many are all stressed up and no place to go.

It is estimated that the average person spends one year searching for misplaced objects, six years eating (I like that one), eight months opening junk mail (punch the delete button on your computer), four years trying to return telephone calls to people who never seem to be in the office. Five years waiting in lines (especially at Wal-Mart), and six months sitting at traffic lights.

Students at Pittsburgh University timed Wendy's, McDonald's, and Burger King at least 100 times to see who was the fastest. Wendy's won - taking an average of 46 seconds to serve a hamburger, fries and soft drink. It took 1 1/2 minutes at McDonald's and three minutes at Burger King.

Which causes me to ask the question: What is patience?

It is not just putting up with something. Patience is

more than just endurance, though endurance is part of patience. You are not a failure until you quit - but if you quit - you are always a failure.

I must confess that patience has not always been my strongest virtue. But I believe the older you get - the more you learn about patience and dealing with stress in life.

But the strange thing is - Patience is the child of tribulation. There is not maturity without patience and no patience without tribulation.

Trials and tribulation in life help us become more patient. With life in general and people in particular. We are all alike when we want all honey and no bees. We just want to sail through life with ease.

But real life isn't like that is it?

I believe that we need to learn that tribulation will give you patience in life. When a trial comes you mature - and then you endure.

That's why laughter is truly a cure for life's illnesses. While we don't laugh during tragedy...there are many things in life that we can smile about while we are facing the stress mess of life.

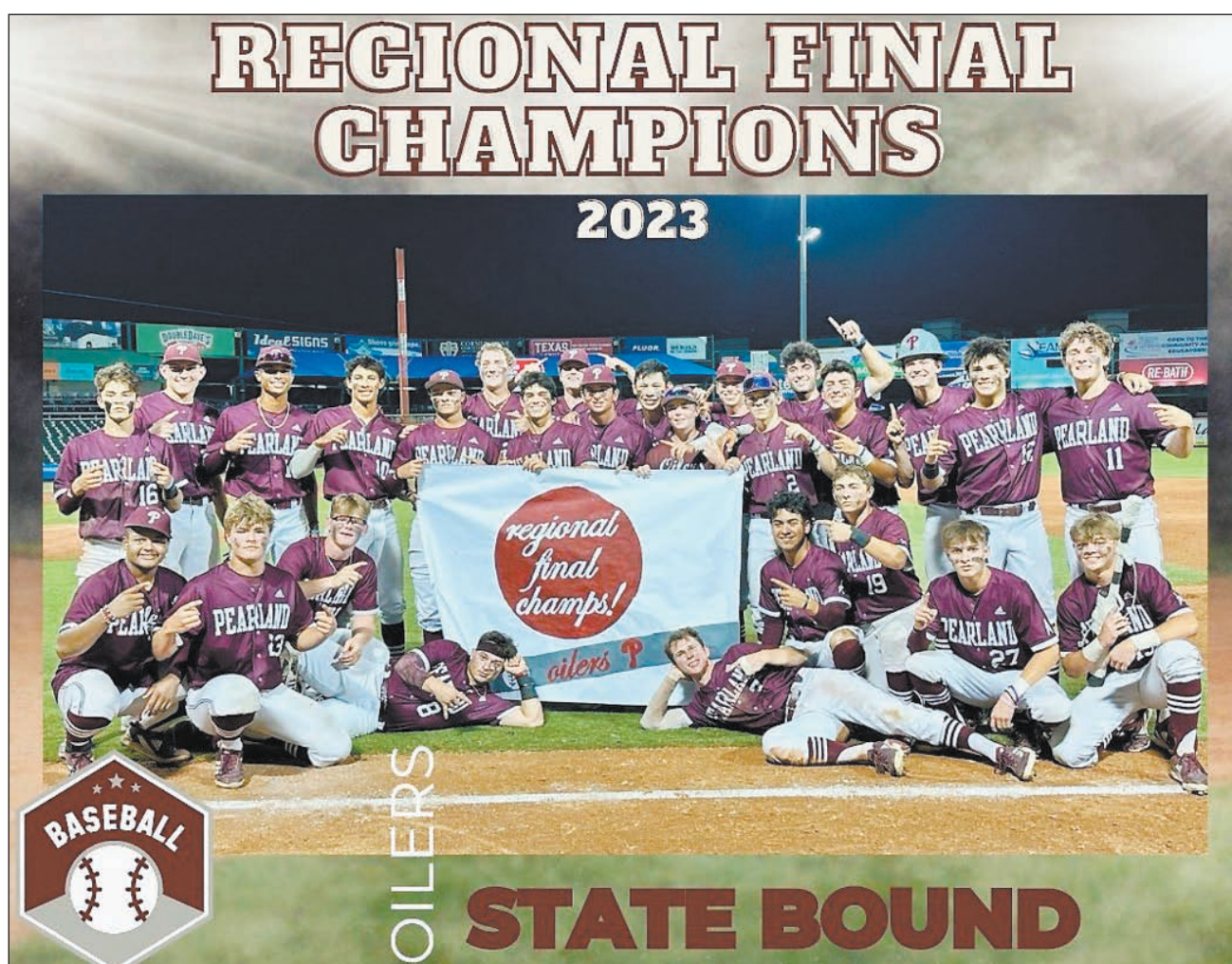
Old friend Robert said, "One thing I have learned in life. An impatient person is always an unhappy person. You cannot be happy and impatient at the same time."

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STATE BOUND - The Pearland diamondmen have punched their ticket to the Class 6A state baseball tournament at Dell Stadium in Round Rock. The Oilers (37-6-1) will face Austin Westlake (40-4) on Friday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the 6A state semifinals.

two-out bloop single to center field to score Anthony Avalos from third base in the bottom of the seventh inning, lifting Pearland to a 2-1 win over Katy and a sweep of the Class 6A Region III championship series.

The win sends the Oilers (37-6) to the 6A state baseball tournament at Dell Diamond in Round Rock on Friday-Saturday, June 9-10.

The Oilers will make their sixth tournament appearance while winning the state title in 1980.

Pearland won for the 24th time in its last 25 games and got a pitching gem from junior Jaden Barfield who gave up only three hits while striking out seven and walking one.

Katy (30-8-3) scored one unearned run which prevented Pearland from throwing a fourth consecutive shutout.

Pearland took a 1-0 lead in the third inning after Isaiah Castaneda tripled to right field and catcher Jace Caceres singled to center.

Katy scored an unearned run in the top of the fifth inning to knot up the score 1-1 before the Oilers dramatic seventh

inning heroics by Pearland.

"This was a battle of warriors," Pearland head coach David Rogers said. "Both pitchers (Barfield and Katy's Lucas Moore) did a great job. "Baseball is a game of inches, and it's unfortunate that one team has to lose."

Smajstrla made a sensational diving catch in left-center-field in the first inning off the bat of Sutton Hull to deny Katy of at least one run.

"That was a game-saving catch," Rogers said. "We had Brett shaded toward left-center because Jaden's velo was up."

"Brett got a great jump and made an unbelievable catch." Rogers had great things to say about Jaden Barfield as well.

"Indescribable," he said. "This is amazing. Hats off to these kids for everything they've done to make this happen."

"Just another absolutely great pitching performance from Jaden Barfield, and we finally helped him out in the seventh."

PITCHING GEM

Pearland junior pitcher Jaden Barfield threw a three-hitter against the Katy Tigers while allowing one unearned run, striking out seven, and walking only one as the Oilers edged the Tigers 2-1 in a best-of-three series for the 6A Region III title. Pearland shut out Katy 7-0 in the series opener to punch their ticket to the 6A state baseball tournament on Friday-Saturday, June 9-10. Pearland will face Austin Westlake in the semifinal contest at Dell Diamond in Round Rock at 7:00 p.m.

Photo by Brittney Hernandez

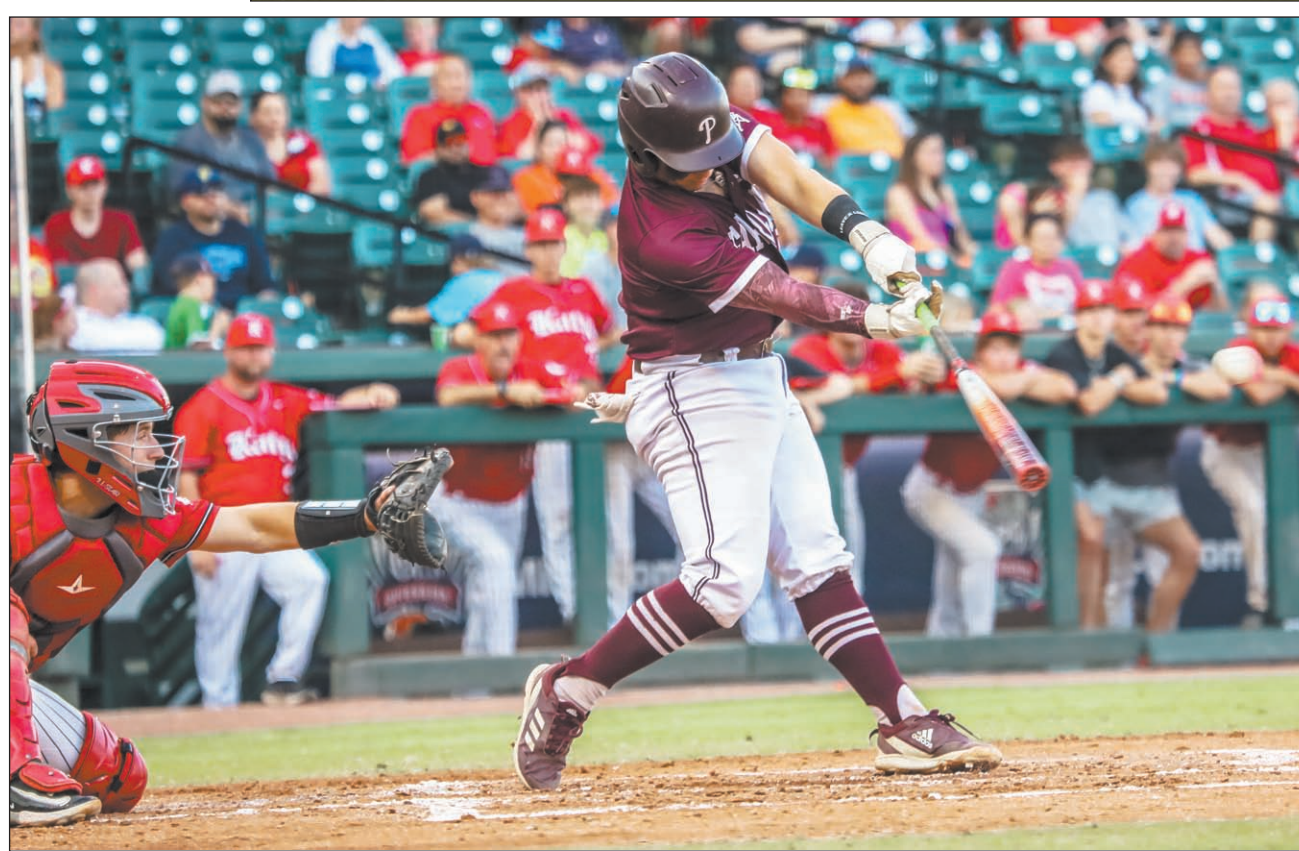


Photo by Brittney Hernandez

RBI SINGLE - Pearland took a 1-0 lead in the third inning when catcher Jace Caceres (pictured) sent Isaiah Castaneda across the plate for the first run of the game against Katy. Castaneda tripled to right field to set up Caceres with the RBI single. The Oilers won the game on senior Brett Smajstrla's RBI walkoff single in the bottom of the seventh giving Pearland a 2-1 win and a sweep of the series. Next stop for the Oilers will be the 6A state baseball tournament in Round Rock.

SPORTS



2023 6A STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS - The Pearland Lady Oilers (41-3) celebrated their third state softball title with a 4-2 win over the Denton Guyer Lady Wildcats at the Red and Charline McCombs Field on the campus of the University of Texas. The Lady Oilers took out the Benito Lady Grayhounds 3-2 in the 6A state semifinal contest. Photo by Dr. David Davis

Pearland Lady Oilers crowned 2023 Class 6A State Champions

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Getting to the state softball tournament is no easy task but the Pearland Lady Oilers have been a special team all season.

It shouldn't surprise anyone that head coach Laneigh Clark, who is the winningest Class 6A coach in the state of Texas with over 750 career wins, possesses the wisdom and experience to guide the Lady O's, not only to the state tournament, but to the 6A crown this season.

Pearland was led by a senior class that had the drive and talent to set the pace with some talented underclassmen who were willing to follow the leadership of the seniors and make the Lady Oilers a complete squad that had a "never say die" mentality.

For the seventh time in school history, Pearland advanced to the state tournament (1995, 2009, 2011, 2016) with three state titles (1996, 2010, 2023).

The No. 3 state-ranked Lady Oilers (39-3) entered the state tournament having to face the No. 2 state-ranked San Benito Lady Greyhounds (40-5) in the 6A semifinals and the No. 1 state-ranked Denton Guyer Lady Wildcats (37-1) in the finals.

PEARLAND 3 - SAN BENITO 2

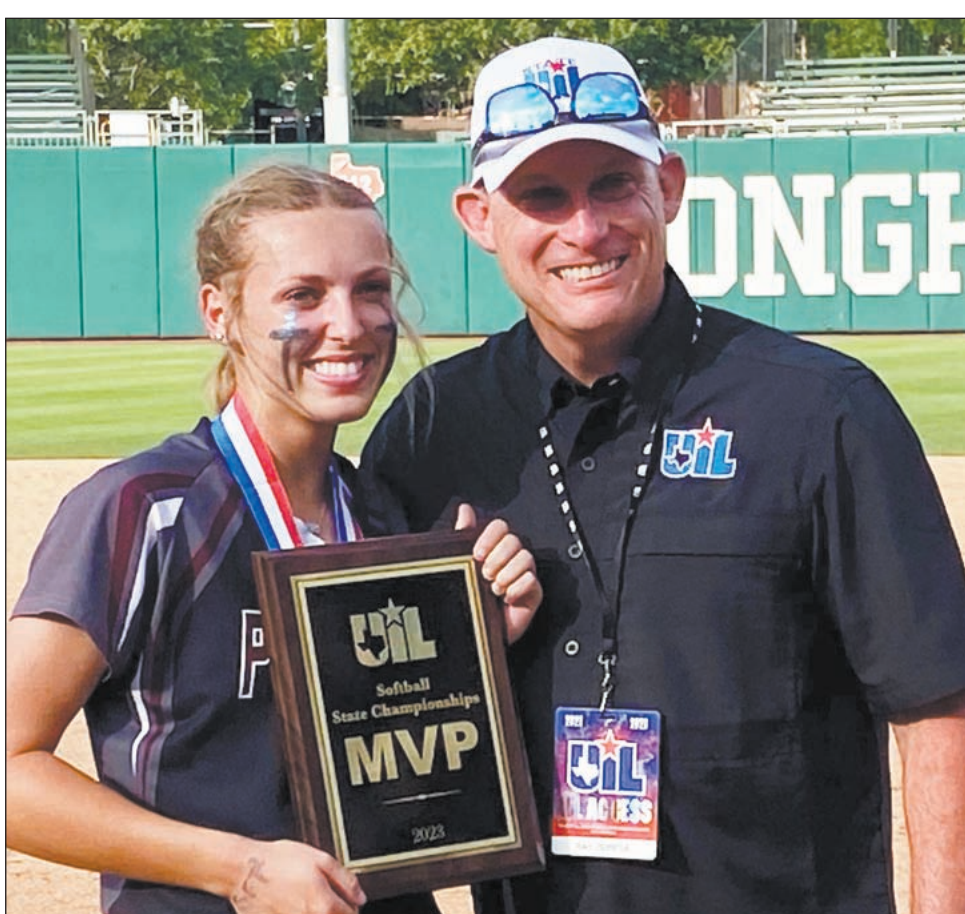
Pearland fell behind quickly in the first inning when San Benito scored a run for a 1-0 lead thanks to an opening single by Bethany Aguilar, a Pearland error, and a hits batsman to load the bases with no outs.

San Benito cleanup hitter Kylie Sanchez ground out into a fielder's choice to short-stop while Aguilar crossed the pay station for the Lady Greyhounds first run.

Pearland starter Abigail Gutierrez issued two fly outs to shut down any further scoring threat.

Over the next two innings, Gutierrez put San Benito down in order with six straight outs.

The Lady Oilers broke on top with three runs in the bottom of the third to take a 3-1 lead.



6A STATE MVP - Texas A&M commit Hailey Golden was named the game's Most Valuable Player after going 3-for-4 with two RBIs. It was a meaningful honor for the senior, who fought through an early season injury to help her team win the 2023 6A state championship. Golden shares the moment with UIL Director of Athletics Ray Zepeda. Photo by Dr. David Davis

Darian DeLeon opened with a walk followed by two more walks by Hailey Golden and Kaylee Schweitzer to load the bases.

DeLeon scored on a wild pitch to tie the game at 1-1 while Golden and Schweitzer advanced to the third and second.

Kennedy Drafton popped out to second base for the first out and then Kryston Whitlock launched a sacrifice fly to right field send Golden across home plate giving the Lady O's a 2-1 lead.

San Benito would allow an unearned run when the catcher tried to pick off Schweitzer at third and the throw went out

to left field allowing another run for a 3-1 advantage.

Up to this point, Pearland scored three runs without the benefit of a hit.

The Lady Greyhounds would get only one more run in the fourth frame when they put two runners on base with an error and a walk. That set up an RBI single by catcher Jozanna Montes to close the gap to 3-2.

Gutierrez would settle down and get a strikeout and a ground out to end the inning. She would close out the Lady Greyhounds retiring the next nine out of 11 batters with only a harmless walk and single in the final three innings.

The 3-2 win for Pearland sent the Lady Oilers to the 6A state title game to face No. 1 state-ranked Denton Guyer Lady Wildcats.

Gutierrez (25-1) allowed three hits, two runs, while striking out five and walking two.

The Lady Oilers managed only one hit by junior third baseman Raenna Liscano, a double in the six inning, while taking advantage of five walks, a wild pitch, and an error.

PEARLAND 4 - DENTON GUYER 2

No. 3 state-ranked Pearland faced the No. 1 team in Class 6A in the Denton Ryan Lady Wildcats with the winning team claiming the 2023 6A state championship.

As they did in the semifinals, the Lady Oilers found themselves trailing after the first half of the opening inning 2-0 after Guyer, quickly grabbed the lead in the top

of the first inning as they scored on an error by the Oilers and executed a perfect squeeze bunt to bring another run across.

However, the Lady Oilers would find some offense in the state finals compared to only one hit against San Benito after seven innings though they got the 3-2 win to advance.

"It's awesome," said Pearland coach Laneigh Clark. "Very few times do you get the opportunity to play for a state championship, and I did it with a great coaching staff, great administration, a great school behind me and a bunch of great kids."

The Lady Oilers got back-to-back one-out singles in the opening frame, but the next two Pearland hitters grounded out leaving two runners on base.

In the second inning, Pearland retired Guyer with a strike out and a double play leaving the Lady Wildcats with a 2-0 lead but the bottom half of the second would be when Pearland would make their mark.

Trinity Perry led off the inning by being hit with a pitch and then Lydia Perry and Kailey Monsef loaded the bases via errors by Denton Guyer.

Darian DeLeon worked the Guyer pitcher for a walk allowing courtesy runner Sydney Mann to score.

Hailey Golden stepped to the plate and delivered an RBI single to tie up the game that knocked Guyer starting pitcher Finley Montgomery out of the circle. Kaylee Schweitzer followed with a sacrifice fly to put the Oilers in front 3-2.

Golden came through once again in the fifth with another RBI single for the 4-2 lead.

Texas A&M commit Golden was named the game's Most Valuable Player after going 3-for-4 with two RBIs. It was a meaningful honor for the senior, who fought through an early season injury to help her program get back to state.

"We live for this, and this is what we've been working for the past four years," Golden said. "With my seniors, we were the group to do it, and it's just so exciting."

That was enough support for Pearland pitcher Abigail Gutierrez, who allowed five hits and struck out six batters as she tossed a complete game for the second straight game. The UT-Arlington signee also pitched well during the Oilers' 3-2 semifinal victory against San Benito.

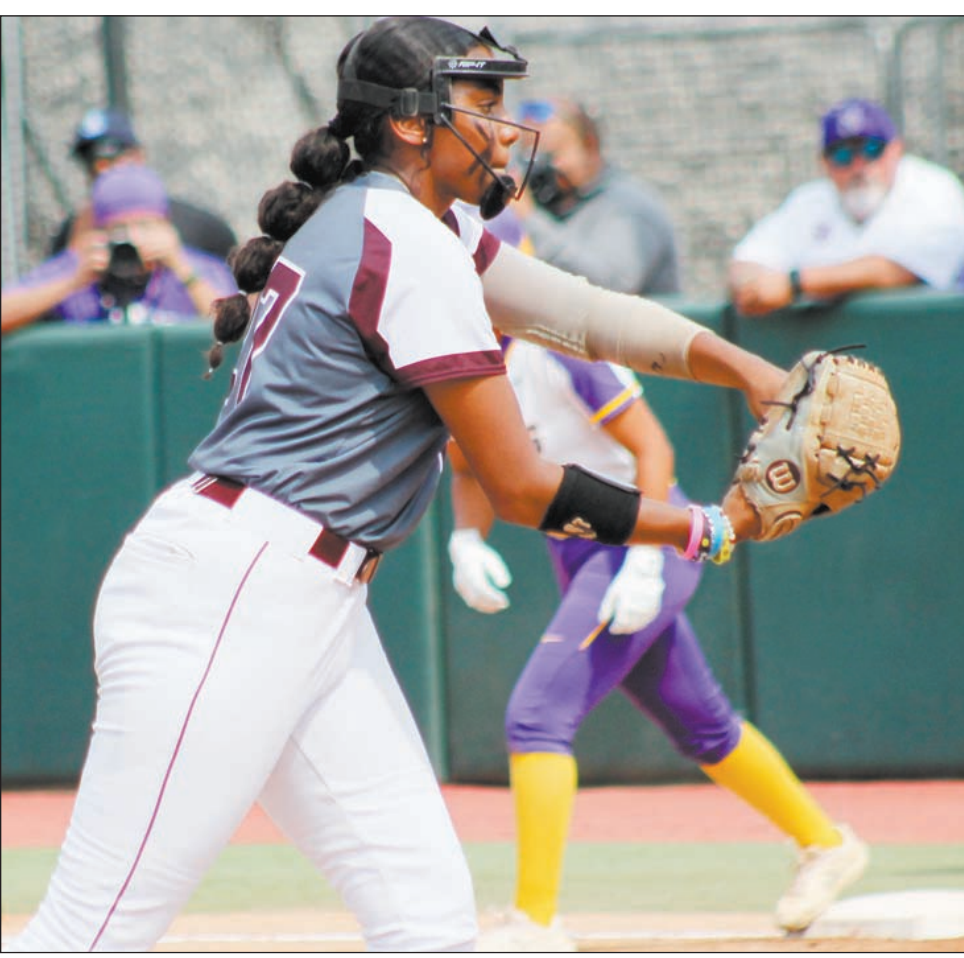
"They're just always so hype," Gutierrez said as her teammates celebrated with the championship trophy nearby. "I know they just always have my back no matter what happens. I can count on these girls in any situation."

Pearland finished the season with an impressive 41-3 record.

The following seniors certainly left their mark for Pearland. They are Hailey Golden, Lydia Njus, Gabbie Roundtree, Kryston Whitlock, Darian DeLeon, Kennedy Drafton, and Abigail Gutierrez.

BEING INTERVIEWED

Pearland head coach Laneigh Clark was interviewed after the Lady Oilers took out the previous No. 1 state-ranked Denton Guyer Lady Wildcats (38-2) by the score of 4-2. This was Pearland's third state title (1996, 2010) and seventh appearance at the state softball tournament. Clark is the winningest 6A coach in Texas softball history with over 750 wins. Photo by Dr. David Davis



WINNING PITCHER - Pearland senior pitcher Abigail Gutierrez gets ready to throw a pitch against San Benito in the 6A state semifinals. Gutierrez (26-1) allowed three hits, two runs, while striking out five and walking two against the Lady Greyhounds. The UT-Arlington signee would also get the win in the state title game over Denton Guyer 4-2 as she allowed five hits and struck out six batters in a complete game performance. Photo by Dr. David Davis



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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

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CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until **2:00 PM on 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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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

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Pearland ISD names four new elementary principals

The Pearland Independent School District Board recently approved four outstanding administrators to serve as principals at CJ Harris, Lawhon, Magnolia and Shadycrest elementaries. Combined, the new principals have nearly 50 years of experience in education.

• LASHONDA PERNETTER
CJ Harris Elementary

LaShonda Pernetter will join CJ Harris Elementary after serving as an assistant principal at Silvercrest and Massey Ranch elementaries for six years. Pernetter holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Louisiana Tech University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Lamar University. With a total of 23 years of experience as an educator, Pernetter served as a first- and third-grade teacher for 17 years. She looks forward to building relationships with students, staff and parents to continue academic success and believes in having fun while learning and building friendships as key components of a great educational foundation. "My vision is that CJ Harris will be a safe, nurturing environment that focuses on the relationships, academics, and social-emotional well-being of all stakeholders – students, staff, parents, and community," Pernetter said.

• DR. KRISTINE SOLBERG
Magnolia Elementary

Dr. Kristine Solberg joins the Pearland ISD team as the new Magnolia Elementary principal. With 19 years as an educator - nine of those as an elementary principal, four as a junior high assistant principal and six as a science teacher - she served her entire career in the Flowing Wells School District in Tucson, Arizona. Dr. Solberg has a bachelor's degree in elementary education, a master's degree in educational leadership and a doctorate in education with an emphasis in K-12 educational leadership, both from Northern Arizona University. "I look forward to meeting and growing with a new team who can contribute to the success of our students," she said. "This opportunity will bring challenges and opportunities for me to grow as a principal and lead collaboratively with the Mustangs. Being bilingual, I am excited to be introduced to the dual language program Magnolia has to offer." Her vision for Magnolia is to continue the school's strengths and traditions, remaining student-centered, holding students and staff to high expectations and

finding a balance to laugh and have fun.

• RYAN PETERSON
Shadycrest Elementary

Shadycrest Elementary welcomes its current assistant principal, Ryan Peterson, as its new principal. Formerly the assistant principal at Alexander Middle School, Peterson comes from a family of educators and began his career in education as a history teacher at La Porte ISD. He also taught in Clear Creek and Pasadena ISDs, for a total of 13 years of experience as an educator. Peterson holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in marketing from Texas State University and a master's of education in administration from Lamar University. Peterson looks forward to continuing the longstanding traditions of excellence at Shadycrest and creating new traditions that align with the community's expectations and values. "The Shadycrest faculty is here to support and coach students academically, socially and emotionally. My vision is for Shadycrest's students to strive to be well-rounded inside and outside the classroom, creating a community of positivity and growth."

• VERONICA RODRIGUEZ
Lawhon Elementary

Veronica Rodriguez is welcomed to Lawhon Elementary as the new principal, after serving as an assistant principal at the school for the past six years. The first in her family to graduate from college and obtain a master's degree, Rodriguez holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies PK-4 from the University of Houston - Main Campus, and a master's degree in educational leadership from University of Houston - Clear Lake. With 18 years of education experience and having previously served as an elementary teacher for 10 years and an ELA literacy coach in Pasadena ISD, Rodriguez looks forward to continue to help Lawhon grow in its great successes going forward and continuing to build upon its great community. "At Lawhon Elementary, we strive to ensure the success of ALL students not only academically but socially and emotionally. Teachers, parents and students work as a team year-round to cultivate students' academic, social and emotional strengths," she said. "Our Lawhon family is committed to establishing core values, positive relationships and building confidence so that all children can reach their maximum potential."



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