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RESULTS FOR MAY 6 GENERAL ELECTION

Councilmembers Elected



SALLY BRANSON
Councilmember
Position 2



JOE MATRANGA
Councilmember
Position 5

Around Town

May 11 PUPPY RAISING PROGRAM

Canine Companions will hold a Volunteer Puppy Raising program at Friendswood Library on Thursday, May 11 at 7pm. Volunteer puppy raisers provide Canine Companion puppies a safe home, take them to obedience classes, serve up a healthy diet, provide socialization opportunities and give lots of love. Canine Companions provides dogs to adults, children and veterans with disabilities and facility dogs to professionals working in healthcare, criminal justice and educational settings allowing clients and their dogs to live with greater independence. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

May 12 ESL CONVERSATION CLASS

The Friendswood Library offers ESL Conversation Classes every Friday from 3:30 to 5:00pm. The program is led by Vineet. No registration required. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

JoiLux Band will be performing at 7pm at Concert in the Park in Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. All concerts are free and prizes given during intermission.

May 13 SQUARE DANCE LESSON

Hanger Squares will offer a free Square Dance Lesson on Saturday, May 13 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Jones Hangar - Leavesley Park, 901 Buckingham. Square and line dancing will follow from 8:00 to 9:30pm. For more information email hangersquaresfriendswoodtx@gmail.com or visit hangersquares.org.

May 14 BAY AREA FARMERS MARKET

Bay Area Farmers Market is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. most Sundays in the parking lot of Baybrook Mall, 500 Baybrook Mall in Friendswood, near Total Wine. Vendors change weekly and include local farmers, craftsmen, bakers and more. www.bayareafarmersmarkettx.com.

May 17 INTRO TO 3D PRINTING

Introduction to 3D Printing will be held Wednesday, May 17 from 6:30 to 7:30pm at the Friendswood Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

May 18 LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The next Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held Thursday, May 18 thru Saturday, May 20. \$5 per bag or \$10 per box. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

May 19 CONCERT IN THE PARK

Big Daddy Band is the featured band May 19 at Concert in the Park at Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. Concerts start at 7pm and are free. Prizes are given during intermission.

May 20 MOBILE VET CLINIC

Countryside Mobile Vet will offer a Low Cost Vaccinations Clinic on Saturday, May 20 from 11am to 3pm at Gulf Coast Equine and Pet Center, 4111 FM 2351 in Friendswood.

SQUARE DANCE LESSON

Hanger Squares will offer a free Square Dance Lesson on Saturday, May 20 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Jones Hangar - Leavesley Park, 901 Buckingham. Square and line dancing will follow from 8:00 to 9:30pm. For more information email hangersquaresfriendswoodtx@gmail.com or visit hangersquares.org.

May 24 GENEALOGY ROUND TABLE

The Friendswood Library Genealogy Round Table meets the 4th Wednesday of every month. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 24 at 2:00pm. Come meet fellow genealogists, share ideas and insights, and work through research questions. Researchers at all levels are welcome.



AREA CHAMPIONS

The No. 9 state-ranked Friendswood Lady Mustangs (23-9) took care of the Lamar Consolidated Lady Mustangs in the Class 5A Region III softball area round 5-0 to advance to the region quarterfinals where they will face the No. 4 state-ranked Barbers Hill Lady Eagles (34-3) in a best-of-three series.

FISD Board celebrates Teachers, Paras, Coaches of the Year

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Friendswood ISD has announced its 2023 Teachers, Paraprofessionals and Coaches of the Year.

Each group was honored at the regular meeting of the FISD School Board held in the boardroom on May 8.

Teachers of the Year (TOYS) include the following personnel and their schools. Bales TOY is Shawn Wyble, Media Integration Specialist. Cline Elementary TOY is Kathryn Morton, first grade teacher. Friendswood Junior High named Wade Rendon, Special Ed for 6-8 grades the Teacher of the Year. Amanda Davies represents FHS. Davies is a science teacher in the 11th and 12th grades. Kindergarten teacher Tena Roher is the TOY

from Westwood Elementary. Julie Leggio, fourth grade teacher is the TOY from Windsong intermediate.

Paraprofessionals of the Year (POYS) were also honored. Bales Intermediate named Marlene Wright, inclusion aide, as their POY. Sara Ruiz, physical education aide, is the POY from Cline Elementary. FJH named Lynn Landry, ISS, their POY. FHS POY is Candace Ayers, bookkeeper. Shelli Brittan, inclusion aide, represents Westwood Elementary as their POY. Windsong Intermediate chose paraprofessional aide Beverly Spencer as their Paraprofessional of the Year.

The Board also celebrated the Coaches of the Year at the meeting.

Ty Bush was named the Houston Chronicle Cross Country Coach of the Year.

In baseball, Cory Benavides reached 100 career wins and was named 18-5A Coach of the Year for Baseball.

David Cook was named the Galveston County Coach of the Year and the 18-5A Coach of the Year for Tennis.

Craig Sikkema was named 18-5A Coach of the year in Swim/Dive, Region V 5A Coach of the year Swim/Dive and UIL 5A State Coach of the Year.

In soccer, Laura Peter is the 18-5A Coach of the Year in Girls Soccer and Stephen Peter was honored for reaching 500 career wins in Boys Soccer.

Jared Owens was named the 12-5A Coach of the Year in Wrestling.

Christa Williams Yates is the 18-5A Coach of the Year in Softball.



Friendswood ISD School Board members and superintendent pose with the 2023 Teachers of the Year. The group was honored at the Board meeting May 8.

FISD presents Excellence Awards to students

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Celebration of Excellence Awards were presented to students in Friendswood ISD at the School Board meeting May 8.

The awards are given to students in FISD who compete at State and/or National levels in University Interscholastic League (UIL) competition, display outstanding character, show strong leadership skills and/or have academic growth and progress.

The 2023 Valedictorian is Ganesh Venu with Salutatorian Asiya Siddiqi. Both were honored with Celebration of Excellence Awards.

In Theatrical Design, Jimmy Perry was honored. His sponsor is Amy Thornton.

From the organization Health Occupations of America (HOSA), the following students were honored: Salem Rea, Hailey Hartsock, Carrie Durso, Anisha Sakhare, Raizelle Le, and Danna Cai. Sponsor is Carla Burris.

Color Guard had three teams honored. This included the following members: Genevieve

Bernard, Violette Bupane, Madelynne Chalk, Makenna Cottrell, Bella Garner, Avery Gray, Vivianne Hernandez, Alex (Doris) Lemus, Sherry Linklater, Maia Parmitano, Allie Williams, Emma Wilson, Devyn Wondergem, Katherine Benishek, Abigail Chalk, Keyerah Dayton, Samantha Hergert, Cassi Kelley, Brayden Partin, Isabella Richards, Charley Wheeland, Amelia Sandel, Katherine Benishek, Cayleigh Buoy, Leo Caram, Megan Delany, Kali Delk, Ray Denson, Madison Feaster, Layla Franco, Bryce Harris, Samantha Hergert, Alexis

Koch, Aydan McLaren, Sara Parmitano, Ashley Wang, Maddie Williams, and Adah Woodburn. Sponsor is Stephanie Chavez.

FHS Tennis members honored include the following: Ethan Eberhardt, Michael Lanni, Ganesh Venu, Maadhvi Bhojani, and Audrey Tang. Coaches include David Cook, Eric LeBlanc, Stephanie Frahm and Bailee Berringer-Rodriguez.

FHS Girls Golf members who competed in State were honored and include the following: Mary Kerr, Trinity Bosley, Mary Scheschuk, Abby Permenter, and

Kamden Estlinbaum. Coaches include Scott Smith and Ray Monahan.

FHS also had art students compete at State in the High School Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE). The mission of VASE is to recognize exemplary student achievement in the Visual Arts by providing high school art students and programs a standard of excellence in which to achieve. Students from FHS honored include Kamryn Phillips, Amorette Garcia, Madeline Raska, and Alex Wilson. Sponsors are Mary Wise and Mandy Harris.

State Track and Field members honored were Alberto Archundia and Brandon Schirck. Coach is Bruce Bolden.

Members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) were honored for competing at State. Honored members include Lauren Barker and Kynadea Zamora, Anna Hubbard, Mia Baker and Avery Horman, Sawyer Skeele and Luke Bowles, Caroline Jensen and Taylor Wiederhold, Roshni Chaudhari, and Nathan Jennings.



FHS Girls Golf members who competed in State were honored during the Monday night school board meeting.

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 2

An arrest for theft was made at 2:45 a.m., 4300 block of W. Walnut St.

An arrest for possession of a controlled substance was made at 9:30 a.m., 2000 block of Cullen Parkway.

An aggravated robbery was reported at 10 a.m., 9200 block of Broadway St.

A Houston man, 28, was arrested for robbery at 11:53 a.m., 5200 block of Carmona Lane.

A Houston man, 24, was arrested for assault of a pregnant person at 4:25 p.m., 600 block of Country Grove Circle.

Two Pearland man were arrested Tuesday evening for disorderly conduct-fighting, 2900 block of Oak Road.

Death investigation at 9 p.m., 3400 block of Walnut St.

• Wednesday, May 3

A Pearland man, 38, was arrested for family violence assault at 4:47 p.m., 5600 block of Cunningham Drive.

An arrest for criminal mischief at 7 p.m., 3600 E. Plum St.

An arrest for criminal trespass at 6:43 p.m. 1919 Main St.

An arrest for failure to identify at 7:50 p.m., 1900 block of Mykawa Road.

An arrest for public intoxication was made at 9:41 p.m., 11104 Broadway St.

• Thursday, May 4

A 20-year-old Houston man was arrested at 2:51 a.m. for felony possession of a controlled substance, 10500 Broadway St.

A Liverpool, Texas woman, 48, was arrested at 1:49 p.m. and charged with felony theft of materials, 100 block of Winding Road.

A 29-year-old Houston man was arrested at 6 p.m.

for felony theft with a prior conviction, 1700 block of Main St.

An arrest for resisting arrest, search or transport was made at 6:30 p.m., 12000 block of Banks Run Drive.

• Friday, May 5

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia just before 1 a.m., 7800 Broadway St.

An arrest for possession of a controlled substance at 2 a.m., 14100 Highway 288.

Public intoxication arrest at 11:56 a.m., 2900 Becket St.

An arrest for felony possession of a controlled substance, 2900 block of Oak Road.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 12:05 p.m., 1900 Main St.

An arrest for possession of marijuana in a drug free zone at 3 p.m., 3700 Towne Lake Drive.

A Santa Fe, Texas woman, 45, was arrested at 7 p.m. for felony theft with a prior conviction and a Texas City man was charged with shoplifting, 1710 Broadway St.

A Houston woman, 47, was arrested at 9:30 p.m. for felony theft with two more prior convictions, 700 N. San Jacinto Drive.

• Saturday, May 6

A 32-year-old Pearland man was arrested at 1 a.m. for felony possession of a controlled substance, 7300 Broadway St.

A DWI arrest was made at 1:43 a.m., 11900 N. Clear Lake Loop.

Death investigations were conducted at 2:05 a.m. at 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway and 2:49 p.m. at 1600 block of Sleepy Hollow Drive.

DWI arrest was made at 3:47 a.m., 11900 Discovery Bay Drive.

A Dickinson woman, 27, was arrested at 4:34 a.m. for felony possession of a controlled substance and a local man was arrested for public intoxication, 8700 Broad-

way St.

A Deer Park man, 34, was arrested for felony theft at 2555 Cullen Parkway.

Three people were arrested at 2500 Business Center Drive and charged with family violence assault.

An arrest for family violence assault was made at 6:51 p.m., 1900 block of Lily Canyon Lane.

An arrest for assault by threat family violence at 10:51 p.m., 3600 block of W. Pine Orchard Drive.

• Sunday, May 7

DWI second offense arrest at 1 a.m., 2500 block of S. Washington Avenue.

Death investigation at 3:11 a.m., 2600 block of Sunshade Court.

DWI arrest at 4:23 a.m., 4000 W. Walnut St.

Report of criminal mischief at 11:36 a.m., 12400 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Mental health incident at 4:26 p.m., 2200 block of Westminster Road.

Family violence reported at 5 p.m., 12300 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Two people were arrested for shoplifting at 5 p.m., 1919 Main St.

Criminal investigation was conducted at 5 p.m., 10000 block of Dawn Brook Drive.

Shoplifting arrest at 6:38 p.m., 1919 Main St.

• Monday, May 8

Death investigation at 9:19 a.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A man was arrested for unauthorized use of temporary tag at 10 a.m., 3900 Dixie Farm Road.

A woman was arrested at 12:15 p.m. for shoplifting, 1919 Main St.

Two people were arrested for shoplifting at 1710 Broadway St.

DWI arrest was made at 10:12 p.m., 1700 Max Road.

A man was arrested for family violence at 7:46 p.m. and another was arrested at 11:52 p.m. at the same location in the 3400 block of Highland Point Lane.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

MAY 1 thru MAY 7

BURGLARY

May 2 (8:57 a.m.) Two firearms were stolen out of a vehicle in the 3900 block of Laura Leigh. The burglary occurred sometime between Friday, April 28 and Monday, May 1. The vehicle was left unlocked at the time of the burglary.

May 3 (1:18 p.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported in the parking lot of Perry and Son's Grille located at 614 S. Friendswood Drive. The victim believes he may have been followed from Houston after making a bank withdrawal. He went inside Perry's to eat, came outside, and found the driver's side rear window broken out on his vehicle. Nothing of value was left inside the truck, so nothing was stolen.

May 5 (9:42 a.m.) A wallet was stolen from an unlocked vehicle at the Enclave Apartments, 5000 Watkins Way.

THEFT

May 3 (5:09 a.m.) Tires and wheels were stolen from a vehicle in the parking lot of the Autumn Creek Apartments, 3102 W. Bay Area Blvd. The victim parked his vehicle at 9 p.m. The next morning, he went out to his vehicle and found it was left on blocks, the tires and wheels were stolen, and the lug nuts were left on the ground.

FRAUD

May 1 (10:18 a.m.) A suspect attempted to pass a forged check from a local construction company at Texas First Bank located at 111 W. Parkwood Avenue. The bank did not cash the check due to inconsistencies. A suspect has been identified.

May 1 (1:01 p.m.) A Friendswood woman's personal identifying information was used to open an account with First Tech Federal Credit Union. The initial deposit to open the account was \$5.00. The bank reports that the account was closed after two checks were deposited into the account and the money immediately withdrawn. The checks were no good.

May 2 (6:37 p.m.) A Friendswood woman used her debit card at a local McDonalds restaurant. Following the transaction, the same day, she received a notification that an unauthorized withdrawal was attempted. The transaction was declined.

May 3 (11:04 a.m.) A Friendswood woman made her quarterly donation to her favorite charity and mailed the check. The check was cashed, but not by the charitable organization.

May 3 (3:29 p.m.) A Friendswood woman attempted to purchase behind-the-counter medication from a local pharmacy. The transaction was canceled by the pharmacist and the woman was told that she had purchased too much medication in a short amount of time. She was provided a transaction number to access a

website where she could view her recent transactions. She was shocked to find that her identification was used to purchase behind-the-counter medication from pharmacies in Flower Mound, Highland Village, and Irving.

May 4 (8:17 a.m.) A Friendswood woman's identifying information was used to purchase an Intuit/Turbotax product. She was alerted to the fraudulent activity by her credit monitoring service.

May 4 (10:33 a.m.) A Dickinson woman received a phone call from Amoco Federal Credit Union inquiring about her customer service satisfaction during her withdrawal at the Friendswood branch. The victim told the caller that she did not make a withdrawal and was told that a woman came into the bank with a passport containing the victim's identifiers and made a withdrawal. A copy of the passport and a video of the person making the withdrawal will be requested.

May 5 (11:05 a.m.) A Friendswood woman reports that a credit card account was fraudulently opened using her personal identifying information. She believes the persons responsible for stealing her identity and opening the credit card account are former co-workers.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
May 6 (3:27 a.m.) A witness reported three teen males vandalizing vehicles at the Bellevue Apartments located at 17231 Blackhawk Blvd. They were spray-painting vehicles. All three males ran from police, jumping fences in the process. They were located and taken into custody on Friendswood Link, behind the Bay Meadows Apartments. A 14-year-old Friendswood teen, a 14-year-old Houston teen, and a 13-year-old Houston teen were charged with Evading Arrest or Detention. After booking, they were released to adult guardians.

ASSAULT
May 2 (12:13 p.m.) A 14-year-old Friendswood Junior High School student was injured when his 14-year-old friend tried to imitate a TikTok video. The suspect was behind the victim, swung a sweatshirt around his head and drug him to the ground causing the victim to receive a head injury. The entire incident was captured on Friendswood Junior High's surveillance video.

May 5 (12:39 p.m.) A 32-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Interfering with an Emergency Request for Assistance. The man was arguing with his mother, she began recording the interaction with her cell phone. When the argument became physical, the victim attempted to use her cell phone to call for police assistance. The suspect is

accused of taking the victim's cell phone away and preventing her from calling for help.

NARCOTICS

May 2 (11:35 p.m.) A 24-year-old Katy man was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1 and Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon. The suspect was driving with a defective headlight and expired registration in the 4700 block of FM 2351. During the contact, the officer observed a marijuana cigar inside the vehicle. The officer conducted a search and found marijuana, Ecstasy pills, and a gun.

May 5 (1:13 p.m.) Friendswood police are investigating a death of a 34-year-old Friendswood man in the 5300 block of Appleblossom. Police and EMS arrived on scene and found the 34-year-old man dead. There were various prescription medications, as well as unprescribed medications and evidence of heroin usage. The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office is conducting an autopsy.

May 6 (12:49 a.m.) A 34-year-old Houston man was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The suspect was stopped for license and insurance violations in the 100 block of S. Friendswood Drive. During the contact, he told the officer that he had a little bit of weed in the vehicle. The officer searched the vehicle and found marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and methamphetamine. At the jail, the suspect was found in possession of cocaine and methamphetamine.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

May 5 (1:55 a.m.) A 41-year-old Houston woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The suspect was driving in the 800 block of W. Parkwood Ave. Her driving was erratic. She could not keep a constant speed and was braking for no apparent reason. During the contact, the woman exhibited signs of intoxication and had an open container of alcohol in the vehicle with her. She failed a field sobriety test. At the jail, the suspect was found in possession of methamphetamine.

WARRANTS

May 4 (1:16 a.m.) A 29-year-old Friendswood man and a 27-year-old Baycliff woman were arrested on outstanding warrants. The man was driving in the 800 block of Chelsea. The license plates on his vehicle belonged to a different vehicle. The male was driving with an expired driver's license and no insurance. Both suspect had outstanding Galveston County warrants for Burglary of a Habitation and Credit Card Abuse.

TRAFFIC

May 3 (4:08 p.m.) A 28-year-old Santa Fe man was charged with No Driver's License. He was stopped in the 500 block of S. Friendswood Drive for an insurance violation.

May 4 (2:00 a.m.) An 18-year-old Alvin man was charged with No Driver's License, No Insurance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The man was stopped for an insurance violation in the 4400 block of FM 2351. He did not have a valid driver's license. When asked if he had anything illegal inside the vehicle, he admitted to having marijuana and a box of cake. A vehicle search found marijuana and a box of Cake THC vapes.

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AREA BRIEFS

City bundles technology systems

Pearland city leaders on April 24 approved a three-year three-year technology platforms contract at an estimated cost of \$620,500 per year.

"The systems consolidate multiple technologies under one new, three-year subscription,"

interim City Manager Trent Epperson said. "This covers all kinds of technologies we have across the city including cybersecurity, multi-factor authentication, server and network infrastructure, wireless infrastructure, traffic communications platform as well as our virtual desktops."

Study: Pearland among highest rents

A newly released ranking of highest and lowest rents placed Pearland at the No. 2 highest city for rentals in the Houston Metro Area, placing lower only than Sugar Land for one-bedroom apartment median rent.

The Zumper Houston Metro Area Report ranked cities in and around Houston, placing the City of Houston in third place, Rosenberg in fourth followed by Spring, Conroe, League City and Galveston.

According to the report, median rent on a one-bedroom in Pearland is \$1,300 vs. \$1,390 in Sugar Land. Among the least expensive cities for renting were Pasadena at \$850, Texas City at \$910 and Lake Jackson at \$930.

According to the report, Pearland has seen rent climb 8.3 percent from the year prior.

Tommy Tunes winners announced

Shadow Creek High School performers Gelila Habte and Ugo Obudulu were among finalists for outstanding supporting leads in the May 5 Tommy Tune Awards for their roles in "Once On This Island."

Also among finalists for supporting lead were Friendswood High's Gabi McGrager and Carter Hall for their roles in "the Music Man."

Friendswood High's Mallory Migi received the Outstanding Singer Tommy Tune for "The Music Man."

For 2023, the outstanding musical awards went to G.W. Carver High for "Summer: The Donna Summer Musical" and Stratford High's "Young Frankenstein."

The Pearland High School cast and crew of "The Descendants" earned 17 out of 19 possible Tommy tune nominations this year.

The Tommy Tune Awards are named for Houston native and Lamar High alumnus and Tony-Award-winning performer Tommy Tune, who was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2003 by President George W. Bush.

Open house covers 'History in Bricks'

Brazoria County Historical Museum hosts an open house Saturday, May 20, for the exhibit, "History in Bricks."

The 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. event will include master builders from the Brazos and Houston Brick Clubs will be on hand to talk about their special pieces. Classes will also be held to teach secret techniques to those who wish to become master builders.

"History in Bricks" includes various historical sites depicting both Texas and local Brazoria County history. These include the Alamo, Fort Velasco the San Jacinto monument. Builders of these pieces will be available to answer questions.

The Brazos Brick Club will host two classes during the event. An 11 a.m. session titled "Foliage" covers new creating landscaping such as trees and flowers.

A 1 p.m. session titled "Parts Usage" covers using various Lego pieces in new ways.

The museum is located at 100 East Cedar in Angleton and admission is free. For information, call 979-313-0284.

Save date for popular BBQ fundraiser

Save the date June 14 for the Senior Activity Center's 11th Annual BBQ Fundraiser planned for 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).

Hometown Bank Friendswood and Walmart on El Dorado are sponsors for the event.

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

Signups open for adult softball

Registration is open for teams or individuals interested in the city Parks and Recreation Department's Adult Softball League, which begins play the week of June 4.

A men's league will complete on Mondays from 6 to 10 p.m., and a co-ed league will play from 6 to 10 p.m. on Fridays.

Players must up 18 or older. Registration is \$235 per team and includes the 10-game regular season plus a single elimination playoff.

More information and registration is available at Pearlandparks.com.

Boat turn-in program scheduled

A free turn-in program for inoperable boats will be May 30 through June 3 at the Clear Lake Park Community Center parking lot, 5002 NASA Road 1 in Seabrook.

Hosted by Texas Parks and Wildlife and Harris County, the event is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. all five days and is free of charge for anyone wanting to dispose of an inoperable vessel. The state sponsors the removal of al fuel, oil and batteries and Parks and Wildlife verifies ownership and clears vessels for disposal.

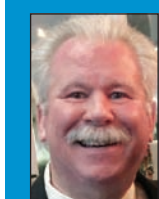
For information, call 713-274-2222.

Lineup announced for country showcase

The Pearland Country Music Showcase is planned for June 25 in the open air pavilion at the Pearland Town Center. The event is 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the center, 11200 Broadway.

Coolers and lawn chairs are welcome at the outdoor event featuring headliner Britt Godwin, a Bridge City, Texas, 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.



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

FAREWELL

To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia: Greetings.

24 We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. 25 So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul— 26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. 28 It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: 29 You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell.

- Acts 15:23b-29

In a Monday morning zoom Bible study with a group of men from California to Florida and Canada to Texas... we've been grazing through the NT book The Acts of the Apostles... chapter by chapter. I've been doing this since January of 2021... every Monday... well at least most Mondays as this has been a good way to start my retired life week. Part of our reading this week is in the text above. I was struck by one word... FAREWELL.

The other thing you probably want to know about this passage is not only was it written by Luke the Evangelist of the famous Matthew, Mark, Luke and John but this moment in the early church was a pivotal point in the future of Christianity... so if you need to stop reading now and go read Acts 7-15 (*it won't take long*) ... I'll understand and the rest of this post will be here when you get back. You see... there was a big debate between the early church leaders about becoming a Christian with some suggesting a person must first become Jewish... meaning they needed to be circumcised and make an offering in the Temple... while others...like the Gentiles... said... trusting and following Jesus at his word... was enough. And... they decided on the latter rather than the former... and that's why this moment is

such a big deal and they did it with witnesses and a letter... to which the bearers of the letter were sent back to share the decision made in their favor and that letter ended with the word... FAREWELL!

So... think of that... when was the last time you were in a heated discussion about anything and when that conversation or argument was over you wished the person involved... farewell? Say it slowly... or put a space in between the 'e' and the 'w' and say it even slower... *fare... well*.

Right there in that Bible study it struck big... when was the last time I said that to anyone and what might I replace it with?... If it were a Spanish translation... I'm pretty sure that letter would have ended with 'adios'... *go with God*... or in King James English... 'good-bye'... a quicker way to say... *God be with ye*... or in Hebrew... 'shalom'... *may it all be well with you!* Wow... with all of these multi-cultural substitutions being cordial terms of endearment and blessing requesting God's good grace to be present in your life... 'fare well' my friend... as in 'I wish you well'... or 'I hope goodness for you'... and at the same time serves as an evaluation of how life is for any one of us at any time... as it seems our world is missing a lot of that these days... faring well... that is... when there's such evidence of one-upmanship and getting the 'gotcha' moment to tear a person's life apart... you know what I mean...

So today I hope you fare well and that you would wish I fare well, too. Our world needs more of that, don't you think? And if you need a second opinion... reach out to a mom before this Sunday!

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.

Tour homeowners, seniors, Arbor Day celebrated by garden club

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

Heritage Gardeners met recently for their last meeting of the year. The meeting was a special luncheon to honor several groups.

One group honored was the homeowners who opened their gardens for the club's Annual Spring Garden Tour held April 29-30. Special plaques were presented by Tour Chair Nannette Samson to Stacey Phillips, Lou Grandolfo, and Matt Griswold. The three were present for the event. Also receiving plaques are Adeel and Nayab Khan and Kim and Jo Beth Brizendine.

Two garden club scholarships were presented to Friendswood students Isabel Resto and Travis Westinghouse. Each student was presented \$1,000 to use for their college expenses.

Arbor Day was celebrated in a special way this year after the luncheon. Family members of Adele Calvillo, a former Heritage Gardener member who passed away, were present at the luncheon to honor her memory. A special vitex tree was purchased and planted at the clubhouse on Spreading Oaks from a generous donation from her family in her memory. Many special hours were spent during her lifetime with garden club members and activities together. HG member Linda O'Brien shared special memories with the family and those attending the luncheon.

Also at the meeting plans were discussed for the huge indoor/outdoor summer garage sale the club holds for a

summer fundraiser.

The club will begin their new year in September and will again meet at 9:30 am the first Thursday of each month. All who are interested are welcome.



Heritage Gardeners President Dianne Barron (right) presented Nannette Samson with flowers at the recent May 4 meeting and luncheon to honor special groups. Samson was the chair for the recent Annual Spring Garden Tour April 29-30. The event also included a huge Plant Sale, Spring Vendor Market and raffles.

FISD Education Foundation to host New Employee Luncheon

The Friendswood ISD Education Foundation (FEF) is excited to present the 2023 FISD 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.



FHS musical students find success at Tommy Tune Awards

The FHS Musical program proudly announced that Mallory Migl was named the Best Singer at the Tommy Tune Awards ceremony held on Thursday, May 4 at the Hobby Center. Migl, who performed as a lead vocalist in the musical *The Music Man*, impressed the judges with her exceptional voice and outstanding stage presence.

In addition to Migl's impressive performance, Gabi McGregor and Carter Hall were recognized for their supporting role performances. The entire cast of *The Music Man* shone brightly, with Claire Mayfield representing the cast and performing in the opening and closing numbers.

Silverlake Driving School one of top driving schools in the state

Rated one of the top driving schools in the state, Silverlake Driving School of Pearland recently learned one of its driving instructors was selected among "Top 10 Safest Drivers in the U.S."

Silverlake Driving School began in 2007 and is centrally located at 5402 Broadway in Pearland. A second location, in business since 1979, is Pearland Driving School, located near 288 at 9330 Broadway in Pearland.

The owners, who are veterans and long-time Pearland residents, have years of experience in business, management, training and teaching. Eight cars are available for driving lessons and three vans pick up from area schools. Many of the school's 12 certified instructors are also teachers with experience with teenagers, and some have been teaching driving for more than 30 years.

New classes begin every three weeks. The state requires teen students to take 32 hours of classroom instruction, 14 hours of in car lessons, plus 30 hours of practice.

Adult classes for 18-24 year olds are held on Saturdays.

Silverlake Driving School supports the Pearland Touchdown Club, the Dawson Booster Club, and advertises on the large scoreboard during games at the Rig. Pearland Driving School is a proud sponsor of the Shadow Creek Sharks football team.

Silverlake Driving School is certified by DPS to administer the final road test to obtain your drivers license. Our tester has worked for DPS testing individuals and those for CDL license for the 18 wheelers for years.

Silverlake Driving School is the only driving school in Brazoria County testing six days a week for a small fee of \$45.00.

Call 281-485-2811 to schedule a road test or register for a class.

Safety is our priority.

SPORTS



LADY OILERS ADVANCE - The No. 4 state-ranked Pearlland Lady Oilers swept Summer Creek to advance to the Class 6A Region III quarterfinals. The Lady O's improved to 33-3 and are set to face the Kingwood Lady Mustangs in a best-of-three series.

No. 4 state-ranked Lady Oilers sweep Lady Bulldogs to advance

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The No. 4 state-ranked Pearlland Lady Oilers advanced to the Class 6A Region III quarterfinals after sweeping the Summer Creek Lady Bulldogs 1-0 and 8-4 in the best-of-three series.

The opening game of the series proved to be a genuine pitchers duel between Pearlland lefty Abigail Gutierrez and Summer Creek senior Miranda Pena.

Neither pitcher was going to give in as Gutierrez pitched a seven inning complete game while allowing no runs, one hit, six strikeouts, and one walk to get the win.

Pena was just as sharp as the righthander pitched six innings, surrendered one run, gave up two hits while striking out five and walking four to take the loss.

The only run in the game came in the bottom of the first when Trinity Perry opened the frame with a walk and courtesy runner Kailey Monsef who was running for Perry

scored when Darian DeLeon laced a double to left field to give Pearlland a 1-0 lead.

Summer Creek threatened in the top of the sixth as two runners were on second and third with one out but Gutierrez got a line drive out to first base and a swinging strike out for the third out to retire the side.

PEARLAND 8 - SUMMER CREEK 4

The two teams battled again in the second game of the series with both teams scoring a pair of runs in the first inning to make the score 2-2.

The Lady Bulldogs got a run home in the bottom of the fourth making the score 3-2 but Pearlland even the game at 3-3 in the top of the sixth.

Summer Creek managed to score in their half of the sixth to move in front 4-3.

Facing their final three outs, the Lady O's were once again up to the challenge as they scored five runs in the top

of the seventh and shut out Summer Creek for the 8-4 win to move on to the 6A Region III quarterfinals where they will face Kingwood.

In the seventh, Darian DeLeon opened the inning with a walk, Hailey Golden singled, and Kaylee Schweitzer singled to load the bases with no outs.

Kennedy Drafton hit a single to left to score DeLeon. Kristyn Whitlock cracked a shot to centerfield to plate Golden and Schweitzer making the score 6-4.

Raenna Liscano kept the rally going with another single to left field send Drafton across the pay station for a 7-4 advantage.

Pinch runner S Mann scored the final run on a wild pitch to post the 8-4 final score.

Top hitters for Pearlland were Golden (2-for-5, 1 run), Schweitzer (2-for-4, 1 run), Drafton (2-for-3, 2 runs, 1 RBI), Whitlock (2-for-4, 1 run, 3 RBIs), Liscano (2-for-4, 2 RBIs), and Laila Nobles (1-for-2, 1 RBI).

Friendswood sweeps PN-G in baseball playoffs

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The No. 2 state-ranked Friendswood Mustangs easily won the Class 5A Region III bi-district opener against Port Neches-Groves 12-3 in the best-of-three series.

After Boots Landry's RBI single in the bottom of the first inning gave the Mustangs an early 1-0 lead, Friendswood put five more runs on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third and fourth to pull away.

Following a bases-loaded walk issued to Collin Goolsby, Blake Encarnacion cleared

the bags with a three-run triple and then scored on an RBI single from Drew Hinson.

PN-G scored all of its runs in the top of the fourth, but the Mustangs answered in the bottom half of the frame with an RBI single from Goolsby, a two-run single from Kyle Lockhart, a run-scoring error and a run-scoring wild pitch for an 11-3 lead.

Goolsby capped off Friendswood's scoring in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI double.

Goolsby (2-for-3, three RBIs, two runs), Landry (2-for-3, one RBI, one run) and

Dane Perry (2-for-3, three runs) had multi-hit games.

Easton Tumis (5.1 innings, three hits, three runs, one walk, seven strikeouts) and Eli Hansen (1.2 innings, one hit, one strikeout) handled the mound work for the Mustangs.

FRIENDSWOOD 10 - PORT NECHES-GROVES 3

With the score knotted at 3-3 going into the top of the sixth inning, Friendswood got the go-ahead run when Ayden Percy drew a bases-loaded RBI walk. Boots Landry

added an RBI sacrifice fly to push the lead to 5-3 before the Mustangs put the game away with a five-run top of the seventh making the final score 10-3.

In that breakout seventh inning, Collin Goolsby and Ryan Duncan led off with back-to-back doubles and Drew Hinson laced a two-run double for a 7-3 advantage.

The next batter, Peyton Adams followed with a two-run double of his own, and Goolsby drew a bases-loaded RBI walk in his second at-bat of the inning to close out

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Late rallies send Clear Falls past Dawson in sweep

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

It is amazing how some baseball games wait until the final inning before a team explodes on offense. The first playoff game between the Dawson Eagles and the Clear Falls Knights was a great example of a last inning explosion.

Unfortunately for Dawson, it was Clear Falls who lit the fuse and exploded for nine runs in the bottom of the sixth frame to take game one of the best-of-three Class 6A Region III bi-district contest.

For the first six frames — Dawson had no hits and Clear Falls had managed only one dinger...that is until the bottom of the sixth

inning for Clear Falls.

Shut out on one hit through five innings by Pearlland Dawson starter Travis Minard, Clear Falls broke through in a big way.

The big swings began with the first of two doubles in the frame by Carson Timmons. A single and stolen base from Matt Novominsky put two runners in scoring position.

A ground ball off the bat of David Ramirez produced two runs when a throw to the plate went wide.

Minard got the next two outs before three straight hits led to his exit.

The Knights unleashed the big bats at that point with Max Williams and Novominsky

blasting two-run home runs.

Not to be overlooked by the offensive heroes was the pitching performance of Knights starter Alec Beversdorf, who persevered through control issues to finish a complete-game shutout.

Beversdorf threw 113 pitches and carried a no-hitter into the seventh before giving up singles to the first two Dawson hitters. He bounced back to retire the final three batters, with two strikeouts giving him 10 for the game.

CLEAR FALLS 3 - DAWSON 2

It is said that lightning won't strike twice in the same place. However — it doesn't mean it won't strike again at another loca-

tion.

In game one of the best-of-three series between Dawson and Clear Falls, the Eagles saw the Knights score nine runs in the sixth inning to win 9-0 that ultimately became their final at bats against Dawson.

In game two, lightning did strike again in the same way though it was at a different location.

Clear Falls jumped out to a 1-0 lead in its first at-bat, but saw that edge disappear in fourth when Dawson put up two unearned runs.

Following six innings that saw nine runners left on base, the Knights needed to produce in the seventh or face a deciding third game.

Mason Walls relieved Dawson starter Hayden McLaughlin in the top of the seventh and began by walking David Ramirez and Alex Kudler on 3-2 pitches.

A passed ball moved both runners into scoring position and set the table for Paulson.

When Walls fell behind 3-1, he had to come in with a good pitch. Paulson was ready and slapped the pitch up the line to give the Knights a one-run lead 3-2.

Paulson had given the Knights the lead in the first with a hit that scored Matt Novominsky.

Tasked with preserving the lead was reliever Cam Roberson, who took over for Ramirez with two out and one on in the fifth.

Roberson quickly assumed dominant form. He escaped a bases-loaded jam in the fifth with a strikeout, then fanned the side in the sixth.

That streak moved to six when Roberson set down the first two Eagles hitters with called third strikes. A groundout then put the victory on ice for the Knights.

Dawson closed out the 2023 baseball season with an 11-20-1 record while finishing in fourth place in the District 23-6A standings.



Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

SAFE AT SECOND BASE - Dawson junior outfielder Gage Greene slides safely into second base before going on to score a run in Game Two of the first-round playoff matchup vs Clear Falls. The Eagles would take a 2-1 lead into the seventh inning but couldn't hold on as the Knights scored two runs for the 3-2 win and took the series 2-0. Despite the season ending loss Dawson will be in good position to come back strong on talent in 2024 with just three seniors graduating this year.

SPORTS

Pearland diamondmen sweep Brazoswood 11-3, 11-1

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Brazoswood jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and then watched the No. 1 state-ranked Pearland Oilers score 11 unanswered runs to rout the Buccaneers 11-3 in Game One of the 6A Region III bi-district contest.

The Bucs scored their only runs in the bottom of the second inning and then Pearland uncorked their offense with three runs in the top of the fourth to tie up the game 3-3.

The Oilers then added two runs in the sixth inning and five runs in the seventh for the 11-3 victory.

Leading hitters for Pearland were Caden Ferraro (1-for-3, 1 run), Damian Landry (1 run, 1 RBI), Nicholas Partida (3-for-4, 3 RBIs, 2B), Anthony Avalos (1-for-3, 1 run, 2 RBIs), Isaiah Castaneda (2-for-3, 1 run, 2 RBIs), and Cade Adams (3-for-4, 2B).

Partida got the win on the mound as he surrendered only two hits, three runs, five strikeouts, and six walks in 4.2 innings of work. Jake Mader-Cooper and Cayden Schmidt helped close out the game in relief.

PEARLAND 11 - BRAZOSWOOD 1

Pearland left no doubt as to the outcome of Game Two against Brazoswood in the Class 6A Region III bi-district contest.

The Oilers closed out their first playoff series with an impressive 11-1 win that ended with the 10-run mercy rule after five innings.

In its current win streak, Pearland has outscored its opponents, 168-14.

No opponent has scored more than three runs during that span, and eight of those Oilers victories have been shutouts.

“Our offense has not really been great all year long, but our pitching has been,” Pearland head coach David Rogers said.

“However, these last two games, I think our pitchers have felt the nerves a little bit, and it was great to see the offense produce.”

Pearland senior pitcher Ryler Smart almost went the distance, pitching 4 2/3 innings before yielding to Jaden Barfield, who faced one batter, striking out Caleb Solis in the top of the fifth.

The Oilers pitching staff didn't know it at the time, but that would be the final Brazoswood (13-16-1) batter it would face.

In the second inning, right fielder Isaiah Castaneda singled home Avalos for the first run and catcher Jace Caceres later delivered a sacrifice fly for a 2-0 lead.

The Oilers added three more runs in the fourth frame that featured doubles from John Moya, Jace Caceres, Brett Smajstrla and Texas A&M signee Caden Ferraro.

Caceres's two-run double on an 0-2 pitch opened a 4-1 lead while the hits from Smajstrla and Ferraro each drove in a run.

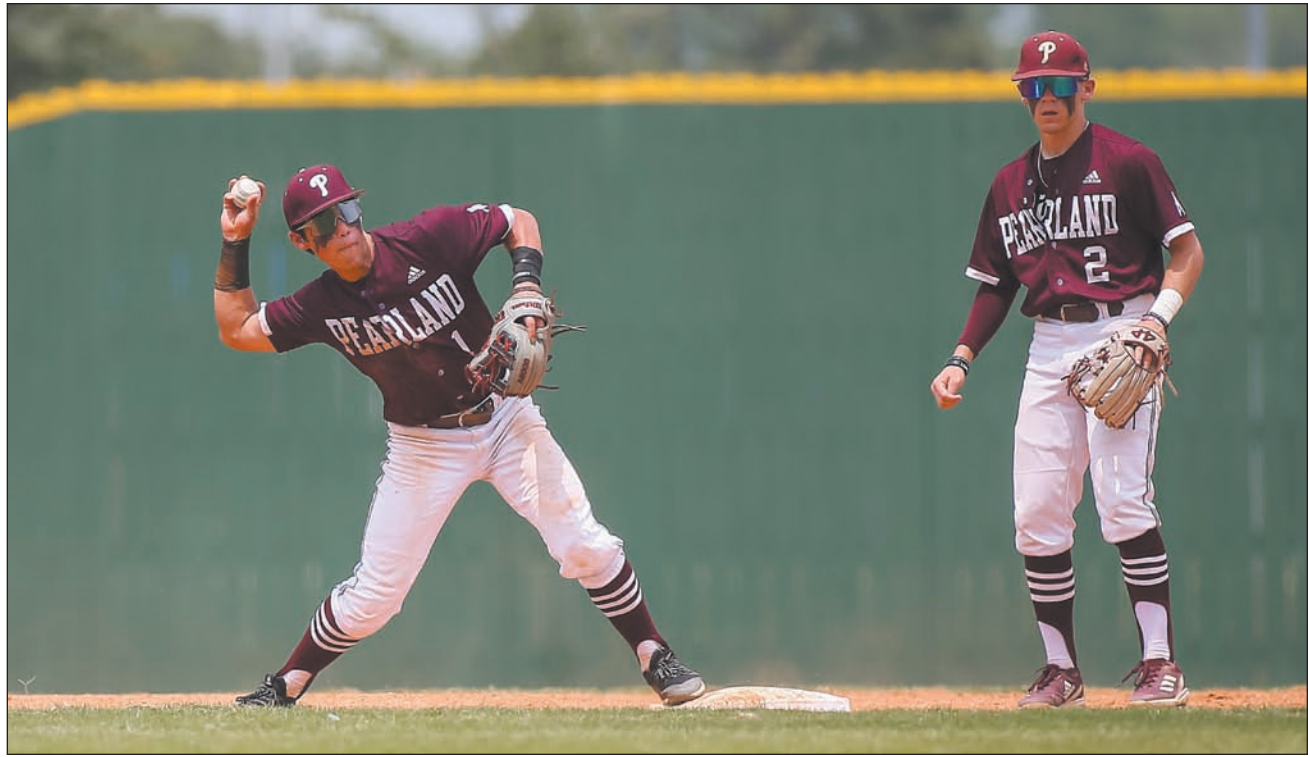
In the fifth, Avalos crushed a two-run bomb to left while

Castaneda and Smajstrla, a Sam Houston State signee, each drove in runs.

The 6-1 cushion after four innings eventually led to the five runs in the fifth to seal the 11-1 win.

Oilers centerfielder Brett Smajstrla doubled twice, went 3-for-3, and drove in two runs as part of a 10-hit Pearland attack.

Next for Pearland is the area round and a three game series against the Atascocita Eagles beginning Thursday, May 11 at Atascocita HS. Game Two will be at Pearland HS on Friday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. If a Game Three is needed, it will be played on Saturday, May 13 at Deer Park HS at 1:00 p.m.



SMOOTH OPERATOR - Pearland senior shortstop Anthony Avalos steps on the second base bag and winds up for the throw home to complete the double play vs Brazoswood. Avalos also hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning helped the Oilers reach the 10 run-rule and end the game early with a 11-1 victory. Pearland moves on to face Atascocita in the area round. Game One is 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 at Atascocita HS. Game Two is 7:00 p.m. Friday at PHS and Game Three (if necessary) is 1:00 p.m. on Saturday at Deer Park HS.

Photo by Lloyd Hencricks

Atascocita sweeps Dawson girls out of the softball playoffs

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Dawson Lady Eagles were hoping to advance to the third round of the Class 6A Region III softball playoffs but couldn't get past the No. 10 state ranked Atascocita Lady Eagles who were able to sweep Dawson with two straight late game rallies 2-1 and 5-3.

In the 6A Region III area-round between the two schools



FINAL GAME - Dawson pitcher Gigi Solis had a sparkling career for the Lady Eagles. Unfortunately, the Atascocita Lady Eagles swept Dawson out of the Region III area round playoffs.

in a best-of-three series, Dawson scored the first run of the series opener in the bottom of the second when Makenzie Wright singled to centerfield followed by a double to center by Carissa Anaya to send courtesy runner Emily Mullen to third base.

Cara Pitman lays down a perfect sacrifice bunt to send Mullen across the plate for a 1-0 Dawson lead. Jenna Thedford reached on an error, but Dawson was prevented from scoring when Gigi Solis' line drive, which would have gone into right field for a single, hit Thedford in the base path for an out.

Atascocita tied the game 1-1 in the third when Marigny Thomas, a freshman batting ninth, smashed a home run over the centerfield fence leading off the inning.

In trying to take the lead in the fifth frame, Atascocita loaded the bases with two outs. Madison Melchor appeared to get hit by a pitch, which would have produced an RBI. After a discussion among the umpires, the pitch was ruled a foul ball. Melchor then struck out swinging leaving the game tied.

With the teams tied entering the seventh, Atascocita lead-off hitter Raegan Jennings singled to center, and freshman Rhilynn McCoy beat out a bunt when no one covered first base for Dawson.

After an intentional walk to Kasidi Pickering loaded the bases, Melchor sent Dawson pitcher Gigi Solis's first delivery to right field to score the game-winner.

Dawson had a chance to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh. Sophomore Evey Dieudonne led off with a single to center, and one out later, freshman Caroline Roth singled.

After Wright hit into a 6-4 force play for the second out, Atascocita pitcher Vanessa Valdez finished off a complete-game performance by retiring Anaya on a fly to center field giving Atascocita the 2-1 first game playoff win.

Solis allowed eight hits in a complete-game effort while striking out seven and walking four in taking the loss.

Dawson had eight hits and scored one run while Atascocita also had eight hits, four walks, and scored two runs.

ATASCOCITA 5 - DAWSON 3

Atascocita took an early 3-0 lead in the second inning of the Class 6A Region III area round contest and held on for a 5-3 win and a sweep over the Dawson Lady Eagles.

Sophomore catcher Zoe Bridges opened the second frame with a walk. Courtesy runner Cailynn Ruzick advances to second on a sacrifice bunt. Kaitlyn Miller smashes a one-out double to centerfield to plate Ruzick for a 1-0 lead. After Marigny Thomas gets hit by a pitch by Dawson pitcher Gigi Solis, both runners advance on a Solis wild pitch.

Rhilynn McCoy sends a sacrifice fly to centerfield to score Miller for a 2-0 advantage Kasidi Pickering drove in the third run with a single to score Thomas for a 3-0 lead.

Dawson would get their first run of the game when Sa'Mya Jones blasted a 1-0 pitch over the centerfield fence in the top of the third to cut the lead to 3-1.

Dawson would call on another long ball in the fourth when Solis would send out a two-run homer over the left field fence to tie up the game 3-3. Cara Pitman, who had hit a one-out single, scored ahead of Solis.

But Atascocita would answer in the bottom of the fourth with a pair of runs that would decide the outcome of the game and end the season for Dawson with a 28-7 record.

Dawson would close out the last three innings with no hits and no one able to get on base as Atascocita pitcher Makenzie Bohannon shut the Dawson offense completely down with nine straight outs to get the win.

Top hitters for Dawson were Pitman (1-for-2, 1 run), Solis (1-for-3, 1 run, 2 RBIs, HR), and Jones (2-for-3, 1 run, 1 RBI, HR).

No. 9 state-ranked Friendswood blanks Lamar Consolidated 5-0

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Friendswood senior pitcher Janelle Wilson finished her complete-game shutout with five hits, four walks and six strikeouts over seven innings. At the plate, she finished 3-for-4 with her two RBIs.

Wilson also got some star power help from her battery mate Charleigh Esparza who threw out a couple of Lamar Consolidated base runners.

“I don't care what anybody says or what anybody wants to say, Charleigh Esparza is the best catcher, bar none, and anybody who thinks otherwise, I have an issue with,” Friendswood head coach Christa Yates said.

“Charleigh is the best catcher in the Greater Houston area and maybe the state. Her arm is impeccable. She's done it all year – tonight's not the first night.”

Friendswood scored a run in the top of the first inning after Baileigh Burtis and Nevaeh Cason each walked and Wilson punched a one-out Wilson single to right to bring home Burtis for a 1-0 lead.

Friendswood padded its lead when Lainie Schaeffer stole home plate in the top of the fourth, an RBI single from Wilson and a run-scoring error in the top of the sixth and an RBI single from Nevaeh Cason in the top of the seventh for the game's final tally.

The Lady Mustangs move on to the regional quarterfinals where they'll meet the Barbers Hills Lady Eagles. Barbers Hill swept Fulshear

6-5 and 1-0 to win the best-of-three series.

Friendswood (23-9) won its 13th consecutive game to earn a meeting with Barbers Hill.



WINNING PITCHER - Friendswood senior pitcher Janelle Wilson finished her complete-game shutout against Lamar Consolidated with five hits, four walks and six strikeouts over seven innings. At the plate, she finished 3-for-4 with her two RBIs. The Lady Mustangs shut out the Lamar 5-0 to advance to the 5A region quarterfinals.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULES

Class 6A Region III Softball Quarterfinals

Pearland Lady Oilers vs Kingwood Lady Mustangs
Game 1: May 11 - Thursday at 7 p.m.
Game 2: May 12 - Friday at 7 p.m.
Game 3: May 13 - Saturday at 6 p.m. (if needed)
All games at La Porte HS

Class 5A Region III Softball Quarterfinals

Friendswood Lady Mustangs vs. Barbers Hill Lady Eagles
Game 1: May 11 - Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Deer Park HS
Game 2: May 12 - Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Goose Creek Memorial HS
Game 3: May 13 - Saturday at 2 p.m. at Deer Park HS (if needed)

Class 6A Region III Baseball area round

Pearland Oilers vs Atascocita Eagles
Game 1: May 11 - Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Atascocita HS
Game 2: May 12 - Friday at 7:00 p.m. at Pearland HS
Game 3: May 13 - Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Deer Park HS (if needed)

Class 5A Region III Baseball area round

Friendswood Mustangs vs Milby Buffaloes
Game 1: May 11 - Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Game 2: May 12 - Friday at 7:00 p.m.
Game 3: May 13 at 12:00 p.m (if needed)
All games at Goose Creek Memorial HS

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the scoring. The Mustangs took a 3-1 lead with a run apiece in the top of the third (Braxton Biela RBI single) and in the top of the fourth (Adams RBI sac fly) before PN-G evened the score 3-3 with two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Recording multi-hit games for Friendswood were Adams (2-for-3, three RBIs, two runs) and Blake Encarnacion (3-for-4, one run). Vegas reached base on all four of his plate appearances on his RBI single and three walks.

Friendswood moves onto the area round, where the Mustangs will face Houston Milby.

LEGALS

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Pearland ISD will be accepting Request for Proposals for Concrete Lifter. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications through the District's eBid System at <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>. Proposal must be submitted by 3:00 p.m., May 18, 2023.

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
FRIENDSWOOD ISD
COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL #23-004**

NATORIUM HVAC REPLACEMENT AT FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

The Friendswood Independent School District will be accepting Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Natorium HVAC Replacement at Friendswood High School. Proposal Documents may be obtained from the following address:

PBK Architects, Inc.
11 Greenway Plaza, 22nd Floor
Houston, Texas 77046
(713) 965-0608
Office Hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

In addition, proposal documents can be reviewed at the following locations:

Virtual Builders Exchange
7035 W. Tidwell, Bldg J, Ste 112, Houston, Texas 77098
F: (832) 613-0344
<http://www.virtualbx.com/>

ConstructConnect (Formerly iSqFt & CMD)
Phone: (800) 364-2059
<http://www.constructionconnect.com/>

Dodge Data & Analytics
4300 Beltway Pl, Suite 150, Arlington, TX 76018
(877) 784-9556
www.construction.com
<https://dfmgr.construction.com/dfmgr/login>

Competitive Sealed Proposals are to be marked "FISD CSP #23-004 FHS Natorium HVAC Replacement" and must be submitted to: Friendswood Independent School District, 302 Laurel Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546, where they will be received until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2023. The Friendswood Independent School District reserves the right to postpone, accept or reject any and all responses as it deems to be in its best interest and to waive formalities and reasonable irregularities.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual return of the Steele Charitable Foundation, Inc. is available at the address noted below for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

The Steele Charitable Foundation, Inc.
2424 Golfcrest Dr.
Pearland, TX 77581

The principal manager is Robert S. Steele, President
Telephone 281-481-1529

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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, May 31, 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:

RFP 0423-09 HVAC – Refrigeration Repairs and Quarterly Preventative Maintenance of HVAC Systems and Ice Machines

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 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 24, 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 Friday, May 26, 2023, and refer to RFP 0423-09. Bid Closing Date: 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

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**Counseling Connections for Change, Inc.
Request for Qualifications
For Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for the
2023 Facility Rehabilitation Project**

Request for Qualifications and Scope of Work
Counseling Connections for Change, Inc. is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from Architectural/Engineering Design firms that can adequately demonstrate they have the resources, experience, and qualifications necessary to provide damage assessments, architectural design, and engineering for facility repairs and renovations to the CCFC facility located at 2549 Roy Road, Pearland TX 77581.

Federal Funding
Funding for this project is being provided by the City of Pearland's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The successful offeror must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) system and cannot be debarred and/or suspended from doing business with the federal government. A successful offeror should also have a history of success in architectural design and engineering activities involving federal funding, preferably with HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Instructions for Submission
Interested parties must register to participate in this solicitation by completing and submitting the required Letter of Interest/Intent (LOI) Form to Counseling Connections for Change, Inc. via email to dawn@counselingconnections.org or by mail: Attn: Dawn Lawless, Counseling Connections for Change, 2549 Roy Road, Pearland, TX 77581, no later than 2pm on May 24, 2023. The LOI Form and full RFQ are both available for downloading at www.counselingconnections.org.

Pre-bid Site Visits
Prior to the submission of bids, interested parties that have submitted a Letter of Intent/Interest will be allowed to visit the facility for the purpose of obtaining a visual overview of the applicable facility and to gain insight into the prospective scope of work. The tentative options for participating in on-site inspections of the facility include:
• Optional Site Visit 1 May 31, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
• Optional Site Visit 2 June 9, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Anticipated RFQ Submission Deadline and RFQ Public Opening: 2pm on June 30, 2023
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 2549 Roy Road, Pearland, TX 77581. An email announcing the same will also be sent to all registered vendors that have submitted the required interest form and a full proposal, immediately thereafter.

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Pictured left to right are (seated) Jenni Corl Perry, Secretary; Debbie Hebert, President; and Assistant Chief Chad Randall; (standing) Honoree Officer Austin Finch; Captain Orlando Yarra; and Lieutenant Richard Ziegelmeier. Not pictured Constable Buck Stevens, Treasurer.

Exchange Club of Pearland honors Police Officer Finch

The Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast District Exchange Club hosted their 53rd Annual Crime Prevention Luncheon. 15 officers from the surrounding departments were honored for going above and beyond with their contributions to their community.

Officer Finch is one of the department's DDACTS Officers (workflow is self-generated), Bike Patrol Officer, Bicycle Fleet Mechanic, and Swift Water Rescue Technician. While serving in those capacities, Officer Finch has distinguished himself as one that goes above and beyond the call of duty. Officer Finch's work ethic, professionalism, character, and dedication to the self-initiating and proactive DDACTS unit is exemplary and in keeping with the highest traditions and standards of the Pearland Police Department. During 2022, Officer Finch conducted 520 traffic stops and completed 114 offense reports. These interactions led to 60 arrests and 82 criminal charges (35 felony and 47 misdemeanor non-citation). Officer Finch also issued 66 criminal and traffic misdemeanor citations. The equation of 1 in 6 of Officer Finch's initiated contacts resulting in a criminal charge (non-citation) is a testament to Officer Finch's job knowledge and situational acumen.

Due to Officer Finch being assigned to the Bike Patrol and Swift Water Rescue Team, Officer Finch is often away from his primary assignment for weeks at a time, and is still able to produce significant work performance data.

Furthermore, Officer Finch does a significant amount of Bike Patrol duties performing routine maintenance and casualty repairs for the department's fleet of 21 bicycles, including building 4 new bicycles received by the department this year. Officer Finch also assists International Police Mountain Bike Association Basic Police Cyclist Courses as a bicycle mechanic during the week-long courses which can consist of up to 30 cyclists, fixing recurrent break-downs during the courses.

In May of this year Officer Finch was one of four officers to volunteer to assist the City of Uvalde, TX in patrol and crowd control operations for four days and nights following a highly publicized and criticized tragic incident.

Officer Finch also coordinates a website, txblueline.com, an informational site directed toward law enforcement officers, posting relevant and recent case law rulings affecting constitutional and DWI related issues.

The Exchange Club of Pearland salutes Officer Austin Finch for all he has done in our community. The Club is proud to continue to honor heroes from our community through our Crime Prevention projects.

To find out more about The Exchange Club of Pearland - visit our website www.pearlandexchange.org or join us at a meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm in the back room at Casa Ole Pearland.

Berry Miller JH Honors Band students receive international recognition

Berry Miller Junior High Honors Band recently received the John Philip Sousa Foundation Sudler Cup Award for its high standards of excellence in concert activities over a period of several years.

Under the direction of Chris Bennett, BMJH Honors Band is the first Pearland ISD program to be recognized by the Sousa Foundation.

The highest international honor a middle school band program can receive, the Sudler Cup award is presented to bands which have maintained a level of the highest quality of musical performance and organizational distinction at the international level over a period of at least seven years.

To qualify for the achievement, the band must have achieved and maintained a high standard of literature in the concert area over a period of several years. The concert band will have placed itself in situations where there has been opportunity for evaluation by qualified persons or has been rated "superior" at state, regional, or national levels in concert activities. The band should have performed at regional, state, national, and professional meetings of significance. These can include but are not limited to state

music conventions, regional or national meetings by the National Association for Music Education (NAFME), and state or national band association conventions. The director must have been incumbent in his/her position for at least seven years, including the current year. A number of the students in the band should have participated in district and all-state honor bands or similar all-area groups. The total program of music should also exemplify what is considered a sound viable, music education program for this level of endeavor.

"I am incredibly proud of the Berry Miller Junior High Honors Band program for being presented with such a high honor as the John Philip Sousa Foundation Sudler Cup Award," Pearland ISD Director of Fine Arts Tom Bell said. "This outstanding achievement is evidence of the students' and director's history of success in all levels of competition and performances. I am thankful for their exceptional commitment to excellence."

Berry Miller Junior High Honors Band will be presented with the Sudler Cup by the John Philip Sousa Foundation on Tuesday, May 23, at 7 p.m at Pearland Junior High South.

Pearland ISD students secure awards at TMSCA state meet

Pearland Independent School District students did the math to rack up multiple successes at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) state competition on April 1 in San Antonio with 156 competing students.

Pearland ISD was represented at the TMSCA state competition by students from Pearland Junior High West, Pearland Junior High South, Berry Miller Junior High, Sablatura, Alexander and Rogers middle schools. PJH West and Sablatura secured 3rd place in sweepstakes, 1st place in team Science, 3rd place in team Math, 3rd place in team Calculator Applications and 8th place in team Number Sense.

TMSCA is an intermediate-grades competition that prepares students for University Interscholastic League math and science events. TMSCA offers four test areas — Number Sense, Calculator Applications, Math and Science.

In February and March, Pearland ISD students participated in several qualifying meets, advancing to state based on pre-set qualifying scores. At the state competition, the top 20 students and top six teams in each subject

area win awards.

At state, students winning first-10th place received trophies, and students in 11th-20th place received medals. Pearland ISD awards in the 6A division include:

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

PJH West

- Alan Yao: 1st in Math, 14th in Number Sense and 20th in Science
- Yichen Wang: 1st in Science
- Ethan Chen: 2nd in Math and 20th in Science
- Josh Anino: 3rd in Science
- Haobo Shi: 5th in Calculator Applications
- Justin Braden: 7th in Science
- Suya Yang: 8th in Number Sense
- Daniel Xi: 8th in Science
- Rexford Pan: 11th in Math and 16th in Science
- Sofia Castillo: 11th in Calculator Applications
- Allen Gu: 12th in Science
- Andrew Nguyen: 13th in Math and 14th in Number Sense
- Grace Ji: 15th in Science
- Leah Hong: 18th in Math

Sablatura

- An Vo: 2nd in Sablatura in Calculator Applications

- Junxi "Mark" Zhang: 3rd in Calculator Applications, 14th in Science and 16th in Math
 - Hannah Zhang: 4th in Calculator Applications and 14th in Number Sense
 - Peighton Collier: 8th in Calculator Applications
 - Joshua Meng: 11th in Math and 14th in Science
 - Nick Zhou: 12th in Calculator Applications
 - Zoey Rui: 14th in Math
- Berry Miller Junior High**
- Caroline Mao: 17th in Number Sense
 - Enyang (Lany) Jiang: 11th place Science
- Rogers**
- Kaartik Gali: 12th in Science
 - Mihir Subramanya: 18th in Science
- Alexander**
- Jacob Frerking: 13th place in Science
- Pearland ISD coaches included Jennifer Phillips from Rogers, Sandra Nix from Alexander Middle School, Margaret Needler, Casey Hart, Phuong Trinh and Christine Sadler from Sablatura, Bhavani Venkataraman and Susan Kovach from PJH West, Denise Figueroa and Jill Laird from Berry Miller Junior High.