

Around Town

Thursday, March 16

ROTARY CLUB MEETS
Rotary Club of Pearland meets at 7:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Pearland Chamber, 6117 W. Broadway St. Call 832-293-9860 for information.

POTATO GUMBO OPENS

Pearland Theatre Guild opens the Jean Ciampi comedy, "Potato Gumbo" at 7:30 p.m. at the Pearl Theatre, 14803 Park Alameda Drive. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 students and seniors. For information, call 713-340-2540, or visit pearl-theater.com

Friday, March 17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN

Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Ave., hosts a St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Membership at the Knapp Center is \$25 per year for Pearland residents and \$50 for non-residents. For information, call 281-652-1890.

Saturday, March 18

PEARLAND SPRING MARKET

Pearland Spring Market begins at 10 a.m. and will have Easter Bunny photos, petting zoo, food trucks and more at 2320 Hatfield Road.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Brazoria County Library System book sale is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds, 901 S. Downing St., Angleton. Nothing priced over \$1. For information, call 979-864-1505 or visit mybcls.org.

FARMERS MARKET

Old Pearland Farmers Market is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every third Saturday at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. Parking and entry are free and available at the park or at the City Hall annex, 3523 Liberty Drive.

SOUPER SATURDAY

Pearland Area Republican Club hosts the Souper Saturday fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the VFW Post 7109, 4202 W. Walnut St. Event includes soups, cornbread and desserts plus silent auction. Visit betterunite.com/parc2023soutersaturday.

FAMILY FUNDAYS

Delores Fenwick Nature Center Family Fundays will be held Saturday, March 18 at 5750 Magnolia Parkway. Animal encounters, nature hikes, outdoor games. Educational activities will be offered at 10am and 2pm. Free to public. For more details and registration go to <http://ow.ly/qc0W50N20SU>.

Sunday, March 19

PEARL THEATRE PRESENTS "POTATO GUMBO"

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Monday, March 20

NOVEL DISCUSSIONS

Pearland Novel Discussions meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to discuss "Candid Life of Meena Dave" at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive. Call 281-652-1677 for information.

WLS MEET & GREET

Women Leading Success - WLS Pearland will hold a Meet & Greet on Monday, March 20 from 6:30 to 8:00pm to allow the public to meet members, ask questions, and learn more about the group. The event will be held at Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant, 8126 W. Broadway in Pearland.

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EDUCATION:

PISD seeks new natatorium agreement

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Sticker shock over recent and upcoming repair invoices has Pearland ISD reconsidering its original contract with the city regarding the natatorium where its students practice and compete.

"We are responsible for 50 percent of all maintenance costs that exceed \$15,000," Superintendent Larry Berger said. "The HVAC system is at its end of life and needs replacement and they have invoices in excess of \$7 million."

A collaborative project of Pearland Economic Development Corp., the city and the school district, the city's natatorium plus city recreation center at 4141 Bailey Road was built on seven acres contributed by Pearland ISD.

The facility offers various day passes, memberships and punch cards for the public, but since its opening the school district has preferential status, since Pearland and Dawson

High students compete in swimming, diving and water polo.

School board trustees on March 7 debated and ultimately tabled a decision regarding the natatorium. After meetings between the city and school district about the original 25-year agreement between them, the district was offered several options — including a \$3.5 million buyout with leasing options minus the district's preferential status, or paying an annual "all-in" fee, with no additional maintenance costs.

"As the building has gotten older, those maintenance costs are going to increase," Berger said.

Berger on March 7 recommended the option of paying \$450,000 per year with a 3 percent annual increase for next 10 years.

"It brings the district stability, allows us to meet the terms of our agreement and has the best overall net value," he told the board.

That agreement would come with continued advantages enjoyed now, Berger said.

"That means we get to maintain the locker rooms. We get to maintain the practice schedule. We get first right of refusal for tournaments," he said.

Board members weren't completely sold on the 10-year timeline.

"That's a purely financial calculation," Board member Kristopher Schoeffler said. "As an administrator there's also the political aspect of, 'We're going to have to go somewhere or kill the program.'"

The school district has researched all the alternatives, Berger said, and they are few.

"I've had the athletic departments look in Pasadena, Alvin, Clear Creek," he said. "Those facilities are being used by those schools. We can only fill in when they are not using them. There are other facilities, but they don't logistically meet the needs of our kids."

After another meeting with city officials, the board is expected to address the issue in April.



GOAL!

Lady Oiler junior forward Breanna Medina fires off a scoring strike vs Alief Hastings in final regular season game. The Lady Oilers picked up the win 5-1 and finished the season in a three-way tie with Shadow Creek and Dawson for the district championship. Up next is a final tune-up game vs Bellaire on Monday March 20 before starting the playoffs. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Alvin ISD:

State's rise in special ed mirrored locally

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Changes in the way students are evaluated and qualify for special education account for recent increases in special education students, local school district officials say.

As of February, Alvin ISD's special education program serves 4,102 students — nearly 2,000 more than in 2018-2019 school year, according to Special Education Director Sarah Chauvin.

This represents about 13.6 percent of students in the district.

"We've got an upward trend," she said during a report to the school board

this week. "We saw a considerable amount of growth related to corrective actions TEA recommended for the state following questions about whether we were not properly identifying students in Texas for special education."

This past fall began the fifth school year under the state's Correction Action Plan created by the Texas Education Agency. The plan removed an 8.5 percent indicator for identification for special education, increasing resources for districts and funding to support students identified with dyslexia.

The past couple of years have seen another

spike in special education enrollments in Alvin ISD.

"There have been some changes with regard to students who are identified with dyslexia," Chauvin says.

Statewide, the number of students served in special education programs has more than doubled in the past six years, according to the Texas Association of School Boards.

Among plans for Alvin ISD is increased participation from parents.

"That starts from the very beginning when we're making a referral and we're explaining what special education is about," Chauvin said.

"We're offering a variety of methods parents can participate so they are able to be present. This was one of the benefits of COVID: virtual meetings allow parents that were struggling to attend meetings we have and be a part of the process."

The department is also working with two area school districts regarding a possible co-op for students with severe behavioral issues.

"There's not a lot of options for schools for placement for the most severe behaviors," Superintendent Carol Nelson said. "We're looking for options."

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~ Special Education Director Sarah Chauvin

HOSA students advance to state

Fifteen Pearland Independent School District students recently participated in the Area 2 HOSA Spring Conference at Clear Lake High School and advanced to the state competition to be held March 27-30 in Round Rock.

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) is a program focused on developing students who are interested in pursuing a career in health care.

Winners advancing to the HOSA state competition

- include:
- Physical Therapy - Hanna John (TCCHS)
- CERT Skills Team - Evie Curless (TCCHS) and Grace Sneed (TCCHS)
- Job Seeking Skills - Chandell Williams (TCCHS)
- Medical Arts Poster - Averie Jimenez (TCCHS)
- Family Medicine Physician - Mia Abu-Elhija (TCCHS)
- Clinical Nursing - Destiny Agbonyeme (TCCHS)
- Nutrition - Mia Cantu (TCCHS)
- Pharmacy Science - Diya Babu (TCCHS)
- Medical Spelling - Katelyn Nguyen (TCCHS)
- Dental Science - Andrea Vazquez Moreno (TCCHS)
- Veterinary Science - Jenna Bellview (TCCHS)
- Sports Medicine - Omar Mohammad (DHS)
- Barbara James Service Award - Vineeta Singh (DHS)
- Behavioral Health - Cecilia Castaneda-Sanchez (PHS)

Foundation announces date for gala

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

The Pearland ISD Education Foundation's largest fundraiser of the year has been set for April 1 in a yet-to-be-announced location.

With the theme, Waltz Across Texas, the sixth annual Evening for Education Gala and Giving Campaign is a black tie and boots event with live music, catered dinner, dancing and live auction beginning at 6 p.m. Proceeds from the \$150 tickets go toward a new goal of \$200,000 to support projects and classroom needs for students and teachers in Pearland ISD.

Though not yet announced, this year's gala location will be a local "indoor-outdoor venue," according to organizers.

Presented by Bayway Lincoln and Chevrolet, the event has been described as the Prom of Pearland, which last year broke fundraising records with \$169,000 raised.

Multiple sponsorship levels are available, with partners and event sponsors receiving year-long acknowledgements and a complimentary table, tickets and recognition at the event. Auction items and in-kind donations are also being accepted.

Since the foundation's first event in 2015, more than \$760,000 total has been raised to fund more than 300 classroom projects.

For more information, visit www.pearlandisd.org/annualgala. The foundation also seeks auction and in-kind donations.

For more information, call 281-997-4987, or email foundation@pearlandisd.org.

Pearland ISD holds Big Art Day on March 25 in celebration of Youth Art Month

Pearland Independent School District invites adults and children of all ages to attend Big Art Day, a FREE event for the entire family in celebration of Youth Art Month. Hosted by Pearland ISD's Fine Arts department, the event is set to happen on Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Pearland Town Center Pavillion located at 11200 Broadway St, Pearland.

In alignment with an initiative by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA), Pearland ISD Big Art Day's goal is to raise awareness about art and theatre as creative forces in our schools and community.

The main attraction of Pearland ISD's Big Art Day will be led by more than 55 high school and junior high students through live chalk art. Embracing the tropical theme, the six thousand square foot piece will bring to life creative artwork fully executed by the students.

While attending Pearland ISD's Big Art Day, guests will also have an opportunity to enjoy the artwork of students of all grade levels, displayed at several stores across Pearland Town Center.

To learn more about Pearland ISD Big Art Day, visit www.pearlandisd.org/bigartday.

PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

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

• Thursday, March 9

Warrant arrests took place Thursday in the 12300 block of Highway 6, 2555 Cullen Parkway, 2600 block of Pearlman Parkway, 3000 block N. 23rd St., 10700 block of Broadway St.

Hospice death occurred at 2 a.m., 3100 block Norwich St.

An arrest for assault family violence was made at 7:15 a.m., 6500 block Lauren Lane.

An arrest for vehicle theft was made at 3 p.m., 3300 Dixie Farm Road.

An arrest for unauthorized use of temporary tag was made at 4:48 p.m., 4300 Dixie Farm Road.

Criminal investigation was conducted at 7 p.m., 1800 block of Taylor Road.

Hospice death reported at 7:25 p.m., 2500 block of Sunfish Drive.

An arrest for shoplifting was made at 9 p.m., 2800 block of Business Center Drive.

An arrest for assault family violence was made at 9 p.m., 12400 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Criminal investigation was conducted at 10 p.m., 1400 block of O'Day Road.

Two people were arrested and charged with manufacture or delivery of controlled substance at 10:20 p.m., 1900 Pearlman Parkway.

• Friday, March 10

A burglary was reported at 1:15 a.m., 9000 block of Broadway St.

Two people were arrested

and charged with assault at about 6:40 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

Burglary was reported at 9:22 a.m., 1000 block of Main St.

A man arrested at 12:16 p.m. was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, 2500 Broadway St.

An arrest for assault family violence was made at 12:44 p.m., 2200 Business Center Drive.

Violation of a protective order was reported at 1:42 p.m., 1000 block of N. Sunset Drive.

Burglary was reported at 3 p.m., 2900 block of Harkey Road.

Warrant arrests were made Friday at 3100 Heritage Green Drive, 11800 block of Beltway 8 South, 4500 block of Broadway St., 2555 Cullen Parkway, 1400 Richmond Parkway and 1200 Dixie Farm Road.

• Saturday, March 11

A man arrested just before 1 a.m. was charged with DWI with an open alcohol container, 2000 Main St.

A death investigation was conducted at 2:30 a.m., 3300 block of E. Walnut St.

A man arrested at 2:32 a.m. was charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon, 4300 McHard Road.

An arrest for DWI was made at 3:24 a.m., 10790 Broadway St.

Theft of vehicle parts was reported at 6:45 a.m., 11200 block of Broadway St.

Warrant arrests were made Saturday at 19000 block of State Highway 35, 700 block of San Jacinto St., 3600 block of Business Center Drive.

A 39-year-old Houston woman arrested at 11:38

a.m. was charged with assault of EMS personnel providing service, 11100 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Vehicles were burglarized at 2800 block of Brownstone Place.

An arrest for assault of a family member was made at 9:14 p.m., 2400 block of Centerbrook Court.

A man was arrested for public intoxication at 9:52 p.m., 2800 block of Knob Hill St.

A man was arrested for public intoxication at 10:56 p.m., 11600 block of Broadway St.

• Sunday, March 12

A woman was arrested just after midnight for DWI, 7400 block of Broadway St. an arrest for assault causing bodily injury was made at 5:28 a.m., 6500 block of Broadway St.

Two people were arrested for assault family violence around noon in the 2800 block of South Sam Houston Parkway East.

Warrant arrests were made at 10500 Pearlman Parkway, 700 North San Jacinto, 1400 block of Richmond Parkway, 1100 block of NASA Road.

Vehicles were broken into in the 2200 block of Shadybend Drive.

• Monday, March 13

Warrant arrests were made at 1410 Richmond Parkway and 3200 block of Broadway St.

An arrest for consumption of alcohol by a minor was made at 4:30 a.m., 3500 block of Curley Maple Dr.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 11:47 a.m., 2300 N. Park Avenue.

Animal control was summoned to 2100 block of Hatfield Road at 9 a.m.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

MARCH 6 THRU MARCH 12

BURGLARY

Mar. 7 (10:00 a.m.) A burglary was reported at Mary Queen Catholic Church, 606 Cedarwood Dr. A safe containing cash was stolen. The suspect entered through an unlocked doorway to get to the chapel area. After reviewing video surveillance, it was determined that the suspect entered the church at 8:42 p.m.

Mar. 8 (6:48 a.m.) Officers responded to a residence in the 1000 block of Oak Park Lane where a man and woman were attempting to break into a home. A 35-year-old Houston man was charged with Criminal Mischief and Criminal Trespass. When police arrived, the suspect and a female were taken into custody. Both were under the influence of some type of narcotic. A window on the back of the house was broken out, a screen was damaged, and removed.

Mar. 10 (8:39 p.m.) A 16-year-old Friendswood teen was charged with Evading Arrest or Detention. The teen was observed breaking into a vehicle on Stoneledge Drive. When an officer arrived in the area, he observed the teen in the area. The teen ran, jumped a fence, and was caught by the police. The victim of the vehicle burglary positively identified the teen as the suspect who broke into his vehicle, but he refused to file charges due to the offender's age. However, the teen was charged with Evading Arrest and faces those charges in a juvenile court. The teen was released to the custody of his father.

THEFT

Mar. 6 (7:41 a.m.) A catalytic converter theft was reported at the For Children Only Day Care Center located at 1415 S. Friendswood Drive. The theft occurred sometime between March 3 and March 6. While taking the report from the day care center, other catalytic converters were reported stolen vehicles parked at Christian Brothers Automotive located at 1553 S. Friendswood Drive. Catalytic converters were removed from two vehicles in the parking lot.

Mar. 12 (1:22 a.m.) A 22-year-old man from Ridgeland, MS, was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1 and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. The suspect was stopped in the 300 block of W. Edgewood Drive for speeding and failing to signal a lane change. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search of the vehicle yielded marijuana, methamphetamine, and hydrocodone. The officer also noted that the vehicle did not have a registration sticker or front license plate. A check of the VIN showed that the vehicle was reported stolen on Feb. 28 in

Houston.

FRAUD

Mar. 6 (11:50 a.m.) A Friendswood woman was scammed out of \$42.18 after ordering from a fraudulent apparel company. She believed she had ordered from the same company before, but later realized that the company she just ordered from had an "s" on the end of the business name and was a fraudulent company.

Mar. 6 (4:37 p.m.) A Friendswood man received notification from his bank regarding two suspicious transactions. A transfer was made from his savings account to his checking account followed by a withdrawal from his checking account. A second withdrawal was made the next day. The victim verified that all the transactions were fraudulent, and the bank is investigating.

Mar. 7 (3:39 p.m.) A Friendswood woman received a letter in the mail about a past due debt to an apartment complex. The victim did not know where the apartment complex was located and did not know anyone who lived in the apartment complex.

Mar. 8 (10:49 a.m.) A Friendswood woman, while on a cruise, had three fraudulent wire transfers made from her personal checking account.

Mar. 8 (5:59 p.m.) A Friendswood man's identity was stolen and used to apply for a loan and purchase a vehicle at a Longview car dealership. The dealership became suspicious and was able to contact the victim whose identity was stolen. Soon after the dealership contacted the victim, the victim discovered that another car dealership checked on his credit for a loan application.

Mar. 9 (9:03 a.m.) A man attempted to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill to the Friendswood Municipal Court to pay for a citation. The clerk recognized the bill as being fake and told the man that she could not accept it. He took the counterfeit bill back and paid for his citation using real currency. The court administrator requested the counterfeit \$100 and turned it over to police.

Mar. 9 (10:41 a.m.) A Friendswood man's identity was stolen, and it was used to attempt to purchase a vehicle from Yaklin Auto Group dealership in Seguin. The day prior, the suspect attempted to use the victim's identity to purchase a vehicle from a Jaguar dealership in Grapevine and a Range Rover dealership in Grapevine.

Mar. 9 (10:50 a.m.) Friendswood residents received a Wal-Mart package on their front porch containing items they did not order. They later discovered that the items were charged to their credit card. The transaction

was fraudulent.

Mar. 10 (9:22 a.m.) A Friendswood man received correspondence regarding an outstanding debt. The account was an alarm company account. The account was opened using the victim's personal identifying information with a La Porte address that the victim has not affiliation with and is a place he does not and has never resided.

Mar. 12 (10:20 a.m.) A Friendswood woman attempted to file her 2022 taxes with the IRS but her submission was denied due to her son's social security number already filing a submission. The son affirmed that no other person should be using his social security number to file a tax return.

ASSAULT

Mar. 6 (2:16 a.m.) A 17-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Assault by Contact-Family Violence. The suspect is accused of assaulting his mother at their home in the 3600 block of Queensburg Lane.

NARCOTICS

Mar. 12 (9:41 p.m.) A 18-year-old man from League City was charged with Possession of Marijuana and Unlawfully Carry a Weapon. A caller reported that her ex-boyfriend was following her. The suspicious vehicle was stopped in the 1700 block of S. Friendswood Drive. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana and observed a handgun resting on the floorboard along with another firearm. The officer searched the vehicle, found marijuana, and seized the two guns.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Mar. 8 (12:55 a.m.) A 49-year-old League City woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 100 block of Clearview Avenue. The woman was driving with a flat rear driver's side tire. During the contact, she exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

Mar. 9 (1:06 a.m.) A 31-year-old Pearland man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated-2nd offense in the 100 block of E. Parkwood Avenue. The man was stopped for expired registration. During the contact, he exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

Mar. 11 (2:01 a.m.) A 29-year-old Pearland woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 800 block of S. Friendswood Drive. The suspect was stopped for driving with a defective brake light. She exhibited signs of intoxication and had an open container of alcohol inside the vehicle. She failed a field sobriety test. During a search of the vehicle, a bottle of Vodka and a THC vape were found.

TRAFFIC

Mar. 7 (1:16 p.m.) A 25-year-old Houston man was charged with No Driver's License, No Insurance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Unauthorized Use of a Temporary Tag. A traffic stop was conducted in the 600 block of S. Friendswood Dr. when the officer was unable to confirm the validity of the temporary tag. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search was conducted, and a baggie of marijuana was found shoved between the center console and the passenger seat.

Mar. 8 (4:48 p.m.) A 35-year-old Houston man was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Temporary Tag and No Insurance. He was stopped in the 5000 block of FM 2351.

Senior citizens invited to FISD Coffee Talk

Friendswood ISD would like to invite those 65 years of age or older who live within the boundaries of FISD to join the District on Thursday, March 23 at 9 am for coffee, donuts and Mustang news with Superintendent Thad Roher. The meeting will be held in the FISD Board Room at 402 Laurel.

The meeting is an opportunity for the District to say "thank you" for the years of support given by its seniors. It will also be a chance for

seniors to be updated on what is happening in FISD, opt into District communications and receive a Gold Card.

The Gold Card will offer the District's senior friends a free general admission ticket to all FISD regular-season home game athletic events and fine arts performances including plays, concerts and choir performances.

Any questions regarding the meeting or gold card may be directed to Communications Director Dayna Owen at dowen@fisd12.net or call 281-482-1267.

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AREA BRIEFS

Workshop set for budget priorities

A public meeting on Monday will focus on prioritizing the capital needs in the City of Pearland.

The workshop, which will not include any action by city council, is set for 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, March 20, at City Hall, 3515 Liberty Drive.

The city has only a few months before starting its budget process for fiscal year 2024, which begins Oct. 1. During the workshop, the council will discuss with city staff which one-time expenses such as building repairs, new facilities, etc. are most urgent and should be included in the upcoming budget.

Monday's meeting will be livestreamed on the City of Pearland YouTube Channel and at pearlandtx.civicweb.net.

PFD to launch citizen academy

Adults who live or work in Pearland can get a glimpse into the world of a firefighter through a new citizen's course offered this spring.

Pearland Fire Department is launching its own Citizens Fire Academy with classes taking place on Thursdays beginning April 6.

Sessions will be 5:30 to 8 p.m. with a field day on Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants can learn about the department and what it takes to become a firefighter, observing firsthand firefighting, search and rescue, vehicle extrication and emergency response.

To enroll in the six-week course, visit pearlandtx.gov/CFA to apply.

Applications close on March 31 and enrollment is limited to 20 participants.

Play opening delayed until Thursday

The opening of Pearland Theatre Guild's production of the comedy, "Potato Gumbo" has been delayed until Thursday evening, and tickets for opening weekend will be honored.

Thursday's show will be at 7:30 p.m. Other showtimes are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays until March 26.

The Jean Ciampi comedy is being staged at the Pearl Theatre, 14803 Park Alameda Drive

The box office opens an hour before show time for ticket purchases and pick-up. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 students and seniors. Seats are reserved.

For more information about the Pearl Theatre, call 713-340-2540, or visit pearl-theater.com.

Signup ongoing for parks fundraiser

The second annual Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole's Benefit Golf Tournament will be April 17, with proceeds benefitting the nonprofit Forever Parks Foundation.

The tournament begins at 10 a.m. at the Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 County Club Drive, Pearland. Entries begin at \$120.

The first-ever tournament raised more than \$60,000 that went toward an inclusive playground at the Shadow Creek Sports Complex. For more information or to register, visit tinyurl.com/ForeverParksTourney.

Annual Ruff Runner set March 25

The annual Ruff Runner and Yappy Hour pet-themed fitness event is scheduled for Saturday, March 25.

Beginning and ending at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway, the Ruff Runner includes a 5K, Kids 1K and 3K. Race times are 7:50 a.m., 8 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

For information on this event, email events@pearlandtx.gov.

Easter in the Park set for April 2

Bring the family to Stevenson Park for Easter in the Park on Sunday, April 2, for a fun-filled afternoon of egg hunting and photos with the Easter Bunny.

Egg hunts will be broken into the following age groups: 0-3 years old 1-1:10pm; 4-6 years old 1:15-1:25pm; and 7-10 years old 1:30-1:40pm.

The Adaptive Egg Hunt egg hunt category is for all ages within our adaptive community and set for 12:30-1:40pm.

Stevenson Park is located at 1100 S. Friendswood Dr.

For more information call 281-996-3220 or email rec@friendswood.com.

Indian Culture Festival is April 15

The fifth annual Pura Nava Indian Culture Festival will take place on April 15 outdoors at the Pearland Town Center.

Hosted by the Global Organization for Divinity, the festival is 4 to 8 p.m. on April 15 at the Town Center Pavilion at FM 518 and Highway 288. Free and open to the public, it includes exhibits, bazaar marketplace, children's activities, live performances and traditional Indian cuisine.

More information and schedules for this event can be found online at puranava-usa.org.

Fairgrounds host library book sale

The Brazoria County Library System holds its book sale fundraiser on March 18 and 19, featuring thousands of donated and discarded books, with nothing priced over \$1.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 19. The sale takes place the Brazoria County Fairgrounds, 901 S. Downing St., Angleton.

For information, call 979-864-1505 or visit mybcls.org.

School district hosts job fair

The community is invited to an April 1 Pearland ISD job fair to learn about available positions within the school district. The Saturday morning fair will be 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Pearland High School, 3775 South Main St. Available positions include administrative, food service, maintenance and operations, security, all levels of teachers and transportation.

More information about current openings, online applications and employment with Pearland ISD are available at pearlandisd.org/employment.

Parks & Rec now hiring for aquatics team

The Parks & Recreation Department is now hiring for this summer's aquatics team. Positions include lifeguard, swim instructor, pool manager and assistant pool manager.

Work dates will be May 27 through August 13 but the Parks and Recreation Department has announced that there are opportunities for year-round lifeguarding.

The summer positions offer 25 to 60 hours a week at a pay range of \$10.25 to \$18 an hour.

To apply, go to <https://cifriendswoodtx.applicantpro.com/jobs/>. For questions and inquiries, contact



FAITH MATTERS

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By REV. DR. BRIAN GIGEE

THE PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK

"Are your wonders known in the place of darkness, or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion? But I cry to you for help, LORD; in the morning my prayer comes before you."
-Psalm 88:12-13

I was asked recently... "Brian, I just can't shake this. Can you pray for me?" I responded, "of course. That's what we do with and for each other. St. Patrick's Day is looming... pray this with me."

That's when I sent the link to one of my favorite prayers... it's attributed to St. Patrick from the early 400's A.D. I added... 'people don't pray like this much anymore...'

"I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

I arise today through the strength of Christ with His Baptism, through the strength of His Crucifixion with His Burial, through the strength of His Resurrection with His Ascension, through the strength of His descent for the Judgment of Doom.

I arise today through the strength of the love of Cherubim in obedience of Angels, in the service of the Archangels, in hope of resurrection to meet with reward, in prayers of Patriarchs, in predictions of Prophets, in preaching of Apostles, in faiths of Confessors, in innocence of Holy Virgins, in deeds of righteous men.

I arise today, through the strength of Heaven: light of Sun, brilliance of Moon, splendor of Fire, speed of Lightning, swiftness of Wind, depth of Sea, stability of Earth, firmness of Rock.

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me: God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to secure me: against snares of devils, against temptations of vices, against inclinations of nature, against everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and anear, alone and in a crowd.

I summon today all these powers between me (and these evils): against every cruel and merciless power that may oppose my body and my soul, against incantations of false prophets, against black laws of heathenry, against false laws of heretics, against craft of idolatry, against spells of witches and smiths and wizards, against every knowledge that endangers man's body and soul.

Christ to protect me today against poison, against burning, against drowning, against wounding, so that there may come abundance of reward.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ in breadth, Christ in length, Christ in height, Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation. Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of Christ. May Thy Salvation, O Lord, be ever with us."

In reply... I got this message... "well, people in general don't pray much at all." My response? "I know. People these days pray to God when there's no where else to go... which always makes me ask... 'why didn't they go to God first?'" Faith matters!

St. Patrick rose in prayer each morning... as did the Psalmist! So, this Irish Lutheran says, "Happy St. Patrick's Day..." as I'm praying again... today for you, and me and the oblivion we see each day!

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.



Pictured left to right: Elizabeth Woodley (coach), Adam Brown (coach), Daniel Chen, Kyle Clauson, Kynlee Landrum, Jude Peters, Ethan Yang, Wyatt Chambers, Brodie Lynch, Evan Yang, Rylan Lynch, Ray Monahan (coach), Barrett Stephens (coach).

FHS Academic Decathlon Team takes State Title

On the weekend of Feb. 25, the Friendswood High School Academic Decathlon (AD) team earned first place in the AD State Competition, held in San Antonio. This is the first time since 2014 that the Mustangs have brought home the championship title.

The two-day competition included the following categories: Art, Economics, Speech, Interview, Essay, Literature, Math, Music, Science and Social Science. All team members are required to participate in all 10 categories.

In addition to the State title, the team went home with 37 individual medals, first place in the Super Quiz Competition and \$18,550 in scholarship funds collectively.

AD coaches Elizabeth Woodley and Adam Brown shared their excitement for their students' success.

"These kids are amazing," Woodley said. "They really came together as a team in the end, not just winning the State Title but truly working together, helping each other and becoming friends. That is one of the best parts about this program: watching these kids grow as students, as young people in general and as a team. By the end of State, we are like a family. I am honored to be a part of this program and work with dedicated coaches."

Brown agreed.

"I am deeply gratified by this team's wonderful achieve-

ment because it represents months of grueling discipline and teamwork," Brown said. "These students have demonstrated what real commitment looks like and the rewards it can bring. I am also grateful for the early mornings, late nights, patience, endurance and passion of the coaches and volunteers who helped our students prepare. This achievement represents a community effort, and I hope the community celebrates it as much as we do."

The team includes Evan Yang, Ethan Yang, Daniel Chen, Brodie Lynch, Kynlee Landrum, Jude Peters, Kyle Clauson, Rylan Lynch and Wyatt Chambers. Other coaches are Ray Monahan and Barrett Stephens.



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SPORTS

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

Simple solutions for everyday problems

I am known by my family as Mr. Gizmo Man. Through the years — I have found most kitchen products known to man.

To mention a few Gizmos that I don't see how you can live without...I have an Egg Cooker that works great for boiled eggs or poached eggs.

Without boring you, there are many other items that have been discovered that make great helpers in cooking a delicious meal.

But there are other things that I have discovered that might become a helper to you in ordinary activities around the house.

Trust me — you will find some of these quite useful if you think about it so here goes.

* If you take an ordinary comb — you can use it to drive a nail into the wall instead of your finger. Just take a nail, place in between the teeth, hold where you want the nail to go and presto — you can drive the nail into the wall without hitting your little fingers that would cause you to say, "Dad gummit!"

* If you have scratches on, let's say, the leg of your wooden chair, you can rub walnuts over the scratches to cover them up. It does work!

* Do you use those power strips? Are they full of different plugs? Do you want to know which plug goes to what? All you have to do is take one of those little plastic bag clips — write which plug goes to what — and wrap it around that cord...and presto! You now know which cord goes to the TV, DVR, clock, computer, printer, phone, etc.

* Want a small speaker to listen to your music from your iPhone? Get a glass bowl, place the iPhone in the bowl, and turn on the music and you get an instant amplifier without having to pay money for speakers.

* Want to know how to go non-stop in an elevator without stopping? Hole the close door button till the doors close. Keep holding. Select the floor and do not let go of the number and close door button till elevator moves. This will allow you to go straight to that floor without stops. This is used by police, so they can get to floors quicker. Works on every elevator.

* Cardboard tubes work great for organizing cords.

* Did you know you can use a wooden spoon to prevent water from over-boiling? Just lay it on top of your pan of water — works every time.

* Use a hand can opener to safely open those pesky plastic packages that are always so difficult to open.

* If you wrap Christmas lights around a clothes hanger — they will never tangle.

* Don't waste your money on Swiffer towels. Regular kitchen rags work just fine...and you can wash and use again.

* Rubber band an old sock over a vacuum to find small lost items.

* Last, but not least — A Pringles container is the perfect size to store spaghetti.

Old friend Robert said, "All is big, until it is solved to become small. God does not reveal His secrets just to satisfy our curiosity but to bring solutions on earth."

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THORNTON

Lady Oilers dominate All-District basketball selections

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Pearland Lady Oilers basketball team set a new PHS season record at 35-4 while winning the District 23-6A title (12-0), the Class 6A Region III crown while advancing to the 6A state semifinals.

The district coaches recently voted on the All-District teams, and it was no surprise that the Lady Oilers would dominate the district honors.

Voted as the "Coach of the Year" was Pearland's second-year head coach Jere' Adams who has a two-year 63-14 record while leading the Lady Oilers to the 6A state semifinals. Pearland's last appearance in the state basketball tournament was in 1980 when the Lady Oilers were in Class 4A 43-years ago.

Of course her coaching staff of Andre Stokes, Corey Grays, and Damita Hampton play an important role in Pearland's success.

Named as the 23-6A "Most Valuable Player" was Pearland senior RyLee Grays. The McDonald's All-American nomi-



PHS Coaching Staff - Asst. Andre Stokes, Head Coach Jere' Adams, Asst. Damita Hampton, and Asst. Corey Grays.

nee and North Carolina commit scored 648 total points (16.6 ppg), 416 rebounds, 57 assists, 69 steals, and 46 blocks.

Defensive "Player of the Year" was senior Paige Bonner who scored 221 points (5.7 ppg), 84 rebounds, 114 assists, 151 steals, and six blocks.

Pearland players named to the All-District first-team were: junior La'Niah Thornton (276 points [7.1 ppg], 165 rebounds, 29 assists, 40 steals), and junior Nyah Hardy (395 points [10.1 ppg], 116

rebounds, 44 assists, 65 steals).

Pearland players named to the second-team included: sophomore Eliece Perry and senior Janae Tucker.

Shadow Creek Lady Sharks

Shadow Creek had a strong season finishing 24-13 overall and 9-3 in district. The Lady Sharks beat Clear Creek (49-40) and Deer Creek (40-31) in the first two rounds of the playoffs before being eliminated by Summer Creek 56-30.

Named to the All-District first-team were: senior Kameryn

Phillips who scored 535 points [14.9 ppg], 320 rebounds, 21 assists, 87 steals, and 4 blocks; senior Nyla Price scored 253 points [6.8 ppg], 90 rebounds, 80 assists, 62 steals, and 4 blocks.

Named to the second-team included: senior Alana Trail, junior Kyndall Drones, junior Krislyn Biscette, and senior Peyton Holmes.

Dawson Lady Eagles

Dawson was a very competitive team under head coach Sharee Griffin as they finished 16-18 overall and 5-7 in district while barely missing the post-season.

District "Newcomer of the Year" honor went to Dawson freshman Kendall Ford who scored 373 points [11.0 ppg], 280 rebounds, 60 assists, 95 steals, and 6 blocks.

Dawson had two players named to the first team who were senior Kennedy Ford, who surpassed scoring 1,000 points for her high school career. Ford scored 349 points [10.3 ppg], 100 rebounds, 34 assists, 96 steals, and 3 blocks, and Ziara James who scored 279 points [8.2 ppg], 137 rebounds, 81 assists, 71 steals, and 4 blocks.



DAWSON LADY EAGLES - Dawson is currently ranked No. 10 in the state with a 20-3 overall record and 3-0 in the District 23-6A standings. The Lady Eagles nipped No. 13 state-ranked Pearland (20-3, 3-1) last week by the score of 3-2.

Dawson nips Pearland 3-2 in district softball showdown

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The No. 13 state-ranked Pearland Lady Oilers (20-3, 3-1) entered their game against cross-town cousin and No.10 state-ranked Dawson (20-3, 3-0) in a first round district showdown and the Lady Eagles hung on for a 3-2 win.

The battle began in the pitching circle as both teams got a strong performance between Pearland senior lefthander Abigail Gutierrez and Dawson senior righthander Gigi Solis.

Gutierrez pitched six innings, allowed six hits, three runs while striking out 11 and issuing three walks while taking the loss.

Solis pitched seven frames, allowed seven hits, two runs while striking out four and walking four to get the win.

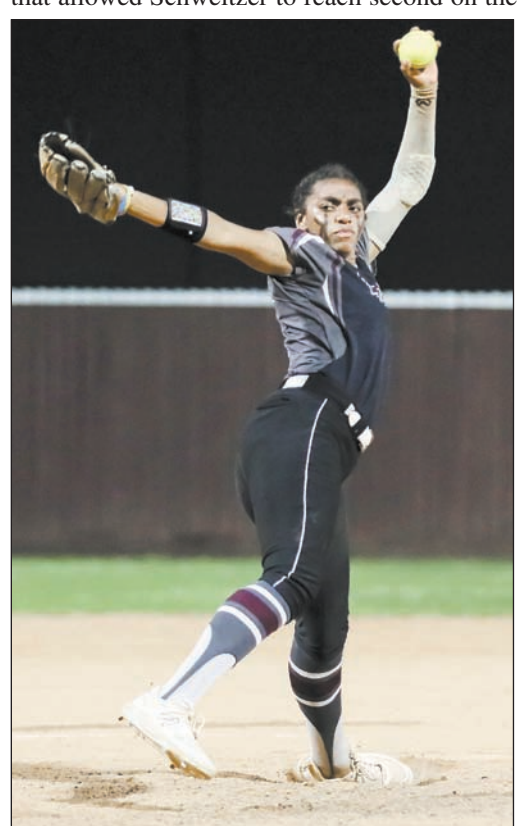
The Lady Oilers scored first in the top of the opening frame when Kayle Schwetzer drilled a one-out single, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Raenna Liscano, and scored on a double by Kristyn Whitlock for a 1-0 lead.

Dawson took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the third when Evey Dieudonne singled to left field, moved to second following a walk to Sa'Mya Jones and both runners scored on a double by Makenzie Wright.

The Lady Eagles would add another run in the bottom of the fourth when Cara Pitman singled and scored on a single by Caroline Roth to make the score 3-1.

Meanwhile, both pitchers continued their strong showing through the game.

Pearland made a final attempt to tie or take the lead in the top of the seventh when Jordan Smith opened the frame with a single, stole second, moved to third on an error by the shortstop that allowed Schweitzer to reach second on the



TOUGH IN THE CIRCLE - Pearland senior pitcher Abigail Gutierrez was the winning pitcher in the 6-2 district win over the Alvin Lady Yellowjackets. Gutierrez allowed seven hits, five runs, 11 strikeouts, and four walks. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

throw. Liscano doubled to centerfield to plate Smith and to close the gap to 3-2, but Dawson ended the game on a foul popup by Lydia Njus leaving the bases loaded.

Leading hitters for Dawson were Dieudonne (2-for-3, 1 run), Wright (1-for-3, 2 RBIs), and Pitman (1-for-3, 1 run).

Leading hitters for Pearland included Wright (2-for-2, 1 RBI), Schweitzer (1-for-4, 1 run), Liscano (1-for-3, 1 RBI), and Smith (1-for-1, 1 run).

PEARLAND 13 - ALVIN 5

Alvin jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead off pitcher Abigail Gutierrez, but the lefty settled down while her teammates took control of the game as the Lady Oilers scored three runs in the bottom of the first and three more in the bottom of the second for a 6-2 lead.

The Lady Yellowjackets scored a run in the top of the third and two more in the top of the fifth to narrow the score to 6-5 before Pearland blew the game open with three runs in the bottom of the fifth and four more in the bottom of the sixth for the 13-5 district win.

Gutierrez picked up the win after allowing seven hits, five runs, 11 strikeouts, and four walks.

Leading hitters include Kennedy Drafton (1-for-1, 3 runs, 1 RBI, 2B), Kaylee Schweitzer (4-for-5, 4 runs), Raenna Liscano (1-for-4, 2 runs, 1 RBI), Kristyn Whitlock (2-for-4, 2 runs, 3 RBIs, 2B), Lydia Njus (1-for-3, 3 RBIs), K Monsef (2-for-3, 1 run, 1 RBI, 2B).

SPORTS



COACH KIRK MARTIN

Martin returns to the helm of the Manvel football program

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Kirk Martin was named head football coach for the Manvel Mavericks in 2006 when the school opened for the Alvin ISD school district. He was the head coach from 2006 to 2017 and compiled an impressive 108-25 coaching record that included two state title game appearances (2011, 2017) while also advancing to five regional finals (2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016).

Now, in 2023 Martin has returned as the Head Coach/Assistant AD for Manvel once again.

"I helped open up Manvel and I have so many great memories here," Martin said. "Four kids here and I'm just ecstatic to get the opportunity to come back home. This is home. This is where my kids are from. It's where I'm from. It's just home."

"This is the very best district in the country in my opinion. I'm so excited to be able to come back here and finish what I started. I love it and I just can't wait to get rolling with those kids and get back in that Hoka Hey spirit."

In 2017, Martin departed Manvel for Syracuse University where he became the quarterback coach for two years. He returned to Texas in 2020 to become head

coach for Grapevine Colleyville Heritage where he guided them to a 28-7 mark with playoff appearances in all three seasons including a region finalist appearance in 2021.

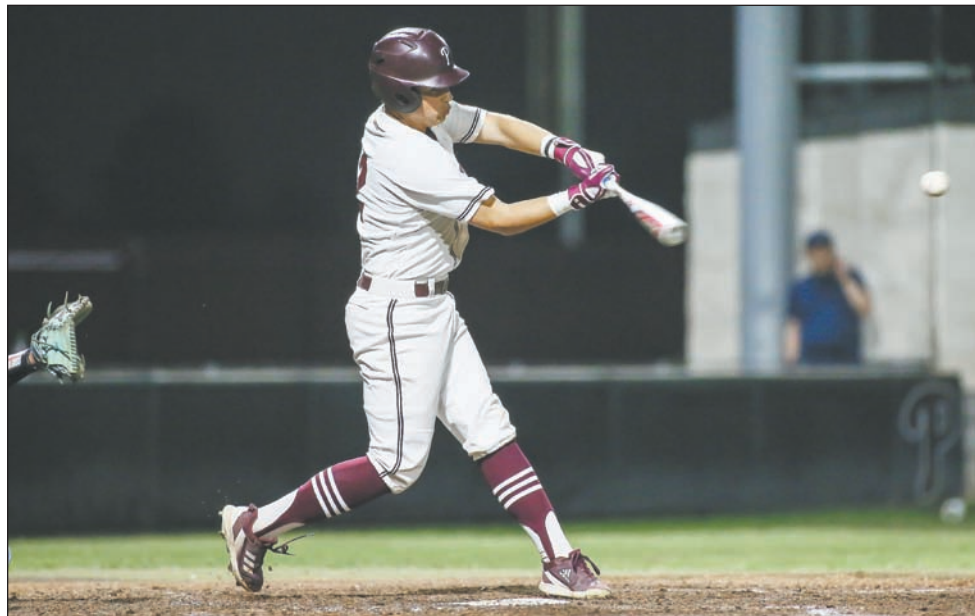
Martin's first game back at Manvel will ironically come against former assistant Brad Butler's Shadow Creek Sharks with the second annual Bill Lewis/HWY 288 Gridiron Classic opening the season for area squads at Freedom Field.

"I heard about last year," Martin said. "They basically sold the thing (stadium) out and I wouldn't expect it to be any different. I helped design the stadium but didn't get to coach in it (until next fall). That will be really fun to be in that state-of-the-art facility. It's a special place."

Martin started his coaching career in 1993 at Cathedral High School and helped them to their first winning season in 12 years, while a three-year stay at 5A El Paso Riverside featured three district championships. He held the same position under Ron Lynch (1996-97) at Alvin High School and was later the assistant head coach under Mike Bass (1998-2000) here.

Martin then served as the passing coordinator at Odessa Permian (2000-

2003), the offensive coordinator at 3A Giddings (2003) and took his initial head coaching job at 2A Alpine (2004-2006) before coming to Manvel



GRAND SLAM

Pearland third baseman Nico Partida blasted a bases-loaded grand slam home run against the Channelview Falcons as the Oilers won 6-2. Pearland is currently 13-5-1 on the 2023 baseball season. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks



TOUGH DEFENSE - Oiler senior defender Darryl White stops a drive by Strake Jesuit in tough defensive game by both teams that ended with a 0-0 draw. The Oilers finished the season with the third playoff spot and will face Dickinson after Spring Break in the first round of the playoffs. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for Roof Replacement at Sablatura Middle School, CSP # 23-0330-13 until 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2023. A pre-proposal conference will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at 1928 N. Main, Pearland, TX. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and submit their response at the following link: <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>.

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 April 12, 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 0323-07 Water and Sanitary Sewer On-Call Repair and Extended Services

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, March 30, 2023**. See bid solicitation for virtual link option if preferred.

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

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Pearland, in Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas, will hold a public hearing on Monday, **April 3, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581; and that the City Council of the City of Pearland will hold a public hearing and first Ordinance adoption consideration on Monday, **April 24, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581, for the following cases:

1. Zone Change Application No. ZONE 23-01: A request by Jeff Boutte, Windrose Land Services, applicant, on behalf of PHE-Fite Interests LP (Signature Companies) and Tranquility Lake Estates LLC, owner, for approval of a zone change from General Business (GB) District to Planned Development (PD) District, to accommodate a proposed mixed-use townhouse community with approximately 109 single-family detached lots, open space, and a retail component on the hard corner of Cullen Parkway and Fite Road, on approximately 14.857 acre of land, to wit:

Legal Description: A tract or parcel containing 14.857 acres, or 647,181 square feet of land situated in the H.T. & B. R.R. Co. Survey, Section 17, Abstract No. 242, Brazoria County, Texas, being all of commercial reserve "E", Block 3, and a portion of a right-of-way (R.O.W.) dedication, Tranquility Lake Estates Section 4, map or plat thereof recorded under Plat No. 2019010684, Brazoria County Plat Records (B.C.P.R.), same being out of Lot 1, Block 1, Cullen Parkway and Old Chocolate Bayou, map or plat thereof recorded under Plat No. 2020011820, B.C.P.R., also being out of three (3) tracts, all of a called 7.7144 acre tract described in deed to PHE-Fite Interest, LP, as recorded under Brazoria County Clerk's File (B.C.C.F.) No. 2010018718, residue of called 15.7778 acre tract described in deed to Tranquility Lake Estates, LLC, as recorded under B.C.C.F. No. 2018007406 and residue of called 10.0000 acre tract described in deed to Fite Interest, Ltd, as recorded under B.C.C.F. No. 2001011751.

General Location: Northeast Corner of Cullen Parkway and Fite Road.

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

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RFP 0323-06 Ballistic Shields for Police Department

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

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

1. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 23-02: A request by Westwood Professional Services, represented by Carolyn O'Brien, applicant, on behalf of AutoZone Texas LP, owner, for a special exception and a variance, as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to allow:

- Special exception for the expansion of an existing Auto Parts Sales use on a site with existing nonconformities (Section 2.7.3.7(a));
- Variance to the 25' front building setback requirement for the General Commercial (GC) District and the Corridor Overlay District (Section 2.4.4.6(c)(2)(a) & Section 2.4.5.1(c)(2)), to allow for the expansion of a building to encroach into the front building setback, to wit:

Legal Description: Being a 2.031-acre tract of land situated in the H.T. & B.R.R. Company Survey, Section 11, Abstract No. 239, City of Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas, being the remainder of a called 2.1642-acre tract of land described in deed to AutoZone, Inc., a Nevada Corporation recorded in Document No. 95-031278 of the Official Records of Brazoria County, Texas.

General Location: 2601 S Main Street, Pearland, TX.

2. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 23-03: A request by Boundary One Surveyors, LLC, represented by Christian Offenburger, applicant, on behalf of TyTan Enterprise, LLC, represented by San Chiang Tan, owner, for approval of a special exception, as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to allow the construction of a new building on a site with existing nonconformities (Section 2.7.3.7(a)), to wit:

Legal Description: A 2.505-acre tract of land being out of and a part of Lot 21, Section No. 26, H.T. & B.R.R. Company Survey, Abstract No. 550, Brazoria County, Texas, according to the Map or Plat recorded in Volume 2, Page 129 of the Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas, and being all of called 2.505-acre tract of land conveyed to TyTan Enterprise, LLC as described by deed recorded under Brazoria County Clerk's File (B.C.C.F.) No. 2018001233.

General Location: 4102 Veterans Drive, Pearland, TX.

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

Patrick Bauer
Planner I

Pearland ISD recognizes contributions of athletic trainers

In honor of National Athletic Training Month this March, Pearland Independent School District proudly recognizes the contributions of its six athletic trainers and two hospital contract athletic trainers.

These healthcare professionals include Dawson High School's Christina Fry, MS, LAT, ATC (head athletic trainer), Thomas Patrey, MS, LAT, ATC, and Joseph Eberhardt, M.Ed., LAT, ATC and Pearland High School's Nicholas Holtgrieve, MAT, LAT, ATC, (head athletic trainer), Jill Flowers, LAT, ATC, and Catherine Windsor, MS, LAT, ATC.

Pearland ISD takes the healthcare of the student athletes very seriously and has partnered with Memorial Hermann to provide athletic trainers at Pearland ISD's junior high campuses. Junior high athletes and parents will have the same benefits of prevention, care, treatment and rehabilitation as the student athletes the high school campuses. These healthcare professionals are Jenny Brittle, MAT, LAT, ATC at PJH South and Berry Miller JH and Kathy Nguyen, MAT, LAT, ATC at PJH East and West.

Throughout March, athletic trainers (ATs), nationwide will educate athletes, patients, clients and the public about the importance and value of their work.

In addition, throughout March, PHS and DHS athletic trainers invite administrators from the Pearland Little League, Pearland Youth Football League, Pearland United or other local youth sports organization and employers in the Pearland area to explore the public awareness campaign, "At Your Own Risk" webpage which is aimed specifically at educating parents, student athletes, school administrators, legislators and employers on the athletic trainers' role as an expert in prevention and safety.

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Notice Of Constable Sale

Cause Number: 115335-CV
(See Notes Below)

James Brawner Constable Precinct 4

Under the authority and by virtue of an Order of Sale dated and issued pursuant to the judgment of the 239th Judicial District Court Brazoria County, Texas by the clerk of said courts as shown in the following schedule of cases, and to me directed and delivered as Constable in Brazoria County, I have on the date indicated below seized and levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in April, the same being April 4th, 2023, at 111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of the defendant(s) in the real property as described below in order to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties, costs, and further costs of executing this writ.

Whereas on the 30th day of December, 2021, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, recovered a judgment in the 239th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against Marcolin D Easkins for the sum of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four dollars and Forty-Two Cents (\$4,954.42) as the total amount due on the assessment account of the Property that is secured by the Plaintiff's lien on the Property as of the date Agreed Judgment was filed; its reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of Five Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$5048.69); An Order of Sale shall issue to any sheriff or any constable within the State of Texas, directing the sheriff or constable to seize and sell the Property the same as under execution, in satisfaction of this Agreed Final Judgment subject to any superior liens provided for in the Restrictions or at law, if any; and, if the property cannot be found, or if the proceeds of such sale be insufficient to satisfy the judgment, then to take the money or any balance thereof remaining unpaid, out of any other property of the Defendant, as in the case of ordinary executions. If any surplus remains after the payment of the sums adjudged to be due, it shall be paid to Defendant, Marcolin D Easkins; because it became necessary for the Plaintiff to obtain a writ of execution and/or an order of sale and have the Property posted for a constable's sale or sheriff's sale in order to collect the amounts awarded in this Agreed Final Judgment, Marcolin D Easkins shall pay to Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association additional attorney fees and costs in the amount of one thousand eight hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$1,800.00); costs of court in the amount of \$299.10, process server fees in the amount of \$110.50, and post-judgment interest at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum on all amounts awarded in this judgment, including attorney fees, from the date this judgment is signed until fully paid; and, whereas, the said judgment is a foreclosure of a Property lien on the following described property, to-wit

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

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

Sale #	Cause Number	Court	Judgment Date	Order Issue Date	Levy Date	Other Account #
	115335-CV	239th Judicial District Court	12/30/2021	1/10/2023	, 2023	

Plaintiff: Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association,

VS

Defendant: Marcolin D Easkins

Property Description:

Lot Seventeen (17), in Block Three (3), of STERLING LAKES AT IOWA COLONY, SECTION FOUR (4), a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded at Clerk's File No. 2007014732 of the Official Records of Brazoria County, Texas. More commonly known as 9403 Nickel Canyon Court, Rosharon, Texas 77583;

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

The Minimum Bid Is All Costs Of Suit And Sale.

JUDGMENT \$ 7,559.21
Published In The Pearland Reporter Newspaper

Terms: Cash, or Cashier's Check.

Additional Terms:

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

SALE TO BE HELD

4th day of April, 2023

Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM

111 Locust Angleton, Texas 77515

James Brawner, Constable

Brazoria County Precinct 4

121 North 10th Street

West Columbia, Texas 77486

(979) 345-2115

By:

Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2023-08 2020 LIFT STATION MITIGATION PACKAGE 3 (LIFT STATIONS 22, 27, 28, 31)

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. 2023-08 - 2020 Lift Station Mitigation Package 3 (Lift Station 22, 27, 28, 31)", along with the name of the contractor 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., TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 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 bids 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.

A bid guarantee in the form of a bidder's bond, certified check or a cashier's check made out to "City of Friendswood" in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the greatest amount bid must accompany each submission. **BIDS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE ACCOMPANYING BID GUARANTEE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER.** For contracts in excess of \$50,000, payment, performance, and maintenance bonds along with a bid guarantee are required by the City.

A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting** is scheduled for **THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.**, at Friendswood City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546. A tour of the facilities will take place immediately following the pre-bid meeting.

For additional information, please contact Jildardo Arias, Director of Engineering at (281) 993-3411 or via email to engineering@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2023-05 BLACKHAWK BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PHASE II-B

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. 2023-05 BLACKHAWK BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PHASE II-B", along with the name of the contractor 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., TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 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 bids 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.

A bid guarantee in the form of a bidder's bond, certified check or a cashier's check made out to "City of Friendswood" in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the greatest amount bid must accompany each submission. **BIDS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE ACCOMPANYING BID GUARANTEE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER.** For contracts in excess of \$50,000, payment, performance, and maintenance bonds along with a bid guarantee are required by the City.

A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting** is scheduled for **TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.**, at Friendswood City Hall, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

For additional information, please contact Jildardo Arias, Director of Engineering at (281) 993-3411 or via email to engineering@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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INVITATION TO BID CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD BID NO. 2023-06 Blackhawk Emergency Shelter

This project will be federally funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department through the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and administered by the Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD). Bidders shall comply with regulations governing the CDBG Disaster Recovery Program (Regulation 24 CFR 570). Applicable requirements include but are not limited to compliance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts, Fair Labor Standards, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, and contracting with small, minority, and disadvantage firms, as detailed in the project manual.

This project is for the renovation of a portion the City of Friendswood's Blackhawk Facility, located at 15355 Blackhawk Boulevard, Friendswood, Texas 77546, into an emergency shelter capable of sheltering up to 400 occupants. The existing facility consists of approximately 7,578 square feet of office space that will be demolished and renovated into a shelter area, supply room, clinic area, storage rooms, supply room, lactation room, restrooms, and shower areas.

Bidders will be required to furnish verifiable references with their bids/proposals and to have a payment and performance bond.

Project documents may be downloaded from the City of Friendswood's website at: <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Bids.aspx>.

Project documents are available for review at the City of Friendswood's City Secretary's Office. The address is 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on March 23, 2023, at 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546 and virtually via Microsoft Teams. The website address for this virtual meeting is: <https://friendswood.com/Pre-Bid2023-06>

Any questions regarding this BID must be submitted by email to Jildardo Arias at engineering@friendswood.com.

Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked with BID No. 2023-06 and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary's Office and will be received at 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546 before 2:00 PM, April 11, 2023.

A public bid opening will be held at the City of Friendswood Council Chambers, 910 S. Friendswood Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546 at 2:00 pm, April 11, 2023.

The City of Friendswood reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. The City of Friendswood pays for goods and services according to the provisions of Chapter 2251 of the Government Code.

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CONSTABLE'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS } COUNTY OF BRAZORIA }

WHEREAS by virtue of an **Order of Sale**, issued out of the **239th District Court of Brazoria County, Texas** on the **31 day of January 2023**, in cause No. **81661-CV**, where **Village Grove Homeowners Association, Inc** was / were Plaintiff and **Carlos and Maria A. Sanchez** was / were Defendant(s) on a judgment rendered in said Court against said Defendant(s) and in favor of the said Plaintiff(s), for the original sum of **\$6255.64** dollars, with interest thereon as stipulated in said order, from the date of judgment, together with all fee's, costs and commissions thereafter added to/of suit, to wit now currently equal to the amount of **\$5132.59 (Not including any additional costs or fees that may be added at sale)**; I did on the **16 day of February 2023** at **951 o'clock p.M.**, levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in **Brazoria County, Texas**, as the property of said defendant(s).

To wit: **Lot (41), Block (5), Village Grove, Section One (1) a Subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas, According to the Map or Plot Thereof, Recorded in Volume 23, Pages 225 of the Plat records of Brazoria County Texas; also more commonly known as 1910 Plum Falls Lane, Pearland Texas**

And on the **4th day of April 2023**, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of (10:00) Ten o'clock A.M. and (4:00) Four o'clock P.M. and **most likely at 10:00am** on said day, in the south hall/door of the Courthouse in Angleton, Brazoria County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of said defendant(s), in and to said above described property.

Witness my hand this the **16 day of February 2023**.

/s/ **C.B. Buck Stevens**
Constable, Precinct 3
Brazoria County, Texas

NOTE TO BIDDERS: All bidders must have or be able to pay in cash, cashier's check or money order by "close of business day" the day of the sale delivered to the Constable.

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