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## **Around Town**

Thursday, May 18 'DRIVING MISS DAISY' PLAY Pearland Theatre Guild offers a buy one, get one deal on tickets to a 7:30 p.m. performance of "Driving Miss Daisy" at the Pearl Theatre, 14803 Park Almeda Drive. Tickets are \$16 to \$18. Call 713-

340-2540 or visit pearl-theater.com. MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Brazoria County Fallen Law Enforcement Memorial Service, to remember and honor fallen police officers, deputy sheriffs, and state troopers that served Brazoria County, will be held Thursday, May 18 starting at 9am at the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office, 3602 CR 45 in Angleton.

#### Friday, May 19 CONCERT IN THE PARK

The free concerts in the Park series continues with performance by Marcus Ardoin and the Zydeco Legendz from 7 to 9 p.m. at Southdown Park, 22150 Countryplace Parkway. Picnics, lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged and food vendors will be on site.

#### Saturday, May 20 ATHLETIC PHYSICAL DAY

Pearland High athletic physical day is 8 a.m. to noon in the Searcy Building for students in grades 6 through 12. Cost is \$25 and registration must be online: pearlandisd.org/domain/3329. FARMERS MARKET

Old Pearland Farmers Market opens at 9 a.m. at Independence Park, 3229 Pearland Parkway, featuring season produce, eggs, beef, honey and more. Parking and entry are free and available at the park or at the City Hall annex, 3523 Liberty Drive.

#### DRIVING MISS DAISY

Pearland Theatre Guild presents the Southern drama, "Driving Miss Daisy" at 8 p.m. at the Pearl Theatre, 14803 Park Almeda Drive. A Sunday show is set for 3 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 students and seniors. For information, call 713-340-2540, or visit pearltheater.com.

#### **HISTORY IN BRICKS**

Brazoria County Historical Museum, 100 East Cedar in Angleton, hosts an open house for "History in Bricks" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring Lego building clubs and sessions on building at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. For information, call 979-313-0284

#### DISCOVER ARCHERY CAMP

Children and adults alike are invited to join the one day Discover Archery Camp on Saturday, May 20 from 10am to 12pm at Camp Mohawk, 110 County Road 193 in Alvin. All archery gear and targets are provided for the free camp. For more information or to register call the park's manager at 281-756-2319.

#### Monday, May 22 TINY ART SHOW AT LIBRARY

Last day to turn in submissions to the Tiny Art Show at the West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 713-436-0995

#### Tuesday, May 23 SENIOR TRIP TO HMNS

A field trip for seniors to see the King Tut's Tomb exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science will leave the Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Ave., at 10:30 a.m. \$20 fee includes admission and transportation. Registration is required and can be made by calling 281-652-1890.

#### Wednesday, May 24 STORYTIME AT LIBRARY

Storytime for children is held at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays at the West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Free to public. For information, call 713-436-0995.

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#### wens retires Three sworn in,

By N. BRADFORD Reporter News Staff

Pearland's newest city councilman was among those taking the oath of office Monday after results of the May 6 election were made official.

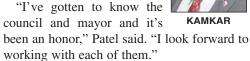


Position 7 Councilman Rushi Patel was sworn in along with newly reelected Position 3 Councilman Alex Kamkar and Mayor Kevin Cole, who did not face an opponent.

"We didn't get to do this in 2020," Kamkar

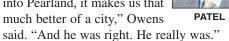
remarked. "It's really cool to see citizens, family members and friends up here."

Patel won the seat being vacated by longtime councilman Woody Owens.



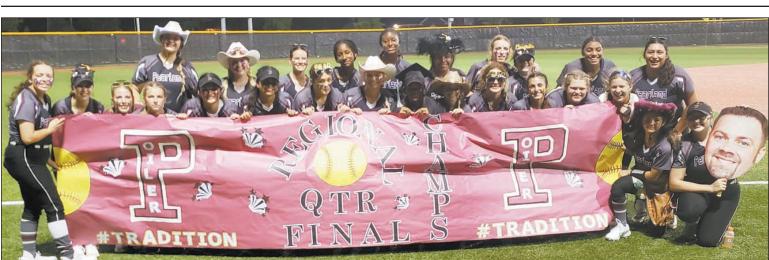
First elected in 2000, Owens served 12 years on the council before winning his most recent seat in a runoff after Position No. 7 was created in 2017. In total, he has 18 years of service on the council.

"Going back to (Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid), he said every time somebody comes into Pearland, it makes us that



Owens was presented with a resolution from State Rep. Ed Thompson.

During Monday's meeting, councilman Joseph Koza was named mayor pro tem.



#### Pearland Advances to Softball 6A Regional Semifinals

The No. 4 state-ranked Pearland Lady Oilers (35-3) swept Kingwood 9-6, 1-0 to advance to the 6A Region III semifinals where they will face the Bellaire Lady Cardinals in a three-game series beginning on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Goose Creek Memorial in Baytown. Photo by Dr David Davis

# Homestead exemptions part of initial budget talk

By N. BRADFORD Reporter News Staff

The possibility of increasing Pearland's homestead exemption led off budget discussions for the coming year as city leaders began the arduous process of balancing the city's many needs vs. the burden on its taxpayers.

The budget discussion was the first of a series designed to create a city budget for the 2024 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

The topic of increasing the homestead exemption, which would in turn decrease the tax burden for residents who own their homes, was brought up last year, but it was too far along in the budget process to take any action.

Pros include a potential boost in the housing market and home improvements, city staff

The current homestead exemption is 2.5 percent, on average about \$7,425 per home.

Increasing that to 3 percent would bump the average exemption up to roughly \$8,900. A 5 percent homestead exemption would mean an average exemption of \$14,850.

The cons, however, are that it would shift the cost burden to businesses.

"I'm concerned for our small businesses, and large businesses, about the burden we are putting on them," Councilman Tony Carbone

It would also push up the no-new-revenue rate and voter approval rates to make up the difference in revenue, staff said, requesting numbers on how the homestead exemption increases would affect other properties.

"If those properties are getting a higher homestead exemption, then the rate to generate the same amount of dollars (as the prior year) would be higher," City Manager Trent Epperson said.

"It costs what it costs to run the city, and you have to bring in a certain level of revenue," Chief Financial Officer Amy Buckert Johnson told the council.



#### SCHS Team Liopleurodons shine at SeaPerch competition

Team Liopleurodons from Shadow Creek High School demonstrated remarkable skill and ingenuity at the international SeaPerch competition, which took place at the University of Maryland, College Park, on May 13.

The team earned a number of impressive accolades including a second-place finish in the obstacle course and third-place finish in the mission course which showcased their precision and teamwork. Additionally, they earned the Real time innovation-High School Fan favorite team award.

Team members include, Arnav Gadde, Rohan Ginjupalli, Dersh Bhakta, Arjun Godavarthi, Praneel Bhagavatula, Ishan Patel, Arnav Godavarthi

SeaPerch is a remotely operated vehicle (ROV), a competition, and a community. The program guides students on building an underwater robot while supplying educators with the tools and training to help them through the process.

For information. visit more https://seaperch.org.

# **Alvin ISD** appoints assistant principals

Alvin ISD appointed five new assistant principals May 9 — with their campuses to be determined.

"We have several openings because of different promotions throughout the district or retirements," Alvin ISD Superintendent Carol Nelson said. "At a later date, we will assign them a campus, but first we want to get them on board as

assistant principal." Assistant principal appointments were: Alana Ademe, administrative intern and testing coordinator at Alvin ISD's RISE Academy; Justine Blackwell, a teacher at Passmore Elementary; Jacob Chavavarria, teacher at Nelson Elementary; Nayeli Hernandez, math instructional coach at Pasadena ISD; and Jacqueline Butteris, ELA reading coach at Alvin Elementary.

# Multifamily among options for Fite Road

By N. BRADFORD

A feedback session this month covered

potential uses for a nearly 10-acre tract on Fite Road just east of Manvel Road, including urban apartments. "These are smaller, urban type apartments,

not necessarily large family apartments," explained Mona Malone of Infinity Real Estate Group, representing the owner and ing to work with the city."

developer of the site. "The developer is will-Initially proposed are two buildings with 240 living units plus green space and amenities. Malone described the proposed use dur-

ing a May 8 joint workshop with city council and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The workshop is the first step in applying for a zone change needed to move forward, as

well as providing feedback from city leaders.

To move forward, the apartment plan would need a rezone from single family residential to planned development. "Our next step is speaking to (nearby) resi-

"With citizens you don't know what

you'll get as far as reaction to an apartment complex." - Derrell Isenberg, Planning and Zoning

dents," Malone said. "We didn't want to stir things up if this wasn't something that was going to move forward."

Amenities proposed include a coffee shop open to the public, clubhouse and pool, fitness

center, walking trail and electric charging station for residents. Feedback at the workshop was lukewarm.

Potential expressed during the workshop

included traffic, particularly due to its proxim-

ity to the Pearland Area Dad's Club on Fite

"I looked at it this weekend," Planning and Zoning Commissioner Derrell Isenberg. "With citizens you don't know what you'll get as far as reaction to an apartment complex. The school districts and others have spoken about more affordable living in Pearland. I do question the location just strictly because of

The tract is currently surrounded by single family developments.

"The next step is reaching out to the neighbors, in term of how much time and effort you want to spend on this vs. townhomes or something less dense," Councilman Tony Carbone told the developer.

"It's the urban type living we're looking for, not sure if this is the location," Mayor Kevin

#### Police Report PEARLAND

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 9

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 8:11 a.m., 4900 Broadway St.

Referral to adult protective services, 9:39 a.m., 3000 block of Country Club

Referral to adult protective services at 9:45 a.m., 3300 block of Glenhill Dr.

Welfare concern, 10:12 a.m., 3300 block of Nottingham Court.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 11:18 a.m., 2500 block of S. Houston Ave.

Arrest for possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia at 11:19 A.M., 2300 block of Eagles Way.

Vehicle theft reported at 2 p.m., 1000 block of Bass Pro Drive.

An arrest for assault by physical contact-family violence, 5:24 p.m. 2803 Business Center Drive.

An arrest for public intoxication at 5:56 p.m., 1710 Old Alvin Road.

Vehicle theft reported at 6:30 p.m., 3000 block of Pilgrim's Point Lane.

Criminal mischief at 7 p.m., 12100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway. A Pearland man, 37, was

arrested for disorderly con-

duct at 8:34 p.m., 4100 block of Caneshaw Drive. A Webster man, 54, was arrested for DWI - third or

more, at 8:38 p.m. at 3000 Broadway St.

Two people were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia at 1900 Main St.

#### • Wednesday, May 10 Two people were arrested

for possession of a controlled substance at 12:22 a.m., 11200 Broadway St.

An Alvin woman, 27, was arrested at 3:10 a.m. for assault causing bodily injury, family member, at 1500 Broadway St.

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CALL HOME

Across

9. Cat's cry

**19.** Copy

20. Child's toy

23. Demands

winning play

31. Egg cells

34. Desolate

35. Icelandic epic

41. "Pumping \_

42. Arch type 43. "A likely story!"

informally

50. Denials

54. Anxiety

57. Distort

"Barbie Girl"

63. A deadly sin

65. Fusion

64. Soon, to a bard

66. Actor Dick Van

67. Discovery org.

51. Rewards: Poet.

60. Band with the hit

61. French Sudan, today

62. Forest trees of a region

1. Dagger handle

5. Barbed comments

14. Fishing, perhaps

16. Object of many prayers

15. Final notice

17. Islamic spirit

18. Bigger than big

24. Blue Bonnet, e.g.

25. 1999 Pulitzer Prize-

28. Mazda power source

36. Land around a mansion

44. Not very nice next door

49. Computer storage unit,

1. Journey to Mecca

5. "Bad Reputation"

11. Matterhorn, e.g.

12. Propel, in a way

13. First name?

22. Drone, e.g.

21. Adulated ones

7. Rocky Mountain sheep

2. From the East

4. Cargo ship

3. Parry

Freedy

6. Adjoin

8. Hard

10. Holly

38. Losing an unstressed vowel from a word's start

A 29-year-old Pearland man was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance at 3:49 a.m., 1800 Broadway St.

A Pearland area teenager was arrested at 10:36 a.m. for felony possession of a controlled substance, 2300 block of Old Alvin Road.

Runaway reported at 7:26 p.m., 1100 block of Eastbourne Lane.

A Pearland woman, 45, was arrested for assault by physical contact at 8:39 p.m., 3000 block of Wild-

Burglary reported at 10 p.m., 1500 block of Main St. An arrest for public intox-

ication was made at 10:35 p.m., 2400 Cullen Parkway.

#### • Thursday, May 11 A Pearland woman, 38,

assault by physical contact, 5300 block of Woodville Lane. An arrest for unlawful car-

was arrested at 3:11 a.m. for

rying weapon at 10:08 a.m., 2700 Main St. An arrest at 1 p.m. for

fraudulent destruction/removal/concealment of writing, 1700 block of Broadway St. A Spring man, 25, was

arrested for felony theft and unlawful carrying of a weapon, 3200 block of Broadway. A Friendswood woman,

60, was arrested at 3:22 p.m. for fraud/destroying/removing price tag, 1710 Broadway St. A public intoxication

3700 Main St. A Pearland man, 54, was arrested at 7 p.m. for DWI-

arrest was made at 4 p.m.,

third or more, 1800 Riverstone Drive. DWI arrest at 9:40 p.m.,

11200 Broadway St. • Friday, May 12

An arrest for assault caus-

ing bodily injury was made at 12:46 a.m., 1000 block of Melford Ave.

Vehicle burglaries reported in 2700 block of Lost Maples Drive.

A Houston man, 28, was arrested at 10 a.m. for felony

The Original Mobile Game

25. Distance across

27. Do schoolwork?

30. "Fancy that!"

31. Disgrace

Moon" writer

33. friends

**38.** "Give it

42. Burial rite

Solution available online at myreporternews.com

45. Alive, to athletes

39. Soak through

29. "\_\_\_ we there yet?"

32. "From the Earth to the

37. Charlotte-to-Raleigh

40. She had "the face that

launched a thousand ships

member

26. British Commonwealth

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manufacture/delivery controlled substance, 15600 South Freeway.

An arrest for no drivers license at 11:15 a.m., 2600 Barry Rose Road.

Arrest for parole violation at 11:47 a.m., 3800 Dixie Farm Road.

An arrest for felony theft at 12:36 p.m., 3300 Dixie

Farm Road. An 18-year-old Pearland man was arrested for posses-

sion of a controlled substance, 3449 Pearland Parkway.

#### Saturday, May 13

Warrant arrests were made between midnight and 5 a.m. in the 1200 block of Dixie Farm Road, 3602 County Road 45, 3500 block of Business Center Drive. Arrest at 8:38 a.m. for

failure to maintain financial responsibility, 3800 Broadway St. An arrest for assault by

physical contact family vio-

lence at 11:43 p.m., 2200

block of N. Grand Blvd. Crashes were reported Saturday evening in the 9500 block of Broadway, 1400 block of Richmond

Parkway, 2500 block of S. Grand Blvd., 11000 block of Shadow Creek Parkway. • Sunday, May 14

#### Early morning crashes

were reported at 16000 block of South Freeway, 17100 block of Highway 288 North, 15600 block of Highway 288 North, 2000 block of Business Center Dr.

Death investigation at 6:31 a.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Arrest for assault by physical contact-family violence at noon, 2800 block of Oak Crashes at 3000 Fite

Road, 2700 Dixie Farm Road, 3600 block of Main St., 10000 block of Hughes Ranch Road. A Houston woman, 44,

was arrested at 2500 Cullen Parkway for felony possession of a controlled sub-DWI arrest at 11:42 p.m.,

3903 Majestic Oak Court.

#### Monday, May 15

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 12:39 5:21 a.m., 11151 Shadow Creek Parkway. A Pearland teenager was

arrested at 10:10 a.m. for possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone and evading arrest, 2314 Old Alvin Road. **CROSSWORD PUZZLE** 

46. Republicans, for short

47. Announce

48. Sycophant

53. Flies alone

composer Part

overseer

58. Nada

55. Coat for corn

**59.** "Is that \_\_\_?"

56. Totenberg on NPR

57. Fed. construction

52. Late princess

54. "Tabula Rasa"

## FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

MAY 8 thru MAY 15

cer observed a burglary in progress at the Shell station at the corner of FM 2351 and Beamer. He observed a suspect inside the store banging on the ATM and a tan Chevrolet 2500 parked with the doors open. When the suspect knew he was caught, he jumped through a broken window at the store and took off running. The officer observed a black Chrysler 300 in the area that appeared to be circling around looking for the suspect. Another officer attempted to stop the vehicle which led to a pursuit. The vehicle lost control, and crossed over the median, in the 4400 block of FM 2351. Three suspects exited the vehicle and ran on foot. One suspect was found by K-9 officers hiding in a storage building. He was taken into custody and charged with Evading Arrest. He had a key fob belonging to the Chrysler in his possession. The tan Chevrolet 2500 appears to have been stolen; it had a broken steering column but had not been reported stolen at the time of the recovery. The black Chrysler 300 was towed for

**BURGLARY** 

May 14 (4:23 a.m.) An offi-

#### **THEFT**

investigation.

May 13 (4:04 a.m.) Wheels and tires were stolen from two vehicles at the Salem Square Apartments located at 406 Clearview Avenue. A witness observed the suspects to be two black males who arrived in a dark-colored four-door sedan.

May 14 (10:50 p.m.) A resident in the 1100 block of Eagle Lakes Drive reported the theft of an Amazon package from his front porch. The package was delivered at 11:50 a.m. However, when the victim retrieved the package at 6:30 p.m., he found that the package was open and the items inside the package were

#### **FRAUD**

May 12 (11:36 a.m.) A 69year-old Friendswood woman was looking for a home a.m., 8300 Northfork Drive. to rent and posted an ad on Criminal trespass arrest at Craigslist. She was contacted by a man, with a middle eastern accident, regarding a home for rent in the 16600 block of Blackhawk Blvd. She was asked to wire \$500 as a deposit. She tried to get the keys to the home but claimed there were several no shows. Then, she was told to purchase gift cards to get a locksmith to the home. That is when she realized she was scammed.

May 8 (8:40 a.m.) A Friendswood woman discovered that her name was changed, and her former address was used with the three credit bureaus and her credit monitoring service. Her personal identifying information was used to open fraudulent credit card

a phone call from a person identifying themselves as Wells Fargo fraud department claiming there were suspicious wire transfers on his account. He was scammed into sending the wire transfers to verify his identi-May 10 (10:20 a.m.) A

Friendswood woman's business information was used to create a line of credit with an Austin welding supply company. This was followed by an unauthorized withdrawal from her account. The victim has identified a suspect in this case. May 11 (11:16 a.m.) A West Columbia woman's identification was used to fraudulently fill a prescription at the Friendswood HEB pharmacy on Feb. 5. Another attempt was made at the same pharmacy on March 3. **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** 

May 11 (10:19 p.m.) A 30-

was charged with Criminal Mischief - Impairment/Interrupting Public Services. An officer responded to a complaint about a water hose being attached to a fire hydrant in the 1900 block of Pebble Lane. The water this by an officer earlier in the day. The man did not take the advice; instead tampered with the city fire

**ASSAULT** May 11 (6:48 p.m.) A 21year-old Alvin man was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury- Family Member. The man is accused of assaulting his exgirlfriend at a home in the 700 block of Penn Drive. He left the residence but returned at approximately 8:18 p.m. An officer conducted a traffic stop and took the man into custody

May 14 (10:54 a.m.) A 22year-old Friendswood man was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury-Strangulation-Family Member. The suspect is accused of assaulting his girlfriend at their home in the 5300 block of Whittier Oaks Dr. The disturbance began when the girlfriend discovered that the man had paid for "Only Fans". **NARCOTICS** 

May 10 (1:22 a.m.) A 19year-old Bacliff woman was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. An 18year-old Dickinson woman was charged with Possession or Purchase of E-Cigarette by a Minor. The Bacliff woman was driving with an expired temporary tag in the 4300 block of FM 2351. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. The officer conducted a search and found marijuana and MDMA in a

purse belonging to the passenger. May 12 (12:47 a.m.) Two

Pasadena men were charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. They were stopped for a license plate violation in the 100 block of Whispering Pines. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. The officer conducted a search and found marijua-

May 12 (11:45 p.m.) A 35-

year-old Alvin man was

charged with Possession of

Drug Paraphernalia. The

na and THC wax.

suspect was a passenger in a vehicle stopped in the 100 block of E. Parkwood for running a red light. During the contact, the driver gave consent to search her vehicle. The man exited the vehicle and was found in possession of cocaine residue. May 12 (11:50 p.m.) A 27year-old Friendswood man was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 2. The suspect was stopped for making a wide right turn in the 200 block of N. Friends-

#### **DWI**

vehicle.

wood Dr. The officer asked

the man for consent to

search his vehicle. Before

giving permission, he ad-

mitted to having mush-

rooms (psilocybin) in his

May 9 (12:35 a.m.) A 50year-old Alvin man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 1400 block of W. Parkwood Ave. The suspect failed to maintain a single lane and ran a red light. He exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

May 9 (9:05 p.m.) A 29year-old Houston man was stopped for suspicion of Driving While Intoxicated in the 100 block of E. Edgewood Dr. A witness reported a reckless driver at the intersection of S. Friendswood Drive and E. Edgewood Drive. The driver reportedly struck the curb several times and remained stopped when the light turned green. An officer approached the driver and found he was asleep. The officer got the driver out of the vehicle, but he was unable to stand up, and had the strong smell of marijuana on his person. The officer searched the vehicle and found Oxycodone and Alprazolam. While on scene, the man lost consciousness and was transported to a local hospital. The officer filed for warrants charging the man with Driving While Intoxicated, Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1, and Poss-

intoxicated driver leaving a convenience store in the 700 block of W. Parkwood Ave. An officer found the suspect vehicle and observed the driver exhibit erratic driving and the vehicle to have expired registration. A traffic stop was made, and the driver exhibited signs of intoxi-WEAPONS OFFENSES

ession of a Controlled Sub-

stance in Penalty Group 3.

May 14 (10:42 p.m.) A 41-

year-old Friendswood man

was charged with Driving

While Intoxicated in the

2500 block of W. Parkwood

Ave. A witness reported an

#### May 9 (3:29 p.m.) A 43-

year-old Houston man was charged with Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon. The man was stopped for an insurance violation in the 200 block of E. Parkwood Ave. He and his passenger were checked for outstanding warrants. The driver had an outstanding warrant in Mav-

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year-old Friendswood man

hose led to a driveway in the 2000 block of Pebble Lane. The officer contacted the suspect and found that he

was trying to fill a large water tank and discovered that he was warned not to do

hydrant with consent.

for the assault.

May 10 (8:45 am.) A Friendswood man received

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erick County for Evading Arrest and a drug offense. The officer conducted a search of the vehicle and found several baggies of Marijuana and a gun.

#### AREA BRIEFS

#### 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

"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.

#### Five locals among Merit Scholars

Five Pearland students are among National Merit Scholars

The Illinois-based National Merit Scholarship Corp. selected 2,500 designees from a pool of more than 15,000 finalists in the program.

Scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors based on academic records, scores from the Preliminary SAT, contributions and leadership in school and community, an essay written by each finalist and a recommendation written by a high school official.

Adams of Pearland High School, Alexander Adkins of St. John's School in Houston, Andrew C. Mooney of Shadow Creek High School, and Faith Victoria Ni and James L. Williams III, both of Dawson High School.

#### County begins mosquito spraying

Brazoria County began its annual mosquito spraying program this week with trucks circulating in Pearland and

Aerial spraying is also being used to control mosquitos, which can spread viruses.

Daily spraying schedules will be posted on the county website at brazoriacountytx.gov.

Schedules are posted by 4 p.m. but ay change due to weather or other unforeseen reasons.

#### Hurricane season expo set June 17

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

The free event will include informational presentations, goody bags, door prizes, free hot dogs will supplies last, exhibitor booths and emergency vehicle displays.

Presentations will cover topics such as the National Weather Service, generator safety, pet safety during an emergency and how to prepare your yard and home for hurricane season.

#### Zydeco highlights concert series

Marcus Ardoin and the Zydeco Legendsz will highlight the Concerts in the Park series this Friday at Southdown Park, 2150 Countryplace Parkway.

Admission to the 7 p.m. show is free and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. Pets must be on a leash, and glass and smoking are prohibited in

Weather-related updates will be posted on the city website, parks.pearlandtx.gov/special-events/concerts-in-thepark or on the event hotline, 281-412-8989.

For more information, email events@pearlandtxgov.

#### 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).

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 information, more go to VisitPearland.com/CountryMusicShowcase.



# FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gigee

### **WORDS TO LIVE BY**

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." - Romans 12:9-13

What words do you live by? There are so many, and they come from all over the place. I have an old friend from college when asked, "did you ever learn anything from your parents?' replies, "yep, my dad taught me... 'always move toward the ball', 'never play for an inside straight' and 'it never hurts to be nice." I'm not sure who made those up but they're helpful... and my friend's dad was a faithful man!

And at the same time... there is always someone who's goal is to provide you with some unsolicited advice like when another friend's mom told him... "big boys don't cry" after he fell out of a tree and broke his leg. Now I have yet to break a bone in all my years but I'm told it really hurts and so she not only lied... she lied twice... because a little guy who falls out of a tree is not a 'big boy' and I have cried many times since becoming one... having learned it's actually very healthy for a person's body when

Some of the words we live by are ancient and trustwor-Pearland area National Merit Scholars are Sophie F. thy... like my grandmother used to say warn when she could see the underside of the leaves on the trees as the wind would pick up outside the house... "there's a storm a brewin'..." which meant we needed to pick up our toys in the yard so we would have them for another day... and although my grandmother never set foot on a sailing vessel she would often remark at a beautiful sunset... "pink sky in the morning... sailors take warning... pink sky at night... sailors delight..." as it seems my grandmother was sensitive to life's storms more than some others... and you most likely have a pocketful of phrases too that compliment your day to day thoughts and actions... and if you are

of a mind to do so... allow me to invite you to share some of them to my email address below...

When I go strolling through the holy scriptures it doesn't take me long to figure out God is good and God's people have a penchant for wanting to be God or notice that others don't care about God at all... as many church historians have claimed the Bible to be 'the history of the mighty acts of God' echoing the words of the Psalmist... "Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; with a greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." (Psalm 145: 3-4) while at the same time provides an account of human foolishness and disregard for one another... noting even today how this world remains full of people who try each day to build up their community while others are seeking to tear it apart. Faith matters and the words we live by point the way we go...

And please allow me to say this... there are many books I have in my library which help me take a crack at living well and being part of the building up of my community and the world... and if I had to stack them up... it would be a pretty tall thing with the Holy Bible (holy = 'set apart' and Bible = 'book') being on the bottom of that stack... foundational to all those above... but I've found it better to keep my Bible on top of that stack... open and ready to define my life and provide direction and encouragement... with words the ancient Israelites lived by before there even was a holy book... "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your strength and all your mind..." (Deuteronomy 6:4ff) hating evil and practicing a hospitality of loving our neighbors the way we love ourselves... What words do you live by?

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Gigee is a long-time resident of Pearland, having pastored four churches over the last four decades in Texas and Louisiana. Read more following 'murmurings' Brian's blog https://briangigee.wordpress.com/. Send comments and/or questions to godworks247365@gmail.com.

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### **From the Cluttered Desk**

by Dr. David Davis

State of mind



I have called two states "home." I grew up in Oklahoma, where I was born and educated. I then moved to Texas, where I continued my education and where

three of my four children were born.

Recently, I got an e-mail from a friend entitled, "You know you're from Oklahoma if . . . '

After having lived in Oklahoma for 24 years, I recognize the peculiar differences that belong only in Oklahoma. This e-mail pointed out several

things that are quite true. You know you're from Oklahoma if: 1. You can properly pronounce

- Eufaula, Gotebo, Okemah, and 2. A tornado warning siren is your
- signal to go out in the front yard and look for a funnel.
- 3. You know in which state Miamuh (Oklahoma) is and in which state Miam-ee (Texas and Florida) is.
- 4. You aren't surprised to find ammunition and bait all in the same store. (I am proud to live in a state that pioneered the "all-in-one" convenience store concept).
- 5. You know that everything goes better with ranch dressing. (As long as I have lived in Texas, everyone knows that everything goes better with ketchup or Chick-fil-A sauce).
- 6. You know you are an Okie if you have used the word "fix'n" in the last 12 months—plus a hundred other onesyllable words.
- 7. It doesn't bother you to use an airport named Will Rogers after a man who died in a airplane crash.
- 8. You believe "Little Smokies" should only be served on special occa-
- 9. You know that cowpies are not made from beef.
- 10. You have seen people wearing bib overalls at funerals.
- 11. You know a couple who has used an OU, OSU or high school football schedule to plan their wedding
- 12. Last but not least, you know you are from Oklahoma if you refer to the capital of Oklahoma as "The City."

There is a Bible verse that says, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

I don't think that was referring to the state you live in, but it does remind us that no matter what state or situation in life we are facing — we need to develop a sense of contentment in life.

When I was growing up — there used to be an expression - "If the creek don't rise." That was a mild type of contentment.

But the phrase "If the creek don't rise" was also related more to the commitments we were willing to make in life.

In other words — I'll do a certain thing "If the creek don't rise."

I found out early in life not to count on people who are not willing to make a more meaningful commitment than

For creeks do rise - you can count

In order for life to be meaningful we are to honor our commitments that will lead us to contentment.

The Texans at the Alamo made a life commitment. They took their stand despite the odds and the outcome. They were willing to stand together regardless of what the creek

The above words certainly apply to all who have been on a journey for a long time.

You can't buy integrity, character, and honesty. Those three words can be greatly tested when we are facing a rising creek.

In the end, it is commitment that will either win out or be compromised. And above all - our integrity, character, and honesty should never have a price tag!

Old friend Robert said, "I believe in integrity. Dogs have it. Humans are sometimes lacking it."

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# SPORTS

# No. 4 Lady Oilers move past Kingwood in sweep 9-6, 1-0

By DR. DAVID DAVIS Reporter News Staff

No. 4 state-ranked Pearland was challenged by a talented Kingwood softball squad that forced the Lady O's to play their best to win the best-of-three series in the Class 6A Region III quarterfinals 9-6 and 1-0 at La Porte High School.

In the first game, Pearland jumped out to a 7-0 lead and appeared to be on their way to an easy first game win but Kingwood (31-8) wasn't going to go down so easy.

Pearland scored three runs in the top of the first inning and added two more in the second for a 5-0 advantage.

The Lady Oilers tacked on two more runs in the fourth to give them the 7-0 bulge but then Kingwood cut the lead to 7-2 with a pair of runs in the fifth and then cut the lead to 7-6 with four more runs in the sixth.

Pearland senior shortstop Kristyn Whitlock, a Sam Houston State signee, crushed a

three-run homer to center field in the top of the first inning. Leadoff hitter Hailey Golden walked before No. 2 hitter Kaylee Schweitzer reached on an error, allowing Golden to advance to third for the 3-0 lead.

Pearland widened the advantage to 5-0 in the second inning.

Golden's opposite field triple to left scored Darian DeLeon, who led off with a single. Golden, a Texas A&M signee, then came home on a Drafton single to left.

The Lady Oilers made it 7-0 in the fourth on a two-run single from Schweitzer.

Pearland received run-scoring doubles from Whitlock and Lydia Njus in the seventh to pull away to its 15th consecutive win

"Seven-run leads are never safe when you're playing teams as good as Kingwood," Pearland head coach Laneigh Clark said.

"It's part of the game. I think the kids came back in the seventh after realizing they had taken off



SURPRISE PRESENTATION - Pearland senior Kennedy Drafton received

her Associate Degree from Alvin Community College after the Lady Oilers defeated Kingwood 1-0 in the region softball quarterfinals. Pearland principal John Palombo made the surprise presentation as Drafton was surrounded by her teammates, family and fans



SAFE AT THIRD - Pearland's Hailey Golden is safe at third after the Kingwood pitcher threw a wild pitch to home plate in the third inning. Golden was stranded at third but the Lady Oilers finally scored in the sixth inning to win the game 1-0 to sweep the best-of-three series.

a couple of innings.

"They realized how important it was to put some more runs on the board. They found out tonight that every at-bat in the playoffs matters."

Pearland starting pitcher Abigail Gutierrez, who pitched four no-hit innings, was replaced by Isela Flores in the sixth. Gutierrez then re-entered the

game on a 3-2 pitch, struck out Hailey Harvey, and eventually retired Lanie Macicek on a 4-3 groundout. Drafton then tripled to start

the seventh and was doubled home by Whitlock for an 8-6 Njus followed with a double

to right-center to bring home the final Pearland run.

Gutierrez retired the side in order in the seventh for the 1-0 series lead.

Leading hitters for Pearland were: Golden (2-for-3, 3 runs, 1 RBI, 3B), Schweitzer (1-for-3, 1 run, 2 RBIs), Drafton (2-for-4, 1 run, 1 RBI, 3B), Whitlock (2-for-4, 1 run, 4 RBIs, 1HR, 2B), and Njus (2-for-4, 1 RBI, 2B).

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#### KINGWOOD 0

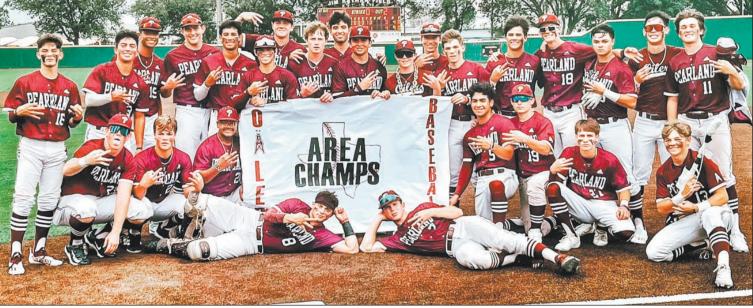
Pearland senior pitcher Abigail Gutierrez and Kingwood senior pitcher Meredith Schmitt were locked in a pitcher's dual for six innings before the Lady Oilers got the only run of the game to grab a 1-0 win over the Lady Mustangs to advance to the Class 6A Region III semifinals.

Gutierrez allowed only three Kingwood hits, four strikeouts, and one walk while Schmitt gave up four hits, 1 run, while striking out three and walking two.

Pearland's lone run came in the bottom of the sixth inning when Kennedy Drafton opened the frame with a walk, moved to second on a sacrifice by Kristyn Whitlock, advanced to third on a Raenna Liscano ground out to shortstop, and scored on a Trinity Perry RBI single to centerfield for a 1-0 lead.

Kingwood opened the seventh with a walk but Gutierrez got the next three batters to fly out and ground out to preserve the 1-0

Pearland (35-3) moves on in the 6A Region III playoffs to face Bellaire in the region semifinals.



PEARLAND ADVANCES - Pearland defeated Atascocita 2-1 in a best-of-three series to advance to the 6A Region III quarterfinals where they will face

# Pearland gets past Atascocita in best-of-three close series

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

It took all three games of the Class 6A Region III best-of-three series between the Pearland Oilers and the Atascocita Eagles but the Oilers pulled out the third and final game 4-3 after eight innings.

Pearland won the first playoff game in easy fashion 8-0 as the Oilers scored a run in the second, two runs in the third, one run in the sixth and blew that game open with four more runs in the top of the seventh for the 8-0 rout.

Nicholas Partida went the distance on the mound as he allow no runs, four hits, struck out four while walking one. He threw 94 pitches in a masterful demonstration of con-

trol against a very good team. Meanwhile, Pearland scattered 11 hits that included two doubles and one triple to plate

eight runs. Leading hitters for the Oilers was Isaiah

Castaneda who went 3-for-4 at the plate, scored two runs, drove in three runs while hitting a double and a triple. Caden Ferraro was 2-for-4 and had two RBIs while Anthony Avalos was 1-for-4 with two runs and one

#### ATASCOCITA 7 - PEARLAND 6

The second game in the series was completely opposite of the first game as Atascocita jumped on the Oilers for a 7-0 advantage after two innings. Pearland starting pitcher Ryler Smart

pitched only 1.1 innings before Jaden Barfield stepped on the mound in relief with one out in the second inning.

Smart allowed two hits, five runs, struck out two and walked three before Barfield

Barfield did his job as he allowed two runs, four hits, struck out 13 and walked a pair for

5.2 innings. The Oilers offense woke in the second inning with four runs to cut the margin to

While Barfield was holding the Eagles scoreless, Pearland added a run in the fourth and the sixth to move with 7-6 but that is as close as the Oilers would get to come up short to force a third and deciding game.

Leading hitters for Pearland included Texas A&M commit Caden Ferraro (3-for-4, 1 run, 1 RBI, 2B) and Nicholas Partida (1-for-3, 1 run, 4 RBIs, 1HR).

#### PEARLAND 4 - ATASCOCITA 3

Pearland was tested to the limit and then some as Atascocita took the Oilers to an extra frame before Pearland came up with the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning to beat the Eagles 4-3.

Nicholas Partida, who was the winning pitcher in Game One, opened up the eighth with a single to centerfield after Atascocita tied the game 3-3 when they scored a run in

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# SPORTS

# Friendswood diamondmen take care of Milby to advance

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

The No. 3 state-ranked Friendswood Mustangs dropped the Milby Buffaloes 9-1 in their first game of the Class 5A Region III best-of-three series at Goose Creek Memorial High School.

The Mustangs took a 3-0 first inning lead thanks to Collin Goolsby who blasted a three-run homer.

Milby managed to score a run in the bottom of the first to close the gap to 3-1, but the Mustangs got an RBI double from Dawson Hinson in the second inning and Boots Landry scored on an error to make the

Friendswood was able to jump in Milby's starting pitcher Arthur Perez who was their

"That was our plan," said Mustangs coach Cory Benavides. "We were hoping we could get on him early because he's a very good Landry added an RBI double in the fourth

while a wild pitch and a two-run single from Goolsby in the top of the sixth provided extra insurance. Easton Tumis took the hill for the

Mustangs and pitched six innings of one-run ball, striking out eight. "We hung in there and fought," he said.

"We got a lot of good pitches to hit late in counts. That's a testament to our guys."

#### FRIENDSWOOD 17 - MILBY 4

Milby surprised Friendswood when they jumped on the Mustangs for an early 4-1 lead in the second game of the best-of-three series, but a mature and patient Friendswood team didn't panic as they rallied to blow out the Buffaloes by scoring 16 unanswered runs to get a 17-4 playoff win in a series sweep. "There was a calm demeanor," said

Friendswood coach Cory Benavides when he replaced starting pitcher Houston Rhodes in the top of the third. "I wasn't going to yell at them. I just needed them to be calm, and that's the confidence they have in them-

Rhodes allowed just two hits, but a defensive lapse led to a pair of runs in the top of the first before Arthur Perez's opposite field homer gave Milby a 4-1 lead.

The Milby crowd got a wave of overcon-

fidence and began to chant "overrated" to the Friendswood faithful which turned out to be a huge mistake as the Mustangs thrashed Milby the rest of the way.

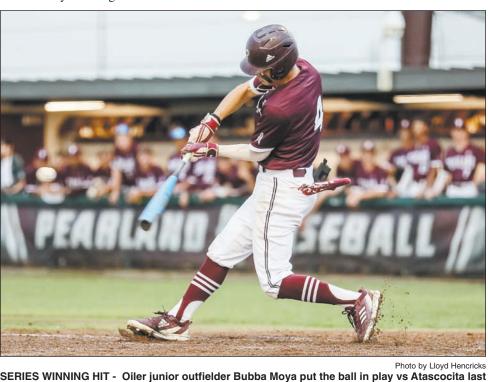
The Mustangs scored nine times in the bottom of the third, with the key hit being an RBI triple from Blake Encarncion that was followed by a run-scoring single from Peyton Adams and an RBI double from Ayden Pearcy to give Friendswood a 10-4

The offensive frenzy continued in the bottom of the fourth. Ryan Duncan blasted a three-run homer to left field before Boots Landry smashed a bases-clearing triple and Dane Perry's sacrifice fly finally put the finishing touches on the Mustangs' 17-4 win.

The Mustangs move on to face Barbers Hill in a three-game series beginning on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. Game 2 will be Friday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. Game 3 (if needed) will be on Saturday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m. All games will be played at Deer Park High School.



CROSSING THE PAYSTATION - Friendswood's Ayden Pearcy crosses the plate to help the Mustangs to a 17-4 thrashing of the Milby Buffaloes to sweep the best-of-three series and advance to the third round of the Class 5A Region III baseball playoffs. The Mustangs move on to face Barbers Hill in a three-game series beginning on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. Game 2 will be Friday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. Game 3 (if needed) will be on Saturday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m. All games will be played at Deer Park High School.



week. Mova was the hero for the Oilers as he hit .300 over the three-game series with two RBI's. including the series-clinching RBI in the eighth inning that scored Franco Aquilar from third base. The Oilers advance to the 6A Region III quarterfinals where they will face the Clear Falls Knights in a best-of-three series. Games One and Two will be 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18 and Friday, May 19 with Game Three at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 (if necessary). All games will be played at Channelyiew HS.

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the top of the seventh.

Braeden Morse sacrificed Partida to second and then courtesy runner Franco Aguilar replaced Partida at second.

Anthony Avalos flew out to centerfield which moved Aguilar to third base as the winning run.

Junior John Moya then followed with a two-out line drive single to right field which prompted a bench-clearing celebration as Aguilar crossed the pay station with the winning run 4-3.

Pearland scored two runs in the first inning but Atascocita answered with a pair in the third frame to tie up the game.

After the Oilers took a 3-2 lead in the fifth, the Eagles tied up the game in the seventh that sent the game into an extra inning.

"This is the reason you're in high school

baseball for games like this," Pearland head coach David Rogers said. "It was a game about guts. Caden hadn't pitched a whole lot this year and he gutted it out for 90 something pitches.

"We didn't want to run in certain situations today because Caden has been hitting the ball so well and we wanted to give him opportunities to come through, and boy he did that. John Moya came up and was the hero, but today was about more than one guy. And that's what it will take every game for us."

The Oilers advance to the 6A Region III quarterfinals where they will face the Clear Falls Knights in a best-of-three series. Games One and Two will be 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18 and Friday, May 19 with Game Three at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 (if necessary). All games will be played at Channelview HS.

#### SOFTBALL/BASEBALL SCHEDULES **CLASS 6A REGION III**

**CLASS 6A REGION III** SOFTBALL SEMIFINALS Pearland Lady Oilers vs **Bellaire Lady Cardinals** 

Game 1: Thursday, May 18 - 7:00 p.m. Game 2: Friday, May 19 - 6:00 p.m. Game 3: (if needed) 30 minutes after Game 2 All games played at Goose Creek

Memorial HS in Baytown

**BASEBALL QUARTERFINALS** Pearland Oilers vs Clear Falls Knights

Game 1: Thursday, May 18 - 7:00 p.m. Game 2: Friday, May 19 - 7:00 p.m. Game 3: (if needed) Saturday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m

All games will be played at Channelview High School

**CLASS 5A REGION III BASEBALL QUARTERFINALS** Friendswood Mustangs vs **Barbers Hill Eagles** 

Game 1: Thursday, May 18 - 7:00 p.m. Game 2: Friday, May 19 - 7:00 p.m. Game 3: (if needed) Saturday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m.

All games will be played at Deer Park High School



Brazoria Chapter of Master Naturalists John Boettiger, membership, and President Kathy Pittman (right) congratulates Chris Kneupper who was recognized at the recent meeting for hav-

# Master Naturalists meet, learn about birds of prey

**BV RICHARD SCHAFFHAUSEN** 

The Brazoria chapter of Texas Master Naturalist held their monthly meeting Wednesday, May 10 at the AgriLife building in Angleton. John Boettiger, membership chairman,

reported that Dennis Charleton, Pam Lewis, Mel McKey, and Kristine Rivers recertified. To recertify, members must have 8 hours of advanced training and 40 volunteer hours.

Boettiger also reported that Chris Kneupper attained 5,000 and Rose Wagner attained 500 volunteer service hours. Kneupper was a member of the 2013 intern class and was instrumental in the establishment of GCBO's plant nursery. He is very involved with assorted historical societies in the area, and he has led any number of nature walks since 2013.

This year members have impacted 3,011 adults and 9,960 youth through outreach programs and educational programs such as the "Birds of Prey" programs presented at area schools, Brazoria County Summer Library Programs and the Discovery Environmental Education Program for area 4th and 7th graders at Brazoria NWR.

Carla J Dove presented the evening program "Bird Detectives". Dove is the Program Manager, Feather Identification Lab at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. One of Carla's responsibilities is to ID birds involved with an airplane strike. By knowing the bird or birds involved in a collision, airport personnel can alter whatever habitat the birds are attracted to thus making it less desirable. Airplane /bird collisions cost the industry hundreds of million dollars

The next meeting will be 8:30 am June 14 at the AgriLife building Angleton. Visitors are welcome. For more information on becoming a Texas Master Naturalist: https://txmn.org/tmncot/

### **Summer Reading Challenge starts June 1**

Join in the fun with Brazoria County Library System's annual Summer Reading Challenge for all ages beginning on June 1. This year's theme is All Together Now, which focuses on putting "unity in community" and programs in our branches will be both fun and entertaining.

Reading prizes will be available for everyone! To participate and earn prizes, each age group will need to reach their reading goals. To qualify, children need to read 15 hours, teens for 20 hours, and adults can even get in on the fun by reading 30 hours. Reading times can be logged in several different ways: on the free Beanstack Tracker app, online at bclstx.beanstack.org or by requesting a paper log at your nearest BCLS library branch. This summer, all ages will be able to earn an e-Ticket to put into a County Grand Prize drawing. This year's grand prizes include a Kindle Fire tablet with cover, a game set or a LEGO Brick Bundle with books. Once the challenge is

completed, keep reading for additional opportunities for prizes.

Some great programs coming to multiple branches include the Texas A&M Chemistry Roadshow, Chicks to Children with Texas A&M AgriLife, and Texas Reptiles presented by the Texas Master Naturalists-Cradle of Texas Chapter. Multiple branches will also host fun programs like The Reading Magic Show with John O'Bryant, and Domino's Dough Show. To find out when and where these programs will be presented, check out the Summer Reading Challenge

Each library branch will also be offering weekly Storytimes. To find dates, times and topics at your library branch, visit their website, Facebook page, refer to their calendars, or call the branch.

page on the BCLS website.

For information about reading prizes and summer programs check out "Summer Reading Challenge" on our website,

# PISD celebrates Better Hearing, Speech Month

intervention to:

In honor of Better Hearing and Speech Month in May, Pearland Independent School District recognizes its professional speech-language pathologists (SLPs) for supporting the academic success of students with hearing and communication chal-

Pearland ISD's 21 SLPs help prevent, identify, assess and treat speech and language problems that impact students' achievement. Better Hearing and Speech Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness about communication disorders and the role of the Pearland ISD SLPs in providing life-altering treatment.

"Speech-language pathologists work with people every day in settings that include schools, private practices, health care facilities and even their own homes to improve their client's speech, language, social and cognitive skills," said Pearland ISD lead SLP Mary Kate Puna.

According to many SLPs working with children aged from birth to 5 years old, over the past two years, there has been an increase in referrals for concerns about hearing, speech, and language delays. In addition, SLPs polled by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), note an increasing number of children with behavioral, social, and language difficulties and with undetected hearing loss. Factors contributing to these increased referrals include limited opportunities for social interaction and play with peers, limited preschool/daycare interaction, and increased use of screentime on tablets and smartphones compared to the pre-pandemic

Puna advises that the following simple

steps can help to identify the signs of com-

munication disorders and provide early

Connect with an early intervention program for birth to 3 years of age. Families don't need a referral from a pediatrician to connect with their early intervention program. Find contacts by state at this link: https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/par

Focus on daily interactions with your child. Talking, singing, playing, and reading books together are simple yet immensely effective ways to boost communication and social skills. These activities actually build a child's brain. Birth to 3 years is a time when the brain is most adaptable, but these activities are crucial beyond that period. Limit recreational screen time when possible.

**Plenty of play time.** Free play develops creativity and teaches kids to entertain themselves. No need for screens to keep them busy! Children learn not only by sight and sound but by touch, taste, and smellsenses that screens can't activate.

#### **How Much Screen Time?**

The American Academy of Pediatrics makes the following screen time recommendations for toddlers:

Under 18 months: No screen time except for video chatting with loved ones.

18-24 months: A small amount, at most, of high-quality programming, if you choose.

2–5 years: A maximum of 1 hour per day. "Co-view" (watch together) rather than have young children (of any age) use screens while alone.

For more information about supporting language development at hom, visit www.asha.org/public.To learn more about Pearland ISD's services, contact Puna at punam@pearlandisd.org.

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**LEGALS** 

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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

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 <a href="https://pearland.ionwave.net">https://pearland.ionwave.net</a>. 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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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, June 5, 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, June 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581, for the following cases:

1. Amendments to the Unified Development Code (2000-T-39): A request by the City of Pearland, applicant, for approval of proposed amendments to the Unified Development Code (UDC), Ordinance No. 2000T, in accordance with Section 1.1.4.1 of the Unified Development Code, to include:

(i) Amendments to Chapter 1, Section 1.1.3.3 (a)(2), Advisory Capacity of the Planning and Zoning Commission to the City Council to review, prepare reports upon and make recommendations concerning approval, conditional approval, or denial of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) petitions. (ii) Amendments to Chapter 2, Section 2.2.3.3 (b), Processing of Application and Decision, regarding the role of the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and comment on Conditional Use Permit (CUP)

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.

Mohamed A. Bireima, AICP Senior Planner

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Notice of 1st Public Hearing for City of Pearland's **Community Development Block Grant Program** Action Plan - Program Year 2023

The City of Pearland is receiving \$466,162 for its Community Development Block Grant in Program Year (PY) 2023 (City of Pearland fiscal year 2024) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City will conduct this public hearing to provide information about the CDBG program. This public hearing will provide citizens and public officials with the 1st public hearing about the available funds. The public hearing will take place:

> May 22, 2023 - 6:30 PM Pearland City Hall 3519 Liberty Drive

About the CDBG Program

The national objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low and moderate-income persons. Not less than 70% of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low and moderate-income persons, and CDBG-funded "area-benefit" projects must be located in Pearland Census Block Groups comprised of more than 45% low-moderate income households. CDBG goals include improving the urban environment in low and moderate income areas: eliminating blighting influences and the deterioration of property, neighborhoods and public facilities in low and moderate-income areas; and ensuring decent, safe, sanitary housing for low and moderate-income residents.

Eligible activities include but are not limited to: public facility construction and improvements; handicapped accessibility; operational funding for non-profit agencies serving low income persons; rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing; enforcement of City codes; clearance and demolition; and infrastructure improvement activities. The City has not developed a spending plan at this

**Public Comment Period** 

The CDBG Public Comment Period for the PY 2023 CDBG program is anticipated to begin on June 26, 2023. Further notice is pending.

**Program Amendment** 

A minor amendment to a prior year Action Plan for Pearland may also be discussed, as it relates to the reallocation of funds to cover the cost of improvements to the Melvin Knapp Senior Center.

**Fair Housing Issues** 

The Public Hearing will also be a forum to discuss fair housing and related issues. Residents with suggestions and/or concerns will be provided opportunity to voice those issues during the public hearing.

Notes: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for special accommodations or interpretive services must be made to the City Secretary's Office at (281) 652-1653 at least 48 hours prior to this meeting.

#### Notice Of Constable Sale

Cause Number: 112790-CV\*\*

(See Notes Below)

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#### 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 412th 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 June, the same being June 6th, 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 27th day of July, 2021, Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, , recovered a judgment in the 412th Judicial District Court of Brazoria County, Texas against, Dante Holmes for the sum of Three Thousand Seven Dollars and Twenty Eight Cents (\$3,007.28) 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 the Agreed Judgment was filed; its reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-five Dollars and No Cents (\$2,835.00); 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, Dante Holmes; 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, Dante Holmes shall pay to Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association additional attorney reasonable 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 \$132.50, 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.

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.

Court			April 6th, 2023	Order Issue Date 3/10/2023	7/27/2021	Court 412th Judicial District Court	Cause Number 112790-CV**	
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Plaintiff: Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association, VS VS

Defendant: , Dante Holmes

**Property Description:** 

Lot Seventeen(17), in Block Three (3), of sterling Lakes West, Sec. 2, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat No. 2016052704 of the Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas more commonly known as 9710 steel Knot Lane, 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.

Estimated Minimum Bid: \$2,186.78

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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

6th day of June, 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

n Baker, Chief Deputy #

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS** 

CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 8, 2023 and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

> **Argovitz Detention Expansion** Pearland Economic Development Corporation BID NO.: ITB0523-13

The Project entails the expanding of Argovitz Detention Pond, located between Smith Ranch Road and SH 288 frontage road north of FM 518, by excavating the north side of the pond, installing a pilot channel to connect to the existing pilot channel, installing a new backslope interceptor structure and associated slope paving, placing 6" of compacted fill material on 11.74 acre lot to the north of the pond, and excavating swales to drain the northern property into the pond.

A Non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Pearland Economic Development Corporation, City Hall at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday May 25, 2023.

All proposals should be submitted through the E-Bid system located on the City's website at: https://pearland.ionwave.net. All interested bidders are advised to register as a "supplier" on the City's E-Bid System at the above website by clicking on "Supplier Registration" and completing a short registration questionnaire. Electronic Proposal Documents, including Plans, Technical Specifications and Proposal Forms are available for download after registration is approved by City Purchasing office. No plan fees or deposits are required for proposal documents obtained through the City's E-bid System. Questions regarding electronic proposals should be directed to City Purchasing Office at <a href="mailto:ebids@pearlandtx.gov">ebids@pearlandtx.gov</a>.

Proposal Documents are also available at the following locations:

Amtek Plan Room The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. Virtual Builders Exchange

(713) 956-0100 (713) 334-7100 (832) 613-0201

Bid Security, in the form of Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Bid Bond, payable to the City of Pearland in the amount of 5% of the total base bid price. must accompany each Proposal. See Instructions to Bidders for Bond submittal information and instructions.

The City of Pearland reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Frances Aguilar, TRMC, MMC City Secretary, City of Pearland

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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

ons (SOQ) from Architectural/Engineering Design firms the quately 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 for Change, Inc. 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

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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