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Around Town Thursday, May 25

ADULT BOOK CLUB
Adult book club will discuss "The Many Daughters of Afong Moy" by Jamie Ford" at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the West Pearlland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. For information, call 713-436-0995.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS
Finance Q&A with advisor Eric Andreas is 10 a.m. and Hurricane Preparedness with Emergency Management is at 11:45 a.m. at the the Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Ave. Registration is required and can be made by calling 281-652-1890.

Friday, May 26
PEARL THEATRE PLAY
Pearland Theatre Guild presents "Driving Miss Daisy" 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.

BINGO/LUNCHEON
Memorial Day Bingo and Luncheon begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Ave., at 11:30 a.m. Barbecue plates are \$8 each and bingo cards are \$3 each. Registration is required and can be made by calling 281-652-1890.

CONCERT IN THE PARK
The free concerts in the Park series continues with classic rock performed by Adrian's Fault from 7 to 9 p.m. at Southdown Park, 22150 Countryplace Parkway. Smoking and glass containers prohibited; pets must be on a leash. Picnics, lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged, and food vendors will be on site.

Saturday, May 27
LIBRARY CLOSURES

Both location of the Pearlland libraries will be closed for the Memorial Day weekend, reopening with regular hours on Tuesday, May 30.

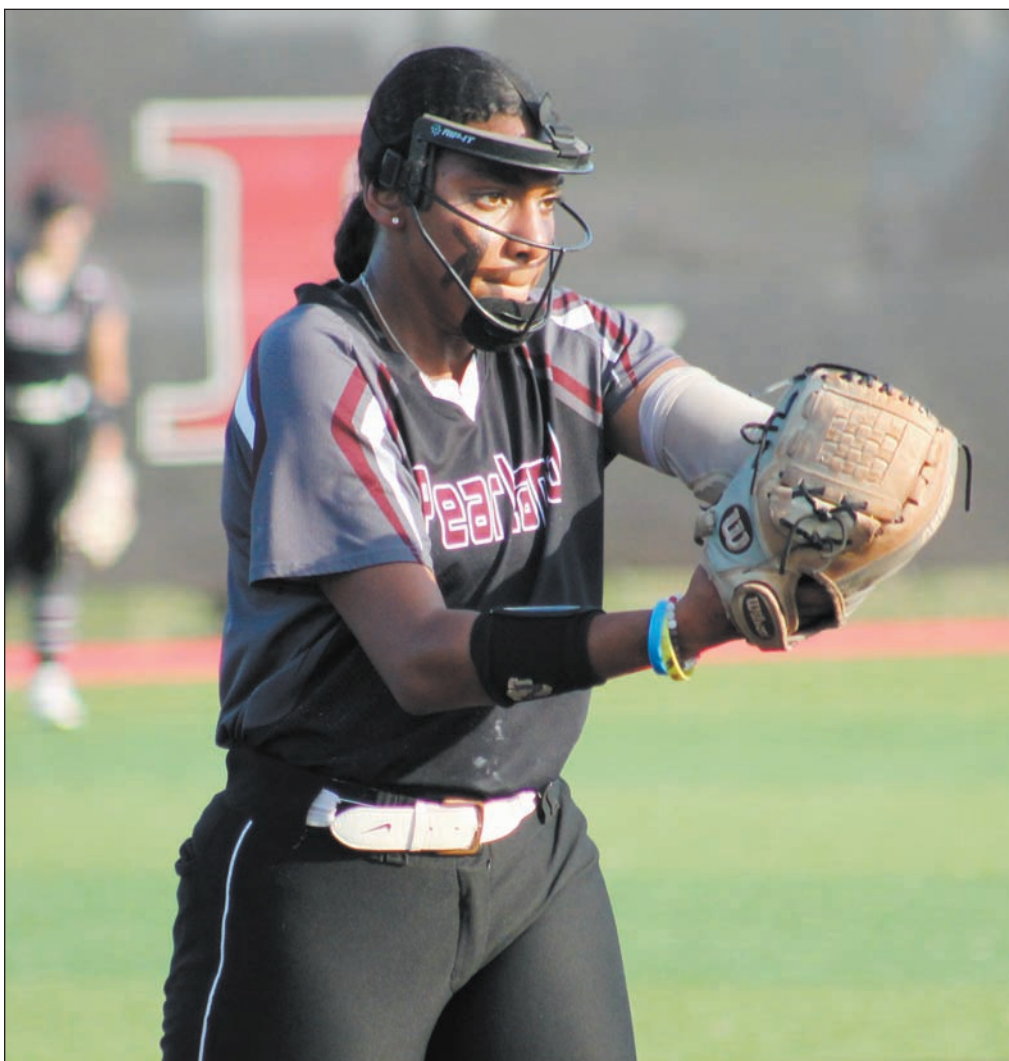
VFW GOLF TOURNAMENT
Pearland VFW Post 7109 Memorial Day Golf Tournament is slated for Saturday, May 27 at Pearlland Golf Club, 3123 Flower Field. Shotgun start - 4 person scramble. \$100 per player or \$400 per team - green fee, cart, range balls and gift bag included. For more information call 713-298-1812. Event will benefit VFW Post 7109 to support local veterans. To sign up for the tourney go to <https://forms.gle/FY1xiD1uEvxNBHna9>

Sunday, May 28
DRIVING MISS DAISY PLAY
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Tuesday, May 30
BOAT TURN-IN PROGRAM
Free turn-in program for inoperable boats begins and continues until June 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clear Lake Park Community Center parking lot, 5002 NASA Road 1 in Seabrook. For information, call 713-274-2222.

FAMILY PAJAMA STORYTIME
Family Pajama Storytime is 6:30 p.m. at the West Pearlland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 713-436-0995.

Wednesday, May 31
STORYTIME FOR CHILDREN
Storytime for children is 10:15 a.m. Wednesdays at the West Pearlland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 713-436-0995.



PITCHING ACE

Pearland senior pitcher Abigail Gutierrez got the 10-0 win in the pitching circle after allowing one only hit, striking out seven, and walking two in five innings in Game 1 and allowed three hits in 6 1/3 innings and struck out six and walked one in the 9-0 Game 2 against Bellaire. The Lady Oilers will face Deer Park in the 6A Region III finals in a one-game playoff that will send the winner to the 6A state softball tournament. Pearland vs Deer Park will play on Friday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Crosby High School. Photo by Dr David Davis

District wrestles with budget while waiting for state

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

This summer's budget season is a moving target for Texas school districts as the impact of the Texas legislative session remains unknown.

"We are following the legislature very closely and trying to keep up with everything they are discussing," Pearlland ISD Superintendent Larry Berger said during a May 16 budgeting workshop. "We are doing the best we can to forecast the budget."

Discussion included how to provide raises for teachers to keep the district competitive while funding sorely needed facilities maintenance combined with looming possibilities of a rollback or bond election.

"I'm frustrated with the state and where we

are in this legislative session," Trustee Crystal Carbone said, "that they are not carrying more of the burden when they have a \$47 billion surplus that they could be using to show teachers that they have the value they deserve — and then we're going to the local tax base to limp by?"

The district receives certified values July 25, after which it will calculate school tax rates. Tax rates will be adopted in August.

An increase in property values does not mean an increase in revenue for the school district, PISD Chief Financial Officer Jorgannie Carter told the board.

"It simply shifts the share from local to state funds and vice versa," she said.

A third budget workshop will be June 13.

A public meeting to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate has been scheduled for 9 a.m. June 23.

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- PISD Crystal Carbone



DAWSON HIGH SCHOOL



PEARLAND HIGH SCHOOL



TURNER HIGH SCHOOL

Pearland ISD high schools announce students graduating at top of class

Pearland ISD has named the top 10 graduates for each high school. These students will be honored in commencement ceremonies at NRG Stadium Friday, May 26.

• **Dawson High School** (May 26, 12 p.m.)
In alphabetical order:
Valedictorian: Thomas Liang
Salutatorian: Catherine Bai
Ana Budimlic

Aaron Cheng
Xiaoyu Geng
Patrick Leonardi
Faith Victoria Ni
Gracin Nguyen
James Williams III
Albert Xie
• **Pearland High School** (May 26, 9 a.m.)
In alphabetical order:
Valedictorian: Sophie Adams

Salutatorian: Ella Elliott
Shayna Bui
Geneva Cline
Kasey Cook
Elden Deguia
Camille Stephens
Chelsea Tran
Tomiwa Oyewole
Madelyn Whitehead
• **Turner College and Career High School** (May 26, 3 p.m.)

In alphabetical order:
Valedictorian: Hanna John
Salutatorian: Macie Wilson
Diya Babu
Jenna Bellview
Jerin Biju
Imran Buppy
Madison Hunter
Katelyn Nguyen
Harrison Teng
Lance Williams

Townhomes narrowly pass first council vote

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Pearland City Council on Monday voted 4-3 to approve the first reading of a measure allowing a townhome development at the corner of Cullen Parkway and Fite Road.

A second and final reading of the action will be held at a future meeting.

"Mayor (Tom) Reid used to refer to this as the belt buckle of Pearland," said Jennifer Evans, real estate broker with Signature Companies. "It was kind of eerie how this quadrant became so quiet."

"We as the owner of this tract asked what is the highest and best use for this property in today's market? It's probably a rooftop component."

Currently undeveloped, the roughly 15-acre site is slated to be developed into 109 townhomes on individual lots with green space and a retail area at the northeast corner of Cullen and Fite, about half a mile from Broadway St.

City Council voted 4-3 to rezone the tract from general business to planned development, a type of customized zoning often used for mixed use developments.

"We feel like this site sits in a transition zone," said Jeff Boutte, director of planning and land development for Houston-based Windrose Land Services. "Townhomes serve as a pretty good buffer and residential transition between those higher intensity uses."

Voting against were council members Alex Kamkar, Rushi Patel and Joseph Koza

New plan for natatorium PISD, city end agreement

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

The City of Pearland and Pearland ISD have both agreed to end their 16-year agreement regarding the natatorium.

In its place is a "facility use agreement" through which the school district

A collaboration among the Pearland Economic Development Corp., the city and the Pearland school district, the 107,000-square foot natatorium and recreation center at 4141 Bailey Road was built on more than seven acres donated by PISD.

Per the original agreement, the natatorium serves as a practice and competition facility for PISD's swimming programs, and the school district contributes to its upkeep.

Under the new agreement, PISD would pay an initial fee of \$3.5 million in July to help cover major repairs in the coming year, followed by \$122,000 per year for a three-year contract that automatically renews every three years.

"I think the first agreement was poorly written. I think we were on the hook for money that was for repairs we had no oversight of," Pearland ISD Trustee Sean Murphy said.

Pearland City Council approved the plan on May 8.

"The big point for ongoing maintenance was for any significant maintenance greater than \$15,000, we shared those costs 50-50 with the school district," City Manager Trent Epperson said.

But the amount of those repairs fluctuates from year to year, as does the funding the school district receives from year to year.

"The school district approached us about a change to that arrangement that provides them more budget certainty with similar access to the facility," he said.

City rejects massage business permit

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Pearland City Council voted 3-4 to reject a conditional use permit that would have allowed a business offering Thai massage to open at 3220 Kirby Drive, a multi-tenant retail building built in 2019.

Council members Layni Cade, Alex Kamkar and Jeffrey Barry voted against, citing its proximity to Shadow Creek High School.

"It doesn't seem to be anything out of the ordinary," Councilman Adrian Hernandez said. "I have problem with it."

The city's Planning and Zoning had forwarded a recommendation for granting the conditional use permit.

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PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

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

• Tuesday, May 16
Arrest for disorderly conduct, displaying weapon at 5 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

Burglary of habitation reported at 6 a.m., 3500 Block of Broadway St.

Report of deadly conduct at 8:09 a.m., 16600 block of South Freeway.

Arrest for unauthorized use of vehicle, 8:16 a.m., 90 Alameda Genoa.

Recovered stolen vehicle at 10:15 a.m., 4800 block of McHard Road.

Hospice death at 12:55 P.M., 3600 block of Pine Valley Drive.

Arrest for theft at 1:30 p.m., 11200 Broadway St.

Arrest for possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, 2 p.m., 3775 Main St.

A Houston woman, 27, was arrested for felony theft at 4 p.m., 3700 block of Bremond St.

DWI arrest at 8:30 p.m. at 3300 Veterans Drive.

• Wednesday, May 17
A Houston teenager was arrested at 12:19 a.m. for assault by physical contact, 1100 block of Magnolia Parkway.

Vehicles were reported burglarized at 4:48 a.m., 2400 block of Business Center Drive.

A Pearland man, 46, was arrested for theft with a previous conviction at 5:48 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

A Pearland man and woman, both 68, were both arrested around 11 a.m. for assault by physical contact-family violence at a home in the 3500 block of Walden Drive.

An arrest for possession of a controlled substance was made at noon, 3800 block of Harkey Road.

A League City woman, 36, was arrested for felony theft with two or more prior

convictions at 5:36 p.m., 1710 Broadway St.

Hospice death occurred at 6:25 p.m., 4000 block of Village Drive.

A Pearland woman, 26, was arrested at 7 p.m. for assault of a family member causing bodily injury and criminal mischief, 1000 Bass Pro Drive.

Two people were arrested for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance was made at 8:57 p.m., 11800 Scarsdale Blvd.

An arrest for evading detention with vehicle at 9:20 p.m., 12063 Broadway St.

• Thursday, May 18
An arrest for displaying a fictitious license plate was made at 5:37 p.m., 3115 Dixie Farm Road.

Investigation of criminal activity at 7:52 p.m., 11900 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

An arrest for theft of service was made at 8 p.m., 2400 Kingsley Drive.

An arrest for assault by contact at 8:18 p.m., 3541 Business Center Drive.

• Friday, May 19
An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 12:42 a.m., 13100 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Death investigation conducted at 1 a.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

Arrest for unlawful carrying of weapon at 3 a.m., 1908 Broadway St.

Two people were arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance at 3:30 a.m., 1908 Broadway St.

A 42-year-old Manvel man was arrested and charged with three counts of possession of child pornography at 9:36 a.m., 10500 block of Hanselman Road, Manvel.

Arrest for possession of controlled substance at 11:44 a.m., 2555 Cullen Parkway.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at noon, 9500 Broadway St.

A 45-year-old Alvin woman was arrested for pocket-picking at 2:18 p.m.,

1710 Broadway St.
An arrest for unlawful carrying of a weapon at 8:19 p.m., 5900 Pearland Place.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 10:34 p.m., 12800 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Saturday, May 20
DWI arrest was made at 12:42 a.m., 22000 Highway 288 South.

Arrest for assault by threat at 1 a.m., 1919 Main St.

DWI arrest at 1:07 a.m., 2300 Smith Ranch Road.

DWI arrest at 1:51 a.m., 3000 Main St.

DWI by a minor arrest at 1:57 a.m., 9426 Broadway St.

DWI arrest at 2:15 a.m., 2900 Kirby Drive.

DWI arrest at 4:12 a.m., 17388 Highway 288 South.

An arrest for public intoxication at 6:34 a.m., 17300 Highway 288 South.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury, family member, at 11:31 a.m., 4700 block of Magnolia Pines.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 6:22 p.m. 2800 Pearland Pkwy.

Disorderly conduct arrest at 9:08 a.m., 1900 block of Main St.

Arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 10 p.m., 1500 MyKawa Road.

• Sunday, May 21
A Houston woman, 59, was arrested at 12:28 a.m. for felony possession of a controlled substance, 4700 Broadway St.

A Brazoria County woman, 33, was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance, DWI and warrant at 1:55 a.m., 4300 McHard Road.

An arrest for assault causing bodily injury, family member, at 2 a.m., 3000 block of Whirlwind.

DWI arrest at 3 a.m., 10000 Broadway St.

An arrest for assault by physical contact family violence at 5:45 a.m., 12600 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A 26-year-old Pearland woman was arrested at 6:48 a.m. and charged with continuous violence against the family, 11500 block of Rashell Way.

Two people were arrested for shoplifting at about 5:45 p.m., 1919 Main St.

An arrest for assault by physical contact was made at 7 p.m., 11200 block of Grimes Avenue.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

MAY 15 thru MAY 21

BURGLARY
May 18 (9:09 p.m.) Medication was stolen from a vehicle parked at Kroger, 151 N. Friendswood Drive. The victim arrived and parked at approximately 8:45 p.m. As she left the store, she noticed that her vehicle doors were open. She drove home and realized that prescriptions for medications were stolen.

THEFT
May 15 (8:40 a.m.) A shoplifting incident was reported by HEB, 701 W. Parkwood Ave. The suspect is described as a male, 18 to 25 years of age, slender build, with dreadlocks. The suspect left the store with more than \$400 worth of CeraVe products concealed in his jacket. He left in a blue Ford SUV.

May 16 (11:48 a.m.) A tailgate was stolen off a white Ford F230 pickup truck parked in the 16100 block of David Glen Drive. At approximately 2:33 a.m., a white SUV pulled in front of the residence. A male wearing a black hoodie and white face mask approached the truck, took off the tailgate and drove away.

May 16 (1:26 p.m.) A Friendswood man parked a truck at his friend's home in the 800 block of Tanglewood. When he went to check on the truck, he noticed that parts were missing, including the front bumper, wheels, and tires. The parts were removed by the friend without the truck owner's permission.

May 17 (8:41 a.m.) A resident in the 1100 block of Hackberry Branch Lane reported a theft of jewelry from his residence. He had contractors in the home at the time of the theft.

May 17 (11:21 a.m.) A theft was reported at HEB, 701 W. Parkwood Ave. The male suspect arrived at 2:20 p.m. on May 2, walked directly to the beauty department and stole over \$1,200 worth of merchandise. The same suspect targeted another HEB on May 3. According to loss prevention personnel with HEB, this suspect is part of a larger crew targeting HEB store in the area. The crew are using rental vehicles during their crimes. May 19 (7:45 a.m.) Wheels and tires were stolen from a vehicle parked at the Enclave Apartments, 5000 Watkins Way. The Toyota

Camry was left on top of brinks with lug nuts scattered on the ground.

May 19 (8:40 a.m.) Two visa gift cards were stolen from a home in the 100 block of Dorado Drive. At the time of the theft, the victim had a painting company inside her home.

May 19 (12:11 p.m.) A theft was reported at Walgreens, 104 E. Parkwood Avenue. A bald white male, 30 to 40 years old, 5'10" to 6'02" tall, 250 pounds, wearing a green shirt and blue jeans, stole two high-value toothbrushes. The suspect left in a newer model, silver Kia Soul.

FRAUD
May 15 (11:41 a.m.) A Friendswood business sent a check to a vendor and the check was stolen. The check was altered and cashed. Four more forged checks were submitted, and the suspect attempted to gain access to the business account online.

May 16 (9:17 a.m.) A Friendswood man received an alert from is credit monitoring service about an account that was opened using his personal identifying information. He reported the fraud to the account holder.

May 18 (9:15 a.m.) A Friendswood woman's personal identifying information was used to open two online bank accounts - one with Chime and one with Ally Bank.

May 19 (9:13 a.m.) A Friendswood man was transferring funds between bank accounts when he noticed two fraudulent transactions to HEB.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
May 16 (3:51 a.m.) A citizen reported a smashed ATM at Bank of America located at 114 W. Parkwood Ave. Surveillance video shows the suspect putting a card into the ATM at 12:56 a.m. The suspect gets visually angry and smashed the ATM screen. The suspect is described as a white male, early to mid-50s, short salt and pepper hair with a goatee, muscular with tattoos covering his left arm with a sun tattoo on his right arm.

May 19 (3:36 a.m.) A 38-year-old Houston man was charged with Criminal Mischief. Officers responded to a residence in the 1100 block of Killarney where the suspect attempted to kick

down his ex-girlfriend's door. While at the residence, the man slashed all four tires on the victim's vehicle.

ASSAULT
May 20 (9:23 p.m.) A 48-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury-Family Violence. The man is accused of assaulting his wife at their home in the 2000 block of Sandy Lake Drive.

NARCOTICS
May 18 (10:44 p.m.) A 44-year-old Webster man was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The suspect was stopped for speeding in the 100 block of Whispering Pines. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. The officer conducted a search and found cocaine.

May 19 (10:54 a.m.) A 45-year-old League City woman was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The owner of a stolen vehicle was tracking the location of his vehicle using a tracking application on his phone. He contacted police and a traffic stop was conducted in the 900 block of W. Parkwood Avenue. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search yielded marijuana and methamphetamine.

WEAPON OFFENSE
May 21 (10:57 p.m.) A 18-year-old Houston man was charged with Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon. A 17-year-old Houston woman was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The male suspect was stopped for speeding in the 4500 block of FM 2351. During the contact, the officer detected the smell of marijuana. A search was conducted and yielded marijuana, alcoholic beverages, and a gun. The gun was reported stolen in Harris County.

TRAFFIC
May 17 (4:01 p.m.) A 49-year-old Crosby man was charged with Driving While License Invalid. The man was stopped for speeding in the 3200 block of W. Bay Area Blvd. His driver's license was suspended.



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All Together Now 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 page on the BCLS website.

Patrons who listen to audiobooks should count those minutes too! Families who read (or listen) together should also count their time. Whether it is reading/listening on the way to work, at the beach or at home, it all counts!

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

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AREA BRIEFS

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.

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.

Lineup announced for country showcase

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

Coolers and lawn chairs are welcome at the outdoor event featuring headliner Britt Godwin, a Bridge City, Texas, native now based in Beaumont. Godwin has been featured on the Grand Ole Opry, Louisiana Hayride, David Letterman Show and Charlie Pruitt Country Music Show and previously performed with the B.B. & Company band. Other performers include Shalane, Ellie Townley, Zac Clifton, Allie Rae and Blair Kudelka.

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

Classic rock highlights Friday concert

Adrian's Fault is the featured act at this Friday's Concert in the Park Series, performing classic rock beginning at 7 p.m. at Southdown Park, 2150 Countryplace Parkway.

Food vendors will include Sauce Time and Bee-Z's Ice. 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 the park.

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

For more information, email events@pearlandtx.gov.

Weekend tax-free for select products

This weekend is a designated sales tax holiday for water-efficient and Energy Star products, the Texas Comptroller's office announced.

Created by the Texas legislature, the sales tax holiday is Saturday, May 27, through Monday, May 29, and is expected to save shoppers an estimated \$14.3 million in state and local sales tax.

Products displaying a WaterSense logo can be purchased tax-free for personal or business use, including showerheads, bathroom sink faucets and accessories, toilets, urinals and landscape irrigation controls. In addition, products with an Energy Star label are sales tax free, including air conditioners priced \$6,000 or less, refrigerators, ceiling fans, compact fluorescent light bulbs, integral LED bulbs, dishwashers, dehumidifiers and clothes washers.

The sales tax holiday also applies to lawn and garden products that help conserve water outdoors. Items qualifying for the exemption include soaker or drip-irrigation hoses; moisture controls for sprinkler or irrigation systems; mulch; and plants, trees and grasses. These items can be purchased tax free for residential use only.

For more information, visit [Comptroller.texas.gov](https://comptroller.texas.gov).

'No Name Fest' set June 9

The Brazoria Chamber of Commerce is planning the 38th "No Name Festival" beginning Friday, June 9, through the weekend.

The event includes a barbecue and hamburger cookout, vendors, street dance and more. Festivities begin Friday at 4 p.m. at the Brazoria Heritage Foundation Civic Center, 202 W. Smith St., Brazoria

For more information, call 979-824-0455.

Honey festival this summer at expo

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

Become a Junior Lifeguard

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

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

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

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

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

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.



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

WORDS TO LIVE BY

(2nd in a series of five articles from Mother's Day to Father's Day)

"There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. 'For whom am I toiling,' he asked, 'and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?' This too is meaningless- a miserable business! 9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."

- Ecclesiastes 4:8-10

My mother once said to me... "You'll never get where you are going by staying where you are!" She was right and that's been true for me many times. Then there's that famous quote from Yogi Berra... "When you come to the fork in the road... take it!" or those infamous words the Rolling Stones sang... "you can't always get what you want... but if you try sometimes... you just might find you get what you need." Good advice comes from the famous and the not-so-famous more than just every once in a while. What words do you live by? Who do you trust with a truth sturdy enough to be the sail, rudder and helm of the ship that is you?

It seems everyone has an opinion... and we are normally pretty quick to share our own as we chime in to take part in a conversation over this or that. I'm one who shares quotes from all over the place... to a fault almost... like from the Bible, a good book, a song or a friend even and despite this shortcoming I find myself being asked about this or that more often than maybe I'd prefer. Perhaps it comes with the turf of being a pastor and now being older and there is also that part where some conversations about this or that aren't quite as important as others because for some... I can 'take it or leave it' and for others... it is... 'the hill I'm willing to die on...' pointing out some details in the corners of our lives are just more meaningful, important, and critical

Chief Academic Officer to retire after 41-years with Pearland ISD

Longtime Pearland Independent School District chief academic officer, Dr. Nyla Watson, announced her plans to retire this year.

Watson, who received her master's in Humanities from University of Houston - Clear Lake, joined the district in 1981 as a journalism and photography teacher at Pearland High School. "I loved being a teacher, I had so much fun with my kids," Watson said. "I loved taking them to camp, banquets, theater, I just wanted to create opportunities for them to see and experience new things." After dedicating many years as an assistant principal, associate principal and eventually being named the principal to the district's first ninth grade center, now known as Turner College and Career High School, Watson shared "I am a dreamer, I wanted to have students go to college or be employable after high school. It was important that they be able to make choices and grow as a leader and as a follower."

As the first principal of the Pearland Ninth Grade Center, she was recognized for having the highest TAKS scores amongst all ninth graders in the state of Texas in math and English, two years in a row. The achievements were impactful and throughout her 41 years with the district, there is no stone that was left unturned. From helping to develop Pearland High School's motto "Pride, Honor, Success," to being named one of the "75 Great Legends in Texas UIL," earning the titles of Teacher and Principal of the Year and serving as a member of Commissioner Mike Morath's Chief Academic Officer Advisory Council providing state-level input of educational best practices, Watson played an inte-

gral part in almost every milestone within Pearland ISD.

Her achievements did not go unnoticed, and after receiving her doctorate in Educational Administration, she was named Executive Director of Instructional Programs in 2006. Eventually earning the role of Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Programs and now, Chief Academic Officer, Watson has had the opportunity to develop the curriculum framework for the district leading campuses to success in student performance, benchmark assessments, classroom coaching and teacher training. "I have hired every person in the Curriculum and Instruction department, and I am proud of the friendship, collegiality, and support everyone supplies for teachers and campuses," she said.

"The people in this department were all exemplary teachers and they continue to perform this way; they help people improve their craft. I am very proud of the support system that we have built." In 2013, Dr. Watson was named Rotarian of the year and subsequently was presented by the Pearland Masonic Lodge with the Community Builder Award for her outstanding community service. Undoubtedly, the impact she leaves travels well beyond the classroom and our community. While her chapter in education will come to a close in the coming months, Dr. Watson's legacy will live on through the countless lives touched and she will continue to build Pearland strong.

Dr. Watson's last day as Chief Academic Officer is set for the end of June. She looks forward to spending time with family, traveling and enjoying time on her ranch.



WATSON

HEALTH FAIR

- Free Health Screenings by
- Visit with Organizations and Local Authors
- Attend Presentations

Thursday, June 8 from 12pm to 4pm

Presentation Schedule

12:00pm	Texas Health and Human Services Benefits
12:45pm	Gulf Coast Center Programs
1:30pm	City of Friendswood EMS
2:15pm	COM Sickle Cell Club
3:00pm	Dr. Tim McCullough - GERD

Friendswood Library, 416 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood

SPORTS

FROM THE CLUTTERED DESK

by Dr. David Davis

Patience sometimes pays off...

There were two women in a grocery store approaching the cashier at the same time. One had just a few items and the other - a truck load of groceries.



Since the store was in a very small town, they didn't have separate checkout lines for 20 items or less.

So, the issue that immediately faced both ladies was, who was going to go first?

The lady with the groceries getting ready to fall off her cart forged ahead of the other lady while glaring her down as she moved to the cashier.

The young lady with the few items didn't say a word, kept her composure, and managed a smile throughout the whole ordeal.

After the rude woman was checked out, bagged out, and carted out - the other lady set her few items on the counter and waited to find out how much she owed.

The cashier looked at the young woman and said, "I am amazed at how many rude people there are in the world. But I am even more impressed with the way you handled her rudeness. You kept your sweet smile and waited patiently without a fuss."

Once the few items were placed in a bag, the cashier said, "Thank you very much."

The young lady said, "How much do I owe you?"

"Not a thing," was the reply.

"But I know groceries aren't free," said the young lady.

"You are right, they aren't," said the veteran cashier, who had seen many rude people in her years at the store. "But I watched you very closely. You had such a sweet smile, never said a word, and waited patiently. Besides, the lady was in such a big hurry, I just added your few items to her ticket and let her pay for them."

See — patience does pay off!

And then, there are times when it is just satisfying to know when you've exercised patience for your own self-preservation and peace of mind.

Recently, I made my weekly trip to Wal-Mart. I really do like Wal-Mart. After traveling for more than 30 years, I always seemed to find one no matter where I found myself on the speaking circuit.

I had a basket full of great stuff — peanut butter, powdered donuts, ice cream sandwiches, pop-sicles, Goldfish, Vienna sausages, Ore-Ida tater tots (no other will do), chips, dip, wieners, chili — well, you get the idea. I was going to stock up on diet coke, but didn't want to waste the money.

I pulled in behind a woman to check out — she too had a huge load.

That's when I experienced a first at Wal-Mart.

As the cashier was ringing up her items, she looked back and saw her son behind, looked at me and said, "He is with me, hope you don't mind."

Her son was 6-6, 280 so I shook my head and said, "Well, no, I don't mind - go ahead."

A second truck load moved in front and I just looked in amazement.

But that's not all.

While the cashier continued to ring up another record load - big mama saw a second son standing in another line - yelled out, "Honey, over here!"

It was obvious he was the smaller of the two boys, 6-4, 265. And of course, a third load moved in front of mine with the whole family gathered at the bag rack loading up the groceries while the rest of us just stood there gazing at what had just happened.

No, the cashier didn't add my items to her ticket - I had too many and there wasn't enough time, so I had to pay for mine.

But, I will tell you there are times when we are tested in life.

For example, if I had a lemon, cut in half, and squeezed it - what would come out of it? Juice? Seeds? Rhine? The truth is everything that is in it.

So when you are put in the squeeze of life - what comes out of you? Everything that is in you!

If you are filled with patience, love, joy, happiness, and encouragement, then those are the things that are most likely to come out of you.

If bitterness, jealousy, hatred, and anger fill your life, then that is what will usually surface first.

I love to go to Wal-Mart - and the train of groceries by Goliath's brothers didn't discourage me, nor did I get mad at the innocent cashier. Actually, it was a first for both of us - we chatted and laughed while she was ringing up my health food, and we vowed that we would never forget this rare sight of rudeness and insensitivity. I also made up my mind that I would be a little more sensitive the next time I get around fellow shoppers. It really doesn't stunt your character if you allow someone else to go first. Try it! It might make you feel good.

Old friend Robert said, "Replacing rudeness and impatience with the Golden Rule may not change the world, but it will change your world and your relationships."

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HEADED TO THE 6A SOFTBALL REGION FINALS - The Pearlland Lady Oilers beat Bellaire 10-0 and 9-0 in the Class 6A Region III semifinals to advance to the region finals to face the Deer Park Lady Deer with the winner moving on to the 6A state softball tournament. The Lady Oilers have won 18 consecutive games and have a 37-3 overall record.

Lady O's rip Bellaire 10-0, 9-0 to advance to 6A Region III finals

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Head coach finds herself in familiar territory once again as the Pearlland Lady Oilers totally dismantled the Bellaire Lady Cardinals in a best-of-three sweep to advance to the Class 6A Region III finals.

Pearland beat Bellaire 10-0 and 9-0 which gives them a perfect 8-0 record in the playoffs while outscoring their opponents 55-13. The Lady Oilers are now 39-3 overall and have won 18 straight games counting the post-season.

The Lady Oilers disposed of Bellaire in Game One by the score of 10-0 in five innings thanks to the 10-run mercy rule.

Pearland scored a run in the first, three in the third and six runs in the fifth for the 10-0 win.

Top hitters included Hailey Golden (2-for-3, 2 runs, 2B), Kaylee Schweitzer (1-for-2, 2 runs), Kennedy Drafton (2-for-2, 2 runs, 4 RBIs, 2B), Kristyn Whitlock (2-

for-3, 1 run, 2 RBIs, 2B), Raenna Liscano (1-for-2, 1 run, 1 RBI), Trinity Perry (1-for-2, 1 run), Lydia Njus (1-for-2, 1 run), and Gabbie Roundtree (1-for-1, 3 RBIs, 2B). Abigail Gutierrez got the win in the pitching circle after allowing one only hit, striking out seven, and walking two in five innings.

PEARLAND 9 - BELLAIRE 0

Pearland advanced to the 6A Region III finals with their 9-0 shutout win over Bellaire.

Abigail Gutierrez allowed three hits in 6 1/3 innings and struck out six and walked one before junior Carly Carpenter, who struck out two and walked one, collected the final two outs.

The Lady Oilers scored two runs in the first, three in the second, one in the fifth, and three in the sixth for the 9-0 win while collecting 11 hits.

Pearland sophomore Kaylee Schweitzer had three hits and drove in three runs in the first two innings while Hailey

Golden was 3-for-3 with three runs scored. Kennedy Drafton was 1-for-3 with one run scored and three RBIs. Raenna Liscano was 2-for-4 with two RBIs that included a double.

"When Hailey Golden gets on and we get her around, that certainly helps Abi to relax and focus on her pitches," Pearlland head coach Laneigh Clark said. "Kaylee had a great night at the plate, too."

"As a coach, you always think there's something you can do better, but for the most part, the kids are focused."

"They know what it will take to beat a very good Deer Park team."

Pearland is a two-time state champion (1996 and 2010) and two-time runner-up (2009 and 2016) while Deer Park won state titles in 2012, 2014 and 2021 and reached the state tournament on three other occasions, including last season. Pearlland also played in the 2011 state tournament where they lost in the semifinals.

Pearland diamondmen sweep Clear Falls to advance

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

It took a few innings to get the offense going but Pearlland made the runs count to get a 4-1 win over the Clear Falls Knights in the opening game of the best-of-three series in the Class 6A Region III quarterfinals.

Pearland (32-6-1) broke the scoreless tie in the top of the fourth after Oiler Caden Ferraro, a Texas A&M signee, led off with a single to left.

Damian Landry then bunted Ferraro to second. After Nicolas Partida popped out, Braeden Morse punched a single to center to produce the game's first run.

The Oilers then widened the lead to 3-0 in the sixth when Damian Landry knocked a single to left to start the inning and Partida bunted him to second base.

Morse followed with a double to left for a 2-0 lead, and Anthony Avalos, a Houston signee, drilled a run-scoring single to right to make it 3-0.

Clear Falls (23-13) scored its lone run after Partida issued one-out walks to Matt Novominsky and David Ramirez.

Alex Kubler then ripped a run-scoring single to center, but Partida stepped up to

retire Noah Paulson on a pop-up and then fanned Max Williams.

Pearland added its final run in the seventh when Landry's single to right scored Bret Smajstrla, a Sam Houston signee, after Smajstrla doubled to left.

The Oilers received a complete game from Arizona State commit and sophomore Partida, who fired a three-hitter while striking out 11.

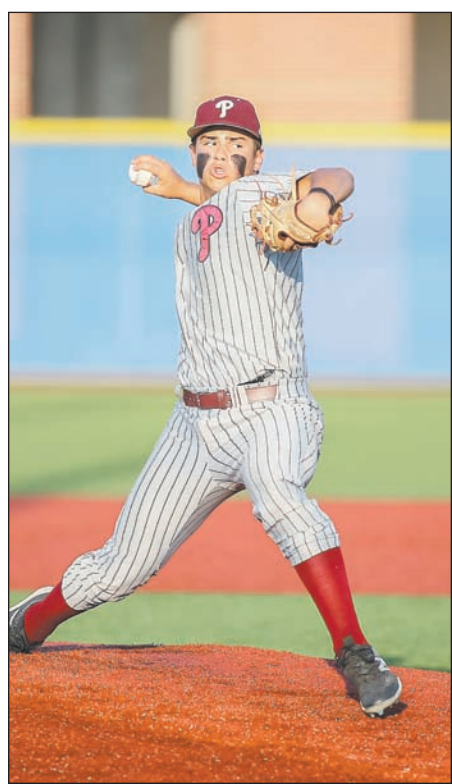
He allowed just a sixth-inning run after Pearlland established the 3-0 cushion.

PEARLAND 6 - CLEAR FALLS 1

Leading 1-0 over the state's top-rated 6A baseball squad, Clear Falls found out for the second straight game that the Pearlland Oilers can strike at any given time and they did just that to eliminate the Knights 6-2 in the Class 6A Region III quarterfinals.

Trailing 1-0 entering the bottom of the fifth frame, Pearlland struck like lightning to blow the game wide open with six runs.

Isaiah Castaneda's one-out single led to his stolen base of second, and when Clear Falls catcher Parker Collier threw the ball into center, Castaneda moved to third.



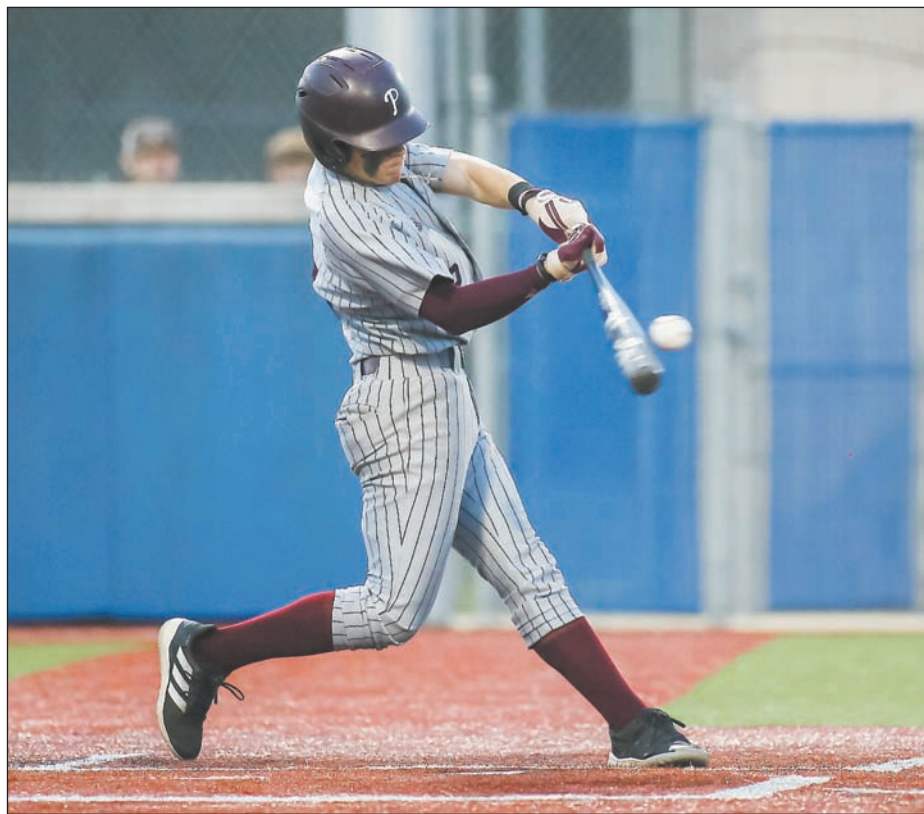
WINNING PITCHER - Pearlland sophomore pitcher Nico Partida winds up vs Clear Falls. Partida had another stellar performance tossing a complete game and giving up just three hits, two walks and only one run while tallying 11 strikeouts. The series sweep sends the Oilers back to the regional semifinal where they will face Katy Cinco Ranch at the University of Houston. Games 1 and 2 are at 7:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday followed by Game 3 (if necessary) at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Pearland then parlayed a hit batter, two more Knight errors and a wild pitch into six runs as Caden Ferraro lined a two-run single to chase Clear Falls starter David Ramirez and Braeden Morse hooked a two-run home run around the left field pole off Clear Falls reliever Cam Roberson.

In two blinks, the Oilers turned a tight 1-0 deficit into a commanding 6-1 lead.

Clear Falls coach Eddie Youngblood said, "Any crack in the armor and they're taking advantage of it. Blood in the water, whatever you want to call it. They put pressure on you until eventually something can crack."

The Oilers advance to the 6A Region III semifinals where they will face the Katy Cinco Ranch in a best-of-three series at UH beginning on Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. Game 2 will be on Friday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m and Game 3 (if needed) will be on Saturday, May 27 at 2:00 p.m.



CLUTCH HITTER - Pearlland senior second baseman Braeden Morse rips an RBI double in Game One vs Clear Falls to help the Oilers to a 4-1 win. Morse, who hit a two-run homer in Game Two, showed the clutch play he has been known for all season, with three hits and four RBI's over the two-game series sweep of the Knights. The Oilers won the second game 6-2 to advance to the 6A Region III semifinals.

SPORTS

Barbers Hill eliminates Friendswood in playoff sweep

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Friendswood advanced to the 2022 Class 5A state baseball tournament finals last year where they lost 2-1 to state champion Georgetown.

The Mustangs had their sights set on returning back to the state baseball tournament as they had some unfinished business with a best-of-three series sweep that ended the 2023 season for Friendswood.

Game One was frustrating for the Mustangs as they watched Barbers Hill score five runs in the opening stanza to fall quickly in the hole 5-0.

The potent Mustang offense had plenty of chances to chip away at the deficit, putting runners on base in its first six at-bats.

Friendswood touched Barbers Hill starting pitcher Ayden Mooring for seven hits and benefitted from four walks and a hit batter.

But the Mustangs could only manage a run in the third and sixth innings to cut the margin to 5-2 and then the Eagles sealed the coffin with three runs in the sixth to make the score 8-2 to get a 1-0 lead in the series.

The Eagle defense used double plays to defuse Mustang threats in the third and fifth innings.

Drew Smith led off the Friendswood third with a double to left. Ayden Pearcy joined him on base by drawing a one-out walk.

Boots Landry plated the first Mustangs run with a base hit before the Eagles turned a double play to end the frame.

A walk to Smith and a single to left off the bat of Peyton Adams put the first two Friendswood hitters on to begin the fifth.

Barbers Hill third baseman Jace Martinez robbed Pearcy of extra bases with a diving stop of a grounder up the line. Martinez managed to touch third base to secure a force out.

Another Eagles twin killing ended the threat.

Friendswood put together its best chance in the sixth.

Collin Goolsby and Lane Vegas had hits and Kyle Lockhart drew a walk to load the bases with one out. Blake Encarnacion was hit by a pitch to bring in the second Mustang run.

Brady Thompson relieved Mooring and struck out the next two batters.

Friendswood ended the contest with eight runners left on base.

Friendswood pitcher Easton Tumis rebounded from the rough first inning by retiring 14 of the next 15 Barbers Hill batters before running into trouble again in the sixth.

Barbers Hill 12 - Friendswood 3

This wasn't the way the Friendswood Mustangs wanted to see their season end but unfortunately the Barbers Hill Eagles proved to be too much for the 'Stangs which ended their season with a 12-3 romp.

Barbers Hill was relentless in its hitting attack, ending with 12 hits. The Eagles also had baserunners in every inning.

Starting pitcher Briley Van supported the Barbers Hill cause by retiring the first 10 Mustangs he faced. Van did not allow a hit until the fifth frame.

The Eagles scored runs in bunches as they pushed across four runs in the in the second inning and scored five more in the fifth inning.

Trailing 10-0, Friendswood refused to be hit by the 10-run mercy rule as they scored a run in the fifth and added two more in the sixth cutting the margin to 10-3.

Barbers Hill added a pair of scores using two hits and two walks in the seventh to make the final score 12-3.

Friendswood ends the 2023 season with a 26-6-2 record while winning the District 18-5A crown with a 10-1 mark.



36TH ANNUAL JP GRIFFON FISHING TOURNAMENT

There were 250 anglers who attended the 36th annual JP Griffon Fishing Tournament. It is one of the largest in-shore tournaments in the state, held at Port Mansfield in May, to help raise scholarship money for 2023 graduates. Those students receiving a \$2,000.00 scholarship to help support them in college next year include: Peyton Becker - FHS, Chole Cravens - FHS, Jackson Fiesinger - FHS, Arden Hill - FHS, Sydney Humphreys - FHS, Gabriella McGregor - FHS, Andrew Parr - FHS, Jacob Smith - FHS, Aidan Stokes - FHS, and Zoe Wyrick - FHS. Salty Seamen (left to right) Stuart Stock, Josh Griffon, Kyle Pappo, Jake Thompson.



DAWSON SPRING GAME

Dawson QB Gage Green looks for a receiver in the Dawson spring football game. Head coach Mike Allison is optimistic that the Eagles will be a much stronger team for the 2023 football season. Dawson has never had a losing season in its young history and they've never missed the post-season. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks



FIRST SPRING GAME

New Friendswood head football coach Jordan Johnson got his first look at his Mustangs after the spring game at Henry Winston Stadium. Friendswood is in one of the toughest 5A districts in the state but Johnson, who came from state-power Denton Guyer, is accustomed to playing tough teams. Johnson is a graduate of Friendswood HS and has said, "My time spent throughout Friendswood ISD, and just the way my teachers and coaches poured everything into my life makes this special," Johnson said. "That experience really changed my life at a pivotal moment, and it means the world to come back and have the opportunity to do that same thing for athletes at Friendswood High School." Photo by Lloyd Hendricks



PEARLAND SPRING FOOTBALL

The Pearland Oilers just concluded the spring football game and head coach B.J. Gotte got an early look at his team for the 2023 football season. Senior QB Cole Morkovsky looks for a receiver during the game as the Maroon team played the White team. The Maroon team won the game 7-0 as both teams were evenly divided and the competition was strong on both sides of the ball. The Oilers made the playoffs last season for the 23rd straight year and coach Gotte is confident that Pearland will be even stronger in 2023. Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULES

CLASS 6A REGION III SOFTBALL FINALS: Pearland Lady Oilers vs Deer Park Lady Deer

One Game: Friday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Game played at Crosby High School

CLASS 6A REGION III BASEBALL SEMIFINALS: Pearland Oilers vs Katy Cinco Ranch Cougars

Game 1: Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.
Game 2: Friday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m.
Game 3: (if needed) Saturday, May 27 at 2:00 p.m.

All games will be played at the University of Houston Schroeder Park

Friendswood Library to host summer events

Kickoff event planned for Summer Reading Challenge

June 1 is the kickoff day for the Friendswood Library's Summer Reading Challenge. The fun kickoff event will be from 6 to 7:30 pm in front of the former Friendswood Junior High campus at 402 Woodlawn area.

Participants can download the Beanstack app at friendswood.beanstack.org.

The event will have free pizza, bubbles, hula hoops, chalk for drawing and a sidewalk obstacle course. The event is weather permitting. Share your reading on social media by tagging #FriendswoodReads.

Library to host Health Fair

The library is hosting a Health Fair Thursday, June 8 from noon to 4 pm. Free health screenings by UTMB Health, opportunities to visit with organizations and local authors and presentations will be offered

Presentation schedule includes Texas Health and Human Services Benefits at noon, Gulf Coast Center Programs at 12:45 pm, City of Friendswood EMS presentation at 1:30 pm, COM Sickle Cell Club presentation at 2:15 pm and Dr. Tim McCullough to speak on GERD at 3 pm.

The community is invited to attend. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr. in Friendswood.

In The Garden by Karolyn Gephart

Garden Tasks as Summer Approaches

Hello Summer. June is a warm month and gardens will need extra care to help them through dry periods and sunny bright days.

Water shade trees and shrubs deeply once a week during dry weather periods. Hanging baskets and other container plants need to be watered thoroughly once a day.

Water gardens and shrubs before 10 am or after 5 pm and water deeply so the roots will get the hydration. Wind and sun can cause evaporation if watered during the hot part of the day.

There is still time to put some color in to your yard. Plant Joseph's coat (*Alternanthera ficoidea*), *Vinca* and *Salvia* for summer color. Perennials such as obedient plant (*Physostegia virginiana*), *Lantana*, *Plumbago*, coneflower and *Coreopsis* will provide both summer and fall color. For additional fall color, add Mexican bush sage (*Salvia leucantha*), Mexican mint marigold (*Tagetes lucida*) and Aromatic aster (*Symphotrichum oblongifolium*).

Plant pentas (pictured) in light shade for color and to attract hummingbirds. Plant tomato seeds in a cool place to



prepare for a fall tomato garden. Southern peas may be planted May through mid-August. Both sweet potatoes and pumpkin may be planted May through mid-July while watermelon can be planted May through July.

Depending on infestation, treat lawns for white grubs now through early August. Reference Texas A&M AgriLife Extension publication *White Grubs in Texas Turfgrass* for life cycle and treatment of white grubs: [https://cdn-ext.agnet.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/E211-white-grubs-](https://cdn-ext.agnet.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/E211-white-grubs-in-texas-turfgrass.pdf)

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Watch for chinch bugs in lawn. They begin in hot spots near sidewalks and driveways. Reference Aggie Turf publication *Chinch Bugs* for life cycle and management: <https://aggieturf.tamu.edu/turfgrass-insects/chinch-bugs/>.

Control aphids and whiteflies with sharp streams of water, insecticidal soap or neem tree extract.

Remember to wear sunscreen and possibly a hat to protect yourself and make your garden work possible as summer days approach!

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(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 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.

Sale #	Cause Number	Court	Judgment Date	Order Issue Date	Levy Date	Other Account #
	112790-CV**	412th Judicial District Court	7/27/2021	3/10/2023	April 6th, 2023	

Plaintiff: Sterling Lakes Property Owners Association,

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

(979) 345-2115

By:

Jon Baker
Jon Baker, Chief Deputy #

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 ebids@pearlandtx.gov.

Proposal Documents are also available at the following locations:

Amtek Plan Room (713) 956-0100
The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. (713) 334-7100
Virtual Builders Exchange (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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**City of Pearland
Request for Qualifications RFQ #0523-02
For Professional Engineering Services for the
City of Pearland - Emergency Supply Warehouse (ESW)**

Request for Qualifications and Scope of Work

The City of Pearland is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from firms that can adequately demonstrate they have the resources, experience, and qualifications to fulfill the role of Engineering Design Consultant for the City's Emergency Supply Warehouse (ESW) project. The facility is intended to be located at 2703 Veterans Drive, Pearland TX 77584, east of the existing Pearland Fire Department Administration Building. The respondent should select a team of professionals capable of providing the required services in an efficient manner in the best interest of the City of Pearland and that will provide successful, on-time, and on-budget project delivery. Information on all proposed sub-consultants should be included in the response.

The city is seeking a firm that meets the requirements of the RFQ. The firm is to provide architectural design and any applicable surveying and/or engineering professional services necessary for the construction of an approximately 5,000 square foot metal warehouse structure, with utilities and an estimated 15,000 square feet of concrete flat surface for parking, accessibility, and loading/unloading. The purpose of this facility will be to store critical supplies, materials, equipment, and small apparatus needed by the City during emergencies and catastrophic events. The successful Offeror will present the necessary qualifications, experience, capacity, and expertise for providing the architectural design elements to be used in the construction of the facility.

The Intent of this Request for Qualifications

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

Federal Funding

The City of Pearland was awarded federal Public Assistance Alternative Procedures (PAAP) funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for this purpose. Some of the allocation will be used for the non-construction related costs of the project, which is comprised of the architectural design of the improvements described herein. Non-construction and construction costs of this project are funded by FEMA, and applicable regulations may include certain federal Uniform Administrative Requirements (2 CFR 200), including but not limited to: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Non-discrimination) and others. Davis-Bacon Act labor provisions are NOT applicable to this phase of the project, as no construction activities are being solicited at this time.

Instructions for Submission

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

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

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

RFQ Publication Dates, Questions, and Submission Deadline

First Publication: May 24, 2023
Second Publication: May 31, 2023

Questions are due no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 8, 2023, and must be sent in writing via email to ebids@pearlandtx.gov, but may be delivered directly to the City Purchasing Office - City of Pearland, City Hall Annex located at 3523 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 if email is not an available option.

RFQs will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 22, 2023.

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS**

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 15, 2023, and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

**Bella Vita Regional Lift Station Rehabilitation
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: WW2201
ITB: 0423-10**

The project will consist of the following for Bella Vita Regional Lift Station Rehabilitation:

The complete in place rehabilitation of the lift station includes the removal and replacement of the pumps, valves, piping, instrumentation, meters, fittings, odor control, wet well rehabilitation, concrete work, painting and protective coatings. The project will also upgrade the electrical controller, add new electrical panels, an automatic transfer switch, a natural gas generator, SCADA, miscellaneous electrical upgrades, and all other work as shown in the plan and project manual.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held in person at the City of Pearland Public Works Rio Grande Conference room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 10:00 a.m. on May 31, 2023.

All bids should be submitted through the E-Bid system located on the City's website at: <https://pearland.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>. 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 Bid Documents, including Plans, Technical Specifications and Bid Forms are available for download after registration is approved by City Purchasing office. No plan fees or deposits are required for bid documents obtained through the City's E-bid System. Questions regarding electronic bidding should be directed to City Purchasing Office at ebids@pearlandtx.gov.

Bid Documents are also available for review at the following plan houses:

Amtek Plan Room (713) 956-0100
The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. (713) 334-7100
Virtual Builders Exchange (832) 613-0201
McGraw Hill Construction - Dodge Reports (800) 393-6343

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 Bid proposal. See Instructions to Bidders for Bond submittal information and instructions.

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

Frances Aguilar
City Secretary, City of Pearland

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Second Publication date: May 31, 2023

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS**

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 2023, and all proposals will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join the meeting by calling into the meeting at: Dial in Dial in #: 281-652-1955, Meeting #:1790#, Code #:0971# on that date for:

**South Corrigan Subdivision Transite Pipe Waterline Replacement
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: WA2105
BID NO.: 0323-08**

The project will entail the abandonment of the existing domestic waterlines in the S. Corrigan Subdivision and construction of new HDPE watermain. Additional work items include removing and salvaging of existing fire hydrants, installation of new fire hydrants, new connection of existing services, replacement of existing concrete water meter boxes with new DFW 1200 meter boxes, or approved equal, limited pavement replacement and site restoration.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at City of Pearland Engineering and Public Works Service Center Rio Grande Training Room at 2016 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

All bids should be submitted through the E-Bid system located on the City's website at: <https://pearland.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>. 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 Bid Documents, including Plans, Technical Specifications and Bid Forms are available for download after registration is approved by City Purchasing office. No plan fees or deposits are required for bid documents obtained through the City's E-bid System. Questions regarding electronic bidding should be directed to City Purchasing Office at ebids@pearlandtx.gov.

Bid Documents are also available for review at the following plan houses:
Amtek Plan Room (713) 956-0100
The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. (713) 334-7100
Associated Builders & Contractors of Greater Houston (713) 523-6222
Dodge Reports (713) 316-9411

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Frances Aguilar,
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