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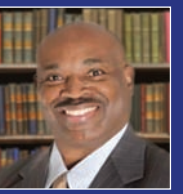
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Around Town Now

JULY 4th PARADE APPLICATIONS
Friendswood Parks and Recreation Department is accepting parade and booth applications for the 4th of July celebration. For more information call 281-996-3220 or email rec@friendswood.com.

**Now-August 12
KIDS PACZ FOOD PACKS**
Kids Pacz will be available at the Friendswood Library June 6 - August 12. The free food packs are available for qualifying children ages 3-18. Registration required at 281-482-7135. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive. For more information visit www.galveston-countyfoodbank.org.

**June 16
LUNCH AND LEARN**
Brian Mansfield, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator, will speak at a Lunch and Learn sponsored by the Chamber on Thursday, June 16 from 11:45 am to 1 pm at the Chamber office at 1100 S. Friendswood Drive. RSVP to 281-482-3329.

**June 17
CONCERT IN THE PARK**
Guns n Texas will be performing at the Concert in the Park on Friday, June 17. Music begins at 7pm. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, refreshments, blankets, dinner or snacks. All concerts are free. Concerts are held at Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. To become a sponsor or donate a door prize contact James Toney at 281-996-3220 or rec@friendswood.com.

**June 18
PRAYER BREAKFAST**
The Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast monthly meeting is on Saturday, June 18 from 7:30am to 9:00am at Trinity Fellowship, 301 Leisure Lane, Friendswood. All are invited for the breakfast, the program "Message From the Heart" by Kim Bonnen, and a time of prayer around the tables. For more information and to RSVP, please call or text directors Carol & Byron Fulk at 713-408-4785. Breakfast is \$5.

**June 20
ART WITH IRINA**
Friendswood Library presents Art with Irina on Monday, June 20. Drawing classes for all ages and skill levels. Beginners welcome. Just bring paper, pencils and erasers. For more information visit <http://www.friendswood.lib.tx.us/>. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood.

**June 20-23 & 27-30
RADKIDS CLASSES**
The Friendswood Police Department will be hosting two radKIDS® classes this summer on June 20-23 and 27-30 at the Friendswood Activity Center at 416 Morningside Dr. in Friendswood. The radKIDS® program is designed to increase children's ability to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations, violence, and harm. For more information or to register contact: Officer Jason Ives at 281-996-5048 or email jives@friendswood.com.

**June 20-24
FISH CAMP**
Friendswood Fish Camp will be offered June 20-24 from 8:30am to 10:30am at Lake Friendswood Park, 2533 Davis Prairie Lane. Choose one of 5 classes: June 20, 21, 22, 23, 24. Class content will be hook safety, knot tying, rod assembly, local fish identification, practice casting and reeling and catch fish. \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Register for a class at parks.friendswood.com. For more information call 281-996-3220 or email rec@friendswood.com.

**June 24
CONCERT IN THE PARK**
Texas Eagles - an Eagle Tribute Band - will be performing at the Concert in the Park on Friday, June 24. Music begins at 7pm. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, refreshments, blankets, dinner or snacks. All concerts are free. Concerts are held at Stevenson Park, 1100 S. Friendswood Dr. To become a sponsor or donate a door prize contact James Toney at 281-996-3220 or rec@friendswood.com.

**July 4
127th JULY 4 CELEBRATION**
The City of Friendswood will have their 127th July 4th celebration, Freedom for One & All, on Monday, July 4. The Grand Parade will begin at 10 am followed by entertainment, food and fun at Stevenson Park at 11 am. Centennial Park will host music and food beginning at 7:30 pm followed by the patriotic fireworks show. For more information, follow Parks and Rec on Facebook.



5A STATE BASEBALL RUNNER-UP - Friendswood ISD Superintendent Thad Roher and FHS head baseball coach Cory Benavides received the 5A state UIL runner-up trophy. Friendswood faced the Georgetown Eagles in the 5A state finals and came up short of the state championship 2-1. This is the first time in Friendswood history that the baseball team had advanced to the state title game. The Mustangs finished with a sparkling 30-8-1 season record.

Photo by Olyn Taylor



SAFE AT HOME - Friendswood's Dane Perry (6) slides safely at home plate for another Mustang score against Mansfield Legacy. Friendswood won the 5A state semifinal contest 4-2 to advance to the state title game.

Photo by Olyn Taylor

Ride to Remember mobile memorial to make stop in Friendswood

The public is invited to view the Beyond the Call of Duty - End of Watch - Ride to Remember 2021 mobile memorial. It will make a stop at the Friendswood Police Department on Thursday, June 16 at 8:00 a.m. The mobile memorial honors the 608 fallen officers from 2021, including Friendswood Police Sgt. James Dement.

The stop in Friendswood is part of a 22,000+ mile ride across America to honor the men and woman of law enforcement who paid the ultimate price in their service to our

communities. Their mission is to honor the fallen, as well as the families - husbands, wives, sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters - along with the officers left behind to pick up the pieces.

Beyond the Call of Duty is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness of first responders lost in the line of duty and to support the families and communities of the fallen. You can find out more about this nonprofit at <https://www.eowride.org/>.

Mary Queen Casino night set for June 25

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

The 4th Annual Casino Night will be held June 25 at Mary Queen Catholic Church in Friendswood. The event will be held at Mary Queen Catholic Church in the Main and Mini Halls from 6:30 to 10:30 pm.

The event is once again hosted by the Mary Queen Knights of Columbus Council. Their goal is to raise \$50,000 with 100 percent of the net profit being donated to charity.

The Council reports that they will have 38 Blackjack tables, four Texas Hold Em tables, two roulette tables and two crap tables. Door prizes, a silent auction and a winners' raffle will be offered.

Snacks, finger foods, beer, wine and sot drinks will be available. Only 250 tickets will be available on sale.

Tickets are \$35 per person. Each entry ticket includes \$1000 in chips and two beverage tickets.

Sponsorship opportunities are available now.



Levels include Gold Sponsors (\$800), Silver (\$550), Bronze (\$300), and Table Sponsors (\$150).

For more information contact Anthony W. Dittrich at 281-808-5322 or Andrew Mambretti at 409-963-

4999. Checks should be made payable to K of C #8494.

Mary Queen Knights of Columbus #8494 is a 501 (c) (8) organization. Last year the Mary Queen Knights of Columbus Casino Night raised \$54,000 that was donated to charity.

Mary Queen is located at 606 Cedarwood Drive in Friendswood.

Staff, students continue to be honored by FISD Board

Student Resource Officers and one staff person in Administration were honored with Making a Difference Awards at the regular meeting of the Friendswood ISD School Board June 13 at the Boardroom at 402 Laurel.

Student Resource Officers include Jeffery L. Kimberly, Jason E. Ives, Justin Waggoner, and Andrew C. Whittaker. In Administration, Hope Coburn, was presented the award.

Celebration of Excellence Awards were presented to students who compete at the State and/or National Level in UIL competition, display outstanding character, strong leadership skills, and/or show academic growth and progress.

From Friendswood Junior High, Katie Burke and Shiyam Gupta were winners of the NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award. There are only 500 students across the US that win this award and FJH had 2 this year. They are receiving this award based on their contributions to Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship. They are awarded a \$500 cash amount to be deposited in a college account, a medallion, and a plaque.

From the Galveston County Fair, the following students were presented Celebration of Excellence Awards: Riley Hrabovsky Reserve Grand Champion Turkey (auction); Madyson and Peyton McAshlan Agriculture Mechanics Division Champions; Brynna Baumer 1st place goat class 5 (auction); Emily Bloodworth 1st place swine class 1 (auction); Peyton McAshlan 1st place lamb class 2 and Reserve Grand Champion Lamb (auction) and Champion Jr. Showmanship; Faith Jackson Champion Angus Heifer and Champion British Heifer; Kennedy Penn Champion Brangus Heifer; Georgia Godwin Reserve Champion Brangus Heifer; Fischer Hubbard Reserve Beefmaster Heifer; and Fischer Hubbard Breed Champion Beefmaster Heifer and Reserve American Heifer Champion. FISD had 29 FFA students accepted to the auction at the Fair this year.

Honored from the Houston Livestock Show were the following students:

Logan Green 5th in class 1 ABC market steers (auction); Fischer Hubbard 1st place Beefmaster Heifer class 1; Forrest Hubbard 1st place Beefmaster Heifer class 14; Madyson McAshlan 7th place Finewool Cross Lamb class 3 (auction); and Peyton McAshlan 3rd place Southdown Lamb class 1 (auction).

From the San Antonio Livestock Show, the following students were honored:

Fischer Hubbard 1st place Beefmaster Heifer, Champion Heifer Calf, and Reserve Grand Champion Beefmaster; Forrest Hubbard 1st place Beefmaster Heifer and Reserve Champion Senior Heifer;; Madyson McAshlan 5th place Finewool Lamb (auction); and Madyson McAshlan 1st place commercial ewe lamb class 2.

Fort Worth Livestock Show students honored were Fischer Hubbard 1st place Beefmaster Heifer and Reserve Intermediate Champion Heifer and Forrest Hubbard 1st place Beefmaster Heifer class 65.

State Fair of Texas student honored was Rhett Newman Champion Yorkshire and Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow.

Varsity Baseball students honored for competing for State Championship include the following: Dylan Maxcey, Peyton Adams, Zach Frederick, Ray Vasquez, Reed South, Dan Perry, Collin Goolsby, Mason Munz, Easton Tumis, Brady Simmons, Jacob Smith, Kyle Lockhart, Jacob Rogers, Drew Harris, Colin Winfield, Boots Landry, Griffin Kasemeyer, Ayden Percy, Ty Brantley, Davis Wells, Ethan Rhoades, Gabe Hernandez, Tatum Black, Houston Rhodes, and Nathan Doremus.

OBITUARY



Justice

Charles A. Justice went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 27, 2022, at the age of 86. He was born in Frankford, Delaware on August 8, 1935 to Clarence and Emma Justice. He really enjoyed attending functions at the Apartment Clubhouse, the Senior Center in Friendswood, and especially Services at the Church each Sunday. He always looked forward to Sundays and attending services, singing, and sharing in the fellowship. His Faith was unwavering.

Chuck was a Master Carpenter and had his own business for over 35 years. There was nothing that he could not make or was

afraid to tackle. He never met a person that he didn't like and most times, they became longtime friends. He always looked for the best in people, never talked bad about anyone, and would help them in any way he possibly could. You could not find a bigger Astro fan than Chuck! He watched them religiously and when the opportunity arose, you could bet he would attend a game at Minute Maid.

Friends are cordially invited to attend a visitation with the family at 10:00am on Monday, June 27, 2022, with a Celebration of Life to follow at 11:00am at Freedom Fellowship Pearland, 1201 North Main, Pearland, Texas 77581.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Freedom Fellowship Church of Pearland or the Senior Center in Friendswood Texas.

Condolences may be made to the Justice Family in care of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home at <https://www.shmfh.com/>.

VFW Auxiliary hosting craft show

The VFW Auxiliary is hosting its 2nd quarterly fundraiser craft show from 9am to 5pm on July 23 at Pearland VFW Post 7109 at 4202 Walnut in Pearland. There will be crafters, vendors, and food!

School supplies for our local military families stationed at Ellington Field will be collected as well.

Proceeds from these craft shows assist the auxiliary in their community service projects, scholarships, and our Veteran service projects.

For more information call Jennifer Corl at 713-825-2214 or visit www.post7109.com/BackToSchoolVFWVendorFair.

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FHS STUDENTS CREATE MURAL FOR NASA

Thirty Friendswood High School art students created an 8 ft. x 8 ft. mural for NASA. During the last week of school, the students had the opportunity to install the mural in Building 48 on the third floor to be enjoyed by the space program employees. According to FHS art teacher Mandy Harris, the students included such details as the Artemis which is planned to return astronauts to the moon, the Houston skyline and zinnias to represent the first flowers ever grown in space. "They also wanted to make sure they included the American flag," Harris said. "We had over 30 students contribute their creativity and artistic talent to this piece. We are so thankful for this incredible opportunity and congratulations to all of the amazing artists who created the mural."



AMSOIL NAMED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the June "Business of the Month" is Cary Haskell, Area Representative with Amsoil. Give Cary a call at 832-385-1727 and check out his website at www.oilforme.com. Cary has been a supportive Chamber Member since 2012. He has served on the Board of Directors, Ambassador Team and has been a loyal committee member with the Friendswood Classic Car and Bike Show for many years. Enjoying this special day with Cary is Board Member Dan Garza-Amtex Loan, Ambassador Team Member Jennifer and Daryl Graff-Daryl's A/C, Heating and Home Services, LLC, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Cindy Deaton-Deaton Custom Pools LLC, Board Member and Ambassador Team Member Pastor David Lorenz-First Baptist Church-Friendswood, Membership Coordinator Joanne Edge, Vice-President Diane Hass and President Carol Marcantel-Friendswood Chamber of Commerce and Ambassador Team Member Robert Rinehart-Robert Rinehart Insurance Agency. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber call 281-482-3329, email info@friendswoodchamber.com or visit friendswoodchamber.com for upcoming events and an online membership application. The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood, Texas 77546.

USDA announces Texas joins LFPA Cooperative Agreement Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced it has signed a cooperative agreement with Texas under the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA). Utilizing LFPA funding, Texas will create a program that will foster in-state, long-term relationships and build sustainable market opportunities for state producers.

"USDA is excited to partner with Texas to promote economic opportunities for farmers and producers and to increase access to locally sourced, fresh, healthy, and nutritious food in underserved communities," said USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt. "The Local Food Purchase Cooperative Agreement Program will improve food and agricultural supply-chain resiliency and increase local food consumption around the country."

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will use LFPA funding to support small and underserved producers to increase the number of products distributed to underserved communities in the state. TDA plans to arrange food distribution to accommodate unique local challenges in order to serve communities and feeding programs.

Program funds will be administered through a competitive grant program serving food banks, nonprofits, and other social service organizations.

Program staff will engage with subrecipients to foster sustainable new markets for purchasing state products, especially from underserved producers and promote distribution to communities with limited access to fresh, local food.

The LFPA program is authorized by the American Rescue Plan to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency.

Through this program, USDA will award up to \$400 million through non-competitive cooperative agreements with state and tribal governments to support local, regional, and socially underserved producers through the purchase of food produced within the state or within 400 miles of delivery destination.

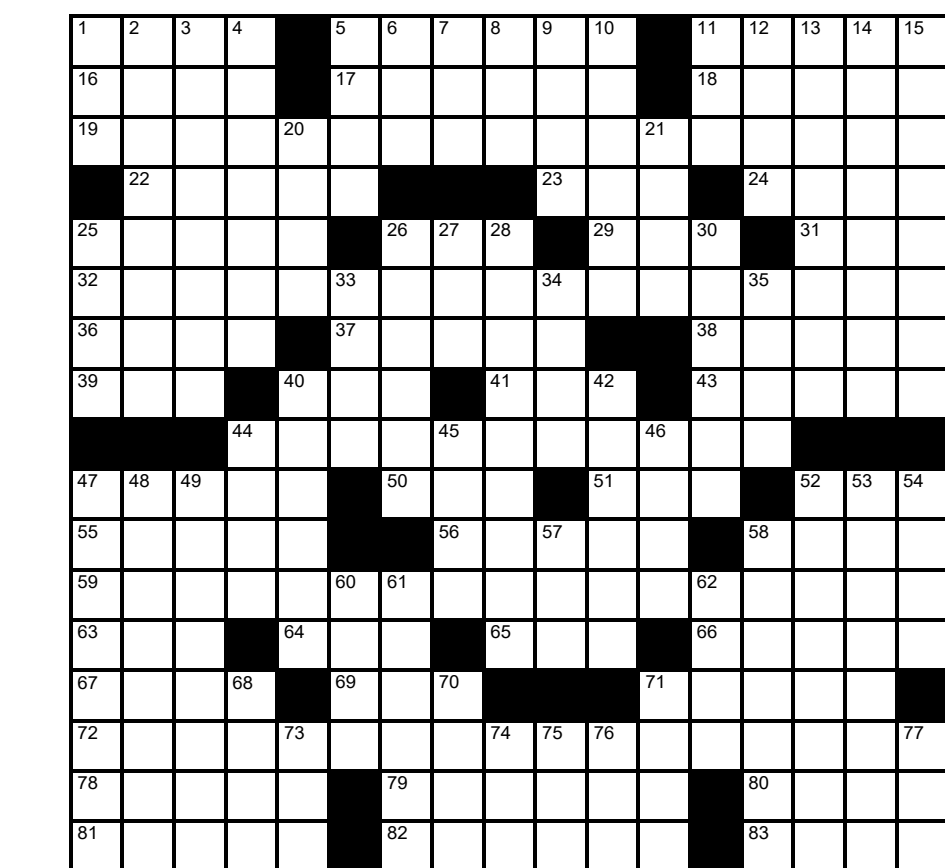
AMS looks forward to continuing to sign agreements under this innovative program that allows state and tribal governments to procure and distribute local and regional foods and beverages that are healthy, nutritious, and unique to their geographic area.

More information about the program is available AMS's [Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program](http://LocalFoodPurchaseAssistanceCooperativeAgreementProgram) webpage.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Original Mobile Game

- Across**
- Word for Yorick
 - Hematologist's study
 - Looks out for, maybe
 - Mr. Uncool
 - More smooth
 - Full range
 - Baking soda, technically
 - Taste, e.g.
 - "Seinfeld" uncle
 - "Trick" joint
 - Sesame
 - Bar bill
 - Absorb, with "up"
 - Matterhorn, e.g.
 - Spanning multiple offices
 - "___ Lang Syne"
 - Foreword, for short
 - All-out attack
 - 007, for one
 - "Gee whiz!"
 - "60 Minutes" network
 - Broke off
 - Fuzzy area?
 - ___ flu
 - Costa del ___
 - Victorian, for one
 - Clawer
 - 1/100th of a markka
 - "Nothing ___!"
 - Jerk
 - Lender
 - Absorbed, as a cost
 - ___ juice (milk)
 - ___ Wednesday
 - Buenos ___
 - Medical advice, often
 - Bauxite, e.g.
 - Cooper cars
 - Advocates for peace between countries
 - Harshly criticize
 - Laugh riot
 - Give off, as light
 - Standing
 - Guide



- R-rated, maybe
 - Big increase in business
 - Bent
 - Court contest
 - Appropriate
 - 1992 Olympic game site
 - 100 centimos
 - Call
 - Holds up
 - Opening time, maybe
 - Belief in one causal principle
 - Fetor
 - French door part
 - The "C" in U.P.C.
 - Cornstarch brand
 - Beekeeper
 - Life, for one
 - Market figure
 - Personal magnetism
 - Person who has memory loss
 - 1992 Robin Williams movie
 - "___ alive!"
 - More like an echidna
 - Warner Bros. creation
 - Bog
 - Daily delivery
 - Course
 - Carve in stone
 - "Oh, ___!"
 - ___ gestae
 - Anger
 - "___ the fields we go"
 - 40 winks
 - Chester White's home
- Down**
- Infomercials, e.g.
 - "Relax!"
 - With fire.
 - Peeled
 - Fleshy fruit
 - Blatly abbr.
 - "Aladdin" prince
 - Order to attack, with "on"
 - Breakfast, lunch or dinner
 - Check
 - "Give it ___!"
 - Billiard cushion
 - Gave off
 - Guardianship
 - Like many Christmas card skylines
 - ___-friendly

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Master Naturalists Recertifications were presented to Don Sabathier, Jackie Hicks, Mickey Dufflho, Rainbo Johnson, Bob Whitmarsh, and Chris Kneupper.



The following Master Naturalists were awarded for volunteer hours: Roy Morgan 5,000 hours, Mary Schwartz 1,000 hours, Brenda Martin 250 hours.

Master Naturalists present awards, learn about Oystercatchers

By RICHARD SCHAFFHAUSEN
Special to the Reporter News

The Brazoria Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist held their monthly meeting June 8 at the AgriLife building in Angleton.

David Bandes, membership, reported this month's recertifications for Don Sabathier, Jackie Hicks, Mickey Dufflho, Rainbo Johnson, Bob Whitmarsh, Chris Kneupper, James Calvert, Andy Smith, and Kristine Rivers.

To recertify, members must have eight hours of advanced training and 40 volunteer hours.

Roy Morgan was recognized for attaining 5,000 volunteer service hours. Roy has volunteered at Sea Center Texas for years and recently has, also, been volunteering at the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science. Mary Schwartz was recognized for attaining 1,000 volunteer hours and Brenda Martin for attaining 250 volunteer hours.

To date members have impacted 3,792 adults and

17,336 youth through outreach programs and educational programs such as the *Birds of Prey* programs presented at area schools and *Discovery Environmental Education Program* given to area 4th and 7th graders at the Brazoria NWR Discovery Center.

Richard Schaffhausen received the Presidents Call to Service Certificate for attaining 4,000 volunteer service hours last November.

This month's featured speaker was Dr. Susan Heath, Director of Conservation Research, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory whose topic was *The Secret Lives of Oystercatchers*.

Members learned Oystercatchers are a keystone species. If Oystercatchers are feeding on Oyster reefs, it indicates a healthy reef. Heath expressed concern for our local Oystercatcher population.

Their nesting habitat is shrinking due to erosion. Oystercatchers' preferred habitat for nests are small islands offshore. They lay

their eggs on the ground and many islands have vanished due to erosion or have been reduced in size. Predation is becoming more of an issue because more pairs are nesting on the mainland, due to habitat loss, making the eggs an easy meal for coyotes and others. It was a very interesting and informative presentation.

A new intern class will be starting in August. If anyone wants to learn more about the natural world, want to help make a difference, or want to educate others join us and find out what amazing learning and educational opportunities Brazoria County has to offer. Check out www.txmn.org/tmncot to learn more.

BAAYF wins \$25,000 Neighborhood Assist grant

In just 10 days this spring, 88,000 people cast more than two million votes in support of their favorite community causes. As a result, 100 communities, in 34 states, will be getting an assist from State Farm®. State Farm is proud to announce the Top 100 vote-getting causes that have won \$25,000 grants to improve their communities.

State Farm Neighborhood Assist is a crowd-sourced philanthropic program that empowers communities to identify issues in their neighborhoods. Non-profits affiliated with each of the Top 100 causes receive grants to address them.

The Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families – FISDCares was born as part of Bay Area Alliance's focus on Social Determinants of Health, to support struggling families specifically in Friendswood, where there are large socioeconomic disparities revealed by Hurricane Harvey that no one really knew about before.

These Neighborhood Assist funds will help FISDCares to plan further ahead and step up to support kids in these families in even more impactful ways than we already are. For example, a special needs student had a seizure and lost his two front teeth. The procedure required to repair his teeth costs more than the Alliance was able to cover in full, and his family had few other options. The State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant will allow us to provide funds in these kinds of emergencies. It will also allow the Alliance to expand its offerings to include providing extra-curricular activity opportunities to the families served. The Alliance is keenly aware of the connection between participation in sports, dance, or other activities and overall student success.

"People in our community love to help others, but sometimes we just don't know the need exists, or how to help," says Jennifer Sitton from FISDCares. "The Alliance's FISC Cares program is already bringing together our community as it raises our awareness of ways we can help. And for those struggling in our neighborhoods, it is inspiring to be noticed and loved by those around you. On behalf of the Alliance Board of Directors, we are beyond excited about the possibilities this grant will create."

"State Farm is happy to celebrate its 100th anniversary by providing these 100 causes with grant money to help them address the needs in their communities," said Rasheed Merritt, Assistant Vice

President at State Farm. "We look forward to seeing the impact these \$25,000 grants will have."

Four thousand cause submissions were accepted in February at www.neighborhoodassist.com. The State Farm Review Committee selected the Top 200 finalists and public voting determined the Top 100. In the eleven years of the program, nearly 500 causes have received a total of \$12.5 million to enact change in their communities.

For a complete list of this year's 100 winners, please visit: www.neighborhoodassist.com.

About Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families: The Alliance serves, supports, and inspires students and families to build a healthier community for all. Since 2003, the Alliance has served both Clear Creek and Friendswood ISDs by building protective factors in students and families and ultimately make our community a better place. Projects and activities include Medication Take Backs, a partnership with the DEA and local law enforcement to collect unused and expired medications. These twice-yearly events since September of 2010 have resulted in the collection of over 30,000 lbs of medications from Bay Area medicine cabinets for proper disposal. The Alliance is also proud of its SALSA (Student Adult Leadership Service Alliance) program that has served more than 100 student leaders since 2014. For more information on the Alliance, please visit our website at thealliancebayarea.org.

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FEF's 2022-2023 Annual Giving campaign is now open and features a variety of packages that include year-round, multi-event benefits and recognition.

To learn more contact AAadair@fisd12.net.

Alvins Superintendent Nelson to give State of District address

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

The State of Alvin ISD will be the keynote topic for the Pearland Chamber of Commerce monthly membership luncheon planned for June 16 at Hilton Garden Inn in Pearland.

Alvin ISD Superintendent Carol Nelson will speak. Alvin ISD is a large suburban school district south of Houston in the communities of Alvin, Manvel, Pearland, Hillcrest, Rosharon, Iowa Colony, Liverpool, and Amsterdam. Nelson has served the students, parents, and staff of Alvin ISD for over 27 years. Before assuming the role of Superintendent, Nelson served Alvin ISD as a campus teacher, librarian, assistant principal, principal, and Associate Superintendent.

The Chamber event will take place from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

Sponsorships are available now with two levels: Industry Level Sponsorship for \$500 and Business Level Sponsorship for \$300.

Single tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Hilton Garden Inn Pearland is located at 12101 Shadow Creek Parkway in Pearland.

To RSVP, contact Leslie Esqueda at (281) 485-3634 or email Leslie.Esqueda@PearlandTexasChamber.us.



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(Winner need not be present to win).

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FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gige

NATIVE AMERICAN WISDOM

(Third in a series of three posts... maybe four)

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”

~ Galatians 5:22-26

I do a lot of work with men of all ages. They are not as strong and courageous as some might believe and that's just the tip of the iceberg... and in fact they are a lot more confused about their role in the world than most will admit... So... one of the stories I use in group work is to share the words of a wise grandfather to his son's son... a requirement of native American grandfathers it seems... saying... *“you know son... there are two wolves living inside each of us... constant in battle with each other... one wolf is good... the other is evil...”* The young boy is intrigued and asks... *“which one wins?”* to which the grandfather says... *“the one you feed...”* this being an integrated truth of native American wisdom... yet for all of us for that matter... each person being free to choose how to live and at the same time acknowledging there is a code to which one strives for... along with a list of behaviors to avoid... much like the 10 Commandments of ancient Judaism or the 'beatitudes' of Jesus or the writings of the Koran or those espoused by Confucius...

Thus... the native Americans have a code in which to feed and focus on... going by the names of “the seven grandfather teachings” or “the seven sacred teachings”... realities that I believe are helpful to all and counter many of the images of native Americans I grew up with... watching the old westerns and Hollywood's version of pointing the finger of aggression on those who occupied this land long before my 5 times great-grandfather got to New York in the late 1760's...back to Columbus and that list goes something like this...

Love. Love it is said is a gift from the Eagle... and knowing love is to know

peace... not loving only those like us but loving those least like us...

Respect. Respect to the native American is witnessed in the Buffalo. ... a quiet yet strong trait lived out individually but in the community of the herd. One receives respect when one gives it.

Courage. Life is faced with courage when one uses their own personal strengths to address adversity. It is akin to our word... ‘amen...’ to stand fast and hold one's ground. The bear stands to carry courage in the face of danger ...

Honesty. This is the inside version of outer truth as one cannot participate in the truth without remaining honest. Treaties are made and broken with honesty at the core. Native Americans know.

Wisdom. The beaver carries wisdom ... it is the gift of the Creator to all and to be used for the good... coming in all shapes and sizes and ages... requiring a listening to and a paying attention to elders and leaders present as wisdom is shared...

Humility... is to recognize that we are a part of a larger creation... and being fully human is to understand who the God is in the center of that creation. The lone wolf carries humility ... always on the lookout for everything else offering the respect the creation deserves...

Truth. The turtle carries truth. It is slow but relentless. Where would the world be without truth? Truth is the needed thing required to go through life in order to act without regret...

It is true the native Americans did not always live in peace with one another while attempting to live in harmony with the world granted to them by the Creator. Europeans saw this... but what troubles my heart is asking why it was so difficult for those who came to these shores to notice these teachings were so much like the ones brought with them!

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Gige is a long-time resident of Pearland, having pastored four churches over the last four decades in Texas and Louisiana. Read more following Brian's blog ‘murmurings’ at <https://briangige.wordpress.com/>. Send comments and/or questions to god-works247365@gmail.com.

Book Launch and Reading June 18 in Angleton for *The Learner's Creed*

The Angleton Branch of the Brazoria County Library System will host a special event in honor of Juneteenth and celebrating the book launch and a reading from “The Learner's Creed: The Ernestine Stewart-Mitchell Story 93 Years of Living a Blessed Life A Memoir” by Ernestine Stewart-Mitchell and Dr. Craig T. Follins. The event will be from 2:00 – 3:30 pm on Saturday, June 18 in the meeting room at the library.

Ernestine Stewart-Mitchell was born in Angleton, TX in 1928. She retired in 1988 from the Houston Independent School District (HISD) as principal of Charlotte B. Allen Elementary School after thirty-six

years as an educator. She has taught in Philadelphia, PA, Angleton, TX and Houston, TX. She was valedictorian of the 1946 graduating class at Marshall High School in Angleton.

Dr. Craig T. Follins is a noted author/educator, speaker and global thought leader. He is passionate about social change for the historically marginalized and ensuring that history includes many diverse voices and narratives. He resides in Conroe, TX.

This will be a combination in person and virtual event with Ernestine Stewart-Mitchell and her daughter, Debra Castleberry, joining via Zoom from Missouri City and Dr. Craig Follins at the library with a live audience. Seating is limited to 100 attendees in person and will be on a first-come basis.

A limited quantity of books will be available for sale at the event. The book is available for purchase from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other retailers. If purchased from Amazon, customers can register with the Amazon Smile program and select Angleton Friends of the Library as their designated charity for a portion of the sale to be contributed to them.

They can also go to: www.thelearner-screed.com for more information about the author and links to purchase the book as well.

The Angleton Branch Library is located at 401 E. Cedar Street in Angleton. The phone number for the library is 979-864-1519.



ERNESTINE STEWART-MITCHELL

Railroads, Canals, and Rivers

The Evolution of Transportation in Brazoria County



The Brazoria County Historical Museum will host “Railroads, Canals, and Rivers” presented by Dr. Paul Pedisich. On Thursday, June 16, at 6pm Dr. Pedisich will explore the evolution of transportation in Brazoria County. From flat boats to railcars, Dr. Pedisich will discuss the role of, politics, and labor in the ever-changing industry of transportation in Texas from the 1830s to the 1860s. He will also examine the notorious “slave ditch” and address the use of slave and Irish immigrant labor. Dr. Pedisich retired as Associate Professor of History at Brazosport College. Previously, he completed a thirty-one year active duty career in the U.S. Navy and retired with the rank of Captain, USN. He is also author of “Congress Buys a Navy,” published in 2016. The Museum is located at 100 East Cedar in Angleton. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information follow us on Facebook or call 979-864-1208.

VFW Post 7109 Auxiliary to host Back to School Vendor Fair

By KAROLYN GEPHART
Reporter News Staff

The VFW Auxiliary is hosting its 2nd quarterly fundraiser Back to School Vendor Fair July 23 at Pearland VFW Post 7109 from 9 am to 5 pm.

There will be crafters, vendors, and food. The event is coordinated by the Auxiliary who will be collecting school supplies for local military families stationed at Ellington Field.

Proceeds from these craft shows assist the Auxiliary in their community service projects, scholarships, and Veteran service projects.

Follow the Auxiliary Facebook page at [VFW Post 7109 Auxiliary](https://www.facebook.com/VFWPost7109Auxiliary) for details about events in October and December too.

Vendors are requested to get their applica-

tions in now. Product categories include accessories/jewelry, art/books and zines/music, bath and beauty, candles, ceramics and pottery, glass, word working, children's items, clothing, crochet/embroidery/knitting/needlecraft, dolls and miniatures, food, furniture, holidays/weddings, housewares, paper goods, patterns, pets, plants, quilts, toys, vintage and more.

Anyone who is interested in participating, call Jennifer Corl at 713-825-2214 or visit www.post7109.com/BackToSchoolVFWVendorFair.

The VFW Post 7109 is located at 4202 Walnut in Pearland.

VFW Post 7109 Auxiliary supports VFW Post 7109. We provide support to the Post in a variety of ways such as Veteran support, community projects and donations.

Syzygy Plasmonics selects Pearland for new headquarters, manufacturing facility

Leadership from the City of Pearland and the Pearland Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) are pleased to announce that Syzygy Plasmonics has leased a 44,800 square-foot building in Pearland for its new headquarters, R&D, and manufacturing facility.

Syzygy Plasmonics, a Houston-based startup founded in 2018, is pioneering a technology that produces clean, distributable hydrogen from various feedstocks. Syzygy's platform technology is based on a field of science called photocatalysis, where the company is using light from LEDs that are driven by renewable electricity to perform chemical reactions. This technology can electrify the production of many chemicals that form the foundation of human society, such as hydrogen, liquid fuels, fertilizer, and other chemical raw materials. By creating these commodities using renewable electricity, Syzygy strives to achieve its goal of preventing a gigaton of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere by 2040.

“We are commercializing technology that produces low and zero-carbon chemicals, fuels, and fertilizers at a reasonable cost,” said Syzygy CEO Trevor Best. “Our first offering is a photoreactor that produces hydrogen using energy from light instead of heat. The facility at Pearland gives us space for testing, further development and product manufacturing while offering easy access to the highway system. We're excited about advancing energy expansion, and we're happy to have found a great space to grow

in Pearland.”

Syzygy Plasmonics won third place and finished as the top U.S. company at the Clean Energy Pitch Start-up Battle in Glasgow, Scotland last year and was named the most outstanding venture among commercialization stage startups in April of this year at the NREL Industry Growth Forum. It also recently won BASF's Sustainable by Design Start-up Challenge. Syzygy has an exclusive license agreement with Rice University to bring its photocatalytic technology to market and expects to initially demonstrate its product later this year.

“The City of Pearland is honored to add a visionary company such as Syzygy to the growing list of employers that call our community home,” stated Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole. Syzygy's selection of Pearland for its new headquarters demonstrates how our community's outstanding quality of life and business-friendly leadership continues to attract high-caliber companies to the area.”

The PEDC and city officials began working with Syzygy in 2021 on its relocation to Pearland. Syzygy will be leasing the former Industrial Polymers building from Welcome Group. The 44,800 square-foot building, located at 3250 S. Sam Houston Parkway, will serve as the company's headquarters, research and development and manufacturing site for its product.

The facility is expected to open later this year and will be home to approximately 60 employees.

Brazoria County Day to celebrate 50th Anniversary

Brazoria County Day is set for Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023. The event takes place in Austin and is open to residents of Brazoria County and those doing business in Brazoria County. A large group will converge on the capitol to thank our elected officials for what they do and let them know our points of interest in the legislative session. The state agencies and elected officials know we stand together and support one another. It is heartwarming to be a part of the group of hundreds of Brazoria County representatives, wearing matching t-shirts, canvassing the Texas capitol.

Brazoria County is held every other year in Austin when the legislature is in session. The event started in 1973 with just a few Brazosport Chamber representatives and has grown every session since. The only year Brazoria County did not show up in person was 2021 when COVID closed the capitol. Our legislative concerns were sent electronically to the elected officials.

During the legislative session on Tuesday, Feb. 28, Brazoria County will be formally recognized in the House and the Senate. The more faces they see in the gallery, the more effective our work will be in Austin. As we stand together with one vision and one voice, everyone in the county benefits from the strong relationships we build. We want Brazoria County to be recognized as the vital, vibrant part of Texas's economy, history, and future, that it is.

Events will be taking place over two days: Monday, Feb. 27 and Tuesday, Feb. 28. The first 500 Brazoria County Day attendees to show up in Austin will receive a goodie bag and t-shirt. There is no need to register in advance to attend Brazoria County Day. Each attendee is on their own for transportation and overnight accommodations.

The scheduled events will be free to Brazoria County residents and business representatives of Brazoria County. Upon arrival in Austin, stop by the Brazoria County Day registration room and pick up your goodie bag and t-shirt.

The Host Hotel is the Hyatt Regency Austin, 208 Barton Spring Road, Austin, Texas. Some of the events will take place at the Hyatt. A discounted block of overnight

rooms is reserved. If you call the Hyatt (512-477-1234) be sure to reference the Brazoria County Day block. To register online use <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/AUSRA/G-BBCD>.

Agency meetings and delivery of invitations and legislative issues will take place on Monday, Feb. 27. A continental breakfast is available to attendees at 8:00 a.m. at the Hyatt. Volunteers will deliver the gifts, invitations and legislative issues to legislators following the breakfast. Anyone wanting to meet with a state agency during Brazoria County Day is asked to make the request through The Alliance (info@eda-bc.com). The meetings will be scheduled for you, through the Brazoria County Day Steering Committee, reflecting a united front.

A reception for all Brazoria County Day attendees will be on Monday (Feb. 27) evening at the Hyatt.

Brazoria County Day, Tuesday, Feb. 28, will start with the Legislative Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Hyatt. Following the breakfast, attendees will make their way to the capitol for recognition in the House and Senate. A group photo will be taken on the lawn following recognition.

The Brazoria County Day grand finale will be a gathering at Fiesta Gardens Austin City Park. Elected officials, aides, and agency representatives all look forward to the warm welcome they receive from Brazoria County residents offering boat loads of fresh gulf shrimp, red sauce, and beverages. The World's Largest Shrimp Cocktail is from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., with shuttle service available from the capitol and the Hyatt Regency Austin.

The Steering Committee is still collecting donations to underwrite Brazoria County Day 2023 so all attendees can participate without a cost for the individual events. If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact info@eda-bc.com or 979-848-0560.

Promote your business by contributing to the goodie bags that will go to Brazoria County residents. The 500 items can be delivered to The Alliance or your local Brazoria County Chamber of Commerce. If you need to have the goodie bag items picked up, just let us know.

SPORTS

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

Motivation is the key

When I think of motivation - I think of an incident that took place out in west Texas. A super-rich Texan had a daughter of marriageable age, and decided to give her a coming-out party. (To young men this would be "group prospecting") Anyway, this Texas rancher invited the young men from within a hundred miles to come to the big party on his spread. He had over 200,000 acres and on that spread he had dozens of producing oil wells and tens of thousands of head of cattle. The old homestead itself was a mansion of indescribable proportions, which included an Olympic-sized swimming pool. After feeding several hundred young, eligible bachelors the finest Bar-B-Que, the host invited all the young men out to the pool which he had, with amazing foresight, stocked with water moccasins and alligators. He told the young men that the first one who jumped into the pool and swam the length of it would be given his choice of three things:

1. One million dollars in cash.
2. Ten thousand acres of his best land.
3. The hand of his beautiful daughter in marriage.

He even pointed out that his daughter was their only heir and that when he and his wife passed on - all of this big spread would belong to her and to the man who became her husband.

No sooner were these words spoken than there was a loud splash at one end of the pool, followed almost immediately by the emergence of a dripping young man from the other end of the pool. He had set a world's record that would never be approached! much less broken.

As the dripping young man emerged from the pool, the host excitedly ran to him and said, "Well son. you've got your choice. Do you want the million in cash?" The young man responded, "No, sir." Then the host asked, "Do you want the ten thousand acres of my best land?" The young man responded, "No, sir." Finally the host said, "Then I assume you want the hand of my beautiful daughter in marriage?" To this the young man replied, "No, sir." "Well son, what do you want?" The young man responded, "I want to know the name of that dude who pushed me into the swimming pool!"

Needless to say, this young man had been motivated to get into the water. though not by choice. but nonetheless. he was in the water. Thus, he was quickly motivated to get out of that pool as quickly as he could.

The family is in trouble today because of the lack of motivation and leadership within the family circle. Young people want to be led. Yes - they fuss and fume over not getting to do everything they want - but inwardly - there is a deep-seated cry that says, "Help me!" "Lead me!" "Love me!" "Notice me!" "Guide me!" "Teach me!"

The ultimate question then becomes - "If you, as a mom or dad do not provide the proper motivation to lead, love, advise, discipline and encourage your children, who will?" I'll tell you who. It will be their peers who are searching and scratching for the same answers to their questions that no one is answering. The truth is - no one can love your children and give them the guidance that they need better than mom and dad.

So parents - let's get motivated to be honest and interested in the welfare of our nation's future leaders. No - you don't have to jump in a pool with snakes and alligators. However, you must jump into the pool of opportunity - swim as never before - emerge out of the pool knowing the name of who pushed you in. The name is - LIFE. That should be all the motivation you need to live to the best of your ability.

Old friend Robert said, "You have a life to give - so make it the greatest investment you can. Begin at home with your family."

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RUN SCORING SINGLE - Friendswood's Boots Landry smacks a run-scoring single to left field to score Dylan Maxcey from second base. The Mustangs faced Mansfield Legacy in the Class 5A state semifinals and came away with a 4-2 win to advance to a first-ever 5A state title game.



Photo by Olyn Taylor

SACRIFICE BUNT - Friendswood's Tatum Black lays down a perfect bunt in the state championship game against the Georgetown Eagles. The Mustangs came up short to the Eagles 2-1 in their first-ever state final appearance. Friendswood won their 5A state semifinal contest over Mansfield Legacy 4-2.

Friendswood comes up just short of state title

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

The goal was to win a first-ever state baseball championship so coming up a run short is a heart-breaking experience at the moment. However, this is the first time Friendswood has ever been in the baseball state finals in program history.

Friendswood head coach Cory Benavides and his diamondmen can reflect on the 2022 baseball season with great pride that this team is one of the elite squads in Friendswood history and they have everything to be proud of in what they accomplished with a 30-8-1 season record.

"They (Georgetown) made big plays in big moments," Friendswood head baseball coach Cory Benavides said in reference to the Georgetown Eagles who won 2-1.

Georgetown scored their first run in the opening frame when Zachary Mazoch hit a lead-off single to right field, and then courtesy runner Wade Denton advanced to third base thanks to a hit-and-run on a groundout to third. Then, Landon Hyle drove Denton home on an RBI single poked into left field for a 1-0 lead.

The Eagles went ahead 2-0 in the bottom of the second on a lead-off home run blasted over the left field wall by Logan Smith. That was all that starting pitcher and the game's most valuable player Jacob Hadden needed to pick up the complete-game win with four hits, two walks and four strikeouts over seven innings.

Friendswood's lone run came in the top of the third, as Kyle Lockhart reached base with one out on a two-base throwing error, and Reed South drove him home on an RBI single up the middle to cut the lead to 2-1.

The Mustangs showed life in the top of the seventh, as Ayden Percy led off with a double into the left-center field gap and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt laid down by Tatum Black. But, a grounder held Percy at third,

and Georgetown then picked him off the bag for the game's final out.

"I tried to be too aggressive at the end of the game, and it cost us," Benavides said.

Benavides went with Easton Tumis as the starting pitcher, but replaced him early with Griffin Kasemeyer who had a strong showing as he pitched four shutout innings in relief with two hits, no walks and three strikeouts.

"He (Kasemeyer) does what he does best," Benavides said. "We were in a good spot because we had two guys going, and if (starting pitcher Easton) Tumis didn't have his



Photo by Olyn Taylor

STRONG PITCHING PERFORMANCE - Friendswood relief pitcher Griffin Kasemeyer had a strong showing as he pitched four shutout innings in relief with two hits, no walks and three strikeouts in the state title game.

stuff, we could go immediately to Kasemeyer, and that's what we did. He gave us a chance, but we just couldn't come through."

Friendswood 4 - Mansfield Legacy 2

The only time that a Friendswood team advanced to the state semifinals was in 2008 where they lost to eventual state champion Corpus Christi Calallen 7-1. The Mustangs were in Class 4A that season.

Now competing in Class 5A, the Mustangs did something that no other Friendswood team had done and that was to get a 4-2 win over the Mansfield Legacy Broncos in the state semifinals that would punch their ticket to the state title game.

The Mustangs wasted little time in taking command of the game as they scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning for a 3-0 lead.

Dylan Maxcey lead off the first frame by reaching on an error and moving to second base on a perfectly placed Reed South sacrifice bunt.

Boots Landry then hit an RBI single to left field to bring Maxcey home, and after a Dane Perry single, Ty Brantley busted a two-run double down the left field line for a 3-0 lead.

Legacy answered with two runs in the top of the fourth to make it a 3-2 game.

Friendswood added an insurance run in the bottom of the fifth, with Perry blasting a one-out triple into the right-center field gap and then beating a throw home on an RBI grounder by Brantley making the final score 4-2.

Jacob Rogers got the win on the mound, tossing 6-plus innings with five hits, two runs, three walks and five strikeouts.

Friendswood closer Griffin Kasemeyer emerged from the bullpen and proceeded to strike out the final three Legacy batters to slam the door on the game and record the save.

Perry had a multi-hit game for the Mustangs, going 2-for-2.

Yates, Friendswood softball players receive All-District honors

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Reporter News Staff

The Friendswood Lady Mustangs shared the District 22-5A title and went on to advance to the 5A Region III semifinals before falling to eventual 5A state champion Lake Creek who finished the season with an unblemished 41-0 record.

Friendswood head coach Christa Williams-Yates was selected as the "Coach of the Year" by the district coaches for leading the Lady Mustangs to a 30-9 season mark which is their best record in 16 years. The former Texas Lady Longhorn legend and Olympic gold medalists has provided strong leadership to make Friendswood a Houston-area power.

Friendswood ace pitcher Chloe Riassetto was chosen as the District "Most Valuable Player" after a wonderful career in the circle for the Lady Mustangs. Riassetto fashioned a sparkling 15-2 pitching record with 131.2 innings, 187 strikeouts and a 1.28 earned run average. Riassetto was also a strong hitter with a .430 BA, 21 runs, 44 RBIs, 13 doubles, 1 triple, and a team-leading 10 home runs.

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Lainie Schaefer was selected as the district "Offensive Player of the Year." Schaefer led the Lady Mustangs with a .427 batting average while scoring 29 runs, 31 RBIs, 12 doubles, 1 triple, and two roundtrippers.

Named to the All-District first-team was sophomore Baileigh Burtis [.413 BA, 37 runs, 32 RBIs, 13 doubles, 3 triples, 3 HRs], freshman Charleigh Esparza [.256 BA, 17 runs, 19 RBIs, 10 doubles, 1 triple, 3 HRs], freshman Chloe Aldrich [.356 BA, 36 runs, 15 RBIs, 6 doubles], and junior Janelle Wilson who also was strong in the pitching circle with a 10-2 record, 88.2 innings, 129 strikeouts, and 1.26 ERA]. Wilson also hit .345, 18 runs, 26 RBIs, 10 doubles, and 4 HRs.

Named to the All-District second-team was senior Madelyn Wilson, and freshman Nevaeh Cason.

Named to the All-District honorable-mention was junior Halle Cordova and sophomore Bella Halata.



DISTRICT 22-5A MVP — Friendswood ace pitcher Chloe Riassetto was chosen as the District 22-5A "Most Valuable Player" after a wonderful career in the circle for the Lady Mustangs. Riassetto fashioned a sparkling 15-2 pitching record with 131.2 innings, 187 strikeouts and a 1.28 earned run average this season. Riassetto was also a strong hitter with a .430 BA, 21 runs, 44 RBIs, 13 doubles, 1 triple, and a team-leading 10 home runs.

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Pearland Independent School District will be accepting Request for Proposals for Restaurant, Catering, and Grocery Supply RFP # 22-0930-16 until 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 30, 2022. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications and submit their response at the following link: <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BG/FB by Smart Elf Creations dba The Butcher The Baker The Cheese Board Maker, to be located at 5012 W. Broadway, Pearland, Brazoria, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Christina Stroh, Owner.

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**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 2022-15
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

Request for Proposals (RFPs) shall be submitted via two (2) electronic copies, each copy on one flash drive or CD. Each flash drive/CD must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match identically. The PDF files must include the ink signature of a person with the authority to bind the vendor into a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with **RFP NO. 2022-15**, and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary, and are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546 before **2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022.**

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City considering the relative importance of price and the other evaluation factors included in this request for proposals.

Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City of Friendswood's website at <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Bids.aspx> or may be reviewed/inspected during regular business hours in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.**, at Friendswood City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 910 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

For additional information, please contact James Toney, Parks and Recreation Director at (281) 996-3220 or via email to rec@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Pearland Economic Development Corporation (the "Corporation") will conduct a public hearing to consider the use of sales tax proceeds from the levy of the one-half of one percent sales and use tax, approved by the voters of the City of Pearland (the "City") on January 21, 1995. The public hearing will take place at 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2022 at 3519 Liberty Drive, Suite 350, Pearland, Texas.

Sales tax proceeds will be used for Projects, as part of the Corporation's fiscal year 2022-2023 budget that includes land, buildings, equipment, facilities, expenditures, targeted infrastructure and improvements that are for the creation and retention of primary jobs. Proposed project types include: manufacturing and industrial facilities, research and development facilities, transportation facilities, distribution centers, regional and national corporate headquarter facilities and small warehouse and storage facilities. Sales Tax proceeds will also be used for promotional expenses to new and expanding businesses, open space improvements along with maintenance, demolition, infrastructure and transportation improvements, amateur sports or convention/hotel facilities along with maintenance, job training, debt obligations, administrative expenses and other improvements or facilities related to any of the foregoing projects.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Roxanne Luna-Larsen at (281) 997-3001, within 48 hours of the scheduled business meeting date. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., a regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Pearland, Counties of Brazoria, Harris and Fort Bend, Texas, will conduct a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers at Pearland City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas, for the following case:

1. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 22-13: A request of Triad Retail Construction, Inc., applicant, on behalf of Jeff Barnett, owner, for approval of a variance as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to allow a reduced Corridor Overlay District front landscape buffer and a reduction to the required tree island width for a proposed restaurant with drive-thru service in the General Business (GB) District (Section 2.4.5.1 (c)(2) & Section 4.2.2.4 (e)(1)(A)), to wit:

Legal Description: 1.3552 acres (59,031 square feet) being out of land a part of a called 2.5504-acre land described in deed to Riverwalk Retail as recorded in Brazoria County Clerks File (B.C.C.F.) No. 2015025194 and being out of a part of a called 2.5504-acre tract known as Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Minor Subdivision Plat of Achour Subdivision as recorded in Document No. 2010029392, Brazoria County Official Public Records (B.C.O.P.R.), Brazoria County, Texas.
General Location: 1315 Broadway Street, Pearland, TX

2. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 22-14: A request of Gina Boyko, applicant, on behalf of Zlam Properties Pearland LLC., owner, for approval of a variance/special exception as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to reduce the required parking for a Furniture and/or Appliance Store (Retail or Rental Only, Indoor Only) use in the Business Park-288 (BP-288) District (Section 4.2.1.2 & Section 2.7.3.7(b)(2)), to wit:

Legal Description: Being a tract or parcel of land containing 4,2500 acres of land or 185,130 square feet, located in the H.T. & B. R.R. Company Survey, Section 81, Abstract No. 300, Brazoria County, Texas and being out of and a part of called 10.454-acre tract of record in the name of Ahmadalli Virani in Brazoria County Clerk's File (B.C.C.F.) Number 2008002917.
General Location: North of 3471 Business Center Drive, Pearland, TX

3. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 22-15: A request of Meridian Group, applicant, on behalf of Killen's Steakhouse, owner, to allow a special exception as permitted by the Unified Development Code, Ordinance No. 2000-T, to allow the replacement of a fence between residential and commercial with an alternative nonconforming material, a chain-link fence with privacy slats and a hedgerow at the length of the residence, in lieu of the required masonry screening wall in the General Commercial (GC) District (Section 4.2.2.4 (j)(4)(a) & Section 4.2.4.1 (a)), to wit:

Legal Description: Reserve "A", Block 1, Joseph's Gulf Coast Grille Section One, a subdivision in Brazoria County, Texas, according to the map or plat recorded in Volume 21, Pages 331 & 332 of the Plat Records of Brazoria County, Texas.
General Location: 6425 Broadway Street, Pearland, TX

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

Patrick Bauer
Planner I



CHAMBER WELCOMES OPTIC-KLEER SOUTH HOUSTON-AUTO GLASS

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomes Mariah and Curtis Schultz, owners of Optic-Kleer South Houston-Auto Glass Replacement and Repair. Give them a call at 346-348-8976 or for more information visit <https://optic-kleer.com/southhouston/>. Everyone enjoyed networking and homemade cookies. Celebrating this special day with Mariah and Curtis are supportive family members and friends along with Chamber Ambassador Team Members and Staff. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce call 281-482-3329, email info@friendswoodchamber.com, or visit www.friendswoodchamber.com. The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood, Texas 77546.



BMW OF CLEAR LAKE HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce along, with Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and Pearland Chamber of Commerce welcomed Randy Stine, General Manager with BMW of Clear Lake. Everyone enjoyed presentations from BMW Executives including the unveiling of the new Seven Series, a donation to Higher Up Texas, music, great food from area restaurants, drinks, and networking. They are located at 15943 Gulf Freeway North, Webster, Texas 77546. Give them a call at 281-557-7000 and check out their website at www.bmwofclearlake.com for more information. Enjoying this special day with Randy are his supportive family members, employees, customers, and members of the three Chamber of Commerce's as well as Friendswood's Chairman of the Board Robert Smithhart presenting Randy with a member plaque. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce call 281-482-3329, email info@friendswoodchamber.com, or visit www.friendswoodchamber.com. The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood, Texas 77546.



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The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce welcomed Kayla Straube, owner of Power Fit Eats. Give Kayla and her staff a call at 346-932-7205. They are located at 108 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood. For more information check out their website at www.powerfit-prep.com. Everyone had a great time networking, meeting the vendors and sampling the wonderful food and drinks. Enjoying this special day with Kayla are her supportive family, staff members and vendors, as well as Chamber Ambassador Team members and staff. For more information regarding the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce call 281-482-3329, email info@friendswoodchamber.com, or visit www.friendswoodchamber.com. The Chamber is located at 1100 South Friendswood Drive, FM 518, Friendswood, Texas 77546.

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