

Around Town**July 8****LIBRARY INTERACTIVE MOVIE**

Join the Pearland Library for an Interactive Movie on Friday, July 8 at 2pm. Sing and interact with a fun movie about sailing and volcanoes! Call the library for the movie title at 281-652-1677. The library is located 3522 Liberty Dr. in Pearland.

July 10**COME FLY A KITE**

Kite Day in Pearland will be July 10 from 10 am to 1 pm. The event is in celebration of National Parks and Recreation Month. Kite flying, face painting, kite decoration food trucks and more will be offered. It's all at 3449 Pearland Parkway.

July 13**PARTY ON THE PATIO**

The Pearland Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Party on the Patio July 13 from 5-7 pm. The Commerce Center is located at 6117 Broadway St. in Pearland. The party is the summer member appreciation event.

July 14**FREE GARDEN LECTURE**

The next Keep Pearland Beautiful event in their Lecture Series will be Composting Thursday, July 14 at 7 pm. Programs are presented on Facebook Live and free to the community. Online at www.facebook.com/keeppearlandbeautiful.

CHICKS TO CHILDREN

Texas A&M AgriLife presents "Chicks to Children" on Thursday, July 14 at 2:00pm and 4:00pm at the Pearland Library, 3522 Liberty Dr. Learn about the life cycle of a chicken and watch them hatch. For ages 4-11.

July 16**CAR SEAT CHECK**

A Car Seat Check will take place Saturday, July 16, at Pearland Fire Station No. 4 from 9 am until noon. This educational event is open to the public and free to attend. This event will inform caregivers of how to properly secure the car seat, safety techniques, vehicle precautions and more. Fire Station No. 4 is located at 8333 Freedom Dr in Pearland.

HONEY EXPO

The 5th Annual Honey Expo will be held July 16 from 10am to 5pm at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds, 901 S. Downing Rd. in Angleton. Activities include honey and mead tasting, kids activities, silent auction, raffles and more. Honey, honey products, beekeeping equipment and food will be available for purchase. Free admission. For more information visit www.brazoria-county-beekeepers-association.com.

July 23**BACK TO SCHOOL VENDOR SHOW**

The VFW Auxiliary is hosting its 2nd quarterly fundraiser Back to School Vendor Show on July 23 at Pearland VFW Post 7109 at 4202 Walnut from 9 to 5. There will be crafters, vendors, and food. A collection of school supplies will be accepted for local military families stationed at Ellington Field. Interested in participating, call Jennifer Corl at 713-825-2214 or visit www.post7109.com/BackToSchoolVFWVendorFair

August 7**SPIES FAMILY REUNION**

The 66th annual reunion of the descendants of August Spies will be held on Sunday, August 7 at the Moravia Dining Hall across the street from The Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church, 11134 FM 957, Schulenburg, TX, starting at 10am. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and dessert, with lunch being served at 12:30pm. Plates, utensils, cups and tea will be provided. Please bring silent auction and door prize items. Kitchen Crew will be volunteers this year! For further info, please call Janet Spies @ 512-461-3236 or email at jspis45@yahoo.com. Check the August Spies FaceBook Page for more news!

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Pearland hosts Celebration of Freedom

Perfect weather made Celebration of Freedom the best it could be in 2022.

The birth of American Independence was celebrated in Pearland from 6 to 10 p.m. at Pearland's Independence Park where the large crowd enjoyed the evening's events.

Live music from Adrian Michael and The Greenway Band was provided. A variety of food trucks, BAKFISH Brewing Company and

Vallensons' Brewing Company were on hand to provide food and drinks.

Shopping opportunities from vendor booths and amusements for children were part of the evening fun.

The day ended with a fantastic evening fireworks display.

Great job City of Pearland Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Pearland for a great Celebration of Freedom.

Fly a Kite for National Parks Rec Month

In Celebration of National Parks and Recreation Month in Pearland, Kite Day will be held July 10 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Kite flying, face painting, kite decoration food trucks and more will be offered. It's all at 3449 Pearland Parkway.

Parking is free, admission is free and events will be held for all ages.

Each year July is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month across the US. The theme this year for the month is We Rise Up for Parks and Recreation. This theme brings attention to how important it is to rise up and support community in services of equity, memorable experiences and overall health and



well-being.

Through a month-long calendar of events and social media postings, the Parks

Department in Pearland will showcase the ways the City has served all year long as well as ways in which community members can support the work of local agencies.

The Parks Department is joining resources with Vic Coppinger YMCA, Life Point Church, Connect Church, Christia Adair Park, Harris County and others. Rise Up is even stronger through visioneering and partnership with others.

Mayor Kevin Cole's Proclamation, calendar events, and programs spotlight the inclusive nature in which the Parks Department and the city rises up for community in July and all year long.

Halik Road reconstruction complete

The reconstruction of Halik Road, the third and final phase of the Rice Drier Redevelopment infrastructure improvements project, is now complete.

The SH 35 Corridor Redevelopment Strategy identified the Rice Drier/Halik area as a potential project, as part of Catalyst 2 Business Park North, to create more investment by better positioning the properties in the area for investment.

As the City of Pearland has grown, the area has developed into a light industrial area that created heavy demand the former narrow asphalt roads were not designed to accommodate. Both Halik Street and Rice Drier Road needed to be upgraded from asphalt to concrete with improved stormwater drainage to handle the growth of light industrial traffic.

Recent developments in the area include

ERS-CAT's 40,000-square-foot facility, Tractor Supply, Vallenson's, Besser Plumbing, and West Texas Cooling.

The reconstruction of Rice Drier Road was completed in 2020, after detention was constructed and clean-up of a contaminated site, improving the surrounding condition and appearance of the area by replacing the waterline and the open roadside ditches with curb and storm sewer and adding street lighting and pedestrian access with a sidewalk and decorative paver strip.

The Rice Drier Redevelopment Project was a public-private partnership and the total cost of all three phases of the project was approximately \$3.6 million and was primarily funded by Pearland Economic Development Corporation.



Register kids now for Camp Pelican

By KAROLYN GEHPART

Reporter News Staff

It's not too late to register for Camp Pelican at the Delores Fenwick Nature Center in Pearland.

Registration for the July camp on July 18-24 for those 9-14 years old. Registration is open until July 13. The theme for this session is *Conservation Heroes*.

If children love nature and animals, they'll

love a week at Camp Pelican. Water quality testing, chatting with a Conservation Biologist, oil spill simulations, and seeing a Texas-native threatened animal are all on the lineup for the week.

For more details and/or to register for camp, visit <http://ow.ly/si5m50JM2jq>.

Cost for camp is \$160 for residents and \$200 for non-residents.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Call 281.412.8900 for more information.

5th Annual HONEY EXPO

5th Annual Honey Expo to offer variety of activities

By KAROLYN GEHPART

Reporter News Staff

For the latest buzzzz, plan to attend the 5th Annual Honey Expo July 16 from 10 am to 5 pm at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds.

Admission is free and those attending can meet local bee keepers

Many activities are planned including honey tasting, mead tasting, kids activities, a silent auction, educational events to learn about bees, demonstrations and a variety of speakers. Everyone will be able to taste and smell over 35 varietal honeys from around the US and Texas.

Available for purchasing will be local honey, honey products, bee keeping equipment, and food trucks.

A special raffle is planned. The winner will get 50 percent of the total ticket sales with the association keeping the other half. Raffle tickets are 1 for \$1, six for \$5 and 25 for \$20. Winner does not need to be present to be eligible. The winner will receive his cash prize the day of the drawing.

Raffle tickets are available from any association member or people can buy on line through the square store site at <https://check-out.square.site/buy/UIEEVNUT72YCXRUE7QC4ZA>.

The events is presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Brazoria County Beekeepers Association meets the second Monday of each month at 6:45 pm at the AgriLife Extension center at 21017 County Road 171 in Angleton.

Vendors are still needed for the event. Get an application completed and return immediately. Applications are available at vendors for the event. Applications can be found at the following link: <https://drive.google.com/.../1PEa5sYwG8wwUMs.../view...>

The Brazoria County Fairgrounds are located at 901 S. Downing Road in Angleton.

For more information, visit www.brazoria-county-beekeepers-association.com.



FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gigee

UP IN THE AIR

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts..." Isaiah 55:8-9

I'm charting a few thoughts while up in the air from Houston Hobby airport to Columbus, Ohio to visit family... especially our grandson Henry... whom I've not seen face to face since Christmas 2019. Covid theft. Covid remission. Covid recovery. Patience is a gift of the Spirit and distance clarifies many things as in 35,000 feet above sea level offers a level of seeing that helps usher in a different perspective about how things truly are... think mountain ranges, winding rivers and the Nazca lines of South America or the thousands of pyramids discovered in northern Africa by LiDAR technology hiding under the sand... or... the patchwork quilt like farms with fallow acres side by side full, lush plots of green growth as well as planned subdivisions' twists and turns coupling the rooftops in a circuitous order or small towns with streets from all four directions meeting up at the town square...

Likewise... 35,000 days...about 95 years or even 35,000 minutes (24.3 days) later can offer up renewed perceptions of life... allowing stuff that might have been '*up in the air*' to have been altered or completed or completely changed! Sometimes it's less and most likely it's more... as time and distance shape our daily routines along with the values and mores of any culture....

Some may think I'm way off base here but one of the goals of scripture and other holy writings is to help humanity keep its collective eyes on the ways of God and to place a lesser trust in the ways of humans... and this kind of thinking gets fleshed out in the knowledge that much of what we call the written words of God began totally in an

oral form... the open ended stories that pointed out humanity's relationship with itself along with the Creator and the Divine... lots of stories from the Bible told out loud over and over as a way to get at the daunting question in life, "*now what?*" as much of life can seem like what's next is persistently 'up in the air...' and not from 35,000 feet above... but right there staring us in the face!

Its personal and pervasive. Always. Everyone gets to play and sometimes we even get to play together... and actually it's better when we do...

Here are some examples of what I mean...

The man and the woman were evicted from the garden of God... as everyone hearing that story began to ask... "*now what?*" including the man and the woman... or Jonah when he was told by God to tell the people of Nineveh to repent... he left for the opposite direction... only to be swallowed by a big fish... forcing Jonah to ask, "*now what?*"... but he finally did go and the Ninevites did repent and the end of the story is just one big everything's still '*up in the air*' saga... Go back and check it out!

Should I go on? What about David and Goliath? What do you think David or King Saul or the Israelite army was thinking when they watched Goliath fall to his death along with the Philistine army shouting in unison... "*now what?*" See? So much of our lives are one story after another of connecting the '*up in the air*' moments that people end up talking about at family reunions and at our funerals... and... again...the Bible is full of those kinds of moments so many of us relate to... Daniel in the lion's den... or the time just before Jesus turned water into wine at the Cana wedding... or what the disciples faced at the news of Jesus' empty tomb... all pushing the connection of '*now what?*' and '*up in the air!*' Faith matters!

So... now as we face the '*up in the air*' chapter of an almost post-Covid life...unfolding in us in bits and pieces and short stories of our own...may we keep our hearts and minds on the ways of God...ways higher and so much better than our own!

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

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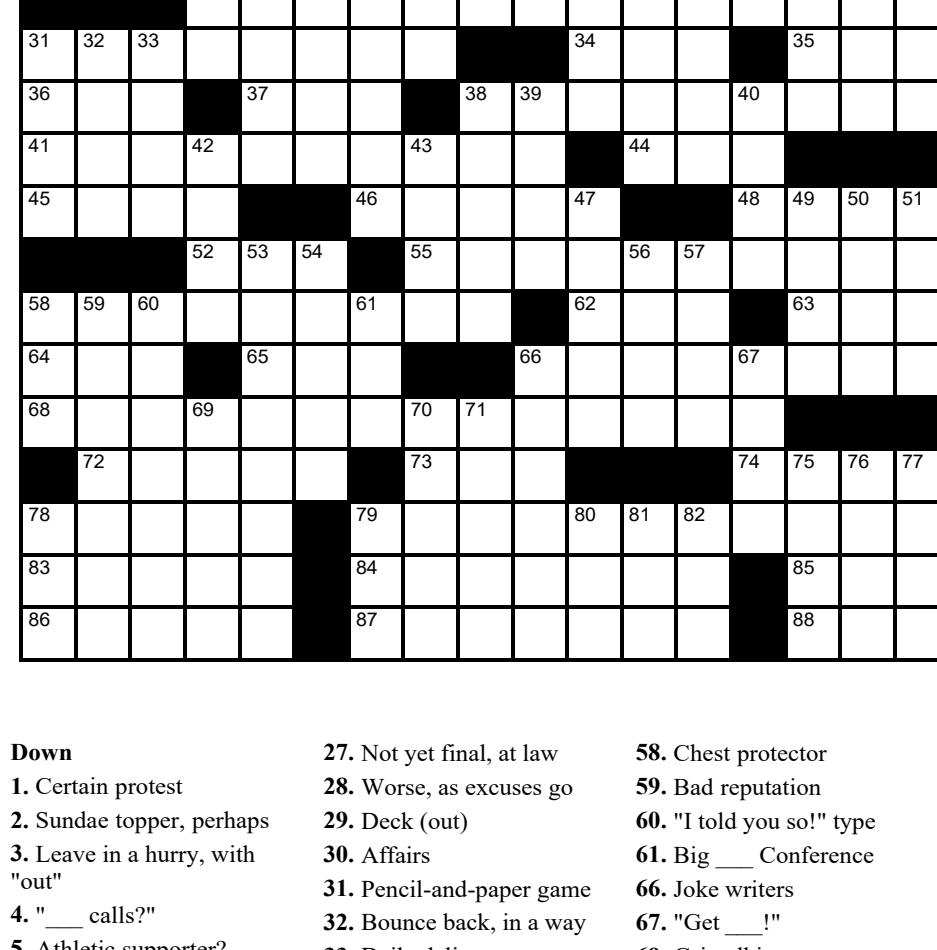


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Original Mobile Game

Across

- Coxcomb
- Kind of case
- Occupied, as a lavatory
- "__ we having fun yet?"
- Atom constituent
- Observant one
- Concur
- "So __!"
- Balsam
- Amigo
- Beach
- Sprint
- Fiendish
- Propel, in a way
- "The Matrix" hero
- Mozart's "L'__ del Cairo"
- An end to sex?
- Communicators
- April & Junes last dates
- "Concentration" pronoun
- Aria, e.g.
- Camelot, to Arthur
- Bit
- "The __ Daba Honeymoon"
- Penny pincher
- Windbags
- "Fancy that!"
- It may be boring
- "__ say!"
- Bauxite, e.g.
- 1944 Wally Brown comedy
- Device using pulleys
- Passengers
- Dust remover
- Battery contents
- Conductor's tool
- Everyday
- Change, as the Constitution
- Two-footed
- v. Wade
- "__ Johnny!"
- One way to fly
- Armageddon



Down

- Certain protest
- Sundae topper, perhaps
- Leave in a hurry, with "out"
- "__ calls?"
- Athletic supporter?
- "For shame!"
- dermatitis
- Floorboard sound
- Big name in games
- Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
- Buck naked
- At all, in dialect
- Womb-related
- Comparatively calm
- "... __ he drove out of sight"
- 100 cents
- Alan Ladd classic
- Condo, e.g.
- Not yet final, at law
- Worse, as excuses go
- Deck (out)
- Affairs
- Pencil-and-paper game
- Bounce back, in a way
- Daily delivery
- Persian potentates
- "Cast Away" setting
- Pipe problem
- Be itinerant
- "Rambling Wreck From Georgia __"
- Hoodoo
- Forbidden: Var.
- "Miss __ Regrets"
- "Amphetamine" lead-in
- Shelf supports?
- Atmospheres
- Benefit
- Unload, as stock
- Chest protector
- Bad reputation
- "I told you so!" type
- Big __ Conference
- Joke writers
- "Get __!"
- Grimalkin
- "Dieu et mon __"
- Buccaneers' home
- Quip, part 3
- Clickable image
- Act
- "__, humbug!"
- "60 Minutes" network
- "That's __ ..."
- Apprehend
- Carry on

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MADERO

Madero named Pearland ISD Director of Communications

Pearland Independent School District welcomes Cissa Madero as its new director of communications.

With nine years of experience in communication, four with Pearland ISD as a communication specialist, Madero is excited to support the department in achieving the vision of Superintendent Larry Berger. Previously, Madero served in various marketing roles, including cause marketing director with the YMCA of Greater Houston and before that as the events and communications coordinator for the Adult Reading Center.

"My vision is for our department to foster a collaborative environment in which we work together to provide the district with high quality work that we are proud of," she said. "I believe in always striving to offer the highest quality of service in a timely manner, while also focusing on building and maintaining strong relationships with our students, staff, parents and community along the way."

Madero holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil. Born and raised in Brazil, Madero made Texas her permanent home in 2013 and is proud to be a part of the welcoming community of Pearland. During her time with the district, Madero was awarded one Crystal Certificate of Merit, three best of category, nine gold medals, four silver and

four bronze certificates from the Texas School Public Relations Association.

"The communications department has the privilege of working with 23 campuses and several

departments and offers a wide variety of services, ranging from crisis communication and

event planning to content creation and storytelling highlighting student and staff achievements," she said. "My goal is for our passionate and competent team to always seek innovative, creative and effective ways to communicate and serve our district."

Water Quality Report is now available

The 2021 Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report is out now.

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is a document that provides consumers information about the quality of drinking water in an easy to read format. The CCR summarizes information that Pearland staff collect to comply with federal and State regulations.

It includes information about the source(s) of water used (i.e., rivers, lakes, reservoirs, or aquifers), chemical contaminants, bacteriological contaminants, compliance with drinking water rules, educational health information, water system contact information and public participation opportunities.

Water quality is a measure of the suitability of water for a particular use based on physical, chemical, and biological characteristics. To determine water quality, scientists measure and analyze characteristics of the water such as temperature, characteristics are then compared to numeric standards and guidelines to decide if the water is suitable for a particular use.

Standards and guidelines are established to protect water for designated uses such as drinking, recreation, agricultural irrigation, or protection and maintenance of aquatic life. Standards for drinking-water quality ensure that public drinking-water supplies are as safe as possible.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the States are responsible for establishing the standards for constituents in water that have been shown to pose a risk to human health.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is the federal agency that developed and implemented the mandate as an amendment to the Safe Drinking Water Act. It requires the City of Pearland to provide customers annual consumer confidence reports on the quality of the water delivered. More information can be found at the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act webpage.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is the state agency that oversees compliance. All public water system must generate and make available a CCR to their customers by July 1 of every year. TCEQ requirements for the CCR can be found in 30 Tex. Annually, the City of Pearland produces a water quality report covering all testing performed between January 1 and December 31 of each year. Over the years, the City has been dedicated to producing drinking water that meets all state and federal standards and continually strives to adopt new methods for delivering the best quality drinking water to residents.

As new challenges to drinking water safety emerge, Pearland remains vigilant in meeting the goals of source water protection, water conservation and community education while continuing to serve the needs of water users.

Pearland Public Works representatives are always available to assist if residents have questions or concerns about water.



CAROLYN LOWE AND MELISSA NOVAK

Lowe, Novak named Teachers of the Year

Friendswood ISD named Westwood's Carolyn Lowe as Elementary Teacher of the Year (TOY) and Friendswood High School's Melissa Novak as Secondary TOY.

Both teachers were chosen from six finalists from across the District. Once the six teachers of the year were named, it was up to the Friendswood ISD Education Foundation (FEF) to select which two teachers would move on to represent FISD for the Region 4 TOY selection process.

"We were lucky enough to have some outstanding teachers of the year from each of our campuses throughout the District," FEF TOY Committee Chair Kathryn Jenkins said. "These teachers show creativity and motivation to reach every child in their class."

Lowe is a special education inclusion teacher who is "an advocate for students to be fully included throughout their entire days at school, not just in the classroom, but in the greater school community," according to Jenkins.

"[Lowe] authentically engages her students in reaching their learning objectives and dedicates herself to finding success in each student academically and behaviorally," Jenkins said. "She also models and meets with other teachers to collaborate and help them grow in their disciplines and to consult with them about how to best support students and their needs. She values students' passions and strengths, whatever they may be, and grows those gifts. Carolyn is truly a gift to FISD."

Novak serves as the culinary arts teacher. She works with students to cater events throughout the District, hosts fun activities such as Cake Wars and operates Café Blue, a lunch program for teachers at FHS.

"[Novak] takes her CTE program to another level for her students and ensures that they make connections to real life skills, beyond cooking and hospitality," Jenkins said. "She empowers her students and focuses on learning opportunities that allow them to take ownership and showcase their leadership ability. She constantly pushes her students to identify and meet goals through innovative and authentic experiences that will benefit them in any future career choice. She is an advocate for her students, her teaching team and her program."

Congratulations to these outstanding educators and best of luck to them in the Region 4 selection.



Friendswood Historical Society seeking new docents for museum

By KAROLYN GEPHART

Reporter News Staff

The Friendswood Historical Society (FHS) is seeking new docents for the Frank J. Brown Heritage Museum.

Docents play important roles in sharing Friendswood's history. Docents must be 18 years or older.

The FHS is a non-profit organization who incorporated in the State of Texas on November 22, 1968. The membership is composed of those who appreciate the unique history of Friendswood and choose to support the Society's mission with their dues and/or their volunteer labor. The participation of former residents is also appreciated.

Their mission includes the following: to preserve and maintain Friendswood's history and heritage, to preserve and maintain the Frank J. Brown Heritage Museum in keeping with the pioneer spirit and Christian ideals of the founding families by collecting and displaying the original artifacts and personal effects of the Frank J. Brown family and other early settlers of Friendswood, Texas; to identify, preserve, support and display other historical buildings and sites that also reflect the heritage of the community; and to acquire and maintain a historical library and archive to preserve Friendswood's history.

They also work to educate the membership and the community about history through tours, lectures, seminars, printed materials and events.

Current board members include Acting President David Smith; Vice President Mel Measeles, Secretary Mary Perroni, Sally Branson, Tim McCall, Steve Rockey, David Greif, Barbara Holt, Chris McIntosh, and Matt Robinson.

Anyone interested in becoming a docent can pickup an application at the Friendswood Library and the Senior Activity Center.

THE BUDDING GARDENER

By MICHELLE THOMPSON

Preventing Heat Stressed Plants

Before last week's rainfall many Texas cities were asking residents to conserve water. We had a historically warm June for the state as a whole with little rain and higher than normal temperatures. With 30-70 percent of drinking water going to landscape needs, heat proofing the garden can make a difference.

Some pre-summer tips start with appropriate placement of plants. Research the sun, soil and water needs of any new plantings and place plants with similar needs together. Nursery identification tags offer useful information. Texas native and adapted plants are good choices as they handle our hot climate and cold winters.

Healthy plants tolerate heat stress better, require less water and pest controls. A healthy soil goes a long way in helping plants grow and increasing water holding capacity. With each new planting mix in at least one organic soil amendment like compost, shredded leaves, composted manure or organic fertilizer in the planting site. Keep up on garden tasks of weeding, thinning, pruning, deadheading and monitoring pests.

I like to top dress around my landscape plants with an organic granular fertilizer before mulch is spread. Mulch is a welcome barrier from the sun and 2-3" makes a huge difference. Mulch will help to retain moisture, increase humidity around plants and decrease the soil temperature.

Proper watering helps to minimize evaporation. Irrigation that delivers water to the root zone conserves water. Soaker hoses and drip irrigation have a ninety per-



cent availability to plants compared to sprinklers which have forty to fifty percent efficiency. Water deeply during the cool part of the day or in the early morning. Watering only the top surface creates shallow roots that get baked from the hot sun stressing the plant. Watering 2-3 times per week (in times of little or no rain) to a depth of six or more inches creates deep roots.

I find that I can conserve some water with hand watering specific areas that don't get efficient water from the irrigation system. It is usually new plantings and annuals that need a little more care as their root systems are not as deep as my established perennials and shrubs. When I see heat stressed plants, I push the mulch away from the plant and if the soil is dry I give the area a good watering, then return the mulch. When in doubt check the moisture in the soil, over watering won't help and can create new problems. Avoid wetting plant leaves when you can. The gardening principle is to avoid adding to the length of time that leaves stay wet. In our humid coastal region, this helps to reduce fungal diseases.

Containers may need more frequent watering as they get heat from all sides. Check the soil for moisture after watering. I have watered containers until they have puddled with 1-2" of water and yet after the water soaked in, I found large dry patches.

In the vegetable garden, correct watering is crucial in hot weather. Vegetables need water to produce. Tomatoes are especially unforgiving if they dry out. Going from dry to wet and back again creates problems like blossom end rot and cracked fruit.

Plants that wilt during the hottest part of the day and recover in the evening and early morning are likely suffering from heat stress. Low moisture in plants create a lack of water pressure that leads to wilting. Additional signs of heat stress include leaf rolling and cupping as plants, especially those with large leaves, try to reduce moisture loss by reducing the leaf surface. Dry leaf edges are another survival mechanism.

After the demise of several trees at the back of my property, my shade garden is no longer a shade garden. Plans for a new tree will be in the fall, but my shade loving ligularia and ferns needed some sun relief now. I provided some shade with a small patio umbrella placed in the garden. My heat stressed oakleaf hydrangea were shaded with a square tomato cage covered with wide strips of cloth. Other options include hanging shade cloth or placing a lawn chair over a heat stressed plant.

When you're out working in the garden be sure you stay hydrated as well to prevent heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

If you have a question that you would like answered by The Budding Gardener, please send them to me at TheBuddingGardener@ymca.org. Maybe your question will be selected to be answered in a future column.



YMCA Operation Backpack kicks off

For 18 years, YMCA Operation Backpack has been providing school supplies for students in Pearland Independent School District and surrounding areas, inspiring them to thrive as they start the school year. The 2022 campaign partners include The YMCA of Greater Houston, ABC13,

H-E-B and Citgo.

Making a difference is easy. From July 5 through

August 5, donate online at www.ymcaoperationbackpack.org, text "YMCABACKPACK" to 24365, or make a donation at your local HEB either in-store or online when shopping curbside.

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SPORTS

Friendswood faces big challenge for the 2022 football season

From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

A few helpful tips

On occasion - I receive some helpful tips that are useful in every day life.

On rare occasions - I receive some tips that find their way quickly in File 13 - if you know what I mean!

Some tips I receive I label: *The noise you make when you're eating soup.*

However - there are some great tips that you might not have ever heard of - so I want to share some from my File of Great Tips!

Did you know?

- Peel a banana from the bottom and you won't have to pick the little 'stringy things' off of it. That's how the primates do it.

- Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem...they ripen faster. (Saw a new gizmo at Wal-Mart that you can hang your bananas on to support this theory).

- To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in and then beat up the eggs.

- Heat up leftover pizza in a non-stick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat until warm. This keeps crust crispy - no more soggy microwave pizza.

- Easy Deviled Eggs: Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients (mayo, mustard, chopped pickles) re-seal, keep mashing it up thoroughly — cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg white. Just throw away the bag when finished.

- Here's a gardening tip: Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go. Cover with mulch and forget about the weeds. Weeds will get through plastic, but not through wet newspapers.

- To reduce static cling — pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip or inside your pants and you will not have a clingy skirt, dress, or pants.

- Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in your glove box in your car. When the windows fog - rub with the eraser...works better than a cloth.

Here are some words of wisdom:

- No one ever chokes to death swallowing their pride.

- He who burns his bridges better be a great swimmer.

- It's hard to soar like an eagle when you're dressed like a turkey.

Old friend Robert said, "We are judged by what we finish - not by what we start. If you win - say little; If you lose - say less."

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By DR. DAVID DAVIS

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Friendswood head coach Robert Koopmann enters his 11th season at the helm of the Mustang football program after taking over for former head coach Steve Van Meter who led the Mustangs for 20 years.

The Mustangs have fared well with Koopmann in charge as the veteran coach, who was the Friendswood offensive coordinator for over a dozen years before taking the reins in 2012, has advanced to the playoffs nine of the past 10 years while carving out an 84-40 overall record.

Friendswood has only missed the post-season and posted a losing record once under Koopmann and that was in 2020 when schools were dealing with COVID-19. The Mustangs finished 3-6 that season.

In 2022, the Mustangs may face one of the most challenging seasons they have had in recent memory.

The UIL realignment dealt the Mustangs to a very tough district that also will require the team to travel a much greater distance than in the past.

Koopmann and his gridiron warriors don't have the reputation of backing down from the competition as they have always accepted the challenge with great leadership and courage and that can be expected for the 2022 football season.

The Mustangs find themselves in District 10-5A Div I with nine teams which means they only get to play one non-district game before they begin league action.

The teams and their pre-season picks for the season include Manvel, Magnolia West, Richmond Foster, Angleton, Magnolia, Friendswood, Fulshear, Rosenberg Terry, and Fort Bend Kempner.

The top four teams advance to the playoffs, so the pre-season picks have no bearing on the actual playoff positions.

In 2021, Friendswood lost their first four non-district games and then the Mustangs ran the table with six consecutive wins to share the district title with Port Arthur Memorial.

So the real season begins in district play and with nine teams in the league, anything is possible.

The two non-district games for Friendswood will be against the Texas City Stingarees and the Willowridge Eagles.

Friendswood will open the 2022 football season at Texas City on Friday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.



2022 Friendswood Mustangs Football Schedule

Friday 8/26 Texas City Away
7:00 p.m.

Thursday 9/1 *Willowridge Away
7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9/10 *FB Kempner Away
6:00 p.m.

Friday 9/16 *Manvel Home
7:00 p.m.

Friday 9/23 *Foster Home
7:00 p.m.

Friday 9/30 *Magnolia Home
7:00 p.m.

Saturday 10/8 *Fulshear Away
11:00 a.m.

Friday 10/14 *Terry Home
7:00 p.m.

Friday 10/21 *Angleton Away
7:00 p.m.

Friday 10/28 OPEN

Friday 11/4 *Magnolia West Home
7:00 p.m.

*District 10-5A DI games

Texas City returns six offensive and six defensive starters to go with 30 returning lettermen from a team that was 10-2 in 2021 while advancing to the area round of the playoffs.

The Stings will have a new head coach in Shone Evans who played high school football for the Pearland Oilers and played at the collegiate



HEAD COACH - Friendswood head coach Robert Koopmann begins his 11th season guiding the Mustangs football program.



LB JAXSON RUSSO



FRIENDSWOOD SIGNAL-CALLER - Senior QB Matthew Dupuis returns to lead the Friendswood offense this season. The Mustangs have some talented returning starters that are ready to compete in a new district.

Photo by Olyn Taylor

level at McNeese State in Lake Charles, Louisiana. His brother, Anthony Evans, who was an All-State running back for the Pearland Oilers and a standout player at UH, is the offensive coordinator.

The Stings will be led on offense by junior RB Caleb Bell (5-10, 235, 4.5) who had 1,123 and 19 TDs his sophomore season.

Texas City and Friendswood have a long history as former district foes and this will be a challenge for both teams to open the season.

The Mustangs will travel to face the Willowridge Eagles on Thursday, September 1 at Hall Stadium at 7:00 p.m.

Willowridge returns six offensive and eight defensive starters to join 20 returning lettermen from a 4-5 team in 2021. The Eagles were young last season and missed the playoffs so they will have a more experienced team in 2022 that will be more competitive.

Friendswood returns five offensive and seven defensive starters with 34 returning lettermen which will give the Mustangs some depth on both sides of the ball.

The offense should display some early firepower as the Mustangs will return several skill players led by senior quarterback Matthew Dupuis, running back Jackson Rhodes (6-0, 185, 4.7) who had 148 carries and 714 yards with 8 TDs, and wide receivers Kale Koopmann (6-2, 170, 4.8) and Aiden Stokes (5-8, 150, 4.6).

Others that will make an impact on the offensive side of the ball include: TE Hunter Smyrl ((6-3, 220, 4.7) who had 32 catches for 508 yards and 2 TDs, QB/TE Brock Foster (6-4, 220, 4.8), OL Brandon Schirck (6-1, 255), OL Kyle Gardner, and WR Adam Buffington.

Defensively, the Mustangs will be a force to reckon with, especially in the early part of the season as the offense develops as a strong unit.

Senior LB Braylan Shelby (6-5, 230, 4.6) is a four-star FBS recruit who had 48 tackles, 8 sacks, and 1 INT last season. He will move around to different places on the field to disrupt opposing offenses.

LB Jaxson Russo (6-0, 225, 4.8) will also be a force to deal with as he has the skills to be disruptive in his own right. He registered 100 tackles and 2 sacks last year.

Others who will make Friendswood a strong defensive unit include: DE Caleb Allen (6-1, 185), DT Caden Spiller, LB Jaxson Oliver, CB Ben Chapman, and DB Eli St. John.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FOR FLOOD HAZARD REVISIONS

The City of Pearland Engineering Department and the City of Houston Floodplain Management Office, in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of the City's intent to revise the flood hazard information for Clear Creek and A100-00-00 (Clear Creek), generally located east of Cullen Boulevard. Specifically, the flood hazard information shall be revised along Clear Creek from a point approximately 1,610 linear feet downstream of Cullen Boulevard to Cullen Boulevard.

As a result of the revision, the 1% annual chance water-surface elevations decrease. The floodway and 1% annual chance floodplain shall narrow within the area of revision.

Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the City of Pearland Engineering Department located at 3519 Liberty Drive Pearland TX 77581 or the City of Houston Floodplain Management Office located at 1002 Washington Ave. Houston TX 77002. Interested persons may call the City of Pearland Engineering Services Department at (281) 652-1600 or the City of Houston Floodplain Management Office at (832) 394-8854 for additional information.

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2022 Pearland Oiler Football Camp

Date: Monday, July 11th through Wednesday July 13th, 2022

Ages: Camp is for 1st grade through 8th grade students.

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Pearland ISD Stadium

Cost: \$95.00 (Payment Collected on the first day of Camp)

Campers will need: Athletic shorts, Cleats, and water

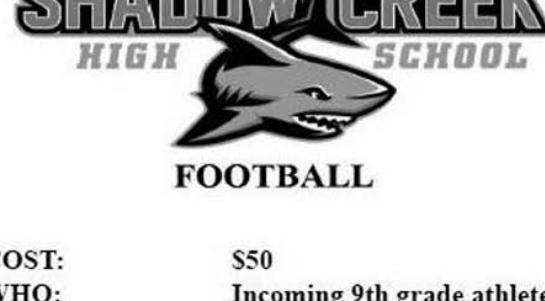
Scan QR code to register online



[Email Registration Form](#)

Coach Gotte: gottew@pearlandisd.org

The Pearland Oiler football camp is designed to teach young players the basic fundamentals and techniques of the game. Our goal is to provide a fun, competitive atmosphere where our campers can learn and improve the skills of the game so they have a solid foundation for the future.



2022 FOOTBALL CAMP

July 26, 27, 28

COST: \$50
WHO: Incoming 9th grade athletes at SCHS
DATES: Incoming 7th and 8th grade athletes zoned to SCHS
TIME: Tuesday Jul 26 - Wednesday Jul 27 - Thursday Jul 28
LOCATION: Shadow Creek HS Athletic Facility and Fields (Kirby Entrance)

We would like to invite you to join the Shadow Creek Football Staff for the 2022 SCHS Football Camp. We are excited to have the opportunity to work with you. Campers will benefit from three days of fundamental instruction and drill work. This camp is a great asset to you before the 2022 season begins.

Online payment available June 1 – July 24 www.myschoolbucks.com

Registration and payment are due the first day of camp.

After July 25 Cash or check payable to Alvin ISD Athletic Dept.

Native Plant Society to discuss prairies

By KAROLYN GEHPART

Reporter News Editor

How Does Your Prairie Grow will be the speaker's topic at the Clear Lake Chapter Native Plant Society of Texas July Chapter Meeting July 11 at 6:30 pm.

The Business meeting begins at 6:30 pm and the speaker begins at 7 pm. The meeting is presented online.

Registration is required in order to receive the information needed to join the meeting online. <https://uhcl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtdCupz0jGdzZZkhi6NzQXKOrTzKVRTOC>. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Iris Poteet of the Coastal Prairie Conservancy will deliver the keynote for the meeting and will focus on native and non-native plants found in the coastal prairie landscape. She will offer discussion on selectively working to control non-native invasive species.

Poteet serves as a board member for the Coastal Prairie Conservancy, formerly

known as Katy Prairie Conservancy. Since 1999, she has devoted volunteer efforts to preserving the Katy Prairie.

After a 34-year banking career, she retired in 2017, joined NPSOT and completed levels 1 & 3 of its native landscaping program.

As a Texas Master Naturalist since 2018, Poteet focuses her advanced training and volunteer hours on all things prairie, and devotes most of her time at CPC's Katy Prairie Preserve.

The meeting will be hosted by the Environmental Institute of Houston, University of Houston-Clear Lake

The Native Plant Society of Texas is a non-profit organization run by volunteers who work through local chapters around the state to preserve our rich biological heritage for future generations.

The Clear Lake Chapter of the Native Plant Society focuses on promoting the benefits of native plants. The Chapter continues to strive for a diversified membership, and stand for inclusivity through education, outreach and example.



Sally Branson of Friendswood held her first meeting of H-GAC as board chair June 21. She is joined by William H. King III who received a special resolution for service and H-GAC contributions, and H-GAC Executive Director Chuck Wemple.

Branson to serve as H-GAC Board Chair

At the Houston – Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Board of Directors meeting on June 21, Sally Branson of Friendswood held her first meeting as the new board chair.

Branson is also a Friendswood City Council member.

At the meeting Judge Trey Duhon of Waller County was sworn in as Chair-Elect.

H-GAC members presented a resolution

to Mayor Pro Tem William King, III as a

recognition for his distinguished service and

contribution to the H-GAC region. King is

the immediate past chair of HGAC.

H-GAC is the regional organization

through which local governments consider

issues and cooperate in solving area wide

problems. Through H-GAC, local govern-

ments also initiate efforts in anticipating and

preventing problems, saving public funds.

The 13-county H-GAC service region is

growing, becoming more diverse, and con-

stantly changing.

In order to address the needs of citizens

and businesses, local governments are pro-

viding leadership to guide regional devel-

opment wisely and manage change construc-

tively.

In other H-GAC news, the communica-

tions team received the 2022 Public

Relations Society of America Houston's

Government Communications Team of the

Year Award. The H-GAC Communications

Team consists of Meagan Coughlin, APR,

communications and outreach director;

Ashley Seals, communications manager;

Keith Garber, principal outreach coordi-

nator; Crystal Thomas, outreach specialist;

Stephanie Sanchez; communications coor-

dinator; Robyn Egbert, outreach coordi-

nator; Alexandria Brock Watson, MBA, com-

munications coordinator; and Kristina

Michel, senior writer and editor.

Achievement Awards are presented each

year to various organizations from all over

the country to recognize excellence in pro-

grams and services of regional councils and

metropolitan planning organizations

(MPOs). H-GAC's Public Services depart-

ment won the National Association of Re-

gional Councils (NARC) 2022 Achievement

award in recognition of H-GAC small busi-

ness assistance.

For more information on H-GAC contact

them at 713-627-3200.

KPB's YEC wins State award

By KAROLYN GEHPART

Reporter News Editor

Youth members of the Keep Pearland Beautiful Youth Environmental Council program brought home a special award from the 55th Annual Keep Texas Beautiful conference held in Austin recently, Director of KPB Operations Lenora Tollefson and YEC alumna Alexis Reyes spoke on an educational panel during the event. The YEC members of KPB brought home a state award.

They won the 2022 KTB Ruthe Jackson Youth Organization Award which was presented to the KPB Youth Environmental Council Program.

In 2021, as the schools went virtual and social distancing was a must in the community, the council voted to create social media committees to educate followers on environmental issues/activities.

The KPB TikTok was created and more videos were added to their YouTube channel.

Other YEC members researched and created social media posts for Facebook & Instagram.

Members participated in YEC socials that focused on picking up litter at three local parks, collecting over 106 pounds of litter. This gave members an opportunity to get to know each other while maintaining social distance during an uncertain time.

Members felt the need to have these social events to get members' minds off things unknown and find time to relate with each

other, to help with their mental health.

YEC members also participated in KPB volunteer events and a collection drive at each High School campus. Diverting over 400 pounds of textiles and 165 pairs of shoes from the landfill.

YEC members from 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years were recognized for their service and contributions to KPB and KTB.

Director of Operations Lenora Tollefson, has managed the YEC program since 2017, and refers to the members as her "Big Kids."

Also representing KPB at the conference, Lenora Tollefson and YEC alumna Alexis Reyes spoke on an educational panel during the event.

Keep Texas Beautiful is a network of dedicated Texans working together to make the state the best place to live, work and play. They equip local partners and affiliates with the tools they need to build vibrant, engaged communities.

Founded in 1967, Keep Texas Beautiful has 55 years of experience deploying resources for local clean-up, recycling and youth engagement activities. Everything they do is focused on preventing litter and mobilizing volunteers to take action across the state.

Participants will hear from representatives of the city, WEDC, and the developers. The event will conclude with a brief walking tour of downtown. Breakfast and networking begin at 9:30 am and program begins at 10 am.

H-GAC hosts quarterly roundtables to help local governments, chambers of commerce, and economic development interests promote the economic revitalization of downtown areas.

Waller City Hall and Civic Plaza is located at 1218 Farr, Waller.

For more information, contact Andrea Tantillo at andrea.tantillo@h-gac.com.

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