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# **Around Town**

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY DATE NITE Stanfield Properties Food Truck Friday Date Night has been rescheduled for Friday, Nov. 11 from 6 to 9pm at 807 S. Friendswood Dr. Food trucks will include Rolling Republic BBQ, Chops! Shop Texican Gourmet and Angie's Cake Balls. Special music by Patty O'Beers. Open to the public.

## **Nov. 12 FALL HAUL**

Fall Haul City Wide Cleanup is set for Saturday, Nov. 12 in Centennial Park from 7 am to 2 pm. Sponsored by Keep Friendswood Beautiful and the City of Friendswood, the clean up event is open to Friendswood residents only.

## FAMILY BOARD NIGHT

Friendswood Library presents Family Board Game Fun on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 3pm to 5pm. Clue, Life, Uno, Skip-Bo, Battleship and more! All ages welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

## Nov. 14

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program is hosting its annual Veterans Day Celebration on Monday, Nov. 14 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Friendswood, Activity Building, 416 Morningside Drive. The Friendswood community is invited to attend this special celebration, meant to honor and celebrate all those individuals who have served our country and their families. The day will start with a small ceremony honoring our flag and listening to special guests sharing their experiences. A meal will follow the ceremony. If you would like to submit a picture or story of your veteran loved one, please forward to seniorprogram@ friendswood.com. For more information call 281-482-8441.

#### Nov. 15 **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Join the Friendswood Library at Family Fun Night on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 6:30pm in the Community Room for Library Mini Golf. Hit a hole-in-one with golf clubs made from up cycled items. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

## Nov. 17

STRING MUSIC

Friendswood Library presents an evening of string music with Cadenza Suzuki Studio on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7:00pm. Open to the public. The library is located at 416 S. Friendswood Dr.

## Nov. 17-20

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) Basic Women's Self Defense Class is slated for Thursday, Nov. 17 through Sunday, Nov. 20 at Hope Lutheran Church, 1804 S. Friendswood Dr. A 4 day, 15 hour women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance while learning the basics of hands-on defense. \$25 per person. Must be 12 year+. To register contact Officer Jason Ives at 281-996-5048 or Jives@friendswood.com.

## Nov. 19

CBHS BAND HOLIDAY MARKET Clear Brook High School hosts Holiday Market benefitting band from 10am to 4pm at 4607 FM 2351 in Friendswood.

COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST The Friendswood Community Prayer Breakfast monthly meeting is on third Saturday, Nov. 19 from 7:30am to 9:00am at Friendswood Church of Christ, 2051 W. Parkwood, Friendswood. All are invited for the breakfast, the program by Tony Hopkins, and a time of prayer around the tables. For more information or to RSVP please call or text the Steve Martin Sr. at 832-607-1734. Breakfast is \$5.

## Nov. 22

CBHS BAND HOLIDAY MARKET The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program is hosting a Thanksgiving Potluck on Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 11:00am 1:00pm at the Friendswood Activity Building, 416 Morningside Dr. To register to attend email seniorprogram@friendswood.com.



# **FHS Head Football Coach Robert** Koopmann announces his retirement

On Friday, Nov. 4 before the start of the Friendswood High School football game, Friendswood ISD honored Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Robert Koopmann as he announced his retirement beginning in January 2023. Coach Koopmann has been shaping athletes for 38 years, 29 of which have been in FISD. He has served as Head Coach for more than a decade with a 64% winning percentage and 17 playoff game appearances.

Coach Koopmann has lived by the words "show up and do the work" which has shaped the many athletes he has coached.

His many accomplishments include leading the Mustangs to finish in the top 10 every year for the UIL Lone Star Cup Championship, being awarded the

Houston Chronicle 5A "Chron Cup" Championship for most outstanding athletic department in the Houston area in 2013-2014, repeat winner of the Houston Touchdown Club football "Sportsmanship Award," 2013 Houston Texan "Coach of the Week," 2017 Galveston Daily News "Coach of the Year," 2019 Dave Campbell's Texas Football 5A "Coach of the Week," 2-time District Coach of the Year and overseeing 32 District Championship titles since dropping back to 5A.

Though he has many fond memories throughout his time as a coach, Koopmann said he finds that coaching his son Kale has been the most special. In his retirement, Coach Koopmann said he looks forward to having his Fall weekends free to spend with his family.

## **Council hears update** on town meeting By KAROLYN GEPHART

Reporter News Staff

Friendswood City Council members were "replaced" temporarily at their regular meeting Nov. 7. Second graders from Westwood Elementary stepped in as part of Kid's Council.

The City of Friendswood's Kids' Council for a Day allows students to step up to the dais to replace the Council and staff in order to take part in a mock governance simulation. The second graders declared Nov. 8 as Westwood Elementary School Day in Friendswood.

The Mayor signed a proclamation declaring the day as theirs. He highlighted the excellent teachers, support staff and parent volunteers that make up the learning community as well as the students whom he said were engaged learners and "bucketfillers."

In other Council news, the City Manager Morad Kabiri, shared events the Parks Department would be hosting. These include Veterans' Day for the Senior Program Nov. 14, Blue Santa Softball Tournament Nov. 19, Holiday Lighted Trail which will be turned on Thanksgiving night, Christmas Fairy Hunt in Stevenson Park beginning Nov. 19, Senior Center thanksgiving Potluck Nov. 22, Holidays in the Park Dec. 2, 9, 16, Flap Jack Fun Run Dec. 3, Santa in the Park Dec. 3, and Breakfast with Santa at the Senior

An update was also presented regarding the upcoming Town Hall meeting on the development of the conceptual plan for the Stevenson Park parking lot

The second of three Town Hall meetings took place Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6 pm. Approximately 30 residents of Friendswood were in attendance along with 10 FISD students sharing their thoughts and ideas on the proposed project. All meetings are open to the public. The third and last meeting will have the presentation of conceptual plans with up to three park site plans based on public engagement and comments.

# FHS students get published in world's largest book

By KAROLYN GEPHART

Friendswood High School has 25 artists featured in the largest published book in the

world which showcases stories, poems and artwork all about the Lone Star State. The publication is the I Am Texas Book. The Phillips 66 I Am Texas Book Signing and Gala took place Saturday, Nov. 5 at the

Hilton Americas in Downtown Houston. Mistress of Ceremonies was Deborah Duncan along with New York Times Bestselling Illustrator Christopher Eliopoulos.

Six of the FHS students were chosen as the





top 25 artists to be featured in this 7-foot book, and four of the FHS students had pieces that were auctioned recently at the gala at the Hilton Americas.

Top 25 State art finalists from FHS include Julia Bukowski, Colton Green, Jacy MacKenzie, Alberto Orta, Isabel Ramirez and Kamryn Phillips. MacKenzie, Orta, Ramirez and Phillips had their work sold at auction.

Other FHS featured artists include Mariana Aguilar, Shriya Alli, Rebecca Barton, Presten Baumer, Samantha Delany, Amorette Garcia, Abigail Guest, Qingyang Li, Soobin Lim, Leslie Nunez, Hannah Nichols, Kennedi



**ALBERTO ORTA** 



Penn, Autumn Potter, Claire Radtke, Katy Romine, Zoe Sharp, Kayla Slaton, Vivian

Tang, Leah Webb, and Tiana Vo. iWRITE Literacy Organization and The Bryan Museum announced the 1,000 student winners all from third to twelfth grade whose writing or artwork will be in I Am Texas. The 7 ft. book was published to be the largest book in the world by kids, earning a Guinness

World Records<sup>TM</sup> title. The publishing contest, sponsored by H-E-B, gave students the opportunity to enter short stories, poetry and artwork that would tell their Texas story. Participants included 72 school districts and thousands of students across the state of Texas.

According to iWRITE sources, the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation gave book grants in the amount of \$5,000 each to the top three schools with the most participation and to 15 additional classrooms in the amount of \$250 each.

The 1,000 winning authors and illustrators came together for the gala. The I Am Texas book will become a part of the New York Times bestselling author and illustrator team Brad Meltzer and Chris Eliopoulos' Ordinary People Change the World Series.

"We hope to inspire kids to become true leaders and the heroes in their own stories. That's why we created books like I Am Sacagawea and I Am Neil Armstrong and why we are excited to release I Am Texas with 1,000 kids this fall," Meltzer said.

FHS art teachers are Mandy Harris and Mary Wise.

"It was so exciting for our students to make history and be a part of this collaborative project which plays a big part in our Texas story, today and in the future," Wise said.



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## PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

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

## Thursday, Nov. 3

Theft was reported from a building on Manvel Road at 4:15 a.m.

An arrest for assault by physical contact family violence was made at 4900 block of Meadowglen Drive just before 7 a.m.

A man arrested for theft on Smith Ranch Road at 11:15 a.m. was found to have previous convictions.

An arrest for assault of a family member was made at 1:21 p.m., 2500 block of Sunlight Lane.

A woman was arrested for assault of a family member causing injury at 5 p.m. on Worthington Drive.

A vehicle was reported stolen at 6 p.m., 12300 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia was made at 8:16 p.m. at 1700 block of Main St.

## Friday, Nov. 4

A 36-year-old Alvin man was arrested for indecency with a child at 8:43 a.m., 2800 Pearland Parkway.

An arrest was made for theft of service at 12:48 p.m., 11800 block of Broadway St.

Arrests for engaging in organized criminal activity and evading arrest were made around 3:30 p.m. at 700 N. San Jacinto St.

A man was arrested and charged with violating occupational driver's license, 3600 block of Broadway St.

A shoplifting arrest was made at 8 p.m., 12600 block of Broadway St.

#### Saturday, Nov. 5 Criminal mischief was

reported at 12:18 a.m., 7400 block of Newport Lane. An arrest for possession of

drug paraphernalia was made at 3:13 a.m., 10900 block of Shadow Creek A criminal investigation

was conducted at 12:46 p.m. in the 1700 block of Main A man was arrested for

assault by threat/family vio-

lence just before 9 p.m.,

3100 block of Centennial Village Drive. A shoplifting arrest was made at 1710 Broadway St.

## at 10:19 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6

An arrest for DWI was made at 12:44a.m. at 2200 block of Pearland Parkway.

An arrest for assault by physical contact/family violence was made at 1 a.m., 1900 block of Garden Road. An arrest for unlawful car-

rying of weapon was made just before 2 a.m., 13900 block of South Freeway. An arrest for DWI was

made at 1:39 a.m., 6200 Sumac Drive.

An arrest for assault by physical contact/family violence was made at 1:42 a.m., 3500 block of Broadway St.

An arrest for unlawful carrying of a weapon was

made at 1:48 a.m., 15800 HomeTown

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South Freeway.

A DWI arrest was made at 1:52 a.m. at 2200 Pearland

An arrest for unlawful carrying of a weapon in a prohibited place was made at 1:56 a.m., 13965 South Freeway N.

A DWI arrest was made at 2:10 a.m., 9600 block of Summer Breeze Drive.

3300 block of Aspenbrook Court at 4 a.m. made arrests for assault causing bodily injury and public intoxica-

ing bodily injury was made at 3:33 p.m., 1000 Broad-

7:34 p.m., 1900 Pearland Parkway.

burglary of a vehicle at 11:37 p.m. was found to have more than two prior convictions for the same offense, 700 N. San Jacinto.

a.m. in the 300 block of Helmsley Drive charged with assault by contact/family violence.

a.m. at 12501 Broadway St. was charged with assault by physical contact.

Pearland Parkway. A referral to Adult

Protective Services was made at 10:16 a.m., 2400 block of Colleen Drive. Vehicle was stolen from

Fraudulent use of identifying information reported at 4 p.m., 1400 block of

Fraudulent use of identifying information reported at 6:36 p.m., 13600 block of Silent Walk Drive.

South.

## FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT **OCTOBER 31 thru NOVEMBER 7**

## **BURGLARY** Nov. 2 (7:19 p.m.) A vehicle

parked at Bales Intermediate, 211 Stadium Lane, was broken into while the victim attended a baseball game at Renwick Park. The victim's purse, wallet, and a firearm were stolen. The front passenger window was smashed to gain entry inside the vehicle. The burglary occurred between 6:20 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. At 8:10 p.m., a suspect attempted to use a stolen credit card at a Kroger location.

Nov. 5 (5:38 p.m.) A vehicle burglary occurred at Prim-rose School located at 1409 S. Friendswood Dr. on Nov. 2 at approximately 5:30 p.m. The victim left her cell phone and credit cards inside her vehicle as she stepped inside the day care center for just a couple of minutes. Security cameras captured the burglary. A black SUV, possibly a Nissan Rouge or Murano, stopped behind the victim's vehicle. A male exited the black SUV and was seen entering the victim's vehicle.

Oct. 31 (9:05 p.m.) An an individual at the Chase Parkwood Ave. to sell a computer. The transaction OfferUp website. The viccashier's check instead of that the cashier's check was ley on OfferUp and is described as a black male, in

Huffy brand mountain bike with a cupholder attached to the handlebars.

Nov. 5 (11:01 p.m.) A Friendswood officer stopped into a local convenience store in the 2200 block of south Friendswood Dr. while on duty. The officer was speaking with an emand turned on her overhead lights to initiate a traffic stop. The vehicle failed to stop and continued down FM 518 towards League City. The League City Police Department was contacted and assisted with putting out spikes at Hobbs Rd. and Main St. just before I-45. The vehicle ran over the spikes and continued onto the I-45 southbound feeder. Officers were able to contain the vehicle in the 2300 block of the southbound Gulf Freeway just before Hwy 646. Once the vehicle stopped, the suspect refused to exit the vehicle, citing

## of Hitchcock. The Galves-

stance in Penalty Group 1. Morales is accused of assault his girlfriend at a home in the 16600 block of Avenue. Bend Forest Morales was found in possession of a glass pipe and

is accused of assaulting his girlfriend. An assault by was charged with Frauducontact warrant is being filed with the Municipal

> Nov. 6 (6:36 a.m.) A 32year-old Friendswood woman was charged with Assault by Contact and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The suspect is accused of assaulting her stepfather at a home in the 3700 block of Laura Leigh Lane. At the jail, the woman was found in possession of

# **DRIVING WHILE**

INTOXICATED Nov. 4 (4:48 a.m.) A 50year-old Friendswood man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 2900 block of FM 528. He was stopped for speeding and exhibited signs of intoxication including the smell

## failed a field sobriety test. WEAPON OFFENSE

McNair, 37, of Dickinson, was charged with Unlawful Carrying Weapon. McNair was stopped for speeding in the 2000 block of W. Parkwood Avenue.

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## began occurring within the ployee at the store when they mentioned that a female had been walking around the store just prior to

the officer's arrival and appeared homeless. At the time of this conversation, the employee noticed his vehicle being stolen and advised the officer. The officer caught up to the vehicle

**THEFT** 

Alvin man agreed to meet Bank located at 255 W. was set up through the tim agreed to accept a cash. He later discovered fraudulent. The suspect goes by the name of Micah Bradhis 20s, with black hair.

porch of an apartment located at Bay Meadows Apartments, 17201 Blackhawk Blvd. The theft occurred between 7:50 p.m. and 8:10 p.m. The bicycle is described as a black and white

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**54.** Exemplars of twinship

57. Barely make, with "out"

**62.** "Unimaginable as \_\_\_\_ in

**58.** Cornmeal concoction

53. Drive off

60. "Thanks

**61.** Maltreat

**68.** Airy

70. Arise

for short

71. Coaster

Heav'n": Milton

**73.** Victorian, for one

75. French vineyard

**76.** "\_\_\_ Maria"

77. \_\_\_ gestae

74. Certain digital watch face,

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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 5. Nearly 11. Lilac, e.g.
- 16. It holds a yard
- 17. Compound applied to
- windshields in winter 18. Knight's "suit"
- 19. Introduced by a
- conjunction 22. Aristotelian final cause
- **23.** 30-day mo. 24. "Guilty," e.g.
- 25. 10 kilogauss
- 26. The "p" in m.p.g. 29. "I see!"
- 31. "20/20" network
- agreement, a pact between governments 36. Hacienda hand, maybe
- **37.** Feudal lord 38. Who "ever loved you
- more than I," in song **39.** Driver's lic. and others
- **40.** Many, many moons **41.** Churchill's "so few": Abbr.
- 43. Jocks' antitheses 44. Climate between temperate and torrid
- **47.** More fitting **50.** " rang?"
- **51.** Fraternity letters **52.** Ceiling
- 55. Bakery offering **56.** Some tournaments
- **58.** Whimper **59.** Fear of 13
- **63.** In-flight info, for short **64.** "Is that \_\_\_?"
- 65. Animal house **66.** "A Lesson From "
- 67. Actor O'Shea **69.** Aged
- 71. Draft holder
- 72. Desk reference for
- multiple years
- **78.** " words were never spoken!"

79. Deviate

80. "Soap" family name

81. Medicinal plant 82. Clothed 83. Brews

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19

## 2. Made tight

Down

3. Carcinogenic fireproofing

1. Dash lengths

- 4. Fruity German bread 5. Annexes
- 6. "Fantasy Island" prop 7. Time div.
- 8. Mozart's "L'\_\_\_ del Cairo"
- 9. "La Scala di \_\_\_\_" (Rossini
- **10.** Boring tool 11. "Do the Right Thing"
- pizzeria owner **12.** "Dammit!"
- 13. Digital mimic 14. Part of a bridle

- 21. Jam
- 26. Sharp
- 28. Reassembled
- 33. Amorphous shape
- **34.** Acquire
- 40. "I found it!"
- 46. Astrological transition point
- 48. Curtain
- 49. Dress rehearsal 52. Three-dimensional

Police summoned to the An arrest for assault caus-

DWI arrest was made at

A man arrested at 4:42

ered in the 2500 block of

the 2200 block of O'Day

Pineash Court.

DWI arrest with open alcohol container, 8:36 p.m., 16700 South Freeway

# The Original Mobile Game

# 58

# 15. Excessively sentimental

25. Dakota's dwelling

expressions

20. Big laugh

- 27. Party time, maybe
- **30.** Dyes
- 35. "O Sanctissima," e.g.
- **42.** haddie (smoked fish) 44. Adjusts, as a clock 45. Cross
- 47. Cracks

## Solution available online at myreporternews.com

A man was arrested for

Monday, Nov. 7

A man arrested at 4:16

Stolen property was recov-

Road.

Nov. 2 (8:35 p.m.) A bicycle was stolen from the front

## bond was set at \$120,000. **FRAUD** Oct. 31 (2:35 p.m.) Michael Covell, 46, of New Jersey,

that there was an explosive

device in the vehicle. Offi-

cers were eventually able to

remove the suspect from the

vehicle without incident.

The suspect was later identi-

fied as Natasha Mealer, 28,

ton County District Attor-

nev's Office accepted

charges for Unauthorized

Use of a Motor Vehicle and

lent Possession/Use of Credit or Debit Card. Kevan Henry, 23, of New York, was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Henry was stopped for a traffic violation that occurred in the 100 block of Pecan Drive. The officer

had prior information that the vehicle Henry was driving was seen going to various banks, providing fraudulent identity, and withdrawing money from victims' accounts. The occupants denied consent to search the officer, so the officer deployed his K-9

vehicle. Nov. 2 (3:58 p.m.) A Friendswood woman's identity theft protection program alerted her to someone attempting to open a bank account in her name. Due to

card and a notebook con-

taining personal information

of a person not inside the

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accounts including withdrawals and transfers.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** Nov. 4 (11:06 p.m.) Officers responded to a disturbance at Cheers Pub located at 502 N. Friendswood Drive.

the fraud protection, the

Nov. 6 (1:12 p.m.) A

Friendswood woman was

scammed into providing her

username and password to

multiple personal accounts.

After the information was

provided, fraudulent activity

account was declined.

When officers arrived, the bartender told police that she refused to continue service a customer who became upset and assaulted another

customer. The victim was assisting the suspect into an Uber when the suspect punched the victim in the face and broke his glasses.

Officers were able to identify the suspect and went to his home in the 800 block of Hackberry. He refused to cooperate with the investigation. A municipal court

summons will be issued for

the suspect charging him

with assault and an arrest warrant will be issued charging the suspect with criminal mischief. **ASSAULT** Oct. 31 (6:38 p.m.) Dominic

was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury to a Family Member and Possession of a Controlled Sub-

Morales, 26, of Houston,

**Evading Arrest or Detention** methamphetamine. Nov. 1 (8:48 a.m.) An with a vehicle. Mealer's assault was reported at a residence in the 3500 block of Firenze Drive. The suspect

# methamphetamine residue.

partner. The K-9 gave an alert for the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. During the search, the officer found THC oils, marijuana residue and passport of alcohol on his breath. He

# Nov. 5 (4:45 p.m.) Terrance

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# Holiday Tour to offer Fieldcreek home with Yours, Mine & Ours

Meg Crowley and husband Rich Delgado are opening their home in Fieldcreek in Friendswood for the upcoming Heritage Gardeners' Christmas Home Tour Nov. 19-20. Their theme is *Yours, Mine and Ours*.

Before they got married, they decided to keep Rich's house but totally remodeled the home, including removing a kitchen wall to open up the living space.

Between the two of them there are three grown children and two grandchildren. The home has special meaning to them as Meg and Rich got married in the home. They married in March and March 2023 will be their 7th anniversary. They were introduced to each other by one of Meg's neighbors in her former neighborhood. Between the two of them there are three grown children and two grandchildren.

Rich has lived in Friendswood for 25 years and in the current house 20 years. Meg has lived in Friendswood 10 years. Friends are helping Meg and Rich decorate the home and the theme of Yours Mine and Ours will definitely be seen throughout the lovely home.

One of the upstairs bedrooms has pictures and furniture memorable to Meg including photographs of her childhood home and photographs of her mother, grandmother, great g'ma and great-great g'ma all on their wedding day wearing the same pearl necklace.

The bedroom Rich is decorating has memorabilia of his skydiving trips includ-

suits that will be displayed on the bed. He is working on a tree that will display his skydiving medals. Megan's (Meg's daughter), bedroom will feature a Tiffany inspired tree with turquoise colors and white pearls. home to greet tourgoers.

As a special treat, Santa will be at the

The Christmas Home tour also has three more private homes and the three local museums. Museums include the Frank Brown Museum, the Perry Home and the Friendswood Schools Museum where the theme will be a Mustang Christmas. The Brown Museum and Perry Home will be decorated in period style of each.

"Life and Soul" Health Fair is a free

community health fair serving the resi-

dents of Houston and neighboring cities.

The 10th annual health fair this year will

be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 8am to

12Noon at Sai Primary Care-New Life

Plaza, 3945 CR 58 (cross of Hwy 288 and

CR 58), Manvel. It is organized by Love to

Share Foundation America, a non-profit

community organization that brings

At the garden clubhouse at 112 W. Spreading Oaks, there will be a Holiday Market with shopping that offers the perfect gifts and stocking stuffers for all ages. Shopping is free and runs from 9 am to 4 pm each day.

A Holiday Bakery will answer all your needs for what to serve at Thanksgiving as well as offering delicious treats to nibble and/or share with others.

The raffles are big and exciting this year. Raffle tickets as well as tour tickets will be on sale at the clubhouse.

Tour tickets are also on sale now at businesses around town now.

Free Flu Shots, Vision, Hearing Screenings and

more at Life and Soul Health Fair on Nov. 19



The home Meg Crowley and her husband Rich Delgado is one of the homes on the upcoming Heritage Gardeners' Christmas Home Tour Nov. 19-20. Their theme is Yours, Mine and Ours.

## Area districts land on school rankings

By N. BRADFORD

Pearland ISD ranked No. 4 in among 47 Houston area school districts and No. 24 among 1,018 districts statewide by Niche, a real estate research website that recently released its nationwide Best Public Schools

The site also issued letter grades to districts based on a mix of public data and surveys. Pearland ISD was among only four Houston area district to receive an A-plus; the others were Friendswood, Katy and

Individual Pearland ISD campuses that ranked high on the Houston area rankings included Silvercrest Elementary at No. 18 and Shadycrest Elementary among elementary campuses; Berry Miller at No. 17, Pearland Junior High East at No. 21 and Rogers Middle School among Best Public Middle Schools and Dawson High at No. 16

for Best Public High Schools in the Houston Metro Area.

Alvin ISD, which was ranked No. 117 statewide and received a grade of A-minus, landed at No. 9 in the rankings for Most Diverse School Districts and at No. 13 for Best School Districts for Athletes.

Founded in 2002 as Collegeprowler.com, Niche has since expanded to provide insights and reviews of K-12 schools, cities and neighborhoods nationwide.

The site also ranks schools in individual counties. Of the 16 public high schools in Brazoria County, Dawson is ranked as the No. 1, followed by Turner College and Career High at No. 2 and Pearland High at No. 3. Alvin ISD campuses Crosby High, Shadow Creek High and Manvel High landed at No. 4,5 and 6, respectively.

Complete rankings are available at



Registration for these screenings and for flu shots will be available a week prior to the event at www.lovetosharefounda**tion.org**. Walk-ins are also welcome.

ing, Dental Screenings,

Thyroid Ultrasound and

Blood Pressure.

CPR and Stroke education classes at the health fair will be organized by Indian American Nurses Association of Greater Houston. The Rose center will register eligible participants at the event for Screening Mammograms. Both insured and uninsured participants can sign up for this screening which will be held the first week of Feb 2023.

Free flu vaccines will be offered to the first 120 participants 6 months and above. Free bike helmets will be given away to educate the public about preventing head injury. Flu Vaccines and Bike Helmet giveaways are made possible by Texas Medical Association's Vaccines Defend What Matters Program and Hard Hats for Little Heads Program.

General Practitioners and several specialty consultants will be available to answer any questions.

Sponsors include Grand Sponsors -Walmart and Texas Medical Association. Other sponsors of the event are HEB,

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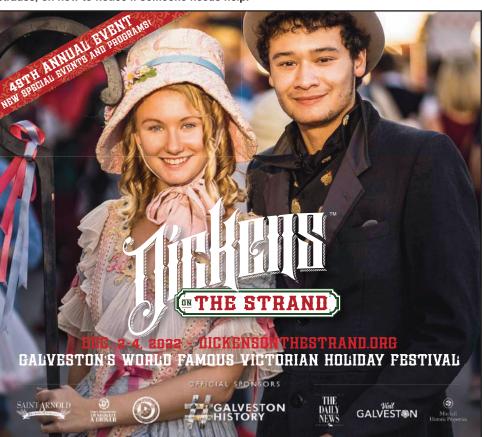
Several community volunteers and volunteers from Love To Share Foundation America will serve at the event in addition to local school students from Dawson High School, Shadow Creek High School and Nolan Ryan Junior High. Student volunteers will be eligible for community service hours. Please check out the web page www.lovetosharefoundation.org for more information.

For further information or to make a tax-exempt donation, please call 281-402-6585.



Student Leaders Attend Mental Health Training

Wednesday, Nov. 2, more than 40 junior high and high school student leaders attended a mental health and suicide awareness training. Representatives from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) and Youth and Family Counseling Services (YFCS) presented to the group. Here Berry Miller 8th grader, Sophia Ledee, discusses with AFSP representative, Dr. Ned Strauss, on how to notice if someone needs help.





# SPORTS



# Hastings **Fumbles** Ball

Pearland's Cole Anderson (20) and Lazarus Range (22) force a fumble by **Hastings Omar Abdule** (12) which was recovered by Range. The Oilers thrashed the Bears 59-7 in the final game of the regular season. Pearland (6-4) will face the Dickinson Gators (7-3) on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the 6A Region III Div I bi-district playoffs at The Rig.

Photo by Olyn Taylor

# Pearland routs Hastings 59-7, playoffs next

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

It's not how you begin but how you finish, and the Pearland Oilers finished the 2022 regular season with a 59-7 win over the Alief Hastings Bears for a 6-4 overall record. Now, the Oilers will ride into the Class 6A Region III Div I playoffs with a three-game winning streak and the post-season for the 23rd straight year.

Pearland will face the Dickinson Gators on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the 6A Region III Div I playoffs at The

The Oilers closed out the regular season under new head coach B.J. Gotte with a positive statement while building momentum in the next step of the season.

"I was very pleased with how we wrapped up the regular season with our best all-around performance," Gotte said. "This season we have talked at length about controlling our ability to execute at a high level and play clean football in all three phases regardless of our opponent."

Pearland did just that against Hastings in the blowout victory. Hastings surprisingly scored with ease on the first possession of the game going 75-yards in seven-plays to score on an 8-yard run with 9:41 left in the first quarter for a 7-0

The Oilers would outscore the Bears 59-0 for the rest of

It took Pearland only three plays to tie up the game as senior running back Kennedy Lewis went 59-yards on a scoring pass from QB Jackson Hamilton to even up the score 7-7 with 8:33 left in the opening period.

With 1:44 remaining in the first quarter, Pearland would score again as Lewis crossed the pay station on a 7-yard run to make the score 14-7.

At the beginning of the second quarter, Zander Winters would recover a Hastings fumble at the Bears 29 and the Oilers would score on a Hamilton 12-yard scoring pass to Evan Gracia with 8:19 left in the second quarter for a 21-0

After the ensuing kickoff to the Bears, the Pearland defense would be back in the end zone as Jaden Wincher intercepted a pass and returned it 26-yards for a score with 7:14 left in the second frame for a 28-7 lead.

The Oilers would add one more score before the end of the first half when sophomore running back LaDamion McDowell would score on a five-yard scamper for a 35-7

"I felt that after the first drive of the game, we settled in and played up to our capabilities," Gotte said. "It was also a special night to get to see all of our seniors contribute on the field, because as a coach, you always love to see your players get excited for others on game night."

The Oilers would score 24 more points in the second half Friday."

in the 59-0 rout of the Bears.

Hamilton would throw two scoring passes to Patrick Bridges covering six-yards and then hit Christian Pitts on a 15-yard scoring toss to make the score 49-7 with 2:22 left in the third quarter.

Junior kicker Jackson Stagg, who hit 7-for-7 extra points for the game, booted a 34-yard field goal early in the fourth period to make the score 52-7.

The final Pearland score came on a 19-yard scoring pass from junior QB Cole Morkovsky to senior wide receiver Bryson O'Neal to put the finishing touches on the 59-7 final

Hamilton was 9-of-14 passing for 149 yards and four touchdowns while Morkovsky was 4-for-4 passing for 51 yards and one TD.

McDowell had seven carries for 107 yards and one TD while Lewis had 49 yards on nine totes.

Pitts had three catches for 43 yards and one score while O'Neal had three grabs for 42 yards and a TD and Lewis had one reception for 59 yards and a score. Bridges added two catches for 22 yards and a TD.

"We now move on to the third and final phase of our season, with a home playoff game vs. Dickinson," Gotte said. "It is time for us to take the experiences and lessons learned throughout the season and use them to be at our best on

# Dawson takes care of Alvin to advance to post-season

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

Mustafa Reporter News Staff

The Dawson Eagles had already punched their ticket to the playoffs before facing Alvin, but head coach Mike Allison wanted to continue the momentum the Eagles had established. Dawson beat Alvin 42-20 to end the and 6-1 in district.

Dawson will face the Clear Falls Knights (8-2) on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m. at CCISD Veterans Memor-

ial Stadium in League City. For the 13th straight year, the Eagles will advance to the post-season as well has having never had a losing season since Dawson opened in 2007.

The game started out with a bang for Dawson as the Eagles scored on the

second play of the game. QB Colin Johnson found an opening in the Alvin defense and raced 32-yards untouched to the end zone to give Dawson a 7-0 lead with only 15 seconds gone in the

The Eagles followed that play with an on-side kick that was recovered by

Dawson at the Alvin 49. Dawson went on a 7-play, 49-yard drive that was capped off with a 13yard scoring dash by Bryce Burgess. Ayden Treadaway added his second PAT and the Eagles had a 14-0 advantage at the 9:27 mark of the opening

period. Alvin finally got their first possession of the game and scored on a 12yard run by Dayshawn Peterson. The PAT was good and the Yellowjackets closed the gap to 14-7 with 3:30 remaining in the first quarter.

The Yellowjackets returned the favor as they recovered the on-side kick at the Dawson 41. Four plays later and Peterson found the end zone again, this time on a 31-yard run with 1:45 left in the explosive first quarter. The Jackets missed the PAT leaving the Eagles with a 14-13 lead.

Dawson would take control of the game by adding three more scores before the end of the first half.

Bryce Burgess would sprint to the goal line on a 22-yard scoring run to cap off a 91-yard, 9-play drive with 10:29 left in the second period for a 21-13 lead.

Following an Alvin punt, the Eagles would begin their next scoring drive at the Alvin 40. It would take only five

2022 regular season with a 6-4 mark

SCORING JAUNT - Dawson senior quarterback Colin Johnson breaks loose for a 32yard touchdown run vs Alvin on the second play of the game. Johnson also had an excellent night in the pocket, throwing for 153 yards and three touchdowns as the Eagles finished off the regular season with a 42-20 victory over Alvin. The Eagles will go on the road for the playoffs, starting with the Clear Falls Knights at CCISD Veterans Memorial Stadium on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Dawson vs. Alvin **OFFENSE** Tyler

Wheeler OL Wheeler gave a great effort and exhibits a positive attitude, shows a willingness to

Pearland vs. Alief Hastings

Yousaf DB Yousaf shows a strong work ethic and has been an unselfish teammate all season

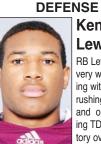
SENIOR **PLAYERS OF** THE WEEK

**DEFENSE** 

step in whenever

**OFFENSE** Matthew Lumpkin LB Lumpkin registered eight total tackles, one sack, and two QB pressures in the victory vs.

Alief Hastings



Kennedy Lewis

RB Lewis played very well finishing with one rushing score and one receive ing TD in the victory over Alief

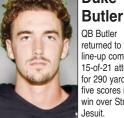


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**PLAYERS** OF THE **WEEK** 

Shadow Creek vs. Strake Jesuit **OFFENSE** Duke Robert



QB Butler returned to the line-up completing for 290 yards and five scores in the win over Strake

Edmonson disruptive Shark six tackles, two tackles for loss

defense recordina

**HOUSTON AREA** CHEVY DEALERS

## See EAGLES, Page 5

# **SPORTS**



TOUCHDOWN GRAB - Friendswood senior Hayden Crowson (81) catches a 33-yard touchdown pass from QB Matthew Dupuis to cut the lead by Magnolia West to 15-13 at halftime. Unfortunately, the Mustangs came up short 22-19 in the final game of the

# Magnolia West edges Friendswood in Koopmann's final game

By DR. DAVID DAVIS

has announced his retirement.

It won't be the same next year when the 2023 high school football season kicks off for the Friendswood Mustangs as head coach Robert Koopmann, who has been roaming the sideline as an assistant coach, and for the past 11 years as the head coach

Koopmann has been with the Mustangs for a total of 29 years. He concludes with a 79-46 overall record as the head coach from 2012-2022. The Mustangs, who were competing in one of the toughest 5A districts in the state, finished 4-6 this year and will miss the post-season.

Knowing they wouldn't be extending their season, the Mustangs still rallied to make an effort to finish strong and to attempt to send Koopmann out with a win. Though the Mustangs came up short, Koopmann still ended his coaching career at Friendswood with a team of winners as the Mustangs always displayed a no-quit attitude that exemplified the trait taught by Koopmann.

"That's our season. We're just a bunch of hard-working dudes," Koopmann said. "Those little mistakes add up, but man, we got after a good football team."

Magnolia West scored first on a 1-yard plunge by Terry Daniels for a 7-0 lead. The score was set up by a Friendswood fumble on the first snap of the game giving West the ball at the Friendswood 27-yard line. Nine plays later resulted in the first score of the

Another turnover plagued Friendswood as West blocked a punt after forcing the

Mustangs to a three-and-out on its next series. Caylon Dygert blocked the punt and scooped up the ball for a 12-yard scoring return. Dygert also scored the two-point conversion giving West a 15-0 lead with :15 seconds left in the first quarter.

But the Mustangs weren't going away as they scored on the ensuing possession. Quarterback Matthew Dupuis orchestrated a 78-yard, 14-play scoring drive capped off by a 32-yard catch-and-run from Dupuis to tight end Hunter Smyrl to cut the lead to 15-6 following the missed PAT.

The Friendswood defense held West on their next series and the Mustangs went on another scoring drive as Dupuis fired a laser to Hayden Crowson for a 33-yard scoring strike to close the gap to 15-13 that stood at intermission.

Key plays in the scoring drive were pass completions to Walker Winters for 14 yards and Smyrl for 26-yards.

Friendswood came out in the second half and took the lead on a 1-yard plunge by Winters for a 19-15 advantage following the missed two-point conversion with 1:12 left in the third.

The touchdown was set up with a great catch by Smyrl for a 48-yard gain.

With 4:51 to play in the game, Magnolia West got a score on a 3-yard run by Kai Alcoa-Disdier to reclaim the lead 22-19 which would be the final score.

With the victory, Magnolia West (7-3 overall, 5-3 district) sewed up the No. 4 playoff seed from 10-5A Div I and will meet Ball High on Friday in the bi-district round of the UIL playoffs.

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plays to find the pay station as Johson hit Joseph Brown on a 23-yard scoring strike to make the score 28-13 with 5:35 left in the second quarter.

The final score of the first half came on a scoring pass from Johnson to Braylon Howard covering 12-yards with 1:04 remaining before intermission to make the

Each team would score in the second half as Dawson scored on a pass from Johnson to Josh Gillis-Henry for a 24-yard touchdown to make the score 42-13 with 3:06 left in the

Alvin scored with 10:00 left in the fourth quarter to close the gap to 42-20 which would stand as the final score.

Johnson was 11-of-16 passing for 153 yards and three scores while rushing for 29 yards on four carries and one TD.

Bryce Burgess had 11 carries for 119 yards and two TDs.

Gillis-Harry had three catches for 40 yards and a TD; Jaeden McCleskey had two grabs for 26 yards, Brown had one catch for 26 yards and a score, and Gage Greene had one grab for 32 yards.

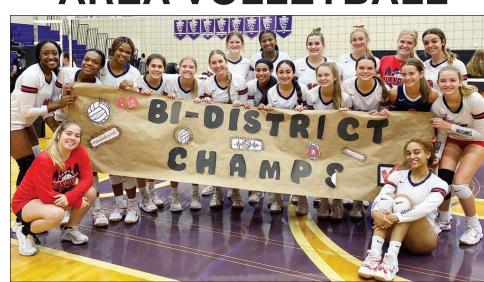
The Shadow Creek Sharks defeated the Strake Jesuit Crusaders 56-21 to close out the season with a perfect 10-0 record. Tylik Burton rushed for a Shark touchdown against the Crusaders. The Sharks will now advance to the Class 6A Region III Div II playoffs where they will host the Brazoswood Buccaneers in the bi-district round on Friday, Nov. 11 at Freedom Field at 7pm. Photo by Michael McManus

**SHARK TOUCHDOWN** 



Houston Texans rookie running back Dameon Pierce (31) picks up yardage vs the Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday night football. Pierce had a career night with 27 carries for 139 yards, including a 36-yard jaunt. Despite the great showing from Pierce the Texans weren't able to keep up as Philadelphia pulled away in the fourth quarter, with Houston falling to the undefeat-

**AREA VOLLEYBALL** 



DAWSON ADVANCES - The Dawson Lady Eagles advance to the Class 6A Region III quarterfinals after defeating Brazoswood 3-0 (25-16, 25-11, 25-23) and Deer Park (20-25, 17-25, 25-23, 25-20, 15-9). The Lady Eagles were down two games to Deer Park but rallied to win the next three in a hard-fought 3-2 match. Dawson will now face Summer Creek.



PEARLAND ADVANCES - The Pearland Lady Oilers won their Class 6A Region III bi-district and area round volleyball games to advance to the region quarterfinals. Pearland opened the postseason with a sweep of Clear Falls (25-11, 25-20, 25-10) in the bi-district round and a sweep of Kingwood (25-22, 25-18, 25-24) in the area round. The Lady O's will face Clear Springs in the

# FHS Swim sails to team win with a new 500 Freestyle record

On Thursday, Nov. 3, Friendswood High School Girls and Boys 5A Swim teams defeated Barbers Hill High School at the first hosted meet of the season. The team scores are for girls were FHS with 376 points and BHHS with 42 points. Boys' scores were FHS with 259 points and BHHS with 78 points.

Notably, sophomore swimmer KK LeBlanc broke her previous 500 Freestyle Mustang record with a time of 5:07.38.

The first and second place relay results are as follows:

Girl's 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - Lauren Tillman, Peyton Becker, Andi Jeanes and KK LeBlanc; (2nd) Friendswood - Hallie Ratcliff, Erin Voelker, Paige McCray, Olivia Esbeck.

Girl's 200-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Hallie Ratcliff, Olivia Esbeck, Erin Voelker, Lauren Tillman; (2nd) Friendswood - Emmie Ratcliff, Lacey Drouet, Amelia Morgan, Alex Linden.

Girl's 400-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Andi Jeanes, Edi Jakob, Peyton Becker, KK LeBlanc; (2nd) Friendswood - Brooke Hubenak, Amelia Morgan, Paige McCray, Alex Linden.

Boy's 200-yard medley relay: (1st) Friendswood - Marshall Odom, Hardt, Jordan Lane and Talon Welch; (2nd) Barbers Hill - Cooper Stanford, Colton Walker, Kyle Fontenot, Brenton Vaughan.

Boy's 200-yard free relay: (1st) Friendswood - Andrew Rubio, Talon

Welch, Chayton Budzik, Marshall Odom; (2nd) Barbers Hill - Cooper Stanford, Colton Walker, Kyle Fontenot, Brenton Boy's 400-yard free relay: (1st)

(2nd) Friendswood. - Noah Givens, Luke

LeCompte, Cooper Barden, Austin

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Friendswood - Hayden Holcomb, Paul Podrebarac, Joshua Sakahara, Nick Hardt;

Individual places - Top 3 finishes by

order of event (yards): Girl's 200 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Paige McCray (2nd), Julia Rupp (3rd)

Boy's 200 Free: Hayden Holcomb (1st),

Girl's 200 Individual Medley: Edi Jakob (1st) Brooke Hubenak (2nd).

Nathan Jennings (2nd).

Boy's 200 Individual Medley: Talon Welch (1st), Paul Podrebarac (2nd).

Girl's 50 Free: Peyton Becker (1st), Lauren Tillman (2nd), Hallie Ratcliff (3rd).

Boy's 50 Free: Joshua Sakahara (1st), Andrew Rubio (2nd), Cooper Barden (4th). Girl's 100 Butterfly: Andi Jeanes (1st),

Boy's 100 Butterfly: Nick Hardt (1st),

Erin Voelker (2nd), Alex Linden (3rd).

Lane Jordon (2nd), Hayden Holcomb (3rd). Girl's 100 Free: Lauren Tillman (1st), Hallie Ratcliff (2nd), Amelia Morgan (3rd).

Boy's 100 Free: Marshall Odom (1st), Joshua Sakahara (2nd), Chayton Budzik

Girl's 500 Free: KK LeBlanc (1st), Paige McCray (2nd), Edi Jakob (3rd).

Boys' 500 Free: Noah Givens (1st), Auston Madeksho (2nd).

Girl's 100 Backstroke: Oliva Esbeck (1st), Emmie Ratcliff (2nd), Julia Rupp

Boy's 100 Backstroke: Marshall Odom (1st), Talon Welch (2nd), Nathan Jennings

Girl's 100 Breaststroke: Peyton Becker (1st), Erin Voelker (2nd), Andi Jeannes

Boy's 100 Breaststroke: Nick Hardt (1st), Chayton Budzik (2nd), Landon Drouet & Noah Givens (Tied 3rd).

The Mustang Swim and Dive Team is coached by Head Coach Craig Sikkema and Varsity Assistant Bonnibeth Smith. FHS Swim thanks the meet officials, parent volphotographers and FISD unteers. Leadership for their ongoing support.

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## **LEGALS**

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Pearland ISD will be accepting Competitive Sealed Proposals for its Property and Casualty Insurance coverage. A proposer's questionnaire may through the District's https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net. Completed Questionnaires must be submitted by 2:00 p.m., November 28, 2022. All proposers will be qualified and insurance companies will be assigned. Proposals must be submitted prior to 10:00 a.m. January 2, 2023. The District's current coverage expires January 31, 2023.

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CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Pearland Purchasing Division, 3523 Liberty Dr., until 2:00 PM on Wednesday November 30, 2022, and all bids will be read aloud via virtual meeting. Interested parties may join meeting by calling: #281-652-1775; Meeting: #1790, Access Code: #0971 on that date for:

### ITB 1122-18 Staffing Study Services

Bid forms, specifications and all necessary information may be obtained from the following website: https://pearland.ionwave.net. Vendors are encouraged to return the bid response electronically using the City's e-bid system, but may submit by hard-copy, with either manner due by the closing date and time stat-

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at Council Chambers located at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581 at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 17, 2022. See bid solicitation for virtual link option if preferred.

register on the City's e-bid should https://pearland.ionwave.net. Once registered on the City's e-bid system, bid documents may be viewed on the site. If further assistance is needed, please email ebids@pearlandtx.gov no later than 5:00 PM Friday, November 18, 2022, and refer to RFP 1122-18. Bid Closing Date: 2:00 PM on Wednesday. November 30, 2022.

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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, December 1, 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 Public Hearing in the Council Chambers at Pearland City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas,

1. ZBA APPLICATION NO. VARZ 22-19: A request by Mandy Niscavits, owner, for three (3) variances as permitted by the Unified Development Code,

- 1. a reduced front landscape buffer in lieu of the required 30' buffer by the Corridor Overlay District (Section 2.4.5.1(c)(2));
- 2. a reduced landscape buffer along the east property line of a nonresidential use that has a side or rear contiguous to any residential use or residential zoning district (Section 4.2.4.1(a)); and
- 3. a reduced landscape buffer along the west property line of a nonresidential use that has a side or rear contiguous to any residential use or residential zoning district (Section 4.2.4.1(a)).

Legal Description: Being the east 181 feet of Lot 2, Block 5, Herridge Miller Subdivision of 102 acres of land (unrecorded), situated in the H.T. & B.R.R. Company Survey, Section 5, Abstract 237, Brazoria County, Texas General Location: North of McHard Road and East of Hatfield Road.

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

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#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** CITY OF BROOKSIDE VILLAGE

The City of Brookside Village plans to apply for Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG MIT-MOD) program(s) from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and is soliciting proposals to provide administration and/or planning services for CDBG contract(s), if awarded. Please electronically submit your proposals in .pdf format via email at ghundl@cobvtx.org and crodriquez@cobvtx.org. Proposals must be received by the City of Brookside Village no later than 4:30 pm on November 23, 2022 to be considered. The City of Brookside Village reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s). Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. Brookside Village is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por peticion.

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#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CITY OF BROOKSIDE VILLAGE

The City of Brookside Village plans to apply for the upcoming Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG MIT-MOD) programs from the Texas General Land Office (GLO). Accordingly, the City of Brookside Village is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering/ Architectural Firm (individual/firm) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the City of Brookside Village in its application preparation and project implementation of a CDBG contract(s). if awarded, to support eligible activities in the City of Brookside Village. Please electronically submit your SOQs in .pdf format via email to ghundl@cobvtx.org and crodriguez@cobvtx.org. Statements of Qualifications must be received by the City of Brookside Village no later than November 23, 2022 at 4:30 pm to be considered. The City of Brookside Village reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Vendors are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Brookside Village is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por peticion.

# FAITH MATTERS

By Rev. Dr. Brian Gigee

# **GREAT EXPECTATIONS**

"So now Israel, what do you think God expects from you? Just this: Live in his presence in holy reverence, follow the road he sets out for you, love him, serve God, your God, with everything you have in you, obey the commandments and regulations of God that I'm commanding you today—live a good life." - Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Here's an old Hebrew story to make us think...

There was a rabbi whose days were long with having not much life left in him. His name was Yeshua... the name we would say out loud as... 'Joshua!' A new and younger rabbi had now been chosen to walk with Yeshua in his final days to meet the people and to learn of the details of daily life in the synagogue. They talked of many things... the old and sacred things of God and the things of what was to come.

'Has this been a good life for you, rabbi?' asked the younger scholar. 'Yes, o yes!' Yeshua responded quickly and with a certain sense of satisfaction filled with a confident hope... 'that's good,' the young rabbi replied. 'Yes, it is...' torted back Yeshua... 'yet, I have just one worry.' The younger rabbi looked stunned but heard the concern in Yeshua's voice. 'What are you worried about? That when you die and stand before God you will be asked... why weren't you more like Abraham?' Yeshua glanced back then lowered his head... saying... 'no, not that.' 'Are you worried God will ask you why you weren't more like Moses or one of the prophets?' the young rabbi continued... 'No, I'm not worried about that, either?' said the dying old man... 'I'm worried that when I stand before God... I will be asked... why weren't you... Yeshua?'

Great expectations. We all have them. God does, too, it seems. From as far back as parents were having children... there was always a hope their child would be... somebody... be known... do good... and be remembered as someone who made a difference... a recipe' for both frustration and failure if I ever heard one and it took until my mid-20's to finally learn my level of frustration was always equal to and as high as my level of expectation and the only way to reduce my frustration was to lower my expectations.

Whoah! And when it comes to expectations... I can honestly admit that those of my parents along with my expectations of self... tacked to the holy expectations for us all... are not so much unique, and varied but not that different at

My parents wanted me to have a better education than they did. I wanted to play college basketball. So, I came to Texas. God wanted me to be a preacher and the only way to make that happen was to get me to Texas and introduce me to people who would encourage me to go to seminary and eventually be a pastor. On the other hand... my grandmother wanted me to be happy... so maybe we're all winners here in this re-telling...but it must be said...many of my fraternity brothers are still talking... almost fifty years now...asking..."what was God thinking...?"when answering the question.. 'is Gigee still a preacher?' Faith matters.

We all disappoint God... all of us... despite our tapping into the ways of God to make life much more manageable... yet... I suspect that's been the case since the man and the woman tried to be God and the people of Babel tried to build a tower to get to God. But, even so... God does not lower the expectations. Why? The Bible over and over says... "God will get it done for us..." my paraphrase of a combination of many verses on both sides of Malachi and Matthew... God's great expectation reflecting eternal love and grace and providing just cause for Jesus to come into the world... God in the flesh... God in human form to accomplish in dying what we cannot do and even refuse to do for ourselves... and then there's this... Jesus told his disciples something good for the world... "treat others as you want others to treat you!" (Luke 6:31) ... the greatest expectation of all!

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



## Quakers Landing HOA Receives KFB Grant

Quakers Landing Home Owners Association (HOA) is this year's recipient of the Keep Friendswood Beautiful (KFB) Matching Grant project. Kaye Corey, KFB's Beautification Committee Chair, is shown with Lillian Wilson, member of the Quakers Landing HOA, and KFB Chair, Patty Steinke. "They did an great job on updating their entrance beds with new flowers, mulch and irrigation," Corey said. For more information on KFB's Matching Grant Program, contact Kimberly Ramirez at 281-996-3219 or kramirez@friendswood.com. The grant application will be available February 2023 on their website at www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/414/Grant-Incentive-Program.

# Seniors to host Veterans Day event

Monday, Nov. 14. The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program is hosting the annual celebration.

The event is scheduled from 11am to 1pm at the Friendswood, Activity Building. The Friendswood Senior Citizen Community is invited to attend this special celebration, meant to honor and celebrate all those individuals who have served their country and their families.

The day will start with a small ceremony honoring the

Veterans Day Celebration in Friendswood will be on flag. Special guests will follow sharing their experiences. Following the ceremony, a catered meal will be served, sponsored by Gina's Italian Kitchen & Pizzeria.

Anyone who would like to submit a picture or story to be shared of a veteran loved one, please forward to seniorprogram@friendswood.com. For more information or to have questions answered, call 281-482-8441.

The Activity Center is located at 416 Morningside Drive in Friendswood.

# Friendswood seniors to host Thanksgiving potluck

The Friendswood Senior Citizen Program is hosting a Thanksgiving Potluck on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at the Friendswood Activity Building.

The City of Friendswood Parks & Recreation and the Senior Citizen Program are celebrating blessings and friendships with the community from 11 am to 1 pm.

Turkey and dressing will be served from Kelley's Country Cookin' sponsored by Jeter Memorial Funeral Home.

Those wanting to attend should register in advance and let the Senior Program staff know what favorite side dish or dessert they will be bringing.

> To register for this event, stop by the Activity Building or send an email at seniorprogram@friendswood.com.

For more information regarding this event, or any of their other activities call at 281-482-8441.

The Activity Building is located at 416 Morningside Drive in Friendswood.

## Registration now open for Flapjack Fun Run on Dec. 3 Registration has opened for this

year's in person Flapjack Fun Run scheduled for Dec. 3 beginning in Stevenson Park. To register for the run, walk or partic-

in the KidsK Friendswood.com/register.

The Kid's K for ages 12 and under begins at 8 am with the 5K Fun Run/ Walk starting at 8:20 am.

Friendswood City Hall from 8 am to 5

Packet pickup will be Dec. 2 at

Entry fees are \$35 for Kid's K, \$45 for 5K Walk and \$50 for 5K Run. The day of the race all entry fees increase by

Participants receive a race shirt, special sweatband, custom sticker, custom event Flapjack socks, Flapjack 5K & Kid's K Finisher Medals, and a

Whataburger Pancake Breakfast. Stevenson Park is located at 1100 S. Friendswood Drive in Friendswood.

