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Around Town

SEPTEMBER 20

CROCHET TOGETHER

At the Friendswood Library on Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. A few simple crochet patterns, yarn, and hooks will be available. Or bring your own hand work project (e.g. knitting, needle point, sewing, embroidery, cross stitch). For adults and young adults. Crochet beginners are welcome.

ADULT ESL CLASS

Practice your English conversation skills with Martha on Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Friendswood Library. This is an in-person program. No registration needed.

ELECTRONIC MUSIC MAKERS MEETUP

Bring your laptop and midi controller, tablet, or synthesizer to the Friendswood Library from 7 to 8:30pm. We will pass the aux cable and share what we are working on. Mingle and network with other computer musicians. Come hone your craft with like-minded creatives or just come and hang out!

SEPTEMBER 21

GENEALOGY ROUNDTABLE

Meet with fellow genealogists to share ideas and insights, and work through your stubborn research problems. Beginners are welcome. Meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Friendswood Library from 2-3pm.

SCRABBLE NIGHT

Get scrabbulous at the Friendswood Library from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Community Room.

SEPTEMBER 22

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Friday is the last day to register for the Friendswood Adult Kickball League and the Adult Slow Pitch Softball League. Don't miss this opportunity to join a team or start your own. Sign up online at friendswoodsports.com.

THRILLING BOOK CLUB

New book club that will read and discuss thriller and mystery books. Print and electronic copies of the books will be available for checkout. This week we will be discussing No Exit by Taylor Adams

ADULT ESL CLASS

Practice your English conversation skills with Vineet on Fridays from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Friendswood Library. This is an in-person program. No registration needed.

FRIDAY NIGHTS LIGHTS

The Friendswood Mustangs will face off against Richmond Foster High School at Traylor Stadium in Rosenberg, TX this week. The game starts at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at friendswoodfootball.org.

SEPTEMBER 23

DRAWING WORKSHOP

The Friendswood Library is hosting a Drawing Workshop for adults led by Irina Varentsov from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Improve your skills or try something new. Feel free to bring your current project. Come draw together. This workshop is for art lovers. Bring your pencils and paper.

THE PEARL PRESENTS

The Pearl Theater, 14803 Park Alameda, presents "The Revolutionists" by Lauren Gunderson at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased an hour before show time. Final performance is 3 p.m. Sunday. Call 832-459-4674 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 25

CHESS NIGHT

Come enjoy a friendly game of chess at the Friendswood Library on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:30. The library provides some chess sets, and patrons are welcome to bring their own. This event is for all ages. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. No fees and no registration required.

Gattis to be honored at 2023 Distinguished Alumni Banquet

Dan Gattis, Friendswood High School Class of 1986, applied what he learned in FISD to a future of leadership through the state of Texas. Gattis is one of four to be awarded the title of 2023 Distinguished Alumni by the Friendswood High School Alumni Association.

At a special banquet showcasing the group, Gattis will be recognized for his many accomplishments since high school.

He graduated from Texas A&M in 1990 with B.S. in Agricultural Economics. While there he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and the Ross Volunteer Company and served as President of the Class of 1990.

He received his J.D. degree at South Texas College of Law in 1993. He served as the Assistant County Attorney and the Assistant District Attorney of Williamson County before opening his own practice, the Gattis Law Firm in 2003.

From 2003-2011 he also served as State Representative in the Texas House of Representatives. As representative, he worked on several committees including the House Appropriations Committee and the Budget Conference Committee, where he was the writer for the main health and welfare budget. He was Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Chair for budget and oversight to the House Natural Resources Committee, and a member of the Joint Committee on State Water Funding and Select Environmental Flows Advisory Group. He also served on the House Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform, attending hear-

ings with officials and taxpayers throughout the state.

Gattis has been recognized with many awards including the 10 Best Legislators by Texas Monthly Magazine in 2005; Fighter for Free Enterprise by

Texas Association of Business; Legislative Excellence Award by Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers in 2023; Million Dollar Advocates Forum 2017 to the present and National Trial Lawyers Top 100 2020 to the present.

Currently, he is the owner of the Gattis Law Firm in Georgetown where he represents landowners in condemnation and imminent domain matters. He also manages his family ranch in

Jonah and has a ranching business raising Red Angus and Beefmaster cattle as well as registered quarter horses. His involvement in the agriculture industry includes executive committee work for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Federation of State Beef Councils. He is on the board of directors of the Texas Beef Council and the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Gattis and his wife Shana have three children, Sterling Jack, Carson Marie and Kenedy Sue.

The other three alumni being honored at the Distinguished Alumni Banquet at Golf Crest Country Club in Pearland October 5 include Cheryl Bouillion, William Gillespie and Tony Hopkins.

The event is under the direction of the Friendswood High School Alumni Association. To become a sponsor, or to purchase a table or single tickets, visit friendswoodalumni.org.



Dan Gattis

Mustang Water Polo Teams Face Tough Opponents at the Spring Branch Invite

By: Friendswood ISD Communication Department

The Friendswood High School Water Polo teams were back in action playing excellent teams from Memorial and Stratford High Schools this past Saturday, Sept. 16. The girls were victorious in both games winning 11-5 versus Memorial and a real nail-biter beating Stratford 9-7.

The FHS boys team had a difficult day, losing 4-14 in the Memorial game. Their second game against Stratford ended at halftime due to lighting with a

score of 1-9. The Mustangs were prepared to make a big comeback, but the opportunity was nixed due to the weather.

Up next, both teams will travel to Brazoswood to face last year's State-winning boys team and State runner-up girls team on Tuesday, Sept. 19, for their second district contest. The girls game starts at 5pm and the boys will play at 6pm. The Mustangs district record for both boys and girls is 1-0.

The Head Water Polo Coach is Craig Sikkema, who is assisted by Crissy Kemp and Shawna Lewis.

Friendswood edged by Manvel in district opener for both teams

By Dr. David Davis

In the opening District 10-5A Div I game between Friendswood and Manvel, fans were treated to a number of big scoring plays but overall, both teams were inconsistent on offense and had to depend on their defenses for most of the contest.

For Friendswood, the meat of the district schedule will only get harder in the weeks ahead as the Mustangs seek to make the post-season.

"Right now, we can make the big plays; I think chopping up the game and being able to sustain some drives (is key)," said Friendswood head football coach Jordan Johnson, whose Mustang offense got nearly half of its 223 total yards on the night on two long touchdowns. "We're a couple drives away right now from being pretty special, and that's something we're working toward, and that's something we'll eventually accomplish."

"We fight really hard on defense, and our guys fly around and make plays, and they do it for 48 minutes and believe in each other. I'm really proud of that."

The teams traded punts through the first half of the opening quarter until Friendswood's Landon Davis intercepted a Manvel pass on

their second possession.

Davis returned the ball 39-yards to the Mavs 7-yard line, but the offense was unable to score a touchdown, so the Mustangs settled for a 21-yard field goal by Reagan Rudolph for a 3-0 lead with 5:52 left in the first quarter.

The Mavericks took a 6-3 lead at the 9:37 mark of the second quarter, capping an 11-play, 62-yard drive with a 10-yard touchdown run by Dillon Boone but missed the PAT.

Friendswood wasted little time responding to the Manvel score as they took the ensuing kickoff to their own 33 -- and two plays later quarterback Brock Foster hit Adam Buffington on a 64-yard catch and run for the touchdown with 8:55 left in the second period. Rudolph hit the PAT and the Mustangs reclaimed the lead 10-6.

Manvel then marched 56 yards on six plays — sparked by a 22-yard pass from QB Romin Seymour to WR Patrick Lewis and a 27-yard screen catch and run from Jerry Sweeting — and concluded the drive with an 8-yard TD run by Boone for a 13-10 lead at the 7:16 mark of the second quarter.

With 3:37 remaining in the first half, Friendswood took a 17-13 lead into the dressing room after Foster hit TE Abebe Noah on a pass

in the middle of the field covering 37-yards for the score. The PAT was good.

While shutting Friendswood out in the second half, Manvel's offense, which had its own struggles, got the go-ahead score on a 9-yard touchdown run by Lewis with 1:29 remaining in the third quarter to end an eight-play, 74-yard drive making the score 20-17.

A fourth-quarter defensive stand gave the Mustangs great starting field position at the Mavs' 40-yard line with 44 seconds remaining in the game for a final chance to potentially win or tie the game.

However, a sack stymied the drive, and a final deep pass from Foster came achingly close, just glancing off the receiver's fingertips as time expired that would have given the Mustangs a miracle win.

"There are some things we need to work on as a program that we can't do right now, but we will be able to do," said coach Johnson. "And when we can do those things, it's going to make a big difference."

The Mustangs (2-2 overall, 1-1 in District 10-5A-I) will be back on the road at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22 for a game against Richmond Foster (0-4) at Traylor Stadium in Rosenberg.

Friendswood Junior High Presents: A Midsummer Night's Dream

By: Friendswood Junior High Theatre

Friendswood Junior High is thrilled to announce its upcoming production of William Shakespeare's timeless classic, A Midsummer Night's Dream, set to enchant audiences on September 26 and 27, 2023, in the prestigious Friendswood Junior High Auditorium.

A Midsummer Night's Dream promises to be a night of laughter, love, and theatrical wonder for audiences of all ages. The production features a talented cast and crew of young actors who have dedicated their time and energy to bring this beloved Shakespearean comedy to life.

In the mystical forest of Athens, prepare to meet a mischievous Puck, star-crossed lovers, and a troupe of amateur actors who are determined to put on the performance of a lifetime. With whimsical characters, enchanting scenery, and Shakespeare's legendary wit, this production is not to be missed.

Do not miss the chance to be a part of the magic and witness the talent of Friendswood Junior High's budding young actors. Mark your calendars for September 26 and 27, 2023, and get ready to embark on a journey into the enchanting world of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Event Details:

- Date: September 26 & 27, 2023
- Time: 7:00pm
- Location: Friendswood Junior High Auditorium
- Ticket Price: \$10 (available at the door)