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Run for Heroes



Best Costume - Child

A vision began in 2014 to create a Bridgeland Veterans Group that would raise funds to build a Veterans Memorial in Bridgeland and support veterans in the community.

Veteran Walt Bohn created an astonishing narrated video of the proposed memorial plan which can be viewed on Youtube. So amazing was this video, that it inspired the creation of The Bridgeland Community Supports

Veteran, Inc. to immediately begin fundraising efforts. This year on October 20th, the Bridgeland Community Supports Veterans, Inc. held its 3rd annual successful Fun Run/Walk for your Heroes. We had 192 folks register to run/walk and we raised over \$32,000.

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BRIDGELAND GARDEN CLUB

Adventure at Natures' Way

On November 7, 2018, The Bridgeland Garden Club toured Nature's Way Resources' facility in Conroe, Texas. This company frequently wins awards for the best quality compost, mulch and dirt in the Houston metro area. During the tour, expert John

Ferguson explained how organic waste recycle materials are diverted to make useful compost and mulch composting products. Their specialized equipment, which was interesting to watch, was so huge the entire garden club fit inside the bulldozer blade.



The Bridgeland Garden Club's Christmas Shopping & Luncheon

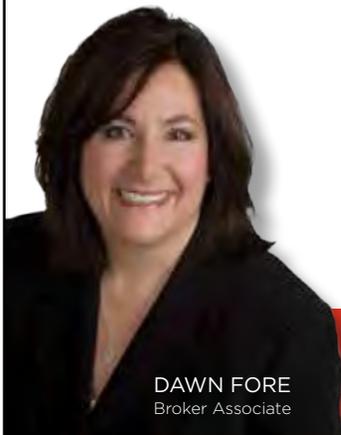
On Wednesday, December 5th the Bridgeland Garden Club travels to Brookshire, Texas for our annual gift & plant shopping adventure at the Brookwood Community Store followed by our annual luncheon & gift exchange at Brookwood Cafe. For our gift exchange, bring a gift under \$15 with a garden theme. Please join us for a day of fun and good cheer. Visitors welcome. If you plan to go, please RSVP to kayburkhalter@sbcglobal.net We will meet in the Activity Center Parking lot at 9:30 am.

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Learn what is a MUD, WCID, ESD, DRC, The Enhancement Committee, The Investment Committee, Inframark, Bridgeland Council, Lakeland Village HOA or Parkland Village HOA. Meet you local Precinct 5 Constable, Precinct 3 County Commissioner, your State Senators & your State Representative.

All you do is commit to do a 20-hour approved service project over one year and attend (5) one & half hour classes at the Activity Center. Space is limited so sign up quickly. Be the ONE that makes a difference in your Bridgeland Community.

For more information contact Kay Burkhalter at 713-447-7740 or kayburkhalter@sbcglobal.net



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SPECIAL SPECTACULAR HOLIDAY WEEKEND FOR BRIDGELANDERS THIS YEAR

Parkland Village Snow Night Friday, December 7, 5-8pm

Join us for a spectacular event as we watch 20 Parkland model homes light up!

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| Visit from Santa & Photo Ops | Face Painting & Balloons |
| Christmas Caroling | Holiday Refreshments |
| Arts & Crafts Station | Food Trucks |

Lakeland Village Festival Park Christmas in the Park

Sunday December 9, 2-6pm

White Doves of Peace with red ribbons in their beaks, green and red garlands on entry monuments, and many lights decorate the grounds of Bridgeland this year for the Holiday Season. One very large decorated Christmas tree stands in the middle of Festival Park where the Annual Bridgeland Christmas in the Park is held on December 9, 2-6pm.

At this most wonderful Festival there will be sledding on snow hills, falling snow bubbles, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause, cookie decorating, food trucks, & more Bring your cameras for the many wonderful photographic opportunities



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Submitted by Logan's Mom, Donna Stallone



As a sophomore and honor roll student at Bridgeland High School, Logan found his passion for making pens in Mr. Josh Simmons' tech class in 2017. He continued honing his skills and began making specialty pens in the summer of 2018 as a small hobby that has grown into an exciting business. His work has been featured on

donating pens to three non-profits: (1) The Recon Sniper SARC Veteran Pig Hunt organization which supports Marine Corps veterans in troubling times especially those with PTSD (2) B.I.G. Love who help children in their cancer journey, and (3) P.E.P People Empowering People to unify and rally together through hard times for which Logan's father was an honoree in 2017.

We look forward to helping you select a pen for your holiday gift giving. To inquire about corporate gifts, special orders or for more information on how to "Do more with LES Enterprises," call us at (281) 814-2171. You can also send messages on Facebook and view a gallery of pens by using the following:

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Facebook, trade shows, gift markets, and the VFW. He will also exhibit at The Farmers Market at Bridgeland on December 17th.

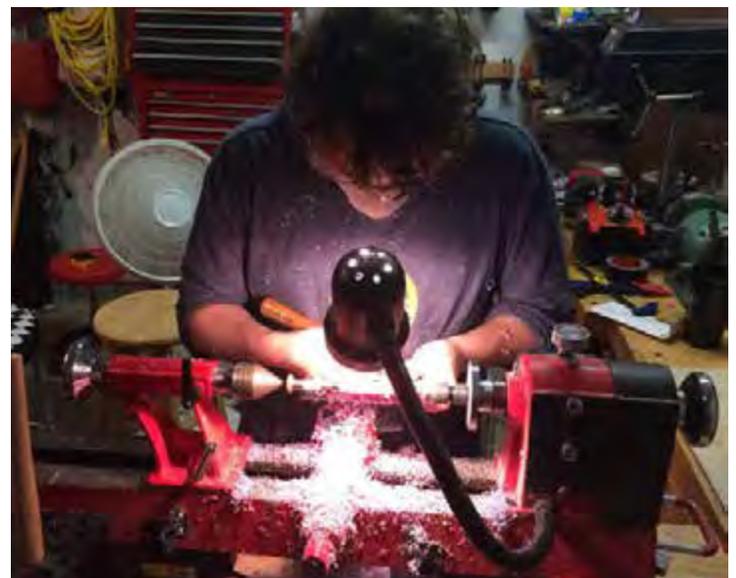
Logan's attention to detail produces some of the most beautiful and unique pens made of exotic woods and acrylics. They are all hand turned on a lathe with no two pens looking alike. The possibilities range from ballpoint, roller ball, fountain pens, and mechanical pencils. They feature all branches of military service. Plus, there are pens for businessman, first responders, college and sports fans, fisherman, hunters, bikers, Mardi Gras revelers, and cancer survivors.

While engraving is available on all pens, his service pens have gained popularity across the nation because he has partnered with a veteran-owned business licensed to engrave military logos. Logan's strength behind his work ethic, interest in building a business, and managing finances at his age are impressive. But, I'm convinced, they come from a place of appreciation and gratitude produced by life's hardships at an early age with his father's longtime battle with head and neck cancer.

Pen making has given Logan and his father a much-needed outlet and a great way to spend quality time together pursuing something they both genuinely love.

While cancer cannot destroy hope, it undoubtedly challenges those touched by it in unimaginable ways. It forces us to seize the moment and do more with less. L.E.S. Enterprises was formed using Logan's initials. Some may call that coincidence or intelligent design, others would argue that coincidence is when God remains anonymous.

Logan has devised a way to use his creativity, talent and business skill to honor his father's battle with cancer, grandfather's military career, and the tragic loss of a beloved aunt to suicide. He will be



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BIG FISH PERFORMANCE AT BRIDGELAND

By Cory Kelly, Director of Theater Arts



Of course I attended the performance of Big Fish at Bridgeland High School. My granddaughter is a student there and I wanted to support everything her school does.

But, I was blown away not only with the performance and stage production but also the introduction of Cory Kelly, Director of Theater Arts. He asked our student body and parent community to pay heed to the story line as he advised us all to:

Dream Bigger: “We could have done a small musical – small cast, small set,

small pit – but we’re Bridgeland, and we aim to exceed expectations, regardless of our short legacy. Over 250 costume pieces, a full pit orchestra comprised of students and musical professionals, and a set with giant books to tell our huge story of one Big Fish – clearly we have aspired to DREAM BIGGER!”

Love Bigger: “Every time we get together to put on a show we are putting forth our art – one of our greatest labors of love. This could not be – A MUSICAL - tonight without the help of our Orchestra Director – Christina LeBlanc – serving as Music Director, and the help of Mr. John Krystyniak (Christian-ak) serving as our vocal coach. Nowhere in their job description is School Musical part of their requirement, but we see musicals as the ultimate collaboration of our art forms, and so valuable for the students. Also, the work of our Student Choreographers – Abigail Cate, Kailey Hatter, Alyssa Martinez, and Macannah Crawford who put forth the work over the summer to design the dance for this show. Then, as you know, kids who love musical theatre – LOVE musicals. With over 133 Hours of Rehearsal Time – you don’t commit to this unless you love it! Lastly, I can’t forget our parents – the work that our parents have put in to polish looks, organize pieces, and generally help me maintain my sanity in the swirling sea of things that need to be done leading up to a show – I could not do without them.”

And we must **Live Bigger:** “Edward (our lead character) uses stories to make sense of life’s obstacles and create a world of magic for his child in the face of periods of absence in Will’s life. Putting on a production is full of obstacles, but the process is the potion that makes the magic of a production. The story teaches us all how to pursue our best life in the face of all of its challenges.”

Who wouldn’t want their child to be guided and directed by a teacher like Cory Kelly? Luckily they are the recipients of a gifted individual who is dedicated to promoting talented performers and crew, which includes exciting and unsurpassed stage production.

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FFA STUDENTS LEARN CARE OF RABBITS

Submitted by Danielle Owen

Texas FFA is a dynamic youth organization that makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, responsibility, and career success through agricultural education. Bridgeland High School students are learning to care for their animals as they prepare for competition in the spring.

Bridgeland is fortunate to have Brian Broadus who focused on Californian Meat Pens and New Zealand Meat Pens to examine their rabbits, to instruct students on size, weight, health and to give students tips and points about competition. He explained the supplies needed in order to breed the rabbits properly by choosing the correct nesting boxes.

Students especially appreciated the time he took to tell them what they needed to know to be successful rabbit raisers.

After the new born rabbits arrive, he has committed to helping them pick out the three that they can use in competition (looking for weight and other attributes judges seek when selecting winners).

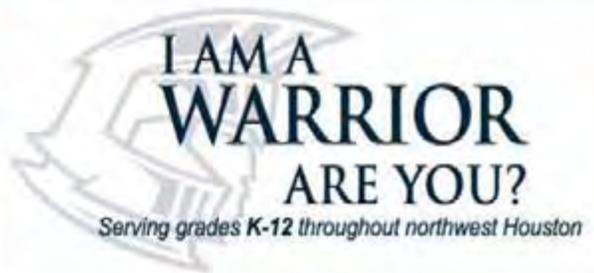
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