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The Times is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Bridgeland residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

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The Bridgeland Community Supports Veterans, Inc. would like our community to know that during this unprecedented time of uncertainty, that our veterans and enlisted service persons can rely on us. We created a fund to assist with those in our immediate vicinity (Bridgeland) and then will reach out to other communities close to Bridgeland (i.e within 7 miles). If you know of a Veteran who may need assistance with paying their mortgage, rent, food or a bill, please let us know. We have a vetting committee that will read all request and make sure it falls within our guidelines.

We do have a lifetime limit and a yearly limit as the amount of financial assistance that we can provide. These limits are subject to changes. In order to receive financial assistance, please provide us with a Copy of your DD214 to SBueno6@yahoo.com a copy of the bill that needs to be paid. We pay directly to the company. If groceries or other circumstances are needed please explain and we will see what we can do.

Bridgeland Garden Club Field Trip Wednesday May 6th to the Fayette County Painted Churches Visitors Welcome!

Come join a Field Trip by Wayne Wendel, photographer extraordinaire & Texas historian to Schulenberg in Fayette County to tour three of the beautiful Painted Churches. The early German settlers built beautiful churches on the tops of hills in valleys. Because they had no marble or fine art they decorated the wooden statutes & walls to imitate marble or fine art. The resulting art was spectacularly artistically unique. The Hill Countryside should be beautiful as well. Lunch at Garden Co. Marketplace & Café in Schulenberg, Tx.

We will meet at 8:30 am in the Lakeland Village Activity Center Parking lot where we will carpool to Schulenberg Tx. and return by 3:30 pm. Volunteer drivers needed. If the trip is cancelled due to the stay at home order, the trip will be postponed one week. You must RSVP if attending to Mary at macpa.wendel@gmail.com

ELECTIONS POSTPONED

Upcoming MUD/WCID Elections are postponed from May 2nd to November 3rd 2020, due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. MUD #419 – Lakeland Village, MUD #489 – Parkland Village, & WCID #157 – Lakeland Village & North part of Parkland Village

The MUD authorities are in the process of requesting their elections be programmed into the combined general election ballot for Nov 3rd, which would mean, if approved, that on Tuesday, Nov 3rd Bridgelanders will go to the normal combined eSlate polls to vote for open board positions for their respective Boards.

Each board will have 3 out of 5 seats on the ballot.

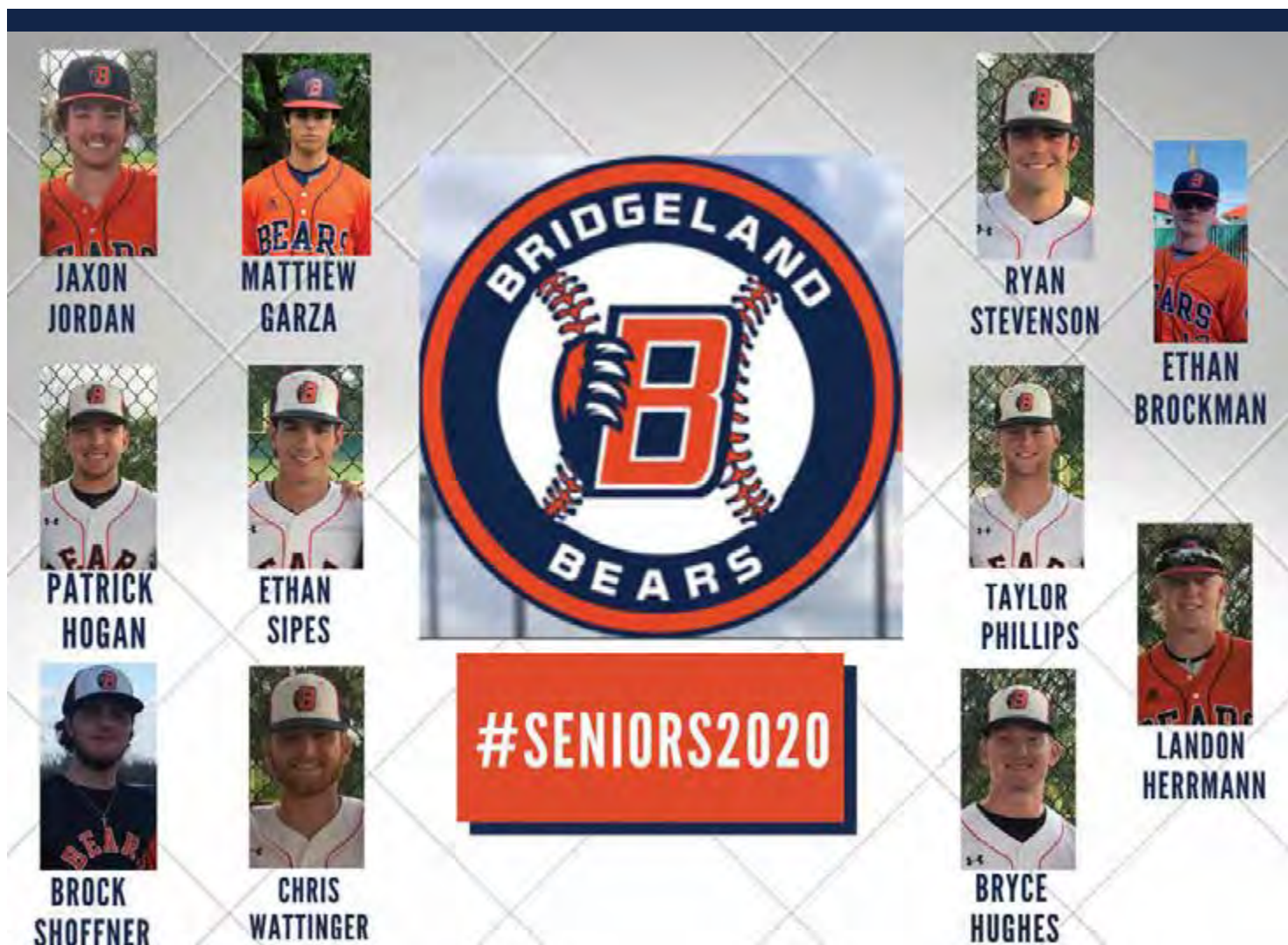
A “Meet the Candidates Night” will be hosted by the Informed Citizens of Bridgeland at the Lakeland Village Activity Center in October. Candidates’ names will likely be posted on the MUD #419 and WCID #157 respective websites (Work In Progress) at www.hcmud419.com and www.wcid157.org with links to the Candidates’ supplied information and photos. On these websites, you can also review the budget, read the prior minutes, & post questions and concerns directly to your board members.

Sadly, no residents from Parkland Village chose to run for Parkland’s WCID #159, which currently has only non-Bridgeland resident board members.

Candidates for WCID #157 are: Dane Thomas Bubela, occupation insurance, Gregory D. Kaine, Engineer, Omar Noe Escobar, Jr. Civil Engineer, Jordan Danielle Williams Civil Engineer, & Shane Bueno, Incumbent Financial advisor, Branch Manager

Candidates for Lakeland Village’s MUD #419 are Carissa Mari Fabian, a Civil Engineer, Ashley Zion (“Zion”) Escobar Engineer & Executive Director, Andrea T. Brazzale-Anderson, -Engineering Manager, Radney Poole, Incumbent, -Sales, Robert G. “Bob” Thomas, Incumbent-Financial Advisor, & Samuel (“Ross”) Ross Godspeed-Sales.

Candidates for Parkland Village’s MUD #489 are Victoria A. Battistini, Incumbent Non Bridgeland, -Field Operations Supervisor, Daniel Feiler, Incumbent Non Bridgeland Financial Advisor, Richard Alan LaFont-CPA, Dr. Anthony T. McBride, Health & Safety Director, T Author (“Art”) Taft-Retired Govt Program Manager, & Ashley Schneider Poe-Engineer



LETTER TO OUR SENIORS

To our beloved young men, each and every one of you worked hard at a sport that has a special place in your heart. Even though your time on the field as a Bridgeland Bear was cut short, your legacy and the memories you made, on and off the field, will live on. With the issues we are struck with in the world today,

you will not be able to play with your teammates you call your brothers, but now you will go on to play for a bigger team – the world. We couldn't be more proud and excited to see what the future holds for you.

Love,
The Bridgeland Bears Moms & Dads

PICTURES OF SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Whether it be from High School, College, Trade School or The Military, we honor you!



Aaron Egdorf "AJ" is a member of the Bridgeland Bears Special Olympic Basketball team. He also plays Miracle League Baseball, adaptive soccer, adaptive flag football and adaptive basketball with the Langham Creek YMCA. He is currently involved in the CTED

program working with local businesses in the community. Next year AJ will be a participant in the VITAL program and then head off to Lone Star College to reach for the stars. His ambition is to have a career where he will help people make their lives better.



Alexis Vaughn is an active member of National Honor Society, National Charity League, and the Varsity Volleyball team. She's played club volleyball since she was 9 years old but not before developing her love for the game while playing for FFSA at only 6 years old. After graduation she will be furthering her education and volleyball career as a Wildcat for Abilene

Christian University where she has received both athletic and academic scholarships. While at ABU, she will be playing both indoor as well as outdoor beach volleyball.



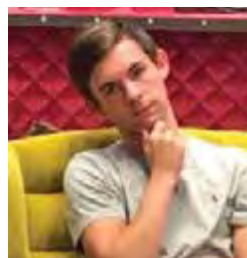
Andrew VanderLaan is graduating from Bridgeland High School with honors. He played the french horn & mellophone for 3 years in the amazing Bridgeland High School Band (and 1 year at Cy Ranch). He was a member of Key Club, Spanish NHS, National Honor Society and active in the youth group at Good Shepherd United

Methodist Church. Andrew will be attending Texas A&M Mays Business School in the fall, pursuing a degree in marketing or business management.



Ashlyn Chlouber is a Senior and Varsity Cheerleader at Cy-Ranch high school. After graduation, she plans to attend either TX Tech or TX A&M Corpus Christi to study art/photography. She was working at Locatelli, cheering, working on her AP Art and Photo portfolios and of course spending time with friends. She and all her fellow

CyRanch and Bridgeland friends are full of mixed emotions as they face the uncertainty of the next few weeks as well as prepare for their life after high school.



Blake Nicolas Marshall a graduate of Bridgeland High School has many interests. He was on the track team his Junior year, loved music and making videos. Blake loves his truck, socializing and hanging out in his pool with friends/family, and lastly taking care of his dog Izzie. He plans on attending Blinn College and will pursue a career in Arts/Production.



Brandon Kim is a graduate of Bridgeland High and attended the Cy-Fair school system since his 4th grade year at Swenke Elementary, then Salyards Middle School. He is the son of Kook and Erin Kim. Brandon has been pursuing a demanding and challenging academic path and expects to earn his diploma with the Distinguished Level of Achievement and Multi-Disciplinary and STEM endorsements. In addition to his full course load of multiple AP and DC classes, he has remained active in many sports activities throughout his high school career, including Premier Baseball, Bridgeland Wrestling, Bridgeland Basketball, Westfield High School Baseball and Westfield High School Cross Country. Brandon has also been an active member in many organizations—Habermacher Studio of Music, the Bridgeland chapter of National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta to name a few. Brandon is proud to be attending The University of Texas, Austin in the fall where he will be majoring in Chemical Engineering.



Breanna Gamble is a senior graduating from Bridgeland High School in 2020. She will be attending Texas A&M in Fall 2020 and studying accounting.



Brooke Krolczyk is proud to be part of the first graduating class of Bridgeland High School. She was a 3-year cheer captain for BHS, is a member of National Honor Society, and is a Texas High School Rodeo Association State Champion. Brooke has accepted a scholarship and will compete on the rodeo team for Texas A&M University.

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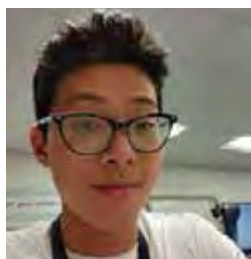
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Camryn Moore, a graduate of Bridgeland High School, will be attending Texas Woman's University, majoring in nursing in the fall. While attending Bridgeland, she was a member of HOSA, CUBS, and The Sapphire Sole Sisters step team as an Org member. She lettered in both Athletic Training and HOSA.



Carissa Morales is a 2020 graduate of Bridgeland High School. She paved her own way during high school and excelled by earning the rank of Valedictorian! She will continue to shine bright as she begins her journey as a Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2024. She has aspirations to teach, coach and obtain her Master's in Curriculum & Instruction.



Christopher Duong will be graduating from Bridgeland High school. At Bridgeland High School he is a member of Key, Science, and Robotic Clubs. Born and raised here in Fairfield, Chris is very thoughtful, smart, silly, has a big heart, and is a great big brother. He was accepted to Texas A&M University, College of Engineering, however, he has decided to join the Marines to serve his country first.



Conner Hedrick is the son of Steve and Stacy Hedrick. He has one brother Hunter. Conner was born and raised right here in Fairfield. He has grown up attending Ault, Salyards, 1 year at Ranch and then to graduation at Bridgeland High School. Conner has been involved in the Auto Tech program for the last 3 years. He is planning to continue school at Lone Star College followed by the next step that will lead him into his new accomplishments. Congrats to Conner and all the Seniors!



Daniel Brady attended Ault Elementary, Salyards Middle School, and Cy Ranch High School as a Freshman, before choosing to become a founding member of Bridgeland High School. He was a member of Cub Scout Pack 1533 and Boy Scout Troop 533. He played Trumpet in the Bridgeland Marching Band, and served as a member of the Leadership Team as a Marching Assistant.

Daniel is looking forward to attending college and taking advantage of the many opportunities his future provides. He takes great pride in being a member of the first graduating class of Bridgeland High School.



Danielle Owen is graduating with honors from Bridgeland High School, and is attending Texas A&M Corpus Christi in the fall majoring in communications. She was a member and co-organizer of events on the YLPA step team, Sapphire Sole Sisters, and a member of FFA for a year and a half where she raised rabbits to show.



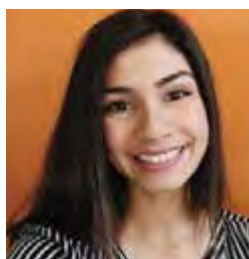
Dena Hausmn is an honor student and member of the National Honor Society. She lettered in Athletic Training and Choir. Dena participated in the PALS program mentoring Elementary School children. She attained the rank of Lieutenant in Air Force JROTC, was appointed Services Squadron Commander, and was awarded the Tuskegee Airmen Certificate of Achievement. She enjoys making music and spending time with her family, friends and pets. She is attending Stephen F. Austin State University in the Fall to pursue an education in the medical field.



Emily Jara is part of the first Bridgeland High graduating class. She is on the BHS varsity softball team, an NHS member and volunteers at Good Shepherd Church. In the fall, she will begin her journey as a Texas State Bobcat studying physical therapy.



Ethan Scott will be graduating in May 2020 from the Scott Ethan School of Academics Homeschool. Ethan has flourished in the learning environment created for him throughout his grade school, middle school, and high school years. Ethan has thrived with the freedom he has been given to pursue his interests. Ethan is a natural leader and regularly shows others what leadership means through his actions. He has been heavily engaged in baseball from his elementary years throughout his high school years. Ethan is looking forward to his next great adventure – attending Blinn College to pursue a degree in Business. His love of learning, combined with his growth mindset, will be an asset to Ethan as he continues his education.



Gabrielle Shbeir is a graduate of the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. Her commencement was to be held on May 9th. She will be graduating with a major in marketing & minors in graphic design & Spanish. After college, she plans to marry her high school sweetheart and live in San Antonio, TX where she plans to pursue a marketing career.

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to Texas A&M to major in Animal Science.



Houston where she plans to pursue a nursing degree, her end goal is to become a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner.



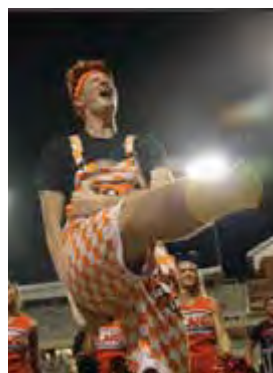
attending UT/Austin or Ole Miss. He is interested in Theatre Arts and Business.



Jagger Segovia will graduate from North Greenville University with a bachelor degree in International Business. Jagger received a partial soccer scholarship and was the captain his senior year. We are really proud of him even though there won't be a ceremony this May.



Jake Walston is graduating from Rosehill Christian School and will be attending Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall to pursue a business degree in SFA's Sports Business Program. Jake loves baseball, has a heart of gold, works hard, has a desire to succeed, and approaches life with a quiet strength and humility.



Jason Frost class of 2020 at Bridgeland High School, is the son of Doug & Katie Frost. He attended Ault, Swenke & Salyards MS. While at Bridgeland Jason has been a part of the Boys Basketball team, the Choir, and NHS. During his senior year Jason, was recognized as the CFISD student of the month. Jason's hands down favorite part of his years at Bridgeland has been being the Vice President & the big VOICE of Claw Crew. After lots of thought & careful consideration, Jason has decided to join his older brother at Utah State University in the fall on scholarship! Jason would like to give a shout out to all of the amazing, talented & dedicated teachers he has been blessed to learn from especially Ms. Megan Puckett.



John William Hughes is a graduate of Bridgeland High School. He is a member of NHS and has been involved in both theatre and football for 4 years. He is an inaugural member of the International Thespian Society's troupe #8503 and has been a member of Bridgeland's award winning UIL One Act Play cast for the last 3 years, earning zone best actor in 2018. He is also an inaugural member of Bridgeland's varsity football team and earned first team all-district as well as academic all-district and all-state. He has committed to play football at Trinity University in San Antonio where he plans to major in Communications/Media Messages.



Kamryn Pohlmeier is graduating from Bridgeland High School. Kamryn was a member of the inaugural cheer team and varsity captain for two consecutive years. She was president of the Future Business Leaders of America and a member of the Bridgeland FFA. Kamryn held the position of Social Media Chair for Bridgeland's first National Honor Society. She has been a Confirmation Teen Leader at Christ the Redeemer over this past year. Kamryn plans on pursuing a Business Degree and graduating from Texas A&M. She hopes to continue her involvement in community and church organizations while in College Station.



Katrina Simper is graduating from Cypress Ranch High School in May. She will be attending Blinn College in the Fall.

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Katherine Jerene Pilbeam, is graduating summa cum laude, Cypress Ranch High School. She is a member of the National Honors Society, Tri-M Music Honors Society, the Cypress Ranch Choir, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Theatre Pit Orchestra, and Region Orchestra. An active member of her church youth group, Katherine has been a group leader and mentor, and has supported multiple mission trips, most recently in Honduras. In the fall, Katherine will become a member of the Spartan Band when she enrolls at Michigan State University on a Music Scholarship, majoring in Music Education and Performance. An accomplished horn player and student of string instruments, the piano, and trombone, Katherine will proudly wear the green and white on the field of Spartan Stadium during the football season, while continuing here studies for a career in music production and education.



Katie Kessler will graduate in the top 10% of her class, earning Distinguished Honor Roll throughout her high school career. She was a two-time AAU Volleyball Academic All-American, two-time GHVCA All-Academic Team member, Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State Team, and two-time District 14-6A Volleyball All-Academic Team member. Katie is a member of the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was a member of the Bridgeland Volleyball Varsity team both years they competed, and this year the team went 43-5 overall and undefeated in district play. Katie was a team captain all three years at Bridgeland and earned numerous awards for her volleyball playing both at Bridgeland and on her club team, including TAVC All-Texas Team, Under Armour All-America Watch List, GHVCA 6A Post Season Team, 2019 District 14-6A Offensive Player of the Year, two-time District 14-6A First Team All-District, GHVCA Preseason Watch List, and the All VYPE Team. She will attend Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall.



Kendall Eldridge is a Summa Cum Laude graduate from Cy Ranch High School and will attend the College of Media & Communications at Texas Tech University in the Fall. Kendall is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society and National Charity League. Life is a circle. The end of one journey is the beginning of the next.



Mackenzie Wiener is 18 years old and has spent her entire education in CFISD. She is in all K level classes and works very hard. She played competitive volleyball until her Jr year when she decided that she wanted to focus her time on her education without any distractions. She is very excited to see what the next step in her life includes. After graduation she will be attending Texas State University to continue her education with a focus in elementary education.



Lane Hovorka a graduate of Bridgeland High School was an active member of FFA, swim team and water polo. She has been accepted to Texas A&M University in the fall where she plans to study Wildlife & Fisheries Science.



Laura Malone is a 2020 graduate of Bridgeland High School. She has had many academic accomplishments, great leadership opportunities, participated in many extra-curricular activities, and volunteered many hours in the community. Laura is currently 6th in her class, and she will be attending Texas A&M in the fall.

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Mackenzie Stuart is a graduate of the Bridgeland High School class of 2020! She will be attending Tyler Junior College this fall, where she will continue her passion for softball as a member of the Apache Softball Team. Mackenzie plans on majoring in Sports Management and Kinesiology. She would love

to land a career with a professional sports team, specializing in Event Planning. She has worked especially hard over the years, in the classroom and on the field.



Makensie Grace Garner will graduate from Bridgeland High School and attend Sam Houston State University in the fall where she will play volleyball and pursue a degree in nursing. She played 4 years of volleyball and served as team captain. Makensie also played soccer for 3 years and served as team captain during the 10th

and 11th grade. Besides sports, Makensie is very active in clubs such as president of FCA, Claw Crew member, NHS member, and has played club volleyball at Texas Tornados for 9 years. She enjoys singing, binge watching Netflix, spending time with family and friends.



McKenna Abel is a Texas A&M 2020 graduate. She studied Elementary Education. She will graduate Magna Cum Laude. McKenna attended Ault, Salyards, and Cy Ranch High School and has a job offer in CyFair ISD.



Megan McCollum, a Bridgeland High School graduate, is off to Louisiana State University in the fall to study Vocal Music Education. She cannot wait to spend her life sharing that gift with others as a high school choir director. Megan is a member

of the 2020 Texas All-State Choir, Bridgeland Chorale, Chamber Choirs, the Cypress United Methodist Church Praise Team, and President of the Bridgeland Choir Leadership Team. When not singing, she serves God and others through mission trips.



Nataly Perez-Majul is graduating from Bridgeland HS with honors in the top seven percent of her class. She will be attending A&M in the Fall pursuing medical school and focusing on becoming a dermatologist. She was is a Varsity Cheerleader at BHS and was a member of many clubs including: FCA, Presidents Club, Spanish Honor Society and National Honor Society



Noah Bonaventura lives in Fairfield and will be graduating from Bridgeland High School this year. He plans to attend Blinn Junior College in the fall and transfer to Texas A&M University where he will be majoring in architecture/engineering with the hopes

to one day own his own architecture firm. Noah enjoys shooting hoops with his friends, fishing, hunting and making people laugh.



Mark J Mulhair, academic all state 1st team football player, planning to attend Texas A&M majoring in business.



Paige Adams is a member of the first graduating class of Bridgeland High School. Paige has been a member of the Bridgeland Belles all three years and a proud Belle officer. Paige has made academics a priority and is a member of the National Honor Society and will graduate with honors. For years, Paige has enjoyed volunteering at Community of Faith church working with

the toddlers. Paige is passionate about her next step of studying nursing at Baylor University.



Regan Van den Elsen, a graduate of Bridgeland High School, has been admitted to the Biomedical Science Program at Texas A&M. She is on her way to becoming a veterinarian!



Rylie Trent attended CFISD schools since Kindergarten. She is currently a senior at Bridgeland High School and lives in Lakes of Fairhaven. Rylie has been a competitive cheerleader for ten years at Woodlands Elite, including the past three years on a nationally known team, the Generals. She has been one of the captains of the high school cheerleading team for each of her three years at Bridgeland. She

was selected as an All-State cheerleader by the Texas Girls Coaches Association in 2019. Upon graduation she plans to pursue a business degree and hopes to continue her cheerleading career at the university level.

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Kayleigh Maqueda graduated from Cypress Ranch in 2016. She was accepted to the Sam Walton Business School at the University of Arkansas and completed her undergraduate degree with a Marketing major & minor in Supply Chain. Kayleigh is graduating in May and has accepted a job with Goosehead Insurance as an Account Executive in Austin, Texas.



Tyler Elizabeth Vest is a loving daughter and sister, a cherished granddaughter, a fantastic oldest cousin, an amazing niece, a loyal friend, and a positive contributor to her community and the world. Tyler plans to attend Texas State University in the Fall and major in Studio Art, and we cannot wait to see where she goes in this crazy world and what all her amazing talents will bring to herself and others.



Sebby Gilberto is the VP for the senior class of FBLA (Future Business Leaders Of America) and manager of the Boys Varsity Soccer team at Bridgeland. He will be studying Sports Management at High Point University in September. He chose HPU because he feels they will set him up and prepare him for a successful future!



Warren Maness is graduating from Bridgeland High School. His passion is choir. This year he sang as a Tenor II in the Region 27 Mixed Choir. He plans on attending St. Edwards University in Austin TX. He will major in philosophy. After obtaining his degree he plans to enter the seminary to become a Roman Catholic Priest.



Sophie Monacelli is a very active student. She is a Choir Officer and Vice President of the Bridgeland Belles. She is also graduating a National Honor Society Scholar from Bridgeland High School. Sophie has received a scholarship from Texas Tech University and will be attending Texas Tech in the Fall.



Zachary Ulanday is a member of the Bridgeland High School Class of 2020. Zach, who has a true passion for music, has been the head drum major of the Bridgeland High School Band for the past three years, and has loved seeing the band program grow and find success. Zach takes pride in and is proud of the many awards and accomplishments the band



Truman Bradley Culp will graduate from Bridgeland High School. Truman is headed to Dallas Baptist University. He has not settled on a major but believes he is called to serve in the ministry. He has been active at CyLife Church. His best high school memories include helping film

the "Take on BHS" lipdub, the JDRF walks with friends and the big fundraiser with his sister and ComedySportz, and being on mission trips to Costa Rica and Guatemala.

has received since the program's inception. He is also a member of National Honors Society, where he serves on the officer board as Treasurer. He is a two-year member of Mu Alpha Theta, and is an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction. Zach is graduating in the top 7% of his class and plans on attending The University of Texas at Austin in the Fall, where he plans on majoring in Nursing and becoming a Nurse Anesthetist. He also hopes to become a member of the Longhorn Band.

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- Pass a background check
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STS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that places foreign exchange students with American host families. For more information about hosting, please contact me at 832-455-7881 PM me or email at vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com.



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IS IT A FROG OR A TOAD? How to tell the difference

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Did you know there are 30 different species of frogs and toads in Texas? The problem I have, however, is telling the difference between a frog and a toad. Can you tell the difference?

First, let's explore the similarities. Both frogs and toads are members of the amphibian class. Both have short bodies, two hind legs, two front arms and a wide head. Both frogs and toads are carnivorous and eat worms, insects, slugs, spiders and small fish. Toads may also eat dog food left outside. They catch their prey with their long, sticky tongues. Females lay their eggs close to water or actually in the water and the males fertilize them.

DIFFERENCES:

- If you look at the hind legs, you'll notice the frog has very long legs. They need longer legs because they hop more and higher than toads. Toads tend to crawl more. They can hop but they can't hop very high or very far.
- The frog spends most of its time in the water so it has webbed back feet. Sometimes the front feet are webbed as well.
- Toads have a chubbier appearance than frogs.
- The skin of the frog is much smoother. A toad's skin will be bumpy and the bumps resemble warts.
- The coloring between frogs and toads is different. Frogs are a bright green or a yellow-olive in color. Toads are a dark green to an olive green in color. Make sure you don't rely solely on coloring when trying to identify an animal though because there are some brownish green frogs.
- Frogs spend the majority of their time near water and rarely venture very far away from a water source.

During breeding season, frogs can be incredibly noisy. If you have security lights around your home, these lights will attract insects which will in turn attract frogs who want to eat them. If the noise bothers you, turn out the lights.

If you have pets, don't allow them to play with toads. When toads are threatened or bitten, they use the same defense mechanism as a skunk. The skin lets out a bitter taste and odor

that burns the eyes and nostrils. It is highly toxic to pets and can cause death if left untreated. Humans, however, are not affected by a toad's toxin. If your pet has been outside and you notice it pawing at its mouth or eyes, crying or whimpering, it may have encountered a toad. Other signs to look for:

- Excessive drooling
- Seizures
- Yellow vomit
- Diarrhea
- Dilated pupils
- Irregular heartbeat
- Foaming at the mouth
- Hyperthermia
- Collapse
- Difficulty breathing

If you think your pet has had an encounter with a toad, contact your veterinarian immediately.

For other helpful information, check out the blog on the TWRC Wildlife Center website. www.twrcwildlifecenter.org

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Crape Myrtle Bark Scale

Crape myrtles are a popular landscape tree in parts of Texas, prized for their beauty. While this tree has been relatively maintenance free for years, that is no longer the case now that crape myrtle bark scale (CMBS) has been found in Texas.

Crape myrtle bark scales are small, wingless insects, pinkish in color and covered with a white, velvety covering. When you look at the bark of an infested tree, look for round to oval shaped white velvety insects. If you puncture one with a toothpick, it will exude a pink substance.



When inspecting crape myrtles for CMBS, look along trunks, limbs, as well as smaller twigs and branches found towards the top of the tree. You'll want to look for scale insects and sooty mold. Sooty mold is a black colored fungus that grows on honeydew; honeydew is an excretion from scale insects (and other small, soft-bodied insects such as aphids and mealybugs).

Heavily infested crape myrtles have CMBS that produce copious amounts of honeydew on the tree and surrounding area which leads to growth of sooty mold, turning landscape plants black. Infested crape myrtles produce fewer and smaller blooms which may be difficult to tell unless you have an uninfested tree to compare.

Only male crape myrtle bark scales fly. Others are dispersed by

wind, birds, other insects, or landscape maintenance equipment to nearby areas. Long-distance transport occurs via infested material. Once CMBS are in an area, they can move onto to nearby trees.

Control options are varied for CMBS. There are lady bugs that eat CMBS, but this may take time for control as the ladybug population is tied to the population of insects they feed upon. Ensure that if you buy and plant crape myrtles, that you inspect them and not plant any infested trees, or you select a different species of tree or shrub for the landscape.

Pesticide treatment for crape myrtle bark scale can be done with either a contact spray or a systemic. Studies from TAMU discovered that contact sprays should be used when pest numbers are peaking (crawler/ nymph numbers peak mid-April through May), and two treatments should be done with the second treatment taking place 2 weeks after the initial treatment. Insecticides with bifenthrin as the active ingredient tend to work best.

Systemic treatments should be applied earlier, when the leaves are budding out. Systemics such as imidacloprid and dinotefuran are best used as a soil treatment in March so that they are taken up by the tree and in place for the crawler population in April-May. These products should be used when trees are NOT in bloom to protect pollinators.

For a video on how to treat crape myrtles for CMBS, you should go to this link:

<https://citybugs.tamu.edu/2018/08/28/how-to-treat-your-crapemyrtle-for-bark-scale/>

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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