

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



Foster advances to Area round; see **Sports**

Church fundraiser

The Men's Group of First United Methodist Church in Rosenberg will host a barbecue chicken dinner fundraiser on Saturday, May 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church fellowship hall, corner of Fourth Street and Avenue J. Half chicken, potatoes, beans and sides cost \$12 per plate. Drive-thru, carry-out or dine-in. Meals prepared by Methodist Men of First Methodist in Rosenberg. To order, contact Larry Richardson at 832-757-8735.

German Society

The Fort Bend Chapter of the Texas German Society will have a tour of the Fort Bend Museum and Moore Home, 410 S. Fifth Street, Richmond on Tuesday, May 9, at 1 p.m. Cost is \$9. For more information, call 281-342-8243.

Touch-a-truck

The city of Rosenberg will host its annual Touch-A-Truck event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 6, at the Rosenberg Civic Center. Children and adults alike will get the opportunity to see plenty of vehicles up close and personal — fire trucks, police cars, dump trucks, earth movers, garbage trucks. New this year will be a foam pit and race track. Equipment operators will be on hand to explain the vehicles and their use. Admission is free!

Juneteenth celebration

The city of Kendleton will host the annual Juneteenth Celebration from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 19 at Bates Allen Park, 630 Charlie Roberts Lane. The event includes history program on Juneteenth, barbecue, music and unity. Contact Mayor Darryl Humphrey Sr. for more information at 832-433-6960.

Lemonade Day

The Central Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce will host Lemonade Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 13 to teach children a unique, entrepreneurial experience where they can run their own business and make their own money. For more details, contact the chamber at lemonadeday.org/central-fort-bend or at @lemonadedaycentralfortbend.com.

Adventure park to open

The city of Sugar Land and Go Ape will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony with local officials to mark the grand opening of the Go Ape Zipline & Adventure Park in Brazos River Park, located at 18427 U.S. 59 in Sugar Land just on the other side of the Brazos River from Greatwood. The ceremony will take place Wednesday, May 3, from 10-10:30 a.m. and the course will be open from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fort Bend Journal

It's probably true!

Every year hundreds of new trees spring up because squirrels forgot where they buried their acorns and cones!

— SRW

Around the Bend

Friends and family of Lee and Lupe Cabello congratulating them on eight years of wedded bliss and wishing them many, many more...

Obituaries

Lonnie Lee Lopez Jr., 34
Lucia "Lucy" Mata, 79

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Today's Scripture

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7



THEY SWIPE A LOT

Kendleton mayor, city secretary have used city credit cards to dine out, buy groceries and shop online year after year

FIRST OF A MULTI-PART SERIES



BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY
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Kendleton resident Rachel White stood before city council earlier this month and asked when the city would get around to resurfacing the street in front of her house.

"The road I live on has had potholes in it since I moved into my home (20 years ago)," White said. "Why is it that my subdivision gets dirt filled in potholes for years and not a repaved road?"

One reason why streets may have gone unpaved year after year: The mayor and city secretary have spent tens of thousands of tax dollars dining out, buying groceries and shopping online over the past three years, city credit card statements reveal.

Between September 2019 and February 2023 — the only years in which statements were provided to The Herald — Mayor Darryl Humphrey Sr. and city secretaries Veronica Harris and Christina Flores swiped their city-issued credit cards dozens of times each month, racking up \$116,085.39 in purchases.

Of that amount, Humphrey used his city-issued credit card to purchase \$32,170.66 worth of goods and services. Harris, who left the city midway through 2020, spent \$3,470.60 in taxpayer money during that same time period.

Flores, who replaced Harris, used a city card in her name to purchase \$26,380.70.

A "Nameless Card" has been used since July 2020 to purchase \$54,063.43 worth of goods and services.

No doubt, many of the purchases

were for legitimate city business.

For instance, many of the cards were charged for fax services, computer software rental, and office supplies and equipment.

Yet, tens of thousands of dollars were spent on trips to restaurants, visits to convenience stores, and shopping at grocery and department stores.

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A peek at the purchases

- Walmart \$132.64
- Willie's Grill \$59.46
- Dairy Queen \$99.83
- Amazon \$443.49
- Sam's Club \$340.46
- Pappa's BBQ \$25.33
- Country Food Store \$100.49
- Simple Simon's \$123.27
- Bath & Body \$52.50
- Firehouse Subs \$123.85
- Country Food Store \$107.68
- La Casona \$143.58
- Salata \$84.98
- The Guzzler \$119.45
- JC Penney \$72.95
- Pier 36 \$69.76
- Subway \$74.16
- Shipley's \$32.67
- HEB \$252.49
- Exxon Mobile \$64.64
- Salata \$57.85
- La Casona \$113.73
- Five Below \$71.99
- Country Food Store \$107.99
- Sam's Club \$265.40
- McAlister's \$155.87
- eBay \$1,074.27
- 9er's Grill \$28.60
- Sam's Club \$411.29
- Country Food Store \$104.98
- Reyna's Cafe \$45.73
- Baytown Seafood \$77.28
- Simple Simon's \$81.88
- Hop-A-Long's \$54.13
- The Guzzler \$110.09
- Food Town \$180.88
- Tx Roadhouse \$46.52
- Sandy McGee's \$33.01
- Smoothie King \$15.03
- Vincek's \$32.19
- Kroger Fuel \$72.08
- Pizza Hut \$139.69
- Bayou Boys \$40.57
- The Guzzler \$81.06
- La Casona \$203.66
- Sam's Club \$164.34
- Wingstop \$26.82
- Shell Oil \$72.18
- Saltgrass \$75.70
- Witt Pit BBQ \$25.98
- Kroger Fuel \$70.43
- Amazon \$194.06
- Lowe's Market \$47.34
- Bath & Body \$21.60
- Walmart \$102.35
- Busy Bee Flowers \$201.31
- Sam's Club \$368.72
- Kroger Fuel \$85.48
- Sam's Club \$257.18
- Hinze's \$47.42
- Kroger Fuel \$114.51
- Domino's \$174.75
- Academy Sports \$70.10
- Gringo's \$77.07
- Amazon \$169.99
- Country Food Store \$100.60
- Snowflake's \$46.00
- Target \$181.73
- Shell Oil \$103.48
- Walmart \$678.67

See stories and lists of grocery & meal purchases on Page 8A & 9A.

City credit cards statements reveal spending spree

Here's a look at the credit card statements for the past 42 months:	2021	2022
	\$53,281.07	\$27,513.13
2019	\$3,978.29	\$4,717.69
2020	\$26,595.21	
Grand total	\$116,085.39	

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6,574 cast early ballots so far

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Early voting in local city and school board races has been lackluster so far:

As of 5 p.m. Thursday, only 6,574 ballots had been cast.

Of those, 6,353 were cast at one of the 25 voting booths countywide and 221 were cast by mail.

A total of 533 ballots by mail had been requested by the deadline but only the 221 so far had been returned before the May 6 election.

The first day of early voting was Monday, April 24, in which 1,527 ballots were cast. Tuesday saw another 1,660 votes cast and Wednesday 1,541. Right at 1,625 votes were cast Thursday, the last day that early voting statistics were released to the public.

See races and voting locations, Page 3A.

Fido Fest set for May 21

The second annual Vogies Fido Fest and Pet Adoption will be held May 21 from 12-3 p.m. in Historic Downtown Rosenberg.

This event is an opportunity to have a fun outing with your furry (and talented) friends!

Pets can compete for trophies in talent and costume contests and will be judged by downtown Rosenberg merchants and business owners. There will also be prize drawings! Shelter pet supports groups will be on hand with information about how you can help local pets that need fur-ever homes.

The fun gets started at 1909 and 1917 Avenue G!

Check in and then visit the local shops for judging.

Winners will be announced at 3 p.m. For more information, follow BR Vino on facebook @ facebook.com/brvino.

Church to host special praise, worship and fellowship service Sunday

Greater Wesley A.M.E. Church, 235 Darst Road in Kendleton, will host its Fifth Sunday Special Praise and Worship Services at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 30.

Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Raymond Gray of Sugar Land.

The Kendleton Interfaith Ministerial alliance invites everyone to join it for its Fifth Sunday Community Fellowship Service at 3 p.m.

The Rev. Pleas Mayfield of the Oak Hill Baptist Church of Kendleton will be the featured 3 p.m. guest speaker; plus the Interfaith choir will provide the music for the service.

Other pastors included are Pastor Richard Booker; Pastor Kenneth Meeks; Pastor Curtis Johnson and Rev. Robert Martin.

The service's theme is "Pastors-Preachers and people working together for God."

All pastors, community leaders, congregations are especially invited.

Library book sale is May 6

The Friends of the Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library will host a Spring Book Sale on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 noon, in the Annex next door to the library, which is located at 8100 FM 359 South in Fulshear.

