

Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department 2011 Spring Recruiting Drive



The Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department will host a series of recruiting open houses at three of our fire stations this month to educate and inform those interested in joining one of the largest volunteer fire departments in the nation.

The volunteer fire service was started in this country by Ben Franklin. For more than 250 years the volunteer fire service has continued this tradition of "neighbors helping neighbors". But over the past two decades the number of volunteer firefighters nationally has decreased by around 8%. The Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department has almost 400 volunteers today. The CyFair VFD provides community based fire, EMS, and rescue services for 156 sq miles of Northwest Harris County using 12 fire stations. We provide all the necessary training and equipment needed. We have members from all walks of life including doctors, lawyers, bankers, realtors, career firefighters, teachers, mechanics, welders, nurses, and stay at home parents. The only requirements are to have your high school diploma or GED, be 18 yrs old, and pass a drug and background check. The volunteers of the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department save the tax payers of our area over \$28 million each year. For anyone interested in volunteering there are a number of reasons to join:

- The satisfaction of helping others in your community especially when they are in need
- To gain experience and education in a wide variety of topics including firefighting, emergency medical services,
 - hazardous materials, fire codes, sprinkler systems and alarm systems
- Meet and work with others in your community, gain a sense of camaraderie with others by working together

Whatever your age or physical abilities there is something you can do at your local fire house to help out! While firefighters are needed, there are many other jobs where you could help:

- Drivers and pump operators are essential to all emergency operations (you can't get there without a driver!)
- Support personnel at the scene to move hoses, get equipment, etc.
- EMS personnel are needed for both first responders and ambulances
- Fire prevention teachers, people to help with truck maintenance and fire station maintenance are also needed.
- IT personnel to assist with our computers, network, website, and printers
- Help with fundraising and other fire company functions

Please attend one of our open houses and find out how you can help out at your local fire station. If you cannot make one

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of the dates please call us at 281-550-6663 to speak with a Public Information Officer.

Recruiting Open House Dates and Locations:

- April 3rd at 6:30 pm at CFVFD Station 9 at 7922 N Hwy 6, near Hwy 6 and Longenbaugh
- April 6th at 7pm at CFVFD Station 10 at 11310 Steeplecrest, near West Rd and Jones Rd
- April 13th at 7pm at CFVFD Station 6 at 6404 N. Eldridge Parkway, near Eldridge and West Little York

You may also visit us online for more information at www. cyfairsbravest.org.

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Cy-Fair Residents to Perform in Houston Repertoire Ballet's Spring Concert, Along Side American Ballet Theatre Stars Jared Matthews And Yuriko Kajiya



Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya of American Ballet Theatre in Romeo and Juliet

HOUSTON REPERTOIRE BALLET (HRB) BRINGS COLLECTION OF DIVERSE REPERTOIRE TO THE BERRY CENTER IN THEIR "CREATION OF DANCE"

The Houston Repertoire Ballet is excited to announce their Spring Performance The Creation of Dance, to be performed April 9-10 at the Berry Center in Cypress, TX. Featuring three original works and Act III of La Bayadere, The Creation of Dance takes the audience through the evolution of dance beginning with classical ballet to contemporary ballet and modern dance. Along with exceptional dancing and beautiful costumes, audiences of all ages will enjoy the musical score to accompany the ballets, which consists of Gershwin, Ravel, Minkus and Phillip Glass. Houston Repertoire Ballet will give 2 full-length performances of The Creation of Dance. There will be an educational session for children offered as part of our Arts & Education program that will take place 30 minutes prior to the show on April 10. To purchase tickets to HRB's Spring Ballet or for more information on our Arts & Education program call 281-861-0199 or visit www.hrbdance.org. Ticket prices range from \$15-\$18.

THE CREATION OF DANCE

La Bayadere "Kingdom of the Shades": This beautiful and classical ballet was originally choreographed by Marius Petipa in 1877 and was set in the legendary India. The Kingdom of the Shades scene from Act III relates hallucinatory dreams of a noble warrior being reunited with his lost love. The scene begins with 24 dancers in white costumes slowly making their way on to the stage creating a somber tone. In addition, audiences will enjoy guest artists Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya performing the lead roles in one of the most celebrated excerpts in classical ballet.

Rhapsody in Blue: Set to the popular Gershwin score, this contemporary ballet is a lighthearted and fun piece that features many different characters whose personalities are conveyed through the unique movement vocabulary. This new ballet was choreographed by Kristy Nilsson, a former member of HRB, who is now a dance instructor and choreographer in Atlanta, Georgia.

Il Duomo: Inspired by the beautiful stained-glass windows of the Il Duomo Cathedral in Milan, Italy, this modern ballet piece uses color and the music of Phillip Glass to create a peaceful tone and transports its viewers to the cathedrals of Italy. This piece was choreographed in 2005 by Houston Repertoire Ballet's artistic director Victoria Vittum and will be recreated this year and performed by HRB's Junior Company.

Romeo and Juliet: Guest artists Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya from the American Ballet Theatre will perform a romantic pas de deux from Romeo and Juliet. Matthews and Kajiya are soloists with the American Ballet Theatre and are the rising stars in the world-renowned company. HRB is thrilled to bring back Matthews, a former member of the Houston Repertoire Ballet and Kajiya as guest artists to perform the pas de deux from two classical ballets.

Bolero: This exciting new ballet by Victoria Vittum was inspired by Maurice Ravel's climactic score Bolero. Featuring bright costumes, this Spanish-style piece begins with 18 dancers on stage who perform oneby-one in succession. This contemporary ballet builds up anticipation throughout, creating a provocative tone that culminates in an exciting finish.

HRB SPRING CONCERT SHOWCASES CY-FAIR'S RISING YOUNG TALENT

This season's Spring Concert will showcase the 41 members of the HRB Company. These company members are all students of the Ballet Center of Houston and are residents of the Cy-Fair community. Among the 41 company members are four senior members who will perform lead roles in their last performance with HRB. Various ballet companies and universities have already shown interest in these talented seniors who will surely be added to HRB's impressive group of alumni. In addition, the members of HRB have the wonderful opportunity to perform with American Ballet Theater professionals Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya.

Tickets for *The Creation of Dance* may be purchased on-line at www.hrbdance.org or by calling HRB at 281-861-0199. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students. Major funding for HRB is provided by the Houston Endowment inc. ConocoPhillips Company and Statoil. The HRB Spring Concert is funded in part by grants from Harris County and the Texas Commission on the Arts through the Houston Arts Alliance. Arts in Education School Outreach Programs are generously sponsored by Target.

HRB is a non-profit civic organization dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the art of classical ballet. HRB dancers have gone on to dance professionally with the New York City Ballet, Miami City Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, Walt Disney World, Texas Ballet Theater, American Ballet Theater (ABT), and Dayton Ballet. Artistic director is Victoria Vittum, a nationally recognized teacher and choreographer. She has been a faculty member of the Houston Ballet Academy and served as Resident Choreographer for the Gwinnett Ballet Theater, in Atlanta. She is the recipient of a Choreography Fellowship awarded by the Cultural Arts Council of Houston and the Texas Commission for the Arts.

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MOMS Club[®] is a place to find friendship, support, playmates and sisterhood!

ALL events include our children and we believe there is something for every mom out there! Are you looking for park days, coffee breaks, lunch outings, (free) babysitting co-op, craft projects, time to sit and chat, cooking club, book club or someone to share dinner with when your husband is traveling or working late? We even find the time to meet once a month for a mom's night out for a great time to unwind. Or are you interested in helping within the community with service projects? We have that! (And a whole lot more!)

Spring is just around the corner, and we have plenty of fun outdoor activities planned. Do you have young children and are looking for some fun things to do? Come join other moms and kids in many great outdoor and indoor activities. Are you new to the area or a new mom and need a friend or support; we are here for you. Don't let yourself feel isolated being a stay at home mom. You can attend two events before joining. Our membership fee is only \$20 a year. The MOMS Club is a great opportunity for you and your kids to make new friends in our area. Come visit our next all-member meeting and see for yourself! There is a lot of fun and support just waiting for you! Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 8th at 10AM at Fairfield Baptist Church, Room 208, located at 27240 Highway 290 in the front of Fairfield. We provide snacks and toys, and often have a guest speaker at our meetings discussing topics like finance, health, organization and other popular topics. As always, children welcomed!

For more information please contact Kathy Benevento, Membership VP at 832-220-6138, misskat78@yahoo.com or Lisa Rhody, President at 281-746-7607, trvlinsider@ yahoo.com.



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NWHC Aggie Mom's Meeting Tuesday, March 8th, 2011 Carpool on Campus

The March NWHC Aggie Mom's Club meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8th at the Houston Distributing Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. The doors are open at 7 pm for refreshments. Please join other Aggie moms in fun and fellowship, learn more about Aggie student activities, and participate in fundraising activities for our Aggie students.

Our featured speaker will be a student organization called <u>CARPOOL</u> (*Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives*) on the Texas A&M University campus. Carpool is a non-profit studentrun program for free, safe rides home for students. The Carpool organization will speak about promoting safety for Aggie students and more information about how the system works.

Mark your calendar for our next big fundraiser, the 2nd annual **BOOTS 'N WHOOPS** event, to be held on Sunday, April 3rd from 1 to 6 pm. The event includes live music from *Granger Smith & His Band*, a bbq lunch, dancing, a silent auction, horseshoes, prizes, and other activities. The fundraiser benefits Aggie scholarships and on campus organizations.

For more information about Boots 'N Whoops or other activities, please go to our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494.

April 2011 Craft Show

Sponsored by the Cy-Woods FFA Booster Club CFISD Telge Exhibit Center (Telge & 290) April 9, from 9-5 • April 10, from 10-4 For more information: email: www.cywoodsffa@gmail.com website: www.cywoodsffa.org

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The M.A.N.E. Event will host its first annual Mustang Stampede on Saturday, April 9th. The Fun Run will be located at the Bridgeland Activity Center and will start at 8AM. Children and adults can participate in either the 1K or 5K run. Early registration fee for adults is \$25 and for children and students the fee is \$15. It's a great event for the entire family, so come and join the fun. All proceeds and donations go to support the 1st graduating class of seniors at Cypress Ranch High School. The M.A.N.E. Event is a non-profit organization sponsoring a drug and alcohol free afterprom event for the Cy-Ranch senior class.

Visit our website to register at www.sites.google.com/site/ mustangstampede2011 or email us at: mustangstampede@gmail. com



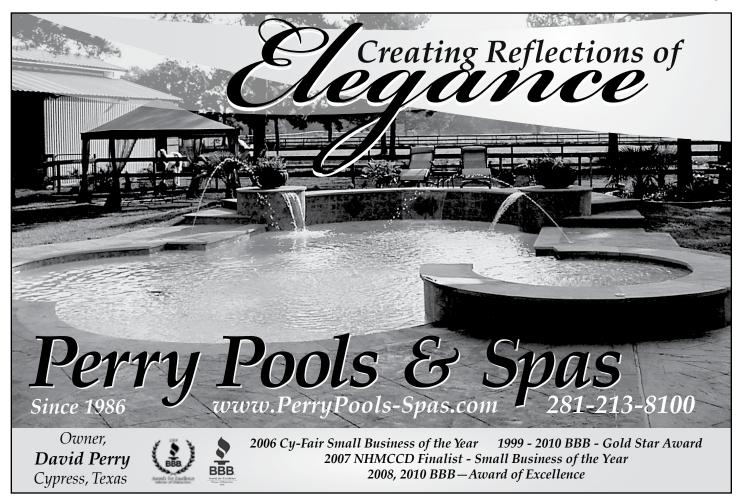
Special Evening for a Special Boy



Rosehill Christian School held their annual Sadie Hawkins dance on Saturday, January 29th. In following tradition, the girls asked the boys to be their dates for the evening and the theme was "Cowboys and Indians". This may sound like any other school having just another school dance but something quite remarkable happened at RCS that night. Senior cheerleading squad co-captain, Kaitlyn Burke, asked a very special friend to be her date for the dance, Joshua Wright.

Joshua would not have been the typical choice for a popular, outgoing young lady trying to make every moment special her

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senior year but that is exactly the choice Kaitlyn made. Joshua is not your average 16 year old boy; he has autism, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, water on his brain and extreme speech delay. He has good days, but he also has not so good days.

Kaitlyn not only gave Joshua a chance to experience a high school dance but also gave his parents the opportunity to share the experience. Lonnie and Beth Wright had the joy of getting their only son ready for a dance. They were overwhelmed with emotion when Kaitlyn thanked them for letting her take Joshua. Mr. and Mrs. Wright wrote a letter to Dean Unsicker, Head of School at Rosehill Christian, to let him know of the amazing student he has on the campus. Unsicker couldn't wait to share the story and hopes it will reach beyond the Tomball, Cypress and Houston areas.

Kaitlyn first met Joshua when her sister, Kristen, was giving him tumbling lessons. The families became fast friends and spend a lot of time together. When asked why she chose to ask Joshua to the dance, Kaitlyn replied, "I knew he loved to dance." Kaitlyn has a place in her heart for special needs kids and knew Joshua was the one she wanted to take to the event. She said he danced with lots of people and got those not dancing to join in. "He did a lot of hugging, too", said Kaitlyn with a smile in her voice. A lot of teenagers might have thought it would be a big hassle to attempt such an undertaking



but Kaitlyn said it was no big deal. Well it certainly was a big deal to Joshua and his family!

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Kevin and Bertha Burke. She is following her older sister, Kristen, by also graduating from Rosehill Christian School. The Burkes have a son, Kraig, who is currently in 9th grade at RCS. Lonnie and Beth Wright have three children: Joshua, Jaycee and Jessica. Their two girls also attend RCS. Rosehill Christian School is located at 19830 FM 2920, Tomball, TX.

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Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Sessions

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 7TH, 2011 AND FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 22ND, 2011

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host 2 open house/ registration sessions for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2011 season. The events will be held on Thursday, April 7, and Friday, April 22, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Cypress Room at the Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, 18220 Tomball Parkway, Houston, at the corner of FM 1960 and Highway 249. The sessions will begin with a very important program overview/orientation at 7:00 PM. All interested athletes and parents should report on time.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance, relays and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent "off-season" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.

The club was founded 24 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area. Last year the Northwest Flyers qualified 36 young athletes to compete at the US Junior Olympics National Championships in Sacramento, California.

Visit the team website at http://www. northwestflyers.org for registration forms and information prior to the sessions, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@ sbcglobal.net.

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