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News For The Residents of Longwood

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

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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EF exchange students come from more than 30 countries around the world and are between the ages of 15 and 18. The majority of students stay for a full high school year. In the past, exchange students have come to live in Texas from as far away as Germany, Hong Kong, Australia and Norway, to name a few.

I am an International Exchange Coordinator for EF Foundation. I will be working with the community to secure host families for a number of students this year.

In order to raise awareness of this life-changing opportunity, we need the community to see local narratives of the wonderful families and students who have had unforgettable experiences through the program.

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- <http://vimeo.com/10247951>
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLldRF-4x04&feature=player_embedded
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSFCbQFCT5k&feature=player_embedded

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any inquiries, as we would be happy to work with you.

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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 Cy-Fair 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

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

Recruiting Open House Dates and Locations:

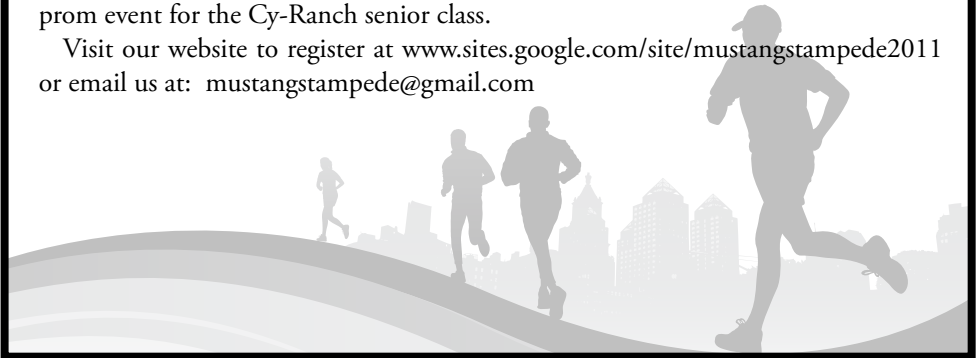
- April 3rd at 6:30 pm at CFVFD Station 9 at 7922 N Hwy 6, near Hwy 6 and Longenbaugh
- April 6th at 7pm at CFVFD Station 10 at 11310 Steeplecrest, near West Rd and Jones Rd
- April 13th at 7pm at CFVFD Station 6 at 6404 N. Eldridge Parkway, near Eldridge and West Little York

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

The M.A.N.E. Event – Mustang Stampede 2011 *1K & 5K Fun Run*

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 after-prom event for the Cy-Ranch senior class.

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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 **CARPOOL** (*Caring Aggies R Protecting Over Our Lives*) on the Texas A&M University campus. Carpool is a non-profit student-run 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.



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