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To submit an article for consideration please email it to *fairfieldgazette@peelinc.com*. The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.



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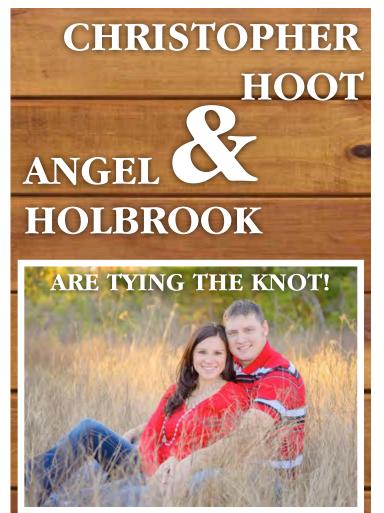


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The Fairfield Women's Club goal is to enhance our neighborhood. To address solicitation in Fairfield, we are offering a stop solicitation kit. For \$19.99 donation to FWC, you will receive a yard sign for your garden,

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#### Texas A&M University Traditions Council to speak to NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

Traditions are alive and well at Texas A&M! Please join us for the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road. You will enjoy hearing from some of Texas A&M's most enthusiastic students who are members of the Traditions Council. Traditions Council is a committee on the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association at Texas A&M University. Founded in 1975, their mission is to preserve and promote the traditions of Texas A&M through education and awareness. One of the biggest honors Traditions Council has is participating in the tradition of Silver Taps, a tribute to any undergraduate or graduate student who passes away while enrolled in Texas A&M. Traditions Council hosts Senior Bootline during home conference football games, Run for the Ring, a 5K race and drawing to raise money for an endowment to fund Aggie Ring scholarships, and facilitates Bonfire Remembrance Week.

The Traditions Council is just one of many student organizations that the Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms supports. At every April meeting, members of the club have the privilege of casting votes for any student organization at A&M that they would like to see receive funds from our club.

#### Parents Weekend- April 11-13, 2014

Parents' Weekend is a cherished Aggie tradition honoring Aggie moms and dads since 1919. Among the many weekend activities is the popular Aggie Moms' Boutique, a gift and craft fair held on April 11 and 12 in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M. Check out our booth! We will be selling our Tradition beads!

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at 7100 High Life Drive. Refreshments are available at 6:45! For more information on monthly speakers or upcoming events visit our website at www. nwhcaggiemoms.org or contact Shannon Eberle, Club President at clubpres2012@gmail.com.

## Fairfield's Fifty Plus Fun-Loving Group The Fairfield Seniors



The Seniors of Fairfield are an active, fifty plus, fun-loving group of couples and singles who enjoy fellowship, monthly trips, and various activities together. If you or your spouse is fifty or older, a newcomer to Fairfield Village or have lived here in Fairfield for some time but have never attended one of our functions, you are cordially invited. Come and be a part of our fun-loving group. We're sure you will enjoy it.

**OUR HISTORY:** Over these past ten plus years we've taken over a hundred trips. The Fairfield Gazette's web-site has back issues available from September, 2004. In order to go back to our beginning, we must thank Kelly Peel of Peel Inc. for locating all our articles from their archives and sending them to us. We now have every article submitted, which enabled us to put together Our History, and a complete listing of all our trips. Just go to Our History in our weekly email to read about our beginning and all the trips we've taken. You can get the complete listing at *http:// home.comcast.net/-seniorgroup/History.htm* 

OUR MARCH BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR: Tuesday, March 18, a tour of the 1940 Air Terminal Museum. Join us for a step back in time and enjoy our tour to the 1940 Air Terminal Museum. This bit of treasured history is located in Houston at William P. Hobby Airport. Collections are housed in the original art deco building which served as the first purpose-built terminal for Houston passengers. The terminal served Houston during the years when air travelers dressed in their best and embarked for destinations aboard roaring prop liners like the Douglas DC-3 and the Lockheed Constellation. Designed by architect Joseph Finger, the museum currently exhibits several collections focusing on Houston's civil aviation history and is operated by the Houston Aeronautical Heritage Society. The cost of this trip is \$7.00 per person plus the cost of your lunch, which we have at near the museum. Plus a surprise stop on the way back to Fairfield early afternoon. To get your name on the list for this trip call Jackie or Debbie, Jackie Wurth at 281-304-0805 or Deb DeJarnette at 832-220-6155 or send an email... Jackie: drwurth@yahoo.com or Debbie at: debslib@ hotmail.com. Checks are to be made out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. Checks can be given to: Jackie Wurth, Deb DeJarnette, Kay Wheeler or Mary Lou Cook. They can also be mailed to Jackie Wurth at: 21119 North Yellow Bud Ct, Cypress, Texas, 77433. We will depart from the Fairfield Village Parking Lot promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please be there by 8:45 a.m.

**OUR APRIL BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR:** Wednesday, April 9, with lunch in Texas City, and an African Safari in Alvin, Texas. We will

be going to the Reef Restaurant in Texas City for relaxing lunch first. Then we head over to Alvin, Texas to go on our own African Safari at the Bayou Wildlife Park. We get on a tram for a ride, with experienced wildlife guides, for a tour of over 86 acres of nature habitat with frequent stops which will permit us to meet and feed the animals. Remember to bring your cameras, to capture the thrill of feeding the animals. The cost of this trip is just \$10.00 per person plus the cost of your lunch Note: All reservations and checks must be received no later than Friday, March 28th. To get your name on the list for this trip call Andy or Mary Lawrence @ 281-256-28310r email them: marylawren@aol. com. Checks are to be made out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. Checks can be given to: Andy or Mary Lawrence, Kay Wheeler or Mary Lou Cook. They can also be mailed to the Lawrence's at: 16618 Shimmering Lake Drive, Cypress, Texas, 77433. We will depart from the Fairfield Village Parking Lot promptly at 9:30 a.m. Please be there by 9:15 a.m.

OUR MARCH ACTIVITIES PLANS: Thursday, March 13: Our Planning Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Trails Club House, we really need more members participating in these meetings and providing ideas for upcoming trips. If you have some suggestions for trips and are unable to attend the meeting, at least email them to Jackie @ drwurth@yahoo.com. Then later, around 6:30 p.m. that evening, we have our Monthly Pot Luck. It is also at the Lakeside Trails Club House. However, plan on being there early. Doors open around 6:00 p.m. for socializing and fellowship. Then plan on staying and join many of our members that stay to play games or socializing after the meal and to finish up the desserts. Tuesday, March 18: Game Night at the Cooks' House. It starts around 6:30 p.m. Just bring a little snack and a healthy appetite. This is always a fun evening with great fellowship. The directions are in the Activity page on our website and will also be in our March, 16 weekly newsletter. Thursday, March 27: Game Night at Lakeside Trails Club House. It starts around 6:30 p.m., and we have plenty of room at the club house. We would like to see you there to enjoy an evening of games and fellowship with us. Just bring a little snack and plan on having lots of fun. There are some card games, some games that the members bring and, of course, dominoes.

We have lots of members who enjoy our monthly trips; but, we need a few more of them to volunteer to handle a least one trip a year, so that responsibility doesn't fall on just one person. We also need some fresh ideas for upcoming trip. So just give Jackie Wurth a call @ 281-304-0805 with any ideas you might have for some of our upcoming trips.

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# MARCH GARDENERS

This is the year to grow your own fruits and vegetables! Many positive things come from growing a garden. Working in a garden can help to relieve stress and increase your overall activity level. Sunlight can improve sleep, deter depression and promote a stronger immune system. Growing your own garden allows you to control what fertilizers, pesticides and fungicides are used during the raising of your crops. But most importantly, vegetables and fruits grown in a home garden tend to be more flavorful and nutritious!

When selecting a site for your gardens keep these requirements in mind. All vegetables need at least 6 hours of direct sunlight each day—eight to 10 hours each day is ideal. The soil should be fertile and easy to work. You can improve the texture by adding organic compost material. Container gardening is perfect if you have space or soil limitations. Gardens will need at least one inch of water per week including rainfall.

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## The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Cy-Fair Surpasses \$1,000,000 Mark!

The American Cancer Society is pleased to announce that the Relay For Life of Cy-Fair has raised more than \$1,000,000 in the fight against cancer, thanks to the amazing success of this year's event. The 2013 Relay For Life of Cy-Fair brought in more than \$136,000, raising the grand total since the event's inception in 2005 to just over one million dollars!



"Congratulations to the many volunteers, committee members, and teams whose tireless

efforts each and every year since 2005 have resulted such an accomplishment. The valued participation of cancer survivors and caregivers make the American Cancer Society Relay For Life unique and appealing to the entire community, most of whom have been touched by cancer in some way," said Relay For Life of Cy-Fair Chair Sulema Tamez. Participation in the 2013 event

was also at an all-time high.

Relay For Life remains the American Cancer Society's highest-grossing fundraising event in the fight against cancer. Monies raised support the American Cancer Society's mission to help people stay well, get well, find cures and fight back through cancer research, as well as the free programs and services provided directly to cancer patients and their families.

The Relay For Life of Cy-Fair is currently signing up both business and personal teams for the April 25-26, 2014 event. The committee is also seeking volunteers, cancer survivors and caregivers to participate. If you are interested in signing up or learning more about how you can help the American Cancer Society finish the fight against cancer, please visit: www.relayforlife. org/cyfairtx.



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## NORTHWEST FLYERS YOUTH TRACK CLUB BEGINS 27TH SEASON

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club is now registering boys and girls ages 6 - 18 for the 2014 season. The team provides a full program of track and field events, and is affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF). The club was founded 27 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

Registration and practice is at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at the Cypress Creek High School track, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston.

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Nearly six of ten Americans will develop kidney disease in their lifetime, according to a new analysis published in the American Journal of Kidney Disease. In comparison, lifetime risk of diabetes, heart attack and invasive cancer is approximately four in ten.

The Kidney Walk is the nation's largest walk to fight kidney disease and is held to raise awareness of, and support those who are battling this disease. Held in nearly 100 communities, the event raises awareness and funds lifesaving programs that educate and support patients, their families and those at risk. Take a lifesaving step today and sign up for a walk below. The Houston Walk will be held on May 4th at 7:30am at Discovery Green Park Downtown. Registration at www.donate.kidney.org.

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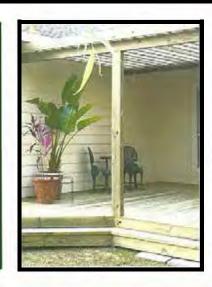
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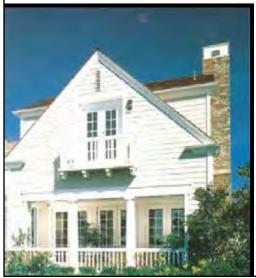


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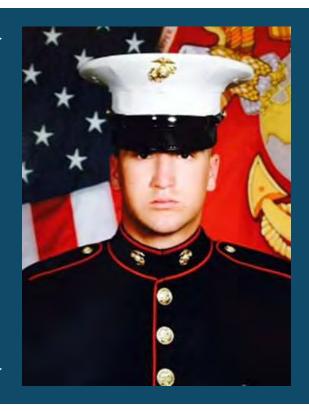
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PVT Cody Henson Jones, 19, of Cypress graduated from United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on 10 January 2014. Pvt. Jones successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego as one of 480 recruits in Training Platoon 2147. While in recruit training Pvt. Jones accomplished/achieved the following: Honor Platoon. Following ten days home on leave he will report to Camp Pendleton for one month at Military Combat Training then Military Occupation Specialty school.







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## Around Fairfield

## **Local Organizers Seek Community Volunteers!**

NW Houston/Cy-Fair, April 5, 2014 - Tired of looking at the growing piles of litter in public areas in our communities? We can do something about it! Calling all Texans to turn out on April 5th and join in the statewide initiative to remove litter and debris from our parks and roadways. Participants receive trash bags, volunteer giveaways, promotional items, and more to assist in facilitating our cleanup efforts.

Don't mess with Texas is a Texas Department of Transportation initiative that

began in 1985 to keep trash off Texas Highways. The Trash-Off, which is a partnership between the DOT and Keep Texas

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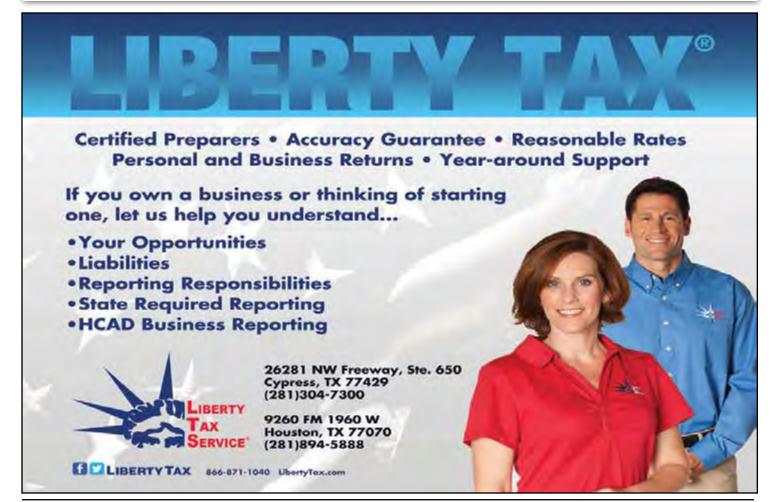
## APRIL 5, 2014

Beautiful, is organized locally by Anna Harrison, Amanda Mims and Judy Bodnar, Realtors on the Bodnar Team at the Better Homes and Gardens/Gary Greene Real Estate office on Barker Cypress Road.

The Bodnar Team encourages participation and says, "We are proud to carry out this community service and carry on with the Don't mess with Texas tradition because the presence of litter in a community takes a toll on quality of life, property values and housing prices."

Since litter begets litter,

people are inclined to add to existing piles. Turn out to help bag it up and see what a difference a day can make!



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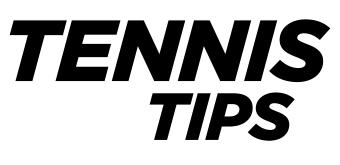
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## Sports Section



By USPTA/PTR Master Professional Fernando Velasco





## How To Execute The Forehand Drop Shot

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit the forehand groundstroke, the two-handed backhand, the one-handed backhand, the forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead "smash", the forehand service return, the backhand service return, the forehand high volley approach shot, the two handed high volley approach shot, the one-handed high volley approach shot, the forehand lob, the two-handed backhand lob and the one-handed backhand lob.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Forehand Drop Shot. This shot is used when a player is deep on the baseline and returns a short soft ball. The player hitting the drop shop is forcing the opponent to run toward the net. This ball should be hit high enough to clear the net and almost bounce back toward the net. If the player running for the shot can get it on the first bounce, it will likely be off balance and will be forced to make an error or return for an easy put away volley. In the illustrations, Fernando Velasco, Manager and Director of Tennis at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. This shot can also be executed from the base line when the opponent is expecting a deep return of a serve. *Step 1:* The Back Swing: When Fernando detects the ball landing short and high, he starts his back swing high and compacted. He is using the continental grip and keeping his eyes focused on the flight of the ball. His left hand is up front to keep the proper body balance.

**Step 2:** The Point of Contact: Fernando is now ready to perform the drop shot. His eyes are now focused on the point of contact and the face of the racket is angled up to create the underspin on the ball. His goal is to keep his head still. His left hand is still in front and his weight is shifting toward his left foot.

**Step 3:** The Follow Through: The success of a drop shot is to keep the ball on the strings as long as possible. Fernando is almost "cupping" the ball during the follow through. Fernando's grip is relaxed and the head of the racket is pointing toward the sky. His left shoulder is almost opening to the net and his eyes are following the path of the ball.

**Step 4:** The Ready Position: Once Fernando finishes the stroke, his goal is to follow the path of the drop shot. If he created a good drop shot and sees his opponent running with the head of the racket down, Fernando will move closer to the net or anticipate the angle shot. More likely it will be an easy sitter for a put away volley.

Look in the next Newsletter for: How to execute "The Backhand Drop Shot"



## **Sports Section**





## COME SWIM WITH THE DOLPHINS!

Join the Fairfield Area Swim Team (FAST) for a season of fun in the sun!! During the season you will perfect your swimming skills, meet new friends and have a GREAT time!! Not sure if you are ready for swim team? Try our pre- season swim clinic!

#### **TEAM AND CLINIC REGISTRATION**

Returning Members: New Members: In Person Registration: Online @ www.swim4fast.net beginning March 9th Online @ www.swim4fast.net beginning March 17th March 23rd from 2:00 PM to 5:00PM @ Central Park Clubhouse D&J Sports will be on-site selling our team suit and other swim gear!

#### \*\*\*This year online registration is available even when registering for clinic only! \*\*\*

PRE-SEASON SWIM CLINIC INFORMATION

#### Location: Dates: Beginning Clinic: Intermediate Clinic: Cost: Shark/Flip-Turn Clinic:

Fairfield Athletic Club Pool March 31st through April 17th 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM

5:15 PM to 6:00 PM \$50 for 2 days per week, \$100 for 4 days per week April 6th & April 13th - 2:00 to 3:30 - \$30

#### SWIMTEAM IMPORTANT DATES

New Member Evaluations: Practice Begins: Practice Meet: First Dual Meet: April 21st times TBD April 22nd May 4th May 17th

Team practices are held in the afternoon/evening until school is out and then move to the morning.

For more information please contact Tanya Thome at president@swim4fast.net or visit us online at www.swim4fast.net.



## School News





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# Cy Ranch/Copper Lakes Teen Flying High

Peter Pan, the musical, will be exciting audiences at The Berry Center February 28 – March 16, 2014, produced by Houston Family Arts Center (HFAC). This iconic family tale of the boy who never grows up is sure to wow audiences of all ages with highflying stagecraft and superb talent amassed from all over Texas. This production of Peter Pan, produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc., has a special lure for Copper Lakes and all Cy Fair ISD residents, as the role of Wendy is being played by local Cy-Ranch high school Junior, Rebekah Stanley.

It's an exciting time for Rebekah to fulfill a dream of being

involved in a production of Peter Pan. As a young actor, one of Rebekah's acting debuts was at HFAC in a production of Wonderland while playing the role of Humpty Dumpty. Over the past two summers, Rebekah trained for film while living in L.A. During the school year she focuses on stage acting through school productions and community theatre opportunities. For film and TV, she is represented by the Page Parkes 713 agency here in Houston as well as the CESD agency in Los Angeles. You may have even seen her recently in a Raisin Bran commercial that airs nationally.

Rebekah sharpens her skills through hours of classes and

private lessons, acting in various productions at both HFAC's Actors Academy and productions with her high school thespian group at Cy Ranch High School. At a the recent State Thespian Convention held in Dallas, Texas, Rebekah placed 2nd in the Musical Theater Solo event that allows her to advance to the National Thespian Convention to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska during the summer of 2014. During her last two high school musical productions, Rebekah played the role of Elle Woods in Legally Blonde, the Musical and Princess Fiona in Shrek, The Musical.

In Peter Pan, Rebekah plays the role of Wendy Darling and her love for the story coincides with Wendy's expression of innocent adoration of Peter Pan. As a girl who is beginning to "grow up", the role of Wendy stands in contrast to Peter Pan, a boy who refuses to do so, the major theme of the Peter Pan story. Rebekah admitted that, "The challenge in this role is convincing the audience that I am the younger girl, Wendy Darling, who wants to grow up and go to dinner parties and be like her grown up mother and yet, there is a spirit lingering inside her that wants to stop time". She added, "The fact is that my true nature as a teenager is to be more like the free spirited Peter Pan". The Director, Josh Clark, focuses heavily on character development and adds that, "Rebekah both perfectly skilled and is at the

perfect 'place' in life to play this role – a character with two competing themes. Wendy is reared with a sense of Victorian motherly duty and, yet, is still a spritely teenager. Peter Pan tempts that spritely side of her for just a moment in time to consider not growing up!"

Wendy, Peter and all the Darling Children, along with Liza will fly safely in the Berry Center, as ZFX will produce and direct the aerial sequences in the show. ZFX is currently managing the Peter Pan fly sequences for Cathy Rigby's production company, as well as the flying sequences for the world tour of Wicked.

Many of our residents have

become accustomed to theater district quality shows performing at The Berry Center in recent years, including Fiddler on the Roof, Annie and Seussical. HFAC has earned an esteemed reputation for bringing downtown quality theatre to Cypress. Cementing this tradition and reputation, this community theatre's recent performance of Fiddler on the Roof at The Berry Center earned Best Musical and Best Choreography, awarded by Houston Press, out-dueling the likes of Theatre under the Stars, Alley Theatre and several other well-known downtown theatres.

Tickets for Peter Pan start at \$15 and can be purchased at www. houstonfac.com. Groups of ten or more can save \$2 discount per ticket by contacting tickets@houstonfac.com.





#### **CYPRESS RANCH HIGH SCHOOL**

After-Prom Party + May 9, 2014 + Katy Main Event + 12:00 PM - 6:00 AM



#### **Attention 2014 Senior Parents**

We need your HELP to make M.A.N.E. Event 2014 a HUGE SUCCESS for all of our 2014 SENIORS! (MUSTANGS AT NIGHT'S END Event 2014)

Parents, your volunteer hours and donations will **EARN** your **SENIOR** valuable **BUCKS** that he/she will be able to put into drawings to win GREAT prizes during their after-prom party. We need lots of volunteers to help make M.A.N.E. Event 2014 a success. Please consider volunteering your time and energy to some of our great fundraisers while earning MANE Bucks for your Senior! **OR**, if you are unable to volunteer your time, please consider giving monetary donations or donating items to MANE. You will still receive LOTS OF VALUABLE BUCKS for your SENIOR. Below is a Calendar of Fundraising Events along with M.A.N.E. Event 2014 General Meeting dates and times. Please join us for the General Meetings and find out what's happening with MANE ... we'd love to see you there! We want to make great memories for all of our 2014 Seniors and need your help reaching the needed \$75,000 Goal to make M.A.N.E. Event 2014 at HUGE Success!!!

Email us at <u>maneevent2014@gmail.com</u> with your contact information to receive information, updates and news regarding M.A.N.E. Event 2014 via email. Visit us at <u>cypressranchmaneevent.com</u> for more great information!



## The Touchdown Club

From among all 3/A public schools and all private schools in the greater Houston area, the Touchdown Club of Houston awarded Rosehill Christian School the 2014 - 3A/Private School Sportsmanship Trophy.

This prestigious award was selected by the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO), Houston football chapter, who are the refs covering the high school games in the greater Houston area.

The award was based on six criteria: 1) Actions of the team, 2) Action of the coaches, 3) Actions of the support groups at games, such as parents, band and cheer squad, 4) Respect for the American flag, 5) a score based on the number of personal fouls incurred during the game, 6) a score based on the number of unsportsmanlike conduct fouls.

Coach Ryan Anthony summed up the award by thanking those on the team and all others associated with Rosehill Christian School. "I am particularly thrilled to be the coach of such fine young men who represent the Lord on and off the field. This award epitomizes the Rosehill journey and how it affects every aspect of the school."







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## **Business Section**

## **Successful Business Training**

Keynote speaker shares tips at the March 27, 2014 CYFEN meeting

Come to the Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) luncheon March 27 and get tips on being successful in your business.

The keynote speaker is Chuck Douglas with Proaction International. Chuck is a graduate of the Georgia State University in Atlanta (don't hold that against him), and has delivered more than 5,000 presentations and training programs throughout the world, including extensive tours with Tony Robbins, Bob Proctor, Les Brown, Mark Victor Hanson and Brian Tracy.

Chuck will share some ideas designed to "Create Immediate & Lasting Results" for your personal and professional effectiveness.

All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of CYFEN, which are held the fourth Thursdays at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd. This month's meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program.

Bring business cards for networking. The meeting cost is \$25 with advanced reservations made by the Thursday prior to the meeting and \$30 at the door.

For information on CYFEN, which is part of the American

Business Women's Association, go to www.CYFEN.org.

SAVE THE DATE April 24, 2014

#### CY-FEN EXPRESS ANNUAL WOMEN'S EXPO

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#### ABOUT CY-FAIR EXPRESS NETWORK (CYFEN)

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#### ABOUT AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

ABWA's mission is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.



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## **Cypress Texas Tea Party**

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday

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#### **MARCH MEETINGS:**

Saturday, March 8, 2014 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Saturday, March 29, 2014 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (Note NEW time)

A schedule of other meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, www. cypresstexasteaparty.org



#### **Elisha Roberts Chapter**

The wonderful ladies of the Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR, extend an invitation to any female, 18 years or older, who can prove direct lineal descent from someone who either fought in or provided aid during the American Revolution. We are a family oriented group of ladies who promote patriotism, education and historic preservation. Our motto is God, Home and Country. If this sounds like you, please come and join us for a meeting. We meet the third Thursday of each month, September through May, at the Backyard Grill, located at 9453 Jones Road. Our next meeting will be on March 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the chapter Regent, Cheryl Partney at cpart86@comcast.net or by phone at 832-654-0306. We look forward to meeting you.

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## **Business Section**

#### **CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB**

Kiwanis wants YOU! The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club is actively seeking new members who are interested in giving service to improve our community and our world. Visit the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club and learn more about community needs. In March, we have the following programs scheduled:

March 4—Mary Jane Williams from the Families to Families Network will discuss that organization's work for Children with disabilities.

March 11—Dr. Ronald B. Rea of the Chriss Cole Children's Fund will talk about the operation of the children's rehabilitation center. Their mission is to help children and families with resources not available from other community agencies.

March 18—Ray Wooten, executive director of Shield Bearer will address how this organization helps heal the hearts of children who fall between the cracks of most recognized community agencies. These children are victims of abuse, neglect and child trafficking.

Kiwanis will provide donations and service whenever possible . Children: Priority One is the motto of Kiwanis worldwide. Join us in these endeavors and reap the rewards of satisfaction in the results achieved. Additionally, we sponsor Key Clubs and Builder's Clubs in the high schools and middle schools in the Ct-Fair District.

Businesses of the community are encouraged to support a representative for membership in Kiwanis. If you work for a business that is oriented toward involvement in community improvement and leadership, suggest to them that you

would like to represent that business through membership and involvement in work with Kiwanis. We welcome business and organization representatives as well as individual memberships.

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club meets at Hearthstone Country Club on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373, George Crowl at 832-467-1998 or Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127. We invite you to be our guest at one of the meetings and enjoy the fellowship of Kiwanians from your community as you learn about our organization.

We welcome your visit at our Club meeting and your consideration of membership in our service organization.





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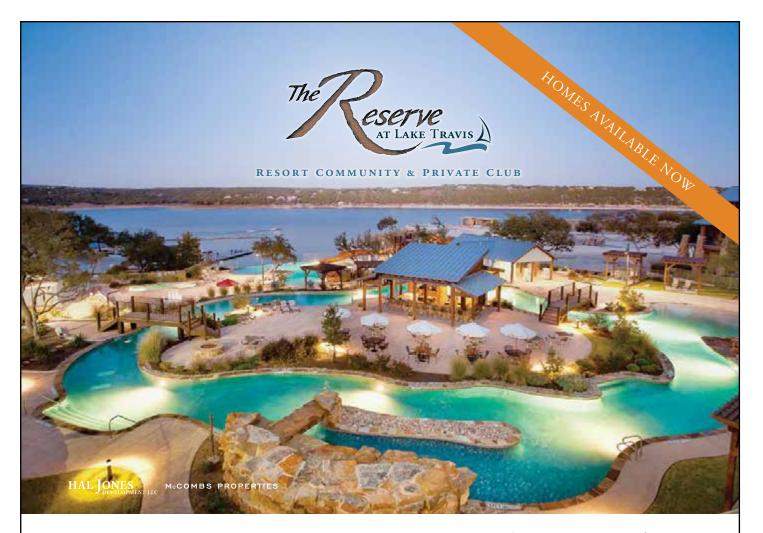


The Chappell Hill Historical Society celebrates their 50th Anniversary this year. What a year is planned with the State Official Bluebonnet Festival to be held on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. til 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 13, from 9 a.m. til 5 p.m. This is one of Texas best festivals with over 450 arts & crafts booths, children court, great Texas food, and some of the best live entertainment in this part of Texas.

Come visit the great town of Chappell Hill for the Bluebonnet Festival. Admission is free, parking usually is \$5 and experience a great day in the country. Located on U.S. 290 East, between Houston and Austin. Come out and enjoy Chappell Hill Historical Society anniversary and be a part of the CHHS Bluebonnet Festival.

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| Neighborhood             | 4 <sup>TH</sup> Quarter Results |             |     |  |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----|--|
|                          | Sold                            | \$ per SqFt | DOM |  |
| Autumn Park              | 1                               | \$87.11     | 102 |  |
| Baker's Ridge            | 9                               | \$86.66     | 20  |  |
| Bluebonnet Glen          | 2                               | \$101.92    | 7   |  |
| Blue Meadow              | 2                               | \$89.15     | 25  |  |
| Chappell Ridge           | 3                               | \$73.79     | 26  |  |
| The Estates              | 3                               | \$98.86     | 6   |  |
| Garden Grove             | 2                               | \$77.99     | 67  |  |
| Glen                     | 2                               | \$73.21     | 5   |  |
| Inwood Glen              | 2                               | \$76.68     | 19  |  |
| Inwood Park              | 8                               | \$74.74     | 26  |  |
| Lake Crest               | 3                               | \$98.67     | 69  |  |
| Lakes/Lake Point         | 5                               | \$92.99     | 29  |  |
| Crossing/Landing/Reserve | 6                               | \$78.15     | 12  |  |
| Meadows/Park/Retreat     | 3                               | \$78.26     | 33  |  |
| Oaks/Trails              | 3                               | \$79.85     | 33  |  |
| Pines                    | 0                               | \$0         | 0   |  |
| Summer Crossing/Ridge    | 8                               | \$78.47     | 28  |  |
| Tuscan Estates           | 1                               | \$113.76    | 146 |  |

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