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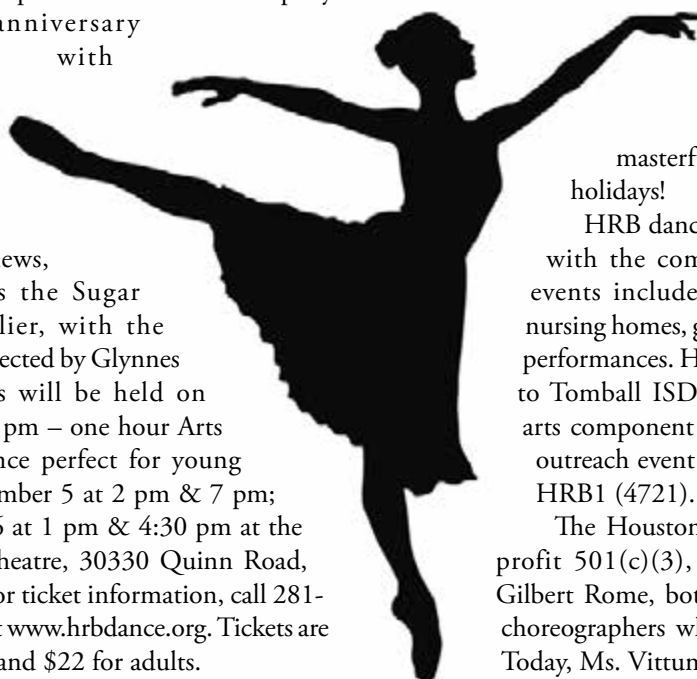
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Towne Lake residents, Shea Ritter, Katie McElroy, and Grace Schlafer, will be performing in the Houston Repertoire Ballet's The Nutcracker.

Houston's premier pre-professional ballet company celebrates its 20th anniversary season, beginning with its 14th annual performance series of *The Nutcracker*, featuring professional guest artists Elizabeth Keller and Jared Matthews, both HRB alumni, as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier, with the Cypress Philharmonic directed by Glynneth Lanthier. Performances will be held on Friday, December 4 at 7 pm – one hour Arts & Education performance perfect for young children; Saturday, December 5 at 2 pm & 7 pm; and Sunday, December 6 at 1 pm & 4:30 pm at the Tomball High School Theatre, 30330 Quinn Road, Tomball, Texas 77375. For ticket information, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721) or visit www.hrbdance.org. Tickets are \$18 for students/seniors and \$22 for adults.

The *Nutcracker's* brilliant blend of beautiful costumes, lavish sets, and fresh choreography creates a magical storybook



world enjoyed by children and adults alike. With a cast of more than 100 HRB dancers and area children, and live music played by Cypress Philharmonic, HRB's masterful production is the highlight of the holidays!

HRB dancers are committed to sharing the arts with the community. Community engagement events include costumed appearances at various nursing homes, group events, and at Arts & Education performances. HRB brings two matinee performances to Tomball ISD third grade students, fulfilling the arts component of their curriculum. To schedule an outreach event for your organization, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721).

The Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB) is a non-profit 501(c)(3), founded by Victoria Vittum and Gilbert Rome, both nationally acclaimed teachers and choreographers who served as its co-artistic directors. Today, Ms. Vittum oversees training and programming with an equal eye to serving the needs of the community.

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ARTICLE INFO

The *Tribune* is mailed monthly to all Towne Lake residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

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

CYPRESS AREA FOOD PANTRY

Do you know of someone who has trouble putting food on the table? Maybe their employment was suddenly terminated; maybe it's a choice between medications or food; for whatever reason a family can find themselves in a situation where they need a little help.

Fountain of Life Church of God at 15010 Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (excluding holidays) and the only requirement is that the client should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner 77429. For more information, contact 281-373-9337. Donations of non-perishable food items are also greatly appreciated.



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FAIRFIELD SPORTS ASSOCIATION 2016 SPRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

BASEBALL

- Instructional T-Ball (Boys and Girls)– Player must have reached age 4 by 4/30/16
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- AA7 – Player must be 7 or younger on 4/30/16
- AA8 – Player must be 8 or younger on 4/30/16
- AAA 9 – Player must be 9 or younger on 4/30/16
- AAA 10 – Player must be 10 or younger on 4/30/16
- Majors – Player must be 12 or younger on 4/30/16
- Majors - 13yrs old Players must be 13 or younger on 4/30/16

SOFTBALL

Age Cutoff has changed to 1/1. This year will be grandfathered by request ONLY.

- 6U Sweetees (Tee Ball) – Player must be 6 or younger on 1/1/16
- 8U Darlings (coach pitch) – Player must be 8 or younger on 1/1/16
- 10U Angels (kid pitch) - Player must be 10 or younger on 1/1/16
- 12U Ponytails (kid pitch) - Player must be 12 or younger on 1/1/16

Ponytails division may have a partnership with Katy Girls Softball Association. Some games may be played at:

Paul D. Rushing Park
9114 Katy Hockley Road
Cypress, Texas 77493

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NOW A FAIRFIELD RESIDENT ONLY SIGNUP WINDOW

Our league has grown in size and we must allow an opportunity for residents to sign up before non residents. Once the window is closed registration is on a "first come first serve" basis.

All dates are tentative and subject to change!

CALENDAR:

NOV 28, 2015 - DEC 4, 2015

Registration for Fairfield Residents ONLY

DEC 4, 2015 - JAN 3, 2016

OPEN registration at: www.fairfieldsports.sportssignup.com

JAN 3, 2016th

Registration CLOSES. Refunds will NOT be given after this date.

Week of January 11 – 15th

Coaches Meetings

January 23rd

Tryouts for all baseball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

January 30th

Tryouts for all softball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

March 1st - Games begin

March 4th - All sponsorship money DUE.

March 5th - Opening Day Parade and Festivities

March 11th - 20th - No Games: CFISD Spring Break

March 24th - 27th - No Games: Easter Holiday

May 23rd - Tournament scheduled to begin (dependent upon weather)

June 10th - All Star Weekend

WAITLISTS:

As divisions approach our maximum capacity of registrations, we sometimes need to utilize waitlists in order to ensure that we have appropriate numbers for each team. We also do this to backfill any cancellations. If you receive a note that you have been placed on a waitlist, it does NOT necessarily mean you won't be able to play. However, as we approach the close of registration the possibility of being shut out increases as we reach capacity numbers. Some divisions will be limited due to space and once a division is full, we cannot accept any more registrations.

LATE REGISTRATION:

There will be NO LATE REGISTRATION. Unfortunately, our size has dictated a more strict approach to registration cut-off in order to handle all of the administrative duties and preparation necessary to start the season.

GETTING INVOLVED:

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to find a way to take part in your sports association. FSA is a volunteer organization and could use your help to provide the best facilities around. There are jobs ranging from helping with try-outs, opening day help, field maintenance, and concessions duty. We hope you familiarize yourself with the Baseball and Softball Committees via our website and reach out to committee members to see how you can help. Three areas needing the most help are baseball committee, nightly field maintenance and concessions. These are opportunities to not only get involved and meet great people, but most of all contribute to making Fairfield one of the best places around for our kids to play sports!!!

On behalf of the Fairfield Sports Association and the Baseball/ Softball committee members, I would like to thank you for all your support.

Key Club T-O District Fall Rally

By Cypress Ranch Key Club Publicity Chairmen



Key Club has been one of the most influential organizations for volunteering and has reached out to a multitude of countries by unifying students to help their community. They have continued to show their compassion through numerous volunteering events. Also, their club has grown and spread worldwide.

This year, the Fall Rally was held for the Texas-Oklahoma District of Key Club in Arlington, Texas. The event took place on October 3rd at

Six Flags during their 6th annual Fright Fest! Key Clubbers from all over Texas and Oklahoma came to this event to learn more about Key Club and about the Governor's and District Project! This was a very valuable opportunity to connect with other Key Club members and truly see the bigger picture of Key Club. They got updated on

information about their upcoming district convention while creating bonding friendships.

We interviewed our Key Club president, Reena Gannon, about her experience at Fall Rally:

"What activities did Key Club do at Fall Rally?"

Reena: "We met new people in the TO District and learned about the DCON theme for next year. We also played ice breakers in order to connect with other members such as Key Club related Kahoot! and jellyfish. We also rode rollercoasters and socialized with other Key Clubbers."

"What were the benefits of Fall Rally?"

Reena: "Leaders at the Fall Rally reinforced important information such as dues for key club, sending monthly reports on time, and communicating with the district board."

"What could students learn at Fall Rally?"

Reena: "They can learn how big Key Club actually is and the goals we are all working towards."

"What is important about connecting with other key clubbers?"

Reena: "It gives you better perspective that you are not the only club that is working together, that everyone is learning and making mistakes, and that our club does A LOT of service. It's a very humbling experience."

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A Night in Bethlehem

Visit Bethlehem this season on Saturday, December 5th and Sunday December 6th from 5:00-8:00 pm. at Messiah Lutheran Church at 11522 Telge Road, Cypress, TX 77429. The event is free!

Imagine what life was like during this miraculous time in history as you visit the Spice Merchant, the Produce Market, sample the wonderful treats at the Bakery and taste the savory soup at the Soldier's Tavern. Listen to the storyteller, and visit the shepherds, & the Inn. Watch for the Roman soldiers. Don't miss this living, interactive recreation of the original Christmas story. Join us for free activities for the family including candle making, create a clay pinch pot, sew a coin bag or play Bethlehem dress-up. Pet the live animals and enjoy cookies, hot cider and coffee.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing, The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.



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2nd annual Zambia Orphan Run/Walk Fundraiser

Submitted by Andrew and Graceann DeVlieger

Please join us for the 2nd annual Zambia Orphan Run/Walk Fundraiser Saturday, November 14th at Harris County Deputy Darren Goforth Park (formerly Horsepen Creek Park) in Houston. The goal of the race is to help raise \$110,000 to build a house in Zambia, Africa for 12 young orphan children my wife and I met two summers ago, currently living in extreme poverty and in the slums. We have already raised \$77k and are hoping this event finalizes our 14 month fundraising journey. Prizes/medals awarded to age division winners. Event features chip timing and Jimmy John's sandwiches and quality custom t-shirts will be distributed. Event also includes silent auction and opportunity to purchase gift cards at 80% of face value. 100% of the proceeds benefit these orphan kids, via the non-profit, Christian Organization we are associated with called Family Legacy Missions International. Address to the event is 9118 Wheat Cross Dr. Houston, TX 77095. This four mile race starts at 9:00 a.m. and registration will be available from 7:30 - 8:45 a.m on race day. To pre-register, please visit www.zambiaorphanrun.com. Walkers and furry friends are more than welcome :)

My wife Graceann and I traveled to Lusaka, Zambia (Africa) in July of 2014 with Family Legacy to love on orphan children and our lives and hearts were forever changed. The Tree of Life Children's Village, located just outside the capital city of Lusaka, Zambia is a 130-acre community of homes for orphaned children, designed to be a haven of hope and healing. My wife and I's vision is to build an additional house in this village that will serve as a refuge and a loving Christian home for 12 additional orphan children, who currently live in the slums.

The children that move into this village come from the most severe backgrounds of extreme poverty, abuse and neglect. Some are HIV positive, while others come from child-headed households. 17% of all children in Zambia die before their 5th birthday and 65% of the population lives on less the \$1.25 a day. None of these kids chose their state in life, but now each of them must somehow try to exist in it.

Children at the Tree of Life receive both the educational and spiritual development that will dramatically transform their future. Kids here are provided first class education through highly qualified teachers and exceptional curriculum, equipping these children to become the future leaders of their country. Full-time pastors build on this by teaching the Word of God and encouraging the children in their faith.

Our desire is to cast visions into the lives of these kids so they can become all that God intended them to be. Top-notch education, discipleship and counseling are daily fixtures in their lives. In this village, children have the chance to do what most kids in Zambia have never done before: just be kids. Please help us in making our vision a reality! www.zambiaorphanrun.com

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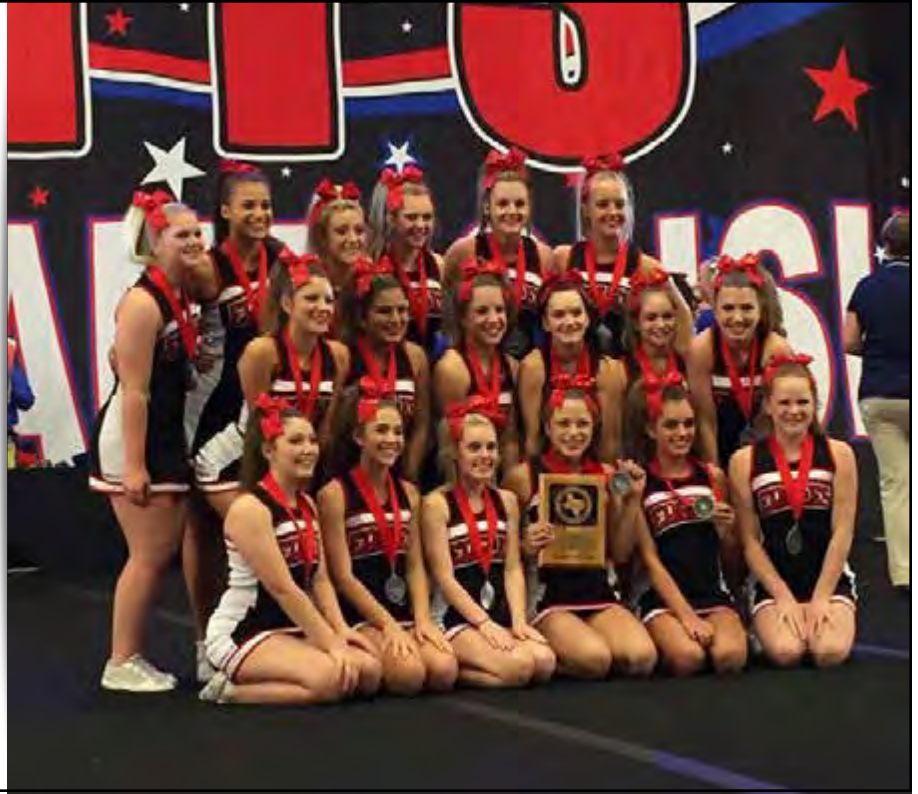
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Congratulations to our Rosehill Christian School Cheerleaders who won 2nd in State through TAPPS - They received Silver medals. Also congratulations to Ashley Cronin who won second team all-state and Jessica Wright & Kassidy Porter who won first Team All-State Awards. The RCS Cheer team was also recognized at the "Best Fans" which represents the character of the students and the way they encouraged the other teams. Way to represent RCS!!!



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