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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

COPPER CREEK MEADOWS COMMUNITY GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN JACINTO COUNCIL



Our Community holiday service project for Cypress Assistance Ministries provided over 70 baking baskets, 150 handmade holiday cards, and 12 bags of gently used toys, 6 bags of new toys and stocking stuffers, and 5 bags of candy to some of our less fortunate neighbors. (picture)

Junior troop 16465 collected items for Operation Christmas ShoeBox. They also

collected and delivered donated items for the library and craft room at Texas Children's Hospital. (picture)

Brownie troop 113042 continued the Girl Scout tradition of making new friends when they visited Park Manor at Cy-Fair. The girls made Christmas ornaments and played bingo with the nursing home residents. (2 pictures)

The annual Girl Scout Cookie sale began on February 7. We are celebrating 100 years of cookie sales in 2017. Way back in 1917, Girl Scouts of the Mistletoe troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma, baked and sold cookies to support service projects in the first known cookie sale

.Cookie sales today fund individual troop activities, as well as supporting Council camps and programs. Girl Scouts who sell Girl Scout Cookies are also developing the 5 skills of: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. These are skills that will last a life time and lead to future success.

Don't miss trying our new S'mores cookie! It starts with a crispy graham cookie which is double dipped in crème icing and a chocolatey coating. Yummy! Of course so are all the OTHER great cookies!

Haven't heard from any Girl Scouts yet? Cookie booth sales will begin on February 17 at area business. We appreciate the support of our families,

friends and neighbors. Thank you for buying Girl Scout Cookies!

February 22nd is World Thinking Day, when we celebrate the birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden Powell, and" think "of the international Scouting movement. At our Thinking Day event, troops will represent different countries, with food, activities, games, costumes and more. Ireland, Madagascar, Australia, Vietnam and Japan are already stops on this world tour! Troops will also be bringing their donations of coins for the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

Girl Scouts are busy, active girls. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Girl Scouting is open to all girls ages 5 (must be in kindergarten) through 18 who are willing to accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Girls may join at any age, and no previous Scouting experience is required.

Copper Creek Meadows Community serves girls in the residence areas for the elementary schools listed below, as well as the corresponding middle and high schools .Home schooled and private school students are always welcome.

Our elementary schools are: Birkes, Fiest, Hairgrove, Horne, Kirk, Lee,Lieder, Lowery, Metcalf, Owens, Tipps, Wilson, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Texas Christian School and Christian Life Center.

For more information on Copper Creek Meadows Community, please contact coppercreekmeadowsgirlscouts@gmail.com. The website for Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council is www.gssjc.org. The Council phone number is 713-292-0300.



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Cy-Fair College.....	281-290-3200

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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Troop 533 & 1907

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Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and Fairfield Baptist Church

If you are looking to beautify your landscape and bring your lawn back to life, then you will be interested to know it is that time of year again for fertilizer and mulch sold to you and delivered to your home by your local boy scouts this spring!

Troop 533 chartered by GSUMC and Troop 1907 chartered by FBC have joined forces once again to conduct their annual fertilizer and mulch fundraiser starting January 9, 2017. Troop 533 has delivered to homes in the Cypress community for more than 10 years and is proud to continue this tradition with Troop 1907. Scouting makes a direct and positive impact on your community by teaching positive values and leadership skills to our youth. Your support ensures Scouting will continue building character, fitness and citizenship for years to come.

The funds from your purchase will directly benefit the troop, and each individual scout, on their continued journey through the scouting program. The proceeds from each scout's sales will help fund activities such as High Adventure Camp, Summer Camp, Treks, monthly troop campouts and so much more. By purchasing your lawn mulch and fertilizer from the scouts, you are directly supporting scouting programs where you live – programs that clean up your parks, gather food for the area needy and even help your community prepare for disaster.

This year's offerings include red, black, hardwood or pine bark mulch as well as premium or slow release fertilizer and weed n feed fertilizer. Scouts will be visiting your neighborhood soon! All purchases will be delivered by the Scouts on February 25, 2017.

For your convenience, Scouts will be selling door to door in your subdivision beginning January 9th. If you are reading this circular and think we may miss you, please order by emailing Troop 533 at BoyScoutsTroop533@yahoo.com.

*Yours in Scouting,
Scoutmaster Louis Mayer (Troop 533) and
Scoutmaster Chad Gaulding (Troop 1907)*



CFISD Superintendent's Fun Run & Festival

Registration is now open for the fourth annual CFISD Superintendent's Fun Run & Festival, set for Feb. 18, 2017 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Berry Center (8877 Barker Cypress Road) and Towne Lake. Underwritten by Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital, the fun run supports student scholarships through the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation.

Options include a chip-timed 5K run, a 1-mile run/walk and a family fun path. Children's games and activities, music entertainment and food trucks make this a fun event for the entire family.

Register by Jan. 6 and receive an early bird discount of \$5 off! Find more information and register at www.cfsd.net/funrun.



Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is now hiring for the spring season of the SPLASH! swim lessons program. The season begins Feb. 27 and runs through May 18. Lessons take place Monday-Thursday, with three time slots offered for participants beginning at 5 p.m. Instructors are needed for all time slots and instructors may be scheduled for up to three hours per night depending on availability and enrollment. Applicants should possess strong swimming skills, excellent communication skills and a desire to work with children, as well as the ability to occasionally teach beginning level adult swimmers. Hourly rates begin at \$18/hour.

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9TH Annual Salute to Our Heroes Gala

On February 11, 2017, the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF) will hold its 9th Annual Salute to Our Heroes Gala at the Omni Hotel Houston at Westside. For the 2nd year in a row, Joe Myers Ford Lincoln has generously underwritten this gala that honors the brave men and women who have served to protect our freedom and liberty. Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital has been a Major General Sponsor for Salute to Our Heroes since 2011. This year's Brigadier General Sponsors include Hightower Electric Company, Memorial Hermann Cypress, North Cypress Medical Center and Station & Ayers Insurance Services & Consulting. The evening will include a Missing Man Table and Honors Ceremony to honor our missing loved ones [or missing comrades in arms, for veterans] and entertainment by the Aggenizers, Barber Shop Quartet from Texas A&M's Singing Cadets.

Kris Paronto, former Army Ranger from 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment and private security contractor is our guest speaker. Paronto was part of the CIA annex security team that responded to the terrorist attack on the US Special Mission in Benghazi, Libya, September 11th, 2012. His team's involvement was paramount in the saving of US lives and assets while fighting off terrorists from the CIA Annex for over 13

hours. Mr. Paronto's story is told in the book "13 Hours" written by Mitchell Zuckoff and his five surviving annex security team members.

In 2009, Edward Station, former CFEF Trustee, envisioned a gala to recognize and honor our military while raising scholarship funds for the Foundation. Salute to Our Heroes has funded more than \$600,000 in endowed scholarships for students graduating from the Cypress Fairbanks ISD.

CFEF was established in 1970 as a non-profit to raise money to fund a scholarship for high school graduates in the area. Over the past 46 years, the Foundation has grown tremendously through the efforts of the Board of Trustees and the generosity of the Cy-Fair Community. The Foundation has awarded more than \$7 million in scholarships to 1400 graduating seniors. CFEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions are tax deductible, as allowed by the law.

Sponsorships and tickets are available for Salute to Our Heroes
Tickets: \$100 individual; \$50 veterans

For more information please contact marie@thecfef.org or visit our website at www.TheCFEF.org.

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The temperatures feel like Spring already and the time of year that you start looking at your home and thinking about remodeling is almost here. You may have noticed that the outside of your home needs a little work or you may be looking at putting your home on the market. When it comes to remodeling, where do you start?

Every year, "Remodeling" magazine looks at the average costs of home remodeling projects with the value of those projects retain at resale in over 100 U.S. cities. The smartest investment that you can make when remodeling may surprise you. Many homeowners go to the time honored update of the kitchen and bathrooms to garner the best price per square foot at resale.

However, "Remodeling" magazine ranks "re-siding with fiber cement as the #1 return on investment when compared to other mid-size remodeling projects" for the fourth year in a row. Compared to adding a bathroom, re-siding your house with fiber cement nets a 25 percent higher return on investment. Re-siding with fiber cement will also increase your return by 11 percent over vinyl windows and a whopping 24 percent greater than a major kitchen remodel or roof replacement.

The next question in remodeling is who to trust with your home remodeling project. Choose a company with a good reputation that offers solutions for your remodeling needs. Ask trusted friends for recommendations, check out the company's BBB rating and know that the cheapest estimate may not always be the best. Michael Berry, KTRH 740AM personality and host of the Michael Berry Show, endorses Houston Siding. Berry states, "I have spoken for Houston Siding Company for 10 years and have never had a complaint."

Texas has its own set of challenges with temperatures in the highs and lows as well as high humidity and storm potential. With a familiar slogan in Texas being "if you don't like the temperature just wait a few minutes," you should look for products that are durable as well as suited for the climate.

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As Spring time approaches and remodeling projects start, you want to ensure that you're using the best possible products and company for your next remodeling project.

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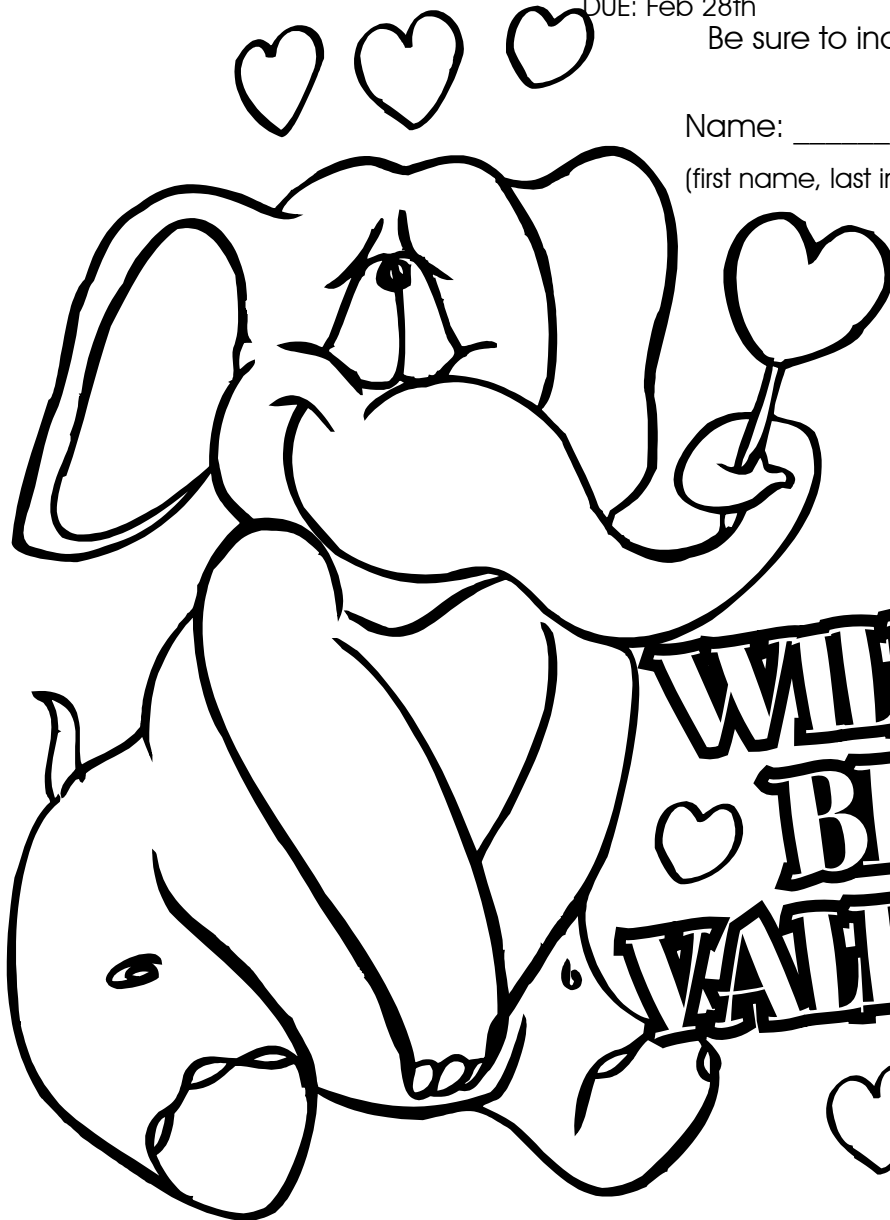
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