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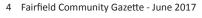
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Around Fairfield

JACKIE DEVINE Contributing Editor Fairfield Community Gazette



As the old song goes, "June is busting out all over, All over the meadow and the hill!" That could not be more evident than in our little village. Schools are closing, sports are going wild, and the pools are sparkling.

Last month, I wrote a column about a family, an entrepreneur, and a senior. This month our senior story is also a

family story and our entrepreneur story is the saga of how an entire family is deeply ensconced in their family-owned business. I hope you get as much enjoyment reading about them as I had getting to know them and writing their stories. the excellent work they are doing with foreign exchange students. In May we presented their daughter Julie. This month, you will hear from other host parents and a family member as students prepare to go back to their mother country.

Don't overlook the Cypress Lucky Mutts story. They received a donation from alumni Cali and the Anderson family. KRBE picked up on it and interviewed the proprietors of Cypress Lucky Mutts. Last but not least, take the time to read about The Texas Traveler's latest Day Trip just an hour from Fairfield.

Exciting things are always happening in our community. When they do, please contact me at jackie.devine@peelinc.com so I can share it with your neighbors. Also, if you have an interesting neighbor that you would like us all to meet, please let us know.

Thank you, and stay safe! Jackie Devine, Contributing Editor

In April the Gazette introduced the Votisky family and highlighted Jackie Devine, G



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AIRFIELD Women's Club

July 4th Parade

The parade route will be much the same as last year. We will meet and line up at Ault Elementary at 8:30. The Parade will start at 9.

Route: Ault Elementary; Left on Chappel Knoll; Right on FairFalls Loop; Left on Aspen Pine; Right on Fairfield Park; Right on Fairfield Park Circle; Right on Fairfield Green Circle. We will circle around Bradford Creek Clubhouse complex; around Fairfield Park Circle; Right on Fairfield Green; Right on Fairfield Place; Left on Medley Green; Medley Green to Central Park

The line up order is the fire trucks, Fairfield Womens Club, then all other cars and trucks, after that comes other motorized vehicles (golf carts), followed by bikers, then walkers.

Please come out and start your 4th off with your neighbors as we celebrate the birth of OUR GREAT NATION.

July 4th Parade Grand Marshall Needed

We would love to have a lady veteran as our Grand Marshall. If you live in Fairfield or Lakes of Fairhaven and know of a lady veteran or current enlisted in the military, we would love to have her as our Grand Marshall. Please send your information to fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

July 29 - Fairfield Women's Club Annual Style Show at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church @ 2pm

August 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 - Fall Women's Club Meetings

Most meetings are at Bradford Creek Clubhouse. Watch the Gazette and Marquee for exact information.

June Meeting

The Fairfield Women's Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, at the Bradford Creek Clubhouse. Our guest speaker is Debbie Andrews of Andrews Financial Services. Debbie started Andrews Financial Services in 1989 after recognizing there was a need to simplify the financial choices available for retirement planning. Today Andrews Financial Services offers a full range of investments of include retirement income strategies, annuities and managed portfolios. Debbie is committed to helping her clients achieve their financial goals. Please join us for a very informative evening. Cathy Ward and Lisa Cannon are providing refreshments for the June meeting.



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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.

Special Trip Notice:

We had to remove a few names from past trips and replace them with names on the waiting list, because their checks were not received by the due date. Please note that payment cash or check is now due when you sign-up.

THE JUNE BUS TRIP PLANS FOR:

Wednesday, June 14, Sam Houston boat tour & Chocolate factory tour.

Thanks to Jo Ann Lambert.

Enjoy a leisurely, 90-minute round-trip, educational tour along the Houston Ship Channel on this 95-ft. vessel that holds up to 100 passengers and features air-conditioned, lounge seating, as well as standing room outside on the boat's deck. Lunch TBD. Then off to tour a real chocolate factory where you will learn about the cocoa processing, the chocolate and confectionery manufacturing process as well as the history and tradition of Kegg's Candies, Houston's longest established and only "full line" chocolate manufacturing company. Let's not forget to sample! Cost \$10.00 per person.

This trip is completely booked at this time and there is a waiting list.

For more details and the cost for this event go to... http://www. fairfieldfiftyplus.com

then click on: "For Trip Information" at the top of our home page, then sign up early so you don't get left out.

Reminder Notice: Harris County Precint 3 Transportation Department requires the following information for every trip. Your

name, it will already be on the form. You will need to add your phone number, address, email address, and the name and phone number for your emergency contact for the day of the trip.

You will be required to complete this Statement of Release Form. When pass around after boarding the bus.

THE JULY BUS TRIP PLANS FOR:

Friday, July 14, Our Twelfth Annual Baseball Trip: Astros vs Twins

Thanks to Kay Wheeler.

This may be "the year" for the Astros as everyone says and hopes! That would be something. Since this is a Friday night game it is also fireworks night.

Our tickets are in section 152 (as usual), row 12 and 13. This section allows us easy entrance and exit to the doors and the bus. SO **LET'S GO OUT TO THE BALLGAME!** Cost \$35.00 per person.

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OUR FAIRFIELD FIFTY PLUS WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:

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Around Fairfield **YARD** of the MONTH— June

June Winner of Fairfield Yard of the Month

As of this month, the Yard of the Month committee has driven every street in Fairfield! It has been such a pleasure and challenge to choose from all of the beautiful yards. The sections that are featured this month are in Fairfield South: north of Cypresswood, west of Fairfield Place, up to Cumberland Trail.

The yard honored this month is located in the Village of Bluebonnet Glen at 22010 Silver Blueberry Trail that belongs to Darly and Rebecca Weyland. It is landscaped with various levels of shrubbery, landscape rocks, and colorful bedding plants. The shrubs include: Variegated Pittosporum, Ligustrum, and Box Woods with flowering plants scattered in-between. The beds are lined with stacked flagstone, including their four trees. All of the trees have been pruned, giving full view of the outstanding landscape which is accented with the American Flag. Congratulations to the WEYLANDS!



Honorable Mentions

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14731 N. Carolina Green Dr. 21731 W. Mulberry Field Ct. 21910 Sheffield Gray Tr. 21926 Sheffield Gray Tr. 22022 Sheffield Gray Tr. 21803 Silver Blueberry Tr. 22102 Silver Blueberry Tr. 15026 Turquoise Mist Dr. 22015 Twinkle Sky Ct. 14818 S. Grey Heron Ct. 14902 Blue Egret Dr. 14707 Bronze Finch Dr.





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<u>Around Fairfield</u> Lucky Mutts Get Luckier



by Jina Evans

Cypress Lucky Mutt Rescue hit the jackpot and became a double-winner recently when alumni Cali and her family the Andersons gave back to Cypress Lucky Mutt Rescue. As a recent 104.1 KRBE winner, they decided to share their winnings with Cypress Lucky Mutt Rescue.

Receiving the prize money was an awesome surprise, but that wasn't all. KRBE's Freddy Cruze invited the Cypress Lucky Mutt Rescue volunteers to the station to promote their cause to

rally more support. The entire Houston metropolitan area learned about the crisis faced by homeless animals and how to become a foster with rescue.

Cypress Lucky Mutt Rescue is a Cypress area 501 C3 nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing homeless and abandoned puppies



and dogs from high-kill shelters and owners who can no longer care for them.

By working with committed volunteers, foster homes, local veterinarians, trainers, and boarding facilities, they are able to rescue countless animals every year, provide them with loving foster care, and ultimately find them well-matched, carefully screened forever homes.

Their goal is to serve as a resource to our community and to all pet owners by providing education and information on responsible pet ownership, including the importance of spay/neuter, positive behavior training, and good nutrition and care. If you are interested in fostering, please email them at luckymuttrescuecypress@gmail.com



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Our Children Are Leaving!

Submitted by family members of foreign exchange students

In our April issue, we ran a story about what it is like to host a foreign exchange student. So, in May, we introduced Julie, the daughter of the host family from the previous month. This month, our children are preparing to leave Fairfield and return home. We want to share just a few of their thoughts and feelings submitted by Fairfield families and students...

> "Don't cry because it's over, Smile because it happened!" Dr. Suess

Adventures with Giulia

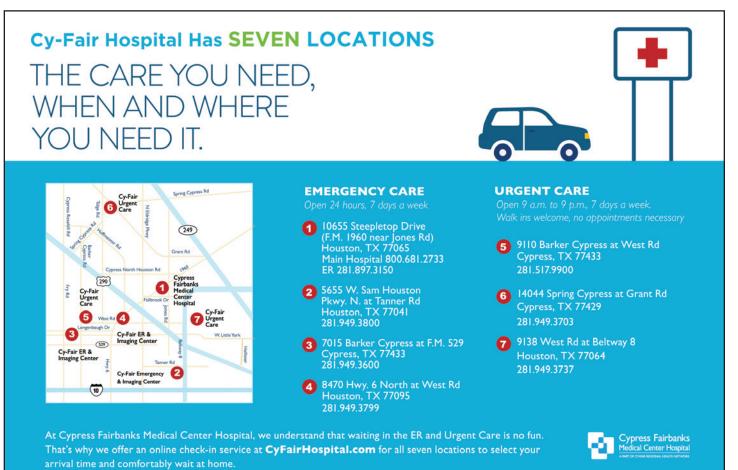


The Abel Family Hosting an exchange student is truly an adventure like no other. It gives a family the opportunity to bring a small part of another country, into their home, and really get to know what it is like, through the student.

We have had so much fun, this year, getting to see things we have seen so many times, in our home state, but with the excitement of seeing it through the student's eyes. It's been like Christmas, opening up a new package each time we took Giulia to a new place. You know that feeling when you take your children to an amusement park or vacation destination for the very first time, and you're giddy with excitement? It felt just like that each time we took Giulia to a new place because she was seeing it for the first time.

We rediscovered Austin, walking through the capital building or San Antonio and the River Walk. We went to the small town Austin County Rodeo and the big Houston Livestock Show. We hiked, shopped and gave her opportunities to try local foods, such as Tex-Mex of course! She made American friends, as well as new friends from her home country, and the other nations represented in the program.

Giulia was learning about Texas, but we were learning about the culture of Italy with every dinner conversation. We covered a huge range of topics with a spirited debate that typically ended in raucous laughter! What we discovered, overall, is that teenagers, American or Italian, are very much the same, with similar cares and worries. *(Continued on Page 14)*



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They are excited about the adventure of life ahead!

We have an Italian daughter now, ours' and our children's lives will forever be changed, by hosting this beautiful girl. I can't wait to attend her wedding in Luino, Italy one day!

Thoughts from a Host Mom and Host Sister



From Ana (host mom): As a high school junior, my family hosted an exchange student from Norway. I shared my life with her - my room, my classes, even my friends. It was a year I would never forget and a bond that can never be broken. As adults, my sister and I continue

to keep in touch and send each other special gifts each Christmas. After our family trip to visit my sister in Norway, my daughter Macey asked that we host a student as well.

A few years later, we took the leap and hosted our first student from the Czech Republic through CCI Greenheart. WOW! What an amazing experience for my kids (age 16, 6, and 3 at the time). The experience was so enjoyable; our children asked us to host again.

This year, we have sweet Ana from Brazil. Our hearts are sad thinking about Ana leaving. Ana has grown so much, opening up, stepping out of her comfort zone, and enjoying this opportunity. She has made lifelong friends, and we gained another daughter. Words cannot express how great it feels to see these students grow and to make an impact on their life. We love our students and look forward to additional years as host parents.

From Macey *(host sister)*: I've gained extraordinary opportunities through my family hosting exchange students. Until you experience it yourself, there is not truly a way to explain how amazing it feels to have your family grow in such a positive way. I have learned so much about my sister's culture through the exchange program, and I am incredibly grateful I've had the experience to meet them and have them to lean on and to trust. The process of teaching and learning goes both ways, the student and the family gain knowledge from the experience. The connection that a host family has with their exchange student is heart-warming and selfless, and it is something that I would never trade.

Time flies. Memories fade. Life passes... Do you know your dad's favorite song? Who taught him to shave or tie a tie? What was his biggest challenge or greatest accomplishment? Does he have any regrets? This Father's give Dad the gi his story Whether your dad wants to share his entire life, special moments, or leave behind Jackie Devine valuable insights, I can capture his story, the Pictures, Prose, & Print way he wants to be remembered, on video, 832.316.6006 book, or e-book. ackie.devine@comcast.net jackiedevine.com

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UP, UP AND AWAY!

There are many perks to this job, but the most obvious are that I get to meet a variety of interesting people who find ways to make every minute a new adventure. On a given day I might:

- Stumble across someone who makes a living playing with balloons.
- Discuss what it is like to hold the National Champion Pole Vaulting record two years running.
- Listen to funny antics of a dyed-in-thewool baseball devotee chauffeuring the Houston Dynamos to a Habitat for Humanity charity.
- Hear about what it's like to coach countless Fairfield Sports Association baseball and basketball teams, numerous

Cy-Fair Sports baseball and football teams, achieve All-Star status, and take several teams to the World Series.

• Learn the value of the contribution a church-sponsored

by Jackie Devine



mission trip makes to other communities.

Amazingly, all of those interesting topics reside with the Fosters under one roof. Recently, I had the unique opportunity to visit with Dallas and Lori Foster, owners and operators of Texas Boys Balloons, Inc. When our interview was over, it was hard for me to pack up and leave, I knew there were just as many stories left untold.

Lori, a history and elementary education major, met Dallas, studying criminal justice, while they attended Sam Houston State University. They married soon after. For the last 20 years they have been deeply ensconced in raising their two sons, Austin, 16, who attends Cypress Christian School, and Tyler, 14, a Salyards student, while running a prosperous

Looking back over his career, Dallas commented, "On my first (Continued on Page 16)



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interview with another inflatable advertising player in the Houston market, the owner asked if I wanted the job. I thought about it a few seconds, then commented, 'No, I want your job.' "

Some years later Dallas went into business for himself because he wanted to have the freedom to be flexible with his time so that he could work around his family's busy schedules, and be with them as much as possible. Self-employment has allowed that freedom. A side note, he ended up recently purchasing the firm mentioned above.

With over 350 balloons in their rental stock, Dallas, a veteran of the inflatable advertising industry, and Lori, his wife and business partner, have earned their stripes successfully helping to provide marketing and publicity support to businesses needing help with their promotions and grand openings. Their balloons have appeared at major sporting, fundraising, political, and community events across the nation and around the world.

Since its inception, Texas Boys Balloons had experienced a steady growth pattern with very few setbacks until 2010, when the city of Houston passed an ordinance banning "attention-getting devices" (including their balloons) inside the city limits. Overnight, 85% of their business was gone. In and out of City Hall, dealing with the former mayor and council members, they gained valuable experience and learned no matter how noble your intentions, sometimes, the deck is stacked.

But as the saying goes, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going!" That's what they did, identifying new markets outside the city proper, expanding quickly, and diversifying their product. Today, you can find Texas Boys Balloons products around the globe.

Client expectations run the gamut. Most of their business comes from renting inflatables for promotions. Many of those customers decide to keep the balloons because they work so well. Needs vary. Customers seek their services looking for an inflatable logo, product replica, mascot, sports run through tunnels, or anything in between.

I asked Dallas and Lori to share one of their unique experiences as proprietors of Texas Boys Balloons. Dallas said, "We were working with BBVA Compass and the Habitat for Humanity in inner-city Houston on an event. Dynamo Players were helping build the house, and Dallas was driving them to the sight. I was told by a director, 'I need you to know how important this is. You have Brian Ching in your vehicle.' I said, 'OK, who is that?' He said, 'That's like the Nolan Ryan of soccer.' I looked back, and all of his teammates were laughing at my ignorance. Needless to say, we had an enjoyable, unforgettable afternoon—one for the books, you might say."

"Our life has been good. We are so blessed," commented Lori. (Continued on Page 17)



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Yes, they are blessed, but they have also blessed America, Texas, and our Fairfield community through their pride, dedication, and commitment. Their motto is, "Faith, Family, and Friends." That includes all that is important.

In addition to operating Texas Boys Balloons, Dallas has served on the Board of Directors for the IADA (Inflatable Advertising Dealers Association) for numerous years. Dallas was the national champion pole vaulter for two years in college, and he is now the Head Pole Vault Coach at Cypress Christian School. He is a member of the Worship Tech team working the cameras at church and is active in the men's groups and mission trips at Fairfield Baptist Church. Lori leads worship for Ladies Bible Study at Fairfield Baptist Church and sings on the praise team.

The Texas Boys, Austin and Tyler, love to help with the family business as much as possible in their rare free time. Both boys are excellent students, active in sports, and are very involved in Fairfield Baptist Student Ministry youth groups, camps, and missions.

Putting family first, they enjoy Lori's family that lives close by and Dallas' family just 30 minutes away. Lori said, "It's Faith, Family, Friends." Those are our priorities.

Lori and Dallas have their priorities straight. Their life is blessed!



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Around Fairfield SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

by Jackie Devine



Andy and Mary Lawrence have been your neighbors since 2008. Before that, they were enjoying the charm of New Orleans and the beaches of Bay St. Louis. Then Katrina paid them a visit. By the time she blew out of town, the Lawrences had lost their primary residence.

With a daughter living near Meyerland, they zeroed in on Houston, methodically scrutinizing potential neighborhoods. "But," Andy added, "each time I learned the

house we selected was in a flood plain, I would say 'We're out of here!' Once you've lost your home to a hurricane, you're dubious about living near rivers or beaches. You want high land. So we kept going until we found a location in Fairfield that had a high elevation and required no flood insurance.

"I'm glad that we have moved here," Andy said, "Because I've had some medical issues. And the old saying, 'If you can't get your health issue fixed in the Houston area, you're going to die,' speaks volumes. So I'm doubly happy with our decision."

Mary chimed in, "And I'm delighted that we settled in an eclectic neighborhood surrounded by people from all walks of life and every nationality you can imagine."

Born and raised in Chicago, Mary and Andy dated in high school and through college. As undergraduates, Mary majored in mathematics and Andy in business administration. They both hold graduate degrees. Her's is in curriculum and instruction, and his in accounting.

They married in 1964 and had two children. Their daughter's family lives near Meyerland. Both are employed as systems technologists in the oil and gas industry. Their son, Mike, is a CPA. He and his wife, along with their son, live in the Cincinnati area.

After college, Andy joined the Navy, and the fun began. He served as commanding officer and officer-in-charge of specific units, in squadrons and on staffs based around the country: Chicago, Memphis Jacksonville, San Francisco, New Orleans. He spent shorter periods for schooling in Maryland, Virginia, and Texas.

"I was like Goose (the guy in back) if you remember Top Gun. My bag, however, was anti-submarine warfare, flying in big 4-engine turboprops with a crew of 15. While in flight, my job was to analyze the intelligence received and direct crew employment." he explained. Eventually, he moved on to commanding officer for a military base in New Orleans.

During that era, the Crescent City offered those with military status a jaw-dropping degree of privilege and status. There was never a shortage of invitations to high-level networking and social events. Andy rode in the Rex parade and even served as an honorary Grand Marshal of Endymion, one of the largest parades participating in New Orleans Mardi Gras.

Even though certified to teach, Mary's top priorities were family and wife. According to Mary, those were full-time jobs because of their frequent moves and Andy's Naval position. Never-the-less, there were times when working outside the home was feasible. She taught math in high schools and community colleges as they moved around. While in California, Mary was hired as a school coordinator to improve teacher viability in San Francisco and also created a math lab. In Tennessee, she worked in Adult Basic Education. Upon retirement, they both taught in New Orleans at the community college level.

Currently, at Messiah Lutheran Church they serve with fellowship and outreach activities. They're also active in the Kiwanis Club of Cy-Fair and Houston. Their organization sponsors 17 Key Clubs, two in the Katy High Schools, one in each Cy-Fair High School, one in an independent school, Builders' Clubs in Middle Schools, and a club at the Richmond State School. Proudly, Mary said, "Cy-Ranch is the largest Key Club in the world."

When asked about life's conundrums, Andy said, "I've found, if you are nice to the "little guy," just tell him what you want done, then turn him loose, you are much better off than micro-managing. Be kind and respectful. The "little guy" has big power to make your life easy or tough."

Mary added, "And I think we need to remember that people are a lot more important than things. It's what we do for others that counts. The older I get, the more I appreciate that. Unfortunately, that is a hard concept to pass along."

Commenting on his toughest leadership position Andy offered, "Some people think it was in New Orleans where I had 1000 people working for me, or the flight crew with 15 guys. Those were a piece of cake. If anyone refused to obey orders, I could deal with them. My toughest jobs have been with volunteering. When leading a volunteer group, you still have to get things accomplished. But, if you push, they're going to walk. 'You have to speak softly and carry a big stick.'"

Regarding community involvement, initially, Fairfield's three sections of Patio Homes, weren't members of a neighborhood association. At the invitation of a member of the Master Association, Andy took it upon himself to find a way to gain representation as an informal advisor. With hard work and the persistence of several residents, Fairfield Patio Homes is now a part of Fairfield South. They have a vote and the potential to be on the Fairfield South Board and the Fairfield Master board.

In the Lawrence family, volunteering has spread to the next generation. Their daughter and her husband are involved with animal causes, biking organizations, and Salem Lutheran Church's activities. Their son and his wife are absorbed in scouts and school. No matter what the time of year, they're immersed in sports: LaCrosse, basketball, football and baseball.

So when asked, if they could change anything, what would it be?" Mary jumped in, "I would like for all of our family to have ended up in Fairfield!"

Congratulations Miss Macy Rayann Owens!



Miss Macy Rayann Owens, age 6, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Texas Pageant to be held June 16-18, 2017 at the beautiful Royal Sonesta Galleria in Houston. The pageant is held for girls ages four through eighteen in five different age divisions.

The newly crowned National American Miss Princess of Texas will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete

in the national pageant at Disneyland in California. She will also tour Hollywood. She has the chance to represent the great state of Texas for the entire year.

Contestants will compete in four overall categories including Formal Wear Modeling, Personal Introduction, Interview and Community Service Project. National American Miss also offers optional contests such as the Top Model Search, Talent, Actress and so much more!

National American Miss is dedicated to celebrating America¹s greatness and encouraging its future leasers. Each year, the pageant awards thousands in scholarships and prizes to recognize and assist in the development of young ladies nationwide. All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

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Families interested in learning more about the unique and outstanding youth program may visit www.namiss.com.

Miss Owens' activities include soccer and softball with the Fairfield Athletics, gymnastics with the Cypress Academy and swimming at the Aqua-Tots Swim School.

She also enjoys time with her family and friends, all kinds of art and drawing, loves being outdoors, riding her bike and hopes to become a principle one day after she graduates from Texas A&M University.

Miss Owens' sponsors include her loving parents, grandparents, her 5 siblings, Aegis Chemical Solutions and Eye Candy by Candace Photography.



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Around Fairfield

Texas History Traveler

by Chris Brown, Fairfield Resident

As a native Houstonian, natural historian, 3rd generation Texan of German immigrants, and a card-carrying member of the Alamo Society, Chris is very qualified to write about, and share, our local history. He is proud of Fairfield, the Houston area, and the Lone Star State. This month he is sharing an idea for a day trip that will take you to one of the oldest parts of the Republic of Texas. There is much to see and plenty to learn.

Hello Fellow Travelers:

This article is spotlighting the Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site located in Anderson, Texas, just a little over an hour's drive from Fairfield heading in a north-northwest direction. I recently had the opportunity to make a day trip there on a beautiful Sunday morning after Mass at Saint Mary's in Plantersville.

Upon my arrival, Park Ranger Adam Arnold greeted me and was eager to provide a tour of the site and share valuable historical information about the inn and the lifestyle of the locals of the period.

Long before there was a Holiday Inn or Hyatt Regency, weary travelers stopped off at the Fanthorp Inn—which was also the Fanthorp family residence. Henry Fanthorp, an English immigrant, settled in the area during the 1830's, built his pioneer home and grew his business to include the Inn, Post Office, Store, Restaurant, Stage Coach Depot, and a parlor which would sell liquor and tobacco to the customers. At one time the property encompassed 1,100 acres.

Visitors at the Inn could be found playing cards or reading the Galveston News of which Fanthorp was a subscriber. The restaurant served the primary staples of the time—eggs, bacon, corn, cornmeal products, roast and much more. It makes you hungry just thinking about it! Mr. Fanthorp was the first post master of the Republic of Texas, appointed by Sam Houston.

The Inn was first class for its time. The second floor housed rooms for travelers. Well constructed, it has stood the test of time. Historical figures that stayed at the Inn included Sam Houston, Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, Zachary Taylor and Lady Amelia Murray (her claim to fame was that she was chosen to be Queen Victoria of England's Maid of Honor).

There was a lot going on in Texas during the 1830's through 1860's that that contributed to the Inn's prosperity: the Texas Revolution, the birth and maintenance of the Republic of Texas, statehood, The war with Mexico, Comanche Indian raids, Bandits and the War Between the States. The Mexican-American War drew Lee, Grant, and Davis. These men were military officers for the U.S. during the Mexican-American War between 1846-1848.

When you visit the Inn, you'll see much of the original furniture and "gadgets" created at that time. I don't want to tell you too much; I want you to see for yourself.

Mr. & Mrs. Fanthorp ended up passing away in 1867, due to Yellow Fever, more than likely caused by a Cistern which collected water and was a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

To round out your visit, you can explore the stagecoach barn which houses a "Concord" stagecoach. This model was the Cadillac of the time. It was the similar to the one used in one of my favorite movies, Stagecoach, starring John Wayne in his 1939 breakout role. This particular stagecoach could hold up to 15 passengers, 17 total including the driver and "shotgun." Nine could fit in the coach and six on top of the roof. You were allowed one carry-on bag, and the additional luggage had to go inside the two "boots" for which passengers were charged extra (sounds familiar). Stagecoaches would carry the mail, and also travelers seeking new lives in our great state.

Tours of the Fanthorp Inn Park are on Saturdays and Sundays, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Stagecoach rides are from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM this year on 5-13, 6-10, 7-8, 9-9, and 10-14, 2017.

Hope to see you there. Say hello to Ranger Adam for me. For more information on the park call (936) 878-2214 ext. 224.

By the way, do you know where the town of Anderson gets its name? Kenneth Anderson, he was the last vice president of the Republic of Texas and is buried at the Fanthorp family cemetery located across the street from the inn.

As a side note, I was told that at one time, Anderson Texas opposed the Railroad due to the amount of stagecoach activity it had, and that is why the town didn't grow to the level that Brenham and Bryan, Texas did (they got the rail lines).

The rest is TEXAS HISTORY.



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Around Fairfield

"HANDS-ON HISTORY" CAMP FOR KIDS

by Jay Gavitt

Cypress Historical Society is offering a "Hands-on History" Camp for Kids—hosted by the Cypress Top Historic Park and Kleb Woods Nature Center & Heritage Farm. It's a fun-filled educational experience where campers will learn about the dayto-day life of settlers living in the Cypress area during the 19th and 20th Centuries.

Stepping back in history, they'll work with a number of local professionals and develop techniques for digging and exploring for artifacts with an archaeologist, investigating early trades with a blacksmith and interviewing senior citizens about early life in Cypress. Participants will be creating family trees with a genealogist along with interpreting photos and making sense of old maps with the Park historian. In addition to exploring the heritage farm with a naturalist, campers will create museum models and exhibits with the help of a museum curator. The final day will allow students to display their work, including a museum exhibit, and offer tours of Cypress Top Historic Park.

The camp is open to students in grades 4-6 It will be held at Cypress Top Historic Park and Kleb Woods Nature Center & Heritage Farm from June 26th-30th, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM each day. There is no charge for the camp, but registration will be limited so please contact us soon.

> Cypress Historical Society PO Box 2963, Cypress, TX 77410 Email: cypresshistsociety@att.net Phone 281-758-0083 cypresshistoricalsociety.com



FAIRFIELD PHOTOS

Attention Parents of Graduating Seniors!

We would like to recognize our graduating seniors by including a small picture and a few lines about where your child will be attending college. Please send your information to articles@ peelinc.com (include the newsletter you would like to recognize them in, photo, name, etc).



Domingo & Evyn Lataquin



Chase (1) and Braylen (3) are excited that another school year is over! They are ready to spend their summer in the wonderful Fairfield splash pads, pools and parks! This picture was done by JC Penny's Portrait studio for Chase's first birthday, May 13th.



Photo by Thomas Coffman



Braylen is TeeBall ready!

Sports Section

Fairfield Athletic Club News



Please visit our website at www.fairfieldathleticclub.com

If you just moved to the neighborhood be sure to come by the Fairfield Athletic Club anytime we are open to get your membership cards. Our hours are Mon -Thurs 5 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri 5 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat 7 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sun 1p.m.-8 p.m. Bring proof of residency (HUD Statement from closing or your current driver's license with your Fairfield address). Membership cards are needed to get into the weight room, basketball gym, tennis courts, pools and splash pads.



Pools and Splash Pads Now Open for the Summer

• Your weight room member cards are the same cards you use to access the pools. If you do not have your member cards, please visit

us at the FAC anytime we are open. Bring proof of residency (Closing Disclosure Statement or your current driver's license with your Fairfield address).

Swimming Lessons

Swim Lesson registration is now open, spaces are limited,

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Fairfield Kids Club Summer Camp



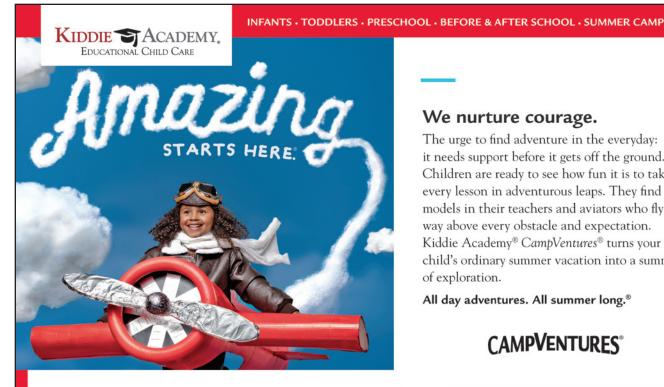
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Registration has begun! Don't hesitate! Secure your child's spot and join the fun! This isn't something your child will want to miss!

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Summer Camp Themes

Session 1: May 30th-June 2nd Aloha Summer Say Aloha to Summer! Session 2: June 5th-9th Alice in Wonderland Mad Hatters will be pinicking at the FAC! Session 3: June 12th-16th LEGOLAND Come build some fun! Star Wars Session 4: June 19th-23rd May the force be with you! Session 5: June 26th-30th Super Heroes Grab your super cape and get ready to rumble! Session 6: July 3rd-7th Color Wars Let the fun and colorful chaos begin! Session 7: July 10th-14th Mad Scientist It's a mad day at the FAC! Session 8: July 17th-21st FAC's Got Talent What's your talent? Spy School Session 9: July 24th-28th Classified...for FAC eyes only! Session 10: July 31st-Aug.4th CSI Can you find who done it? Register this week for Before & After School Care to receive FREE Registration and FREE t-shirts for the whole family! Dance Off Session 11: Aug. 7th-11th Get your dance shoes ready! Session 12: Aug. 14th-18th Before there were iPads Going back to the "Golden Days" of games! Session 13: Aug. 21st-25th **Back to School Carnival** The Big Top is coming to the FAC

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Sports Section

FAC Tennis News!

Congrats to all 3 teams from Fairfield on winning the city playoffs. The Fairfield Tennis Academy won every division the entered in Junior Team Tennis this season.





Get Fit 2017 FAC Fitness Class Schedule

X-Fit & Body Sculpt: A cross between weight training, plyometrics, cardio and abdominal work. Great full body workouts in a different format every class so you don't ever get bored. Think of CrossFit without the real heavy weights. All fitness levels welcome. FAC Basketball Court. Free trial class.

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> Evening classes are held outside in the Ault Elementary Parking Lot.

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TUES	X-fit & Body Sculpt	PiYo	X-fit & Body Sculpt
WED	PiYo	Kickboxing	
THURS	X-fit & Body Sculpt	PiYo	X-fit & Body Sculpt
FRI	PiYo	X-fit & Body Sculpt	



Sports Section

June Pool Schedules

Fairfield Athletic Club

16055 Mason Road

June 1st - June 30th

Tuesday - Friday: 12pm-9pm Saturdays: 11am-8pm Sundays: 1pm-8pm Mondays: Closed

Garden Grove Pool

15420 Vintage Falls

June 1st - June 30th

Monday-Wednesday: 8am-5pm* Thursdays: 8am-6pm* Fridays: Closed

Saturday Jun. 2nd and 16th: 8am-5pm* Satuday Jun. 9th, 23rd, and 30th: 8am-8pm Sunday Jun. 3rd and 17th: 8am-5pm* Sunday Jun. 10th and 24th: 8am-8pm *Garden Grove Pool closed 5-8pm for Swim Lessons

Lakeside Trails Pool

16125 Country Fair Lane

June 1st - June 20th

Monday-Wednesday *8am-8pm* Thursdays *Closed* Friday-Sunday *8am-8pm*

Bradford Creek Pool

16011 Fairfield Green Circle

June 1st - June 30th

Monday-Wednesday: 10am-8pm Thursdays: Closed Fridays: 10am-8pm Saturdays: 10am-8pm Sundays: 1pm-8pm

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Inwood Park Pool

15430 Chestnut Falls

June 1st - June 30th

Mondays: *11am-8pm* Tuesdays: *Closed* Wednesday-Friday: *11am-8pm* Saturdays: *11am-6pm* Sundays: *1pm-6pm*

Central Park Pool

15015 Health Green Circle

June 1st - June 30th

Mondays: Closed Tuesday-Friday: 11am-8pm Saturdays: 11am-6pm Sundays: 1pm-6pm

July Pool Schedules

Fairfield Athletic Club

16055 Mason Road

July 1st - July 31st Mondays: Closed Tuesday-Friday: 12pm-9pm Except July 4th: 10am-6pm Saturdays: 11am-8pm Sundays: 1pm-8pm

Bradford Creek Pool

16011 Fairfield Green Circle

July 1st - July 31st Monday-Wednesday: 10am-8pm Except July 4th: 10am-6pm Thursdays: Closed Friday & Saturday: 10am-8pm Sundays: 1pm-8pm

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Lakeside Trails Pool

16125 Country Fair Lane

July 1st - July 31st Mondays: 8am-8pm Tuesdays: 8am-8pm Except July 4th: 10am-6pm Wednesdays: 8am-8pm Thurdays: Closed Friday-Sunday: 8am-8pm

Garden Grove Pool

15420 Vintage Falls

July 1st - July 31st Monday-Thursday: 8am-5pm Swim Lessons @ 5pm Except July 3rd, 5th, & 6th: 8am-8pm Tuesday, July 4th: 12pm-6pm Fridays: Closed Saturdays & Sundays: 8am-8pm

Inwood Park Pool

15430 Chestnut Falls

July 1st - July 31st

Mondays: *10am-8pm* Tuesdays: *Closed* Wednesday-Friday: *12pm-8pm* Saturdays: *12pm-6pm* Sundays: *1pm-8pm*

Tuesday, July 4th: 10am-6pm

Central Park Pool

15015 Health Green Circle

July 1st - July 31st Mondays: Closed Tuesday-Friday: 12pm-8pm Except July 4th: 10am-6pm Saturdays: 12pm-6pm Sundays: 1pm-6pm

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Lakeside Trails Pool and Garden Grove Pool are Swim at Your Own Risk

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August 21st through October 11th 8am-8pm SAYOR

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Central Park Splash Pad

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CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Harris County Precinct 4 Fairfield Village Community Association

> **Burglary Habitation: 2 Burglary Vehicle: 18** Theft Habitation: 0 Theft Vehicle:: 1 Theft Other: 30 Robberv: 1 Assault: 1 Sexual Assault: 0 **Criminal Mischief:** 7 **Disturbance Family: 4** Disturbance Juvenile: 5 Disturbance Other: 10 Alarms: 87 **Suspicious Vehicles: 38** Suspicious Persons: 116 **Runaways: 3** Phone Harassment: 0 Other Calls: 308

Dear Fairfield Resident,

Waste Management is working with the Utility Districts within Fairfield to ensure the best waste and recycle service experience for our community.

Please participate in the short survey of 10 questions.

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Waste Management representative, Shanna Lopez, will be attending Annual Fairfield Homeowner's Association Meeting on May 25th, if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and we appreciate your support.

Thanks, Shanna Lopez Manager, Public Sector Solutions



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Fountain of Life Church of God on Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm 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. Food donations

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Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church will again host one of the largest Vacation Bible Schools in the area, June 19-23, 9 amnoon. The VBS theme this year is Maker Fun Factory - Created by God, Built for a Purpose. Children ages 3 through incoming 6th graders are welcome to participate. VBS activities will include rallys in the Worship Center with interactive songs, creative Bible lessons, fun crafts and projects, yummy snacks, and more! Registration fee is \$20, and includes a t-shirt. Register by going to the Good Shepherd Church website, www.goodchurch.us, and clicking on the Vacation Bible School words at the top of the home page.



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First Grade Performs Stone Soup

by Jackie Devine

Ault Elementary first-graders performed the mini-musical "Stone Soup" to a standing-room-only audience May on 4th, in the Ault Cafeteria.

For 30 minutes, the audience sat spellbound as the talented Christine Meischen, Ault music teacher, directed 140 students acting on stage and singing on the sidelines.

Spectators agreed that Mrs. Meischen deserves a special round of applause for her incredible job managing the students in front of and behind the scenes, working with the many volunteers that gave tirelessly of their time, and directing, choreographing and producing the classic tale.

Ms.Meischen commented about the performance, "The students mean so much to me. I truly love my job and working with the kiddos. Today they were just beaming after their performance. I am so proud of all of them."



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Destination Imagination

Submitted by Mary O'Connor

Two Fairfield area CFISD Destination Imagination teams recently competed at the State Destination Imagination Tournament in Lubbock. Both teams advanced to State after winning First Place at the March 4 Gulf Coast Regional Tournament at Seven Lakes High School in Katy. The teams began working on their projects in September 2016. Three hundred teams competed in Katy to advance to the State level.



Pictured are the BB Swag from Swenke Elementary who advanced to the State level after placing First in the Elementary Level of the Fine Arts category: L to R Bottom: Bram Stine, Marshall Fondren, Linley Adams Top: Kennedy Boatman, Bella Birkelbach, Maddie Johnson



Pictured are the Superhero Amigos, a 6th Grade Team from Salyards Middle School, who advanced to the State level after placing First in the Middle School Level of the Fine Arts category: L to R: Gabe Nicholson, Nathan Barnes, Macie Gunn, Jamie Kamp, & Caroline O'Connor



News You Can Use Unexpected Delivery Leads to a Happy Mother's Day



One Houston woman will be celebrating a very Happy Mother's Day after delivering her baby, unexpectedly, on the day Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital opened its doors. Jovita Ornelas-Gomez planned to deliver her baby at a hospital in Houston, but the baby wouldn't wait.

" I was having contractions while at my sister-in-law's home in Cypress, but my water hadn't broken yet. When

the contractions started getting closer together, it was rush hour. I knew there was no way to get downtown in time," remembers Gomez. Gomez and her sister-in-law went to the newly opened Memorial

Hermann Cypress, where she was met by attentive staff and Sean Blackwell, M.D., a maternal fetal medicine physician affiliated with Memorial Hermann Cypress and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at McGovern Medical School at UT Health.

"Most women have a plan about how they'd like their delivery process to go. Unfortunately, life doesn't always follow our plans," says Dr. Blackwell. "Memorial Hermann Cypress has highly trained staff and affiliated physicians who are ready to take care of any pregnant woman, whether she expected to show up that day or not."

"I was nervous, but I could tell they were working hard to make sure everything went smoothly. During the delivery, everyone was excited. They kept cheering me on!" says Gomez.

Shortly before midnight, Gomez delivered baby Jenna Rose coming in at 6 lbs, 6 oz.

"I was not only happy to have a safe delivery, but also that my husband was able to make it to Cypress in time to experience the birth. We are thankful to both Dr. Blackwell and the hospital staff members who made this unexpected experience a good one," says Gomez.



Finding Yourself

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Wife. Daughter. Sister. Teacher. Friend. These are some of the roles I play in life. They have become what define me. I have discovered the closer I adhere to each role, I lose a bit more of my identity; the "je ne sais quoi" that makes me unique. The mundane sameness of each day has trapped me into playing the roles I wear and forgetting who I really am. Most days I find myself on autopilot just trying to make it to the end of the day.

All too often, the roles we claim begin to take ownership of who we are as a person and we lose our sense of unique individuality. Don't you remember that feeling of knowing exactly who you were? I remember feeling strong, confident and comfortable in my skin. Now I just feel tired most of the time.

It's time for a change. It's time to take a step back to gain some clarity and fresh perspective. I need to know who I am now and what I want for my life. I don't know what that may be, but I am pretty excited to find out. I hope you will join me on this journey. It might be a little scary, but **Finding Yourself** might just be the best thing you ever do.

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