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WELCOME TO THE SPICEWOOD NEWSLETTER

A Newsletter for the Residents of Spicewood and Briancliff

The Spicewood Newsletter is a new monthly newsletter mailed to over 4,000 Spicewood and Briarcliff residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more. We encourage community members, groups and organizations to submit news to be included in the newsletter. Our goal is for this newsletter, YOUR newsletter, to be for you and by you.

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THE SPICEWOOD ARTS SOCIETY WELCOMES
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INTRODUCING "GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS"

We are all very fortunate to call Spicewood home. But, Spicewood is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant community brimming with family-friendly neighborhoods, chock-full of fascinating, talented people. Our variety is what makes us so both unique and extraordinary. However, sometimes, we get so busy, we lose sight of how interesting and diverse we've become.

We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, "Get to Know Your Neighbors" which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

If you know of a person or a family that you believe is making Spicewood a better place to live, please let us know. We would like to introduce them to your neighbors.



FEATURED FAMILY

THE MARQUEZ FAMILY: FRANKIE, CASEY AND JETT MARQUEZ

Q: How long have you lived in the Spicewood area? About 4 ¥ears

Q: What brought you to the area/where did you live before?

We wanted to be closer to Austin but still maintain the feeling of being in the country. Also, Lake Travis ISD had a stellar reputation both academically and extracurricular.

Q: How/where did you meet?

Funny story is we think we might had met on a party boat about a year before we had actually met. We saw some photos years later of that particular party and realized we had both attended it after seeing one another in the backdrop of some pictures. Officially, we met at a rooftop bar where one of our sisters was having a private birthday bash. Casey cancelled about 4 times before she decided to finally go on a date, after that, the rest was history:)



Q: What are some of your hobbies?

We love to CrossFit, so naturally we just decided to open one up for ourselves... seems fair:) To be honest, with Casey being a teacher and being myself being a business owner that requires a lot of social interaction, it is just nice to just stay at home and hang out as a family. I am not sure

that is considered a hobby, but let us just pretend...

Q: Where do you work/what do you do for a living?

As stated above, Casey is a teacher, a Gifted and Talented Teacher for an elementary to be exact. I personally own a restaurant with my mom called Julie's Cocina, own and operate CrossFit Lake Travis and by accident (growing up with multiple family members in the construction realm) I am a home builder. So we stay pretty busy.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do as a family?

As new parents, we just adapt to the everyday joys of parenthood, so whatever our 9 month old Jett allows us to do for that particular day, we do. So it could be staying at home and entertaining him or simply out shopping. As summer vacation approaches, we are really looking forward to visiting museums and zoos as a family. Also, we really want to start traveling more often. We have some family members who travel the world and their only son seems to learn so much from other cultures. So I definitely see some out of country vacations in our near future.

Q: What is one of your favorite family memories?

That is easy...first date, engagement dinner, wedding and of course the birth of our son. We are super thrilled to start making new ones! Q: Do you have any pets/what kind?

2 Boxers-Zoe and her crazy daughter, Solo.

Q: What does family mean to you?

Everything. Making sure we enjoy life and all it has to throw at us in constant preparation for a better life is paramount. Family is the reason we are here in my opinion, I feel my wife would agree. Life is so much more fun and beautiful when you have a loving and caring spouse by your side and little ones to share that adventure with.

Q: How would your friends/neighbors describe you?

Hmmm, our neighbor currently would describe us a the people with the crazy dogs (inside joke). Really never considered how our friends would describe us, we are just happy we have a friends that we can truly call family. Come to our gym and you could meet most of them;)

Q: What is something you would like to share with your neighbors and community members? As you already know we own a CrossFit, we both love working out and so do people who come to our gym, but what keeps people coming is the community of people who seem to share a common goal, live a healthy lifestyle and truly enjoying each others companionship. So we





invite you to come check us out at CrossFit Lake Travis.

Q: What are some of your family traditions? For some reason "traditions" are not something we really have established or have been a part of our upbringing. However, now that we have started a family, we hope we can start new traditions that would carry on to our children's family as well. We definitely feel they are important, so here is to new traditions!

Q: What is something you would like to do or are looking forward to doing in the next year? Just recently we have had a lot going on that has laid a foundation of some really important things in our life. We have recently sold our home and are beginning to work on plans for a new home on some acreage we recently purchased. So we hope to finish our home this year. Also, we have just recently completed the construction of a new building for our restaurant in Cottonwood

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Shores. We are excited about growing our business and investing in the Hill Country. Also, we plan on starting construction on the 2,000 sq. ft. of additional space we have at our CrossFit gym to start leasing. Now the best for last, we are really looking to taking some out of country vacations this year and really start exploring the world!

Q: What is your favorite piece of advice or quote? There is absolutely nothing that you can't accomplish. With hard work, dedication and perseverance, the world is at your fingertips. Although it is great to accomplish goals on your own, it is always that much sweeter to have the people you love right there with you...

Q: If you could travel anywhere with your family, where would it be and why? We have spoken many times about Greece and New Zealand and its really quite simple why we would love to see these places...Just google some photos of these 2 areas, the natural beauty of these areas are just astounding.

Q: Who has inspired you in life and why? Every stage of both of our lives have been a constant reminder of how other people can make a huge impact on how you go about life. Like most, family members have been a great inspiration, but with constant interaction and the people we choose to be around, we can't pinpoint one person. We surely do value those in our lives now and the past. It is a constant reminder and lesson on simply becoming a "Better YOU".



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 spicewood@peelinc.com (include the newsletter you would like to recognize them in, photo, name, etc).



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GET YOUR SPICEWOOD ARTS SOCIETY CONCERT SEASON TICKETS NOW

The deadline is fast approaching to purchase season tickets for the Spicewood Arts Society's new concert season, offering music from toe-tapping western swing to "classical-not-classical."

The season ticket price of \$125 includes all five regular season performances, averaging \$25 each. Purchase tickets at www. spicewoodarts.org. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. at the Spicewood Vineyards Event Center, 1419 Co. Rd. 409, Spicewood, TX

Performances include:

Matt Wilson Band (\$50), Friday, September 22

Back by popular demand. Wilson delights his audiences with his deep catalog of soul, rock and gospel.

Collin Hauser and Stevie Jo Rosenbalm (\$40), Friday, November 17

Hauser's guitar, sax, and distinctive voice is backed by drummer and singer Stevie Jo Rosenbalm, a Top 20 contestant on "The Voice," with a stand-up bass third in the trio. Hauser will be fresh from releasing his first album.

Invoke (\$35), Saturday, January 20, 2018

Weaving together American musical traditions from Appalachian fiddle tunes to jazz, Invoke's unique sound refuses definition. A robust sense of humor infuses their family-friendly shows.

Hot Texas Swing Band (\$35), Friday, April 6, 2018

The Hot Texas Swing Band, a six-piece band with vocalist Selena Rosanbalm, plays boot-scootin' boogie in the tradition of Bob Wills and Asleep at the Wheel, adding their own original material.

"A Toast to Tony" (\$50), Friday, May 4, 2018

A tribute to jazz great Tony Campise, sponsored by the Motheral Family

Mike Mordecai and Friends will be an evening of great music demonstrating great love for a departed friend, Tony Campise. Mordecai brings Doug Lawrence, tenor sax, Dennis Dotson, trumpet, Butch Miles, drums, and a surprise guest to the stage.

Not included in the season ticket package is the annual SAS fundraiser, "Rockin' the Vineyard," Saturday, February 17, 2018, with the Square Grooves. Proceeds fund scholarships for students at Lake Travis and Marble Falls high schools continuing their education in the arts. Seven scholarships were awarded this past spring.

For more information on the performances, visit, www.spicewoodarts.org, call 512-264-2820, or email info@spicewoodarts.org

All performances offer light refreshments at intermission, wine purchases from Spicewood Vineyards, and free coffee, water and parking.



SPICEWOOD ARTS SOCIETY AWARDS SEVEN SCHOLARSHIPS TO AREA SENIORS

The Spicewood Arts Society, or SAS, has awarded seven scholarships for \$1,500 each to 2017 graduating seniors at Marble Falls and Lake Travis High Schools.

"The seniors were selected for their academic achievement and interest in furthering their education in the Arts," said SAS Community Outreach Chair Renee Hollingsworth.

"This is the eleventh year SAS has awarded scholarships to area high school seniors as the program has expanded," she said. "Funds are provided through attendance at our concerts and generous donations from our annual Fundraiser, Rockin' the Vineyard."

"Our 2017 scholarship recipients will be posting videos to our website and Facebook page throughout the year to let us know how college is going and how we may continue to support them through networking opportunities, internship introductions, and any continued guidance and support our community can provide as they venture through their first year of college!" Hollingsworth said.

For more on the students, see www.spicewoodarts.org and https://www.Facebook.com/SpicewoodArts/

Students awarded scholarships:



Jonathan Bryer, Marble Falls, plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio to study architecture. "I want to leave behind beautiful things to the world, that way people will never have a shortage a beautiful things to inspire and enrich them. And architecture is art in a big way, literally, and so I have chosen to make beautiful things on a grand scale, and hopefully leave behind a legacy of excellence and beauty." he said.



Mackenzie Coffelt, Lake Travis, will attend the College of Fine Arts at The University of Texas at Austin and plans to major in Studio Art. "My parents have always been a big inspiration to see the world creatively and to pass on an innovative spirit to those around me through art, and that is exactly what I want to do with my life during and after college," she said.

Courtney Greene, Lake Travis, will attend her "dream college," The University of Texas at Austin, majoring in Studio Arts. "My WHOLE family bleeds burnt orange, so you can imagine the pure excitement my family had when I decided what college I



wanted to go to for the next four years," Courtney plans to become an art teacher and will get her teaching degreee after graduating from college.

Meikala Hester, Marble Falls, will attend the University of Texas at San Antonio, majoring in Interior Design. "I wanted to have a job that I would enjoy and be able to use my creativity in. I also like helping other people, which is what this major calls for,"



she said. Joanna Gaines from "Fixer Upper" sparked her interest in interior design and helped her realized she could make a living in the field.



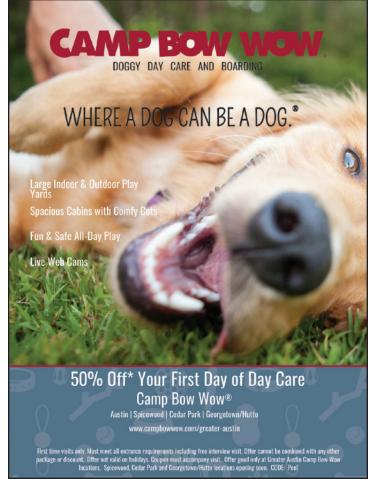
Hanna O'Neill, Lake Travis, will attend San Diego State University studying Film, Television and Media Production and receiving a minor in Interdisciplinary Studies with a emphasis in Communication. "Throughout my high school education, I took a film and screenwriting class while studying the technical side of film in Studio E in downtown Austin. I am very excited learn about all the technical and creative aspects

that film production has to offer," she said.



Natasha Tiffany, Lake Travis, will attend the University of Kansas to major in Illustration and Biology to prepare for a career in medical illustration. "The road to my decision to major in art is a complicated one. It started off as a desire to serve as a doctor for the US Army, then I wanted to be a doctor and major in art, but after I decided that my health wouldn't allow me

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to do either, I settled on medical illustration," she said.



Joyce Madison Williams, Marble Falls, will major in in RTFV (radio-television-film-video) at the University of Texas at Austin. "I chose this degree is because it is flexible with my many interests. I know I want to do something with music but didn't want to be a starving artist so I figured RTFV could teach me a lot about production, recording, and more."

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Life is Even Better in Spicewood Now with Speedier Internet at Spicewood Community Library

The Spicewood Community Library announces it has been testing an all new high-speed broadband Internet capability over the past few weeks and is now making it available for all patrons. In addition, all new patron computers and monitors have been purchased with everything available free to the community.

Free library Internet use is an important, essential service for community residents who do not have their own service and for those who have unreliable service. Internet access is now one of the most used library services in the country. Spicewood Community Library, celebrating its tenth year in operation this month, can now provide much faster service than before.

The Broadband Initiatives Program, a part of the American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009 and administered by the Rural Utilities Service, "supports the expansion of broadband service in rural areas through financing and grants which fund projects that provide access to high speed service and facilitate economic development in locations without sufficient access to such service."

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Getting high-speed Internet to the library involved collaboration with the Marble Falls ISD and the Tocker Foundation. The library linked its network with Spicewood Elementary School's fiber optic connection to piggy-back access to Marble Falls where it connects to the Internet provider. "Marble Falls ISD was interested in supporting the project because it allowed the district to add the library as one of its Chromebook Access Points, giving students free Internet service throughout the district," explained Jim Lamar, president of the Friends of Spicewood Community Library.

The funds used to construct the link to the school and to purchase necessary hardware needed to make the connection came from a grant. "The Tocker Foundation provided a grant for this project as a way to support a national growing interest in improving access to broadband in rural areas," stated Lamar.

A philanthropic organization that focuses its support on the needs of small, rural Texas libraries serving populations of 12,000 or less, the Tocker Foundation saw a way to assist the Spicewood community through this project. "Greater broadband means greater access to today's digital worlds and in rural areas the library represents the greatest access point for the community," said Darryl Tocker, executive director of the Tocker Foundation. "We are proud to have played a part in helping the Spicewood Community Library improve free, unfettered access to information."

By using fiber optic links, the library is now able to offer Internet access at speeds up to 70 MB/second. Rural areas of Spicewood have some broadband access but often limited to 3-6 MB/second. The speed now offered by the library is a dramatic increase in capability of up to 20 times previous service.

Sandi Pinkowski, a Pflugerville teacher and Spicewood resident, has been very happy with the change in speed. "I've used the Spicewood Library's network for a number of months and recently noticed an awesome increase in speed and performance," she stated. "I was about to give up on the library's Internet until this recent change. I can now use the service to prepare for the next school year."

By pairing the new speeds with all new computers, printers, a scanner, copy machine, fax capabilities, and notary services, the Spicewood Community Library is becoming a true technology island in this rural area. Spicewood Library patrons can use the Internet inside the library during library hours, or in the parking lot at any time.

The library, located at 1011 Spur 191 in Spicewood, adjacent to the Spicewood Elementary School, opened in July 2010 in a manufactured mobile home on one-and-a-half acres of land donated by Spicewood resident Linda Wall. The donation honored her parents who were educators. A grant from the Tocker Foundation purchased library furniture in the original building.

In 2011 Friends of the Spicewood Community Library spearheaded the construction of a new addition to the library, using private donations, fundraising proceeds, and a grant from the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). A second grant from the Tocker Foundation purchased library shelving, a circulation desk, computer

chairs, and conference room furniture.

In 2015, volunteers built a thrift store which helps fund daily operations, and the Burnet County Commissioners Court voted to provide support to the library by funding a part-time paid position to staff the library.

Other free services offered to the community include "Lawyer in the Library" in association with Texas RioGrande Legal Aide, Inc., an adult Book Club, free notary public, and free vision screening offered by the Spicewood and Highland Lakes Lions' Club. The conference room is also available for community use.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays; 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

For more information, contact the Spicewood Community Library at (830) 693-7892 and spicewoodlibrary@gmail.com.





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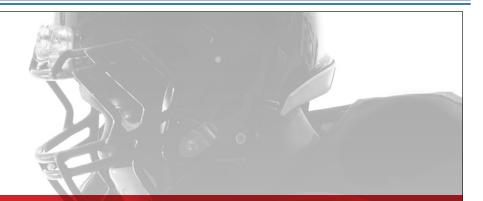




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