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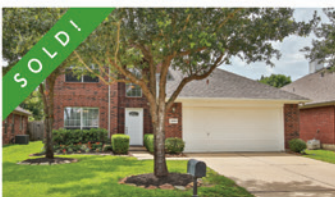
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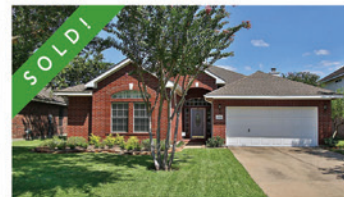
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## Editor's Comments

November already? It must be because the leaves are turning, the chill of fall is finally in the air, and hopefully, the school year has settled into a productive and positive routine for your family. The fall sports season is winding down as the winter sports season begins. Veterans Day is a big event at many schools. Several are sharing luncheons or participating in programs. We have showcased a few Veterans Day activities for you to enjoy.

Our "Meet Your Neighbor" article this month features Vicky Gripp Landry and family, one of our 20-year Fairfield residents who have since moved on to their next exciting stage of opportunity. The unique thing about Vicky's story is that it juxtaposes with Jim Gripp's, who happens to be her father. He is our "November Senior Spotlight" and someone you will want

to meet. He's the one who gives us that sagacious "Thought for the Week" posted on his Mueschke Road sign, which also invites you to prayer on Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Our Entrepreneur story introduces Laura Stark and highlights her perspectives on entrepreneurship and volunteerism.

Other articles include The Volunteer Fire Department's call for help, Second Baptist's Angels of Light, Keith's Annual Sock Hop Fundraiser, and the Women's Club activities. Lastly, we reprinted a story featuring our Bridgeland Bears written by Reagon Carter, a student-athlete at Bridgeland, who is a member of the VYPE U Internship program.

On behalf of our staff, we hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends. This year, I am once again very thankful for the opportunity to work with the community-centered staff at Peel, Inc. Publishing and for our incredible good fortune to find Cadence Morris, another of your Fairfield neighbors. Cadence offers our team the benefit of her remarkable editing, proofing, and copywriting skills. She is the co-author of Laura Stark's story this month.

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# Just Say Yes

by Jackie Devine

Some of us grew up hearing our elders say, "Ask, and you will receive." Others of us have put that time-proven theory to the test and netted fair results. But, it's been a month of Sundays since I've met anyone who has been able to move beyond petitioning to repeatedly experiencing a synchronistic lifestyle that might surprise even the most ardent believers.

Vicky Griep Landry grew up listening to her Dad's sermons in their Philadelphia church on the laps of loving older women. After Vicky lost her grandmother when she was very young, one of those women stepped in and adopted Vicky and her siblings as her surrogate grandchildren. Vicky believes her happiness today is due in large part to her strong foundation at home and the lavish love of her adopted Grandma Lillian. Soon to become a grandmother herself, she resonates with the vital role grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren.

In 1976, an unsettling move from Pennsylvania to Texas shattered Vicky's protective cocoon previously insulated by warm-hearted church fellowship and abundant love. The whole family floundered. Vicky looked for acceptance in all the wrong places and made decisions that took her away from her foundational roots and upbringing. She said, "Mercifully, Proverbs 22:6 held true, 'Train up a child in the way they should go: and when they are old, they will not depart from it.' Earlier spiritual beliefs expressed with sincerity at home drew me back to the only thing I knew would satisfy me, peace with Christ."

She made that peace. With encouragement and guidance from her sacrificing mother, who took a job to support her, she enrolled at Evangel University. It was the perfect place for her, a Christian liberal arts school in Springfield, Missouri where she majored in journalism and government, supplemented by Bible classes and chapel services.



*Vicky and her devoted mother*

While a student, she interned for a Springfield attorney, became immersed in politics, and attended the 1984 Republican Convention to learn first-hand how the system works. After graduation, she went to work for the rising star Compaq, that created excitement and wealth for Houstonians. Next, she joined Prudential Bache Securities and from the lavish top floor of the building's namesake, enjoyed the boon of crazy stock market highs and the eventual crash



*Vicky and husband Greg*

of '87. That was also the year she married her husband of 30 years, Greg Landry.

Work, then motherhood, gave her fulfillment. But as her daughter, Tori, a Cy Fair High School and Texas A&M grad (now married to Andre) and son Garrett, a Cy Woods High School graduate, soon to finish his Engineering degree at Texas Tech University, began stretching their wings. Vicky prayed in earnest, "Use me, God."

Although she prayed unceasingly, she doubted she had a gift. Her prayers transformed into repeating His words back to Him. "In my weakness, you are strong. I am fearfully and wonderfully made. You planned my days

with purpose before the worlds were formed." And finally, she said, "Now I'm hoping against doubt that You will fulfill these promises for ME!"

In secret, her request began germinating. Soon, a mission coordinator invited her to join them on a trip to Latvia to minister to women recently freed from communism. A shockwave ran through her and immediately she knew God was saying, "GO!" As it turned out, she made two trips to shower those ladies with God's love and teach them how to take time away from their grinding routines to cherish and encourage one another.

Vicky smiled as she remembered one touching

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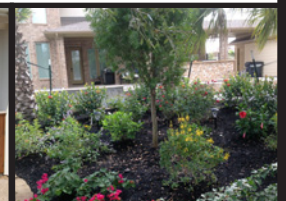
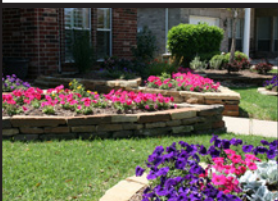
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moment. "One day, the ladies gathered in one woman's backyard. There were flowers everywhere. Even though they possessed little, they prepared a beautiful feast. As a woman strummed a guitar, the ladies began sharing their lives. One said, 'Pray for us, we feel more like workhorses than women.' Upon leaving, we assured them we'd pray, and we piled into our borrowed van. The engine failed! We joined behind the vehicle to push it down the long rocky, dirt driveway. I was next to the woman who asked for prayer, and simultaneously we both bellowed, "Horses! We were both "workhorses" together!" Laughing through tears, we bonded."

Missions complete, Vicky wondered, "What now?" That's when an opportunity to serve in jail ministry at North Harris County Jail surfaced. She stepped into the prison feeling she was entering a foreign land shackled by the tyranny of abuse, neglect, and bad choices. Sitting on the worn concrete before the bars looking into the women's bleak living quarters, she opened the Bible, said a prayer, took a deep breath and began. Ironically, the first study they completed was *Breaking Free* by Beth Moore.

Eventually, a newly-constructed jail offered meeting rooms where she and a partner (both pastor's daughters, one black and one white, and both named Vicky) could sing, teach, and share with larger groups. Since then, Vicky has happened upon two former inmates. Each shared fond memories of 'The Two Vicks' and those gatherings. One proclaimed the makeshift church services served as a catalyst for profound personal change.

During that time, Vicky received an invitation to become a chaplain with Marketplace Chaplains. Intrigued that corporate America would welcome Christ into the workplace, she investigated. Today, and for the last 12 years, she's served as a comforting presence among the staff in private companies offering prayer, advice, a listening ear, a hospital visit and so much more.

Admitting that she receives as much personal gratification as the employees from her position, she says her two passions have become "hearing people's stories,

because every day is different and every story is unique, and conducting funerals for employees and their loved ones."

She explains when officiating at funerals, "There is such clarity and prioritization when a family loses a loved one. Unnecessary things fall away; they hold tightly to what is important. To learn the deceased's story, then get the chance to share it with the grieving, is an extraordinary gift that keeps offering me a clear and broad perspective on eternity."

Vicky is a 20-year resident

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of Fairfield and currently a member of the prayer team at Community of Faith Church in Hockley. She also participates in a prayer meeting every Friday morning at 9:00, officiated by her father in his converted horse barn on Mueschke Road.

"Almost every day I experience a series of synchronicities," Vicky shared, "But they only became apparent after I took a friend's advice, 'You have a lot to give. You're going to have opportunities. You just have to start saying 'YES!' Along the way, I received another piece of sage advice, 'When you take a jump, it activates the net.' It makes me so happy when I've mapped out my day, only to find that God has other plans and places me right where He wants me to be for His particular purpose. I love His surprises! There is no feeling of fulfillment like it! And, it is all because I learned to take a risk by stepping out of my comfort zone, to say YES! and to rely on my safety net if doubts arise! "

## Epilogue

Since we concluded our interview, Vicky and Greg sold their home and were scheduled to move on the day Harvey began blowing into Cypress. When the rains came, the movers went back to be with their families. Several weeks later they relocated them to the Heights.



*Vicky, as part of David Weekly Homes' and 89.3 KSBJ Christian Radio's "Team Hope" supported by son Garret and husband Greg.*

Today, Vicky is deeply ensconced in a new position with Marketplace Chaplains as a coach, mentoring chaplains and assisting in training new ones on topics germane to the workplace, like balancing work and home life, dealing with stress, etc. Periodically she meets

with HR or CEOs to review their status. Currently, she and another chaplain are going to client companies to make themselves available to comfort victims of Harvey and to help with survivor's guilt for those not directly affected by the Hurricane.

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# Senior Spotlight

## Standing on tiptoes saying, "What Next Lord?"

by Jackie Devine

For six years I've been driving down Mueschke Road and passing the sign that says, "Need prayer? Meet us in the barn on Friday at 9:00," and every time I've said to myself, "Someday I'm going to check that out!"

When I learned that the perpetrator of that invitation was Jim Griep, the father of Vicky Landry, our "Meet Your Neighbor" superstar, I jumped at the chance to interview him.

As I pulled into the drive and parked the car, eager to begin my next adventure, the lyric that kept running through my head was the opening theme of the 60's sitcom, "Green Acres is the place to be. Farm livin' is the life for me. Land spreadin' out so far and wide. Keep Manhattan, just give me that countryside."

Jim met me at the prayer barn door, led me through the chapel/meeting room, and escorted me out another door, so I could admire his 1928 McCormick-Deering tractor, the same issue his father used when he homesteaded 320 acres in South Dakota during the '20s and '30s.

I learned his ancestors immigrated from Pomerania, Germany and settled in Wisconsin in the mid-1800's. From there, his parents moved on to South Dakota, where he was raised. It was such an important time in American history, Jim published a book for his grandchildren detailing how their ancestors put everything they owned on an immigrant railroad car to move westward and what it was like growing up just inside the fringes of civilization.

Reflecting on his childhood, he said, "Love and well-being were my cornerstones. In those days, German parents didn't often say 'I love you,' and there was very little hugging, but all nine of us knew we were cherished. One of the things I value most is that my parents had a daily family worship, prayer, and Bible reading."

So devout was his father that he found a vacant ranch house nearby and established Glad Valley Church of God. Their first minister was a Russian-German that married a Black Foot Indian. Today, many people recognize Glad Valley's own Klautt Indian Family, a popular singing group that toured the U.S. for many years.



Life in the 30's was hard. The last years of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl took a toll on everyone. At six, he remembers standing in the back of their Model A Ford hitched to a trailer, his parents kneeling at the porch of the house praying before leaving at 5:00 am. For the next decade, they made their living as sharecroppers and through hard work and perseverance, were finally able to purchase a farm of their own when Jim was 16. Of his formative years, Jim says, "Because I had to work the land, I learned early that honest labor gives one dignity and provides the tools and character it often takes

to become a successful adult."

"In my teens," he commented, "I began feeling the presence of God. Praying at the altar, I would want to get up and burst out crying. My pastor observed, 'That's the call of God.' Supporting me, he interceded by contacting The Assembly of God College, in Springfield, Missouri. I was accepted and headed off to school."

While there, Jim met and later married Vicky Armstrong, a pastor's daughter and one of the chapel's organists. After his ordination, the couple moved to Britain, South Dakota where Jim pastored, and

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# Around Fairfield

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Vicky worked as the secretary, organist, and producer of radio broadcasts for the church.

Before long, spiritual adventure and the open road beckoned. They purchased a travel trailer and took to the highway, serving as traveling evangelists by answering the call and spreading the gospel across the land.

However, two children into the marriage, they decided it was time to settle down. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania called, and that commitment lasted 15 years. Jim admitted, "That was a fascinating turn of events; a farm kid, who had a lot to learn, was leading a major metropolitan city church. But our people were patient, and we built a rich ministry."

After Philly came Pittsburg, and then on to Houston where he founded Willowbrook Church, next to the Methodist Hospital on 249. The land behind a strip mall cost the parishioners \$37,000 but is worth millions today.

When Compaq Computer set its sights on the Space City, Kathy Whitmire, Houston Mayor, promised if they settled here, Houstonians would build a four-lane highway up to their facility which eventually removed the strip center putting Willowbrook Church right on 249. Over time, the parishioners sold the property for a good return on their investment and moved up Highway 249 to a new location, where it remains a very thriving church.

From there, he started Northwood Church at Stuebner

Airline and Spring Cypress and pastored for ten years.

After retirement, it was back to the open road, conducting revival meetings and working on foreign mission projects that took him to eight different countries.

When his youngest, Vicky, married, he downsized to the little farmette on Mueschke Road. For the last 13 years, the prayer barn has served as a peaceful sanctuary. When they gather at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, people come from all over to sing and worship. Subjects they pray about cover the government, difficult situations, world hot spots such as North Korea, as well as family and friends. Then, they share a meal together.

"Easing toward the winter of your life," I asked, "In your 85 plus years, what do you know for sure or what have you learned?"

Smiling, he shared, "God is not through with me yet. I stand on tiptoes saying, 'Lord, what do You have for me tomorrow?'"

"One Saturday a month, I preach at the Silverado Home for people with mental challenges, such as Alzheimer's and other issues. My son and I go to Angleton Prison and preach two or three times a year always at Christmas and Easter."

In conjunction with the prayer barn ministry is a 4 X 8 foot road sign that he changes weekly to fit the occasion, such as, "Pray for our teachers and administrators," or



"Pray for our police and firefighters," and other words of Biblical wisdom and encouragement.

He also has a "golden dollar" ministry. Carrying coins in his pocket, he simply walks up to a parent in a restaurant or other public places and says, "Your child looks like a champion to me." During the conversation, he asks, "Do you take them to church on Sunday?" They continue to talk about the importance of God in a child's life. Then, he takes out a coin and asks if he can give them a "golden dollar" for their piggy bank. That has been one of the open doors for him to leave a testimony.

Vicky, Jim's wife, passed away in 2014. He has since remarried saying, "I found another soulmate. Edna is a very kind and loving person who helps me continue with my mission of serving."

In closing, he says, "My life has come full circle. I'm living out the call of God in my life and passing it on to my children."



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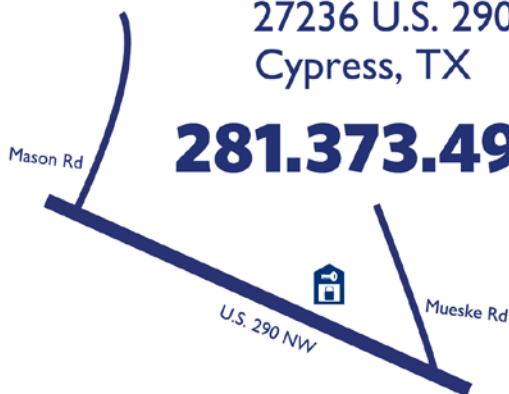
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# Entrepreneurship Is Creating The Next Generation of Volunteerism

co authored by Jackie Devine and Cadence Morris



*Laura and husband Jason* Laura has lived with her husband Jason and two children, Jakob and Addison, here in Fairfield.

When you meet Laura, right off the bat, you sense she is an animal lover. Better yet, you know that she is a protector of animal rights.

Laura was always rescuing stray animals, even during her elementary years. Her first rescue, at only 11 years old, came in the form of a very skinny and scared German Shepherd that she saw while moving with her mother in California. Her mom explained that German Shepherds were fear biters, so she told Laura not to go near the dog. Well, Laura could sense that this dog needed help, so when her mother returned from taking some boxes into the house, she saw this large dog with its paws on her daughter's shoulders and Laura's arms wrapped around the dog. That lucky mutt found her

home with them and set in motion a passion for rescuing animals.

She was always looking for a way to help not only animals but others less fortunate. Laura explained, "While working part-time at Old Navy in my teens, I pitched an idea to management that the store hold a clothing drive for those in need during the cold winter months. Customers were encouraged to bring in their winter clothes to donate and in exchange, were given a discount towards new winter apparel in the store. The drive was a great success!"

After she graduated from Cy Falls High School, she went to the University of Houston to study Psychology and Criminal Justice. While attending college, Laura always worked full time as well.

"Working for nonprofit organizations is also my her blood," she said with a sparkle in her eye. "I took my first job working in Development at Mental Health America; I learned very specialized database management, helped plan and execute their annual gala, and learned to write grants to raise funds for various projects. From there, I went to Ronald McDonald House of Houston and then on to Baylor College of Medicine doing similar work in their development departments. After that, I went to work for Menninger as the Database Administrator."

Along the way, she began to feel she had garnered enough experience to tackle the task of running a business. She figured with her experience

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working with a variety of people in multiple nonprofit situations, promoting the environment, and engaging the community to support local benefits; she was ready to go out on her own.

When her dad retired, Laura and her parents began discussing the idea of opening a cleaning company franchise. They found Maid Brigade, which is a national company founded in 1978 with more than 400 locations across the U.S. and Canada. Laura's parents purchased the franchise, and she runs it with her Dad (as her mom is still the CEO of MHA).

Today she's responsible for managing, marketing and sales of their locally-owned and operated Maid Brigade. She proudly added, "Our branch is family owned and operated and has been open since 1999. All of our employees are thoroughly screened, trained, insured and bonded. From a service standpoint, we have been an Angie's List Super Service Award recipient for several years in a row, and have many clients who have been with us since we opened."

On November 19, 2015, Maid Brigade of Northwest Houston was among six Houston-area small businesses honored at the 29th Annual Lone Star College Small Business of the Year Awards banquet. Only six small businesses were selected for the award one representing each of Lone Star College's six campuses based on their contributions to their community.

Laura stated, "Life has come full circle. I've been able to hone my business development skills and bask in the light of volunteerism. We have partnered with Habitat for Humanity to offer cleaning services for new homes and also taken part in Habitat for Humanity



*Cleaning For a Reason Team*

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Laura's Dad sponsor participating in Operation Finally Home

Laura's position has also allowed her to continue her love for volunteerism on a personal basis. At home, she is teaching her children the value of community involvement and giving to others. In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, Laura's daughter, Addie, told her she wanted to have a bake sale to donate to the J.J. Watts fund for Hurricane Harvey victims. So along with some

great neighbors, mom and daughter baked up a storm and set up their stand. Addie made \$100 to donate to the fund.

Not only does Laura make every day count, but she is also paying it forward through her children!

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# Women's Club

## November Meeting

*submitted by Women's Club Member*

Our November Fairfield Women's Club meeting will be held on November 14th starting at 7:00pm at the Bradford Creek Clubhouse. In light of those who were devastated by Hurricane Harvey, FWC will be making changes to our usual November Christmas craft meeting. FWC has chosen a family to shower with love and Christmas gifts. During the meeting we will gather and make the gifts beautiful with instruction from one of our members, Lisa Cannon. Lisa will teach us how to make gorgeous bows. Members and guests may bring their own ribbon to take home as a festive Christmas bow. If you have any specific questions, please contact us at [fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com). All women in Fairfield and Lakes of Fairhaven are invited to join us. If you wish to become a Fairfield Women's Club member, membership dues are \$30 per year. You may join at a meeting or online at [Fairfieldwomensclub.org](http://Fairfieldwomensclub.org) or contact us at [fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

## July 4 Celebration 2018

Fairfield Women's Club, with the support of Fairfield Community Association, is planning an event for July 4. The parade starts at Ault Elementary at 9 am and ends at Central Park. The event will be held there from 10-2. There will be water features for the kids, as well as the splash pad and pool. We are asking businesses and others in the community to join us in making this a great event.

If you are interested in having a booth with an activity, please let us know. There will be no charge for this booth. It will be a great way to advertise your business. You will need to plan the activity and bring your own equipment. There will be no electricity to the booths as we are using the area behind the pool that is shaded with trees. The activity does not have to last the whole 4 hours.

We are also looking for entertainment. If you have a "garage" band or like to sing, and would like to entertain for 30 minutes, please let us know. Entertainment will be in the patio of the clubhouse, so there will be electricity.

We are just beginning to plan this event, so your ideas and input are welcome.

Contact us at [fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com)

## Garage Sale

We wish to thank all who participated in the Fall Garage Sale. The proceeds go right back to Fairfield, to our schools, Volunteer Fire Department and our Constables. This year we passed out flyers to be posted at participating homes so that your buyers could know that they, too, were supporting our community. Your \$25 donation goes a long way and we thank you for that.

*The Spring garage sale will be the first Saturday in April, which is April 7.*

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# YARD of the MONTH

## November

November's Yard of the Month features the southern half of Fairfield Central, including Garden Grove Village, Chappell Ridge Village, and Lake Ridge Village.

It was a pleasure, yet a challenge, to pick just one yard this month, since so many of the yards looked fantastic. This month's honor goes to a beautifully manicured yard that belongs to **Glenn and Esther Jozwiak, who live at 15402 Woodland Orchard Lane in Garden Grove Village.** Esther gave most of the credit to her husband Glenn, who takes great pride in their yard.

The flower beds are beautifully outlined with stacked flagstone rocks and boulders as accentors. Around the trees are some light wispy fern and potato vines. The beds around the house have a mixture of Hawthorne and Boxwood, as well as Juniper Pom Pom trees at the entrance to an inviting front porch. The porch is decorated with a welcome sign and stunning, fall Crotons on each side of a lovely bench. It is obvious that the Jozwiak's love working in their yard and take pride in beautifying their

neighborhood. Their home is located on the northeast corner Maple Village Dr. and Woodland Orchard Lane.



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The 4th-grade choir will perform their rendition of "At the Hop" at 6:30 PM in front of the school. Students will have a

blast playing games, jumping in the moonwalks, and having their face and hair painted. Equally fun and entertaining for children and adults alike are the fabulous door prizes, costume contests, cake and candy bar walks, tasty food, drinks, music, dancing & more!

Plus, you won't want to miss the bountiful baskets and other interesting items up for bid in the silent auction, which will be hosted online. Sponsors are needed for donations and prizes (including cakes/cupcakes & candy, and classroom basket auction items).

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available online through our School Cash system! Avoid the line and pre-order

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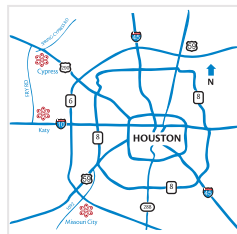


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Salyards Orchestra is off to a fantastic start this fall! Students who placed in the TMEA Region 27 Orchestra will be playing in concerts on November 11th in the Cy Park High School Auditorium.

The Middle School Philharmonic group will play at 4:00 p.m. and the Middle School Symphony group will play at 4:45 p.m. High School students from Cy Ranch and Bridgeland Orchestras will be in the High School concert at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free to the public.

Salyards Orchestra will be having their winter concert on December 6th in the Salyards Middle School cafeteria. All are welcome to come enjoy the festive tunes to incite a holiday spirit. Free admission.



*"Throughout the course of American history, courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain these core principles upon which our Nation's freedoms depend." George Bush*

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The students and staff of Salyards Middle School will host a Salute to Our American Heroes Lunch in honor of our veterans on Friday, November 10. We would like to take this opportunity to invite veterans from the families of our Salyards students to be honored at lunch for all that they have done to help preserve our country's liberties. Lunch will be provided to all veterans this day, compliments of the Salyards' café.

**Lunches will occur at the following times:**

**A Lunch: 10:30-11:00**

**B Lunch: 11:25-11:55 | C Lunch: 12:20-12:50**

Please contact Amanda Banks ([amanda.banks@cfisd.net](mailto:amanda.banks@cfisd.net)) if you have any questions. We look forward to recognizing our veterans!

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# School News

## Salyards Theatre Company Presents "Gathering Blue"

by Jonathan Hubbard



Wendy Gillikin, Salyards MS Theatre Director, has announced the cast of the UIL One Act play "Gathering Blue." An intense six-week rehearsal process has already begun to prepare for competition at the Berry Center on Saturday, November 11, 2017, at 10 a.m.

Salyards Theatre Company is scheduled third to perform of the five schools in their zone. The contest begins at 8 a.m., and a ticket to the contest will allow spectators to see all fifteen schools from across the district that are competing over two days.

Salyards cast is as follows. Kira-Scarlett Jordan, Katrina-Bailey Woodward, Christopher-Austin Hagler, Matt-Connor Quinlan, Vandara-Belen Deiros, Chief Guardian-Anthony Barrios, Jamison-Nathan Stroud, Thomas-Zack Krause, Annabella-Bella Feistauer,

Jo-Layni Holderfield, The Singer-Amanda Nichols, Ensembler-Chloe Delisi, Ashley Jackson, Reece Ortiz, and Gina Colunga. The crew for the show is as follows: Stage Manager-Sheldyn Ely, Assistant Stage Manager-Jessica Windham, Props-Melissa Gonzalez, Lights-Hayden Pott, Sound-Andrew Bowman, Alternates-Taylor Howard, Robert Burns, Teagan Bradley.



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Join us on Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. or Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at Fire Station #7 to find out how you can join.

Station 7 in Fairfield has 12 openings and is accepting applications for new members. If you are interested in volunteering in the community or

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# Sports Section

## The Bridgeland Bears: Cy Fair ISD's next big thing

By Reagon Carter on October 6, 2017 12:13 pm (Reprinted from VIPE.com)



### *"Sic Parvis Magna."*

Greatness from small beginnings. That's what head coach David Raffield is hoping for at Cy-Fair ISD's newest high school, Bridgeland.

On the field, Raffield wants the Bears to be "A physical and dominating football team." He wants people to think of those things when matched up against Bridgeland.

Transferring back to CFISD from A&M Consolidated High School, Raffield also commented on the challenge of uniting a new coaching staff.

"It just takes time working together," he said. "I'm proud of them. They are off to a stellar start."

The freshman teams combined to begin the season with a roaring 7-1 record. Freshman quarterback Finn Nicholson credits their early success to being able to adjust quickly to the fast-pace style of high school football.

"This is very different from other levels we've played at in

the past," Nicholson said. "Especially with the new offensive schemes, you have to be able to use your head and adjust on the fly."

Despite their winning record, the starting QB still sees room for improvement.

"Considering a number of us will be on the varsity level next year," Nicholson added. "We need to get rid of the mental mistakes and perfect the little things."

The Bears' junior varsity team, made up of only sophomores, are off to an 0-4 start. While their record doesn't reflect it, they have some serious talent in development.

Offensive lineman Brian Cisneros spoke about how they prepare for the weekly challenge of going up against true JV teams as only 10th graders.

"Reviewing our game plans and being mentally ready is huge. We also have to keep our heads up and stay motivated," Cisneros said.

According to Cisneros, many of the Bridgeland sophomore athletes attended Cy-Ranch their freshman year, so competing at the top-level of a brand new school is quite an adjustment.

One thing that certainly helps the Bears feel at home at their new field is the monstrous Bridgeland Bear tunnel at each home game.

"Running through our giant bear really gets us pumped up and ready to play," Cisneros said.

Undoubtedly, Bridgeland's school spirit is certainly impressive for their inaugural year.

In all, Bridgeland High School football is up and running, and their its future looks very bright. With the great leadership of David Raffield at the helm and broad talent at this school, the Bears look to be on the hunt.

Reagon Carter is a student athlete at Bridgeland High School and a part of our VYPE U Internship program.



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These special guests will be brought to the Cypress Campus for a party held in their honor. Hundreds of church volunteers will greet and host these "angels" for a night they will never forget. The event will feature an amazing train display for the kids, a great dinner for the family, an entertaining program, and of course special gifts for all. Each child will receive a wrapped Christmas gift that is ready to put under the tree. Parents will receive groceries and clothing gift certificates.

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## Fair Ladies of Christ the Redeemer

Fair Ladies of Christ the Redeemer, or FLOC, is a faith and fellowship group for the women who live in Fairfield and Lakes of Fairhaven that attend Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church.

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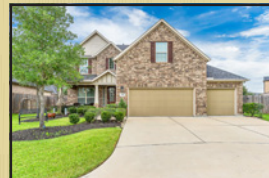
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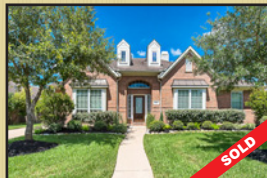
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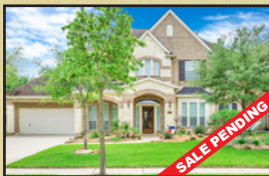
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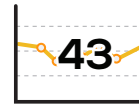
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\* Data based on sold homes from Houston MLS from 7/1/17 - 10/1/17

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### Communication

Updated me regularly, responded in a timely manner, communicated with me in the way I wanted



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Exhibited knowledge of the real estate market, the neighborhood and community



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