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# RANCH RECORD

News for the Residents of Blackhorse Ranch



## WELCOME TO BLACKHORSE RANCH RECORD

*A Newsletter  
for the Blackhorse  
Ranch Community*

The Ranch Record is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Blackhorse Ranch residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com). Personal news (announcements, accolades/honors/celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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## NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE CYPRESS GEM CHAPTER



Twenty-two young women in the senior class of the Cypress Gems Chapter of National Charity League were recently recognized for their outstanding community service. At a formal event held in the Norris Conference Center, the Cypress Gems graduating class of 2018 were presented by their families and honored for their contributions to their chapter and their communities.

National Charity League is a mother-daughter service organization committed to fostering the mother-daughter relationship through

community service, leadership development, and cultural experiences. Alongside their mothers, the 2018 class have performed over 3,000 hours of community service. Their work has benefitted multiple Houston area nonprofit organizations such as Reach Unlimited, Houston Food Bank, and Cy-Hope Disaster Relief. The Cypress Gems chapter comprises girls attending Cypress Ranch, Cypress Woods, Cypress Fairbanks and Bridgeland High Schools.

Elizabeth Franklin, Cypress Gems Chapter President stated, "I could not be more proud of these senior girls and the accomplishments they have achieved over the past year. Every single one of them have worked hard to be remarkable role models for our younger members and to truly demonstrate the embodiment of what NCL is about. Our chapter will forever cherish their commitment and dedication as we have grown together to accomplish our goals as Cypress Gems."

The Class of 2018 Cypress Gems TickTockers as pictured are:

Front Row Left to Right - Isabel Ray, Maren Mullally, Jessica Sackschewsky, Madison Kippes, Madison Gvist

Middle Row Left to Right - Erica Barfield, Julia Rock, Katy Thomas, Hannah Haesly, Kathryn Motsinger, Emily Estes, Lexi Angelica, Ashley Bruton

Back Row Left to Right - Caitlyn Schade, Hallie Bruton, Sarah Theriot, Shannon Hebert, Maggie Lucas, Lexie Hluchanek, Jensen MacLeod, Anna Kolodziejczyk, Becky Clark

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## MEET IRIS

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Let me introduce you to Iris, our 9-year-old Eastern Screech Owl. She makes her home at TWRC Wildlife Center and is a “gal about town”. As one of our Animal Ambassadors, she can often be seen at schools, churches and community events throughout the Houston area.

Iris was just a few days old when a rescuer found her on the ground. Our vet staff could see that one of her eyes wasn't developing properly. After being examined by a specialist, it was discovered that she was blind in that eye. Knowing that owls can still survive in the wild with only one eye, a dedicated rehabilitator worked with her to prepare her for release. With her eye problem and some other issues that developed, it was decided that it was in the best interest of Iris not to release her and instead

“promote” her to an Animal Ambassador.

Iris lives a pretty good life. She is served with frozen mice that have been warmed. She goes to the “beauty shop” every couple of months to get her nails done (actually they're called talons) and get her beak trimmed and shaped. She is also given a thorough examination to make sure she is healthy. We are grateful to Dr. White at Briarcrest Veterinary Clinic who donates his time to the Center to care for Iris and our other Animal Ambassadors. In the wild, Screech Owls live an average of 12 years but because Iris doesn't have to face the challenges of life in the wild, she is expected to live well beyond 12 years of age.

Screech owls have a unique call. One source described it as a horse on helium. They let out a descending whinny capped off with a trill. If you come to our Center to visit, she may even “talk” to you. One of her favorite things is to do is to respond to sirens she hears. As soon as she hears a siren, she starts in. Wish we could read her mind to find out why she does that.

Iris and her handlers are available to come and talk to your group, your school, your church or other gatherings. If you would like pricing information, send an email to [education@twrcwildlifecenter.org](mailto:education@twrcwildlifecenter.org).

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## Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

Scholarship opportunity for current Aggie students!!! If your permanent address is within our zip code service area, your student can apply for a chance to be awarded a scholarship for the coming school year. Please check our website for the application and details; due date is Feb 6, 2018. Don't delay, since a letter of recommendation is required. Scholarships are awarded at the April meeting.

And don't forget to come check out the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club!! We meet the second Tuesday of every month (Aug-May), at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas. Socializing starts at 6:30 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. We have a lot of fun in our quest to support our Aggie students! Gig 'Em and God Bless!

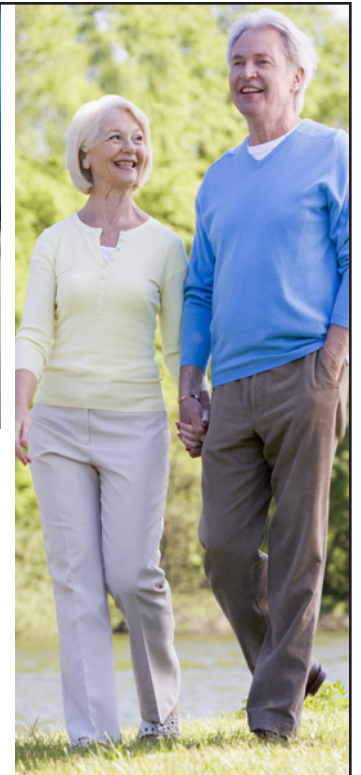
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## CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN JANUARY MEETING

CFRW will meet on Tuesday, January 9th  
10:30 AM to Noon.  
Hearthstone Country Club  
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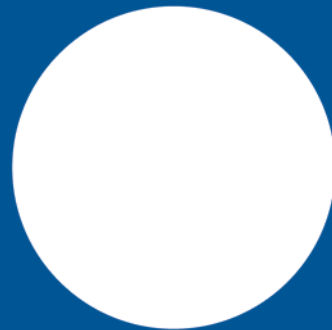
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