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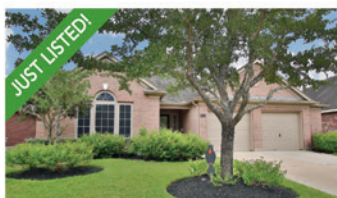
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Editor's Comments

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.

Oprah Winfrey

I don't know why I think of the start of the new year as magical. I know that the only difference between December 31 and January 1 is the metaphorical meaning I've assigned it. However, for me, it represents a promise, the opportunity to welcome in a whole new set of 365 days and to give life more meaning!

For 2018, the only resolutions I have made are to use my talents wisely, lend a helping hand whenever possible, and continue to uncover and report the kindnesses and displays of courage that emerge in and around our Fairfield neighborhood.

This year, our goals as Fairfield's official Community Association Newsletter are to keep you abreast of what's happening, educate you about issues that concern Fairfield, build cohesion and a sense of community pride, to spark interest in and increase recognition of local activities, and to offer a format for information exchange. In the coming year, we will strive to go above and beyond the call of duty.

We hope you find that evident in our January issue as we introduce Bradley Hooton, our very own contender for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student of the Year. This young man deserves our support. Please read his story on page 7. We are also touting a way that our readers and local businesses can stay connected using the Fairfield Neighborhood App, and we

are giving you a heads up on school events, church activities, scouting opportunities, and senior trips.

We are here to serve you. Please contact me at jackiedevine@peelinc.com to give the Gazette a tip on your outstanding neighbor, when you get excellent service from a local vendor, or when you want to salute a local organization.

Last but not least, we received two kudos last month that we wanted to share: "Happy Thanksgiving. You did a great job with Pastor Jim and Vickie's article. Thanks, CM"

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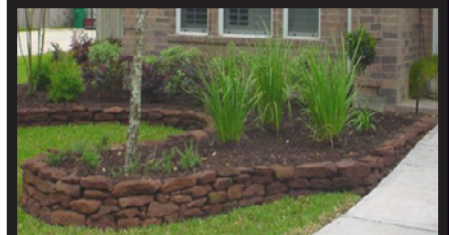
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Giving Meaning To Life

by Jackie Devine



Bradley with his long-time supporter Mom

Has your path ever crossed Bradley Hooton's, a Cy Ranch senior and customer service advisor at our local Walgreens? If not, let me introduce one of the most impressive and inspirational young men Fairfield has to offer.

In 2001, his father abruptly passed away from leukemia, leaving Bradley fatherless at 18 months old.

His mother Barb set the stage, "In 2000, in one fell swoop, our carefree life was shattered, sending shockwaves through the entire family and changing the direction of our lives forever."

"My husband, a happy, healthy, go get 'em kind of guy, came home one day and said, 'I just don't feel well. I'm going to see the doctor.' First, he was diagnosed with an upper respiratory infection. By Saturday, his condition worsened. On Sunday, doctors gave him two to fourteen days to live without treatment."

Immediately, the Hootons found themselves in a brand new city with a five-month-old baby while Jim spent 30 days of isolation at MD Anderson in hopes of arresting the cancer. Unfortunately, one year, one month and one day later, leukemia returned with a vengeance and took his life.

"Jim's last wish," Barb remarked, "was that his passing would evolve into a positive legacy. He hoped that what we were walking through might be used to help others, whether that was to pray one more time, remind someone to tell their family that they

loved them, or just to stop and appreciate the day." And now, the son he barely knew, is carrying that baton.

Barbara, an unemployed 39-year-old widow with a 20-month-old son, had entered uncharted territory. Their lives would never be the same.

Bradley recounts what happened. He said, "Mom was offered a job as an administrative assistant at Fairfield Baptist Church. Countless neighbors, church members, and family in different states, assisted us along the way. They contributed to helping me become the person I am today and to see the light of Christ."

As Bradley was growing up, Fairfield Baptist Church was their second home. The congregation became their family, wrapping their arms around them, stabilizing them personally, and anchoring them spiritually.

"My path began to take on a new meaning," continued Bradley, "When I was saved in 2011, I began living a Christ-centered life in service to others."

In October, Bradley learned that The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)—the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer—nominated him to be a contender for Student of the Year.

Although the nomination process is typically a lengthy one, the seven-member board reviewed his social media connections and posts and unanimously chose him to compete due to his character, participation in the community, and his leadership skills.

Bradley smiled, "Research and trials are costly. This is a great platform to leverage the opportunity, to rise it up for good, and be part of the cure."

Proudly, Bradley volunteered, "When I shared the news with my friends, they immediately said 'We're in!' So, we created a plan. January 19, we are putting the boots on the ground and by March 2, we will learn where everyone stands." Bradley has developed a strong and impressive strategy to kick off a fast and furious campaign in memory of Jim Hooton.



Bradley is explaining his nomination to Walgreens' customer Randall Thompson

There will be personal donations, business sponsorships, and silent auction items. Every dollar raised is a vote. The student with the highest dollar amount is also the student with the most votes. Throughout the campaign, LLS will give them progress updates. However, although the 15 students throughout the Gulf Coast Region are allowed to meet each other, they are not allowed to know each other's totals.

The student with the highest total will be declared the winner but that will not be announced until the

night of the Gala. If Bradley wins, he will get a research grant forever in his father's name, which will be called the Jim Hooton Research Grant.

Barb emphasized, "Together, Team Hooton, newly named Team Triumph, is going to do this, and we need Fairfield's help to succeed."

The journey that Bradley has taken that catapulted him into the spotlight is admirable. He credits his relationship with mentor Mark Julian, Fairfield Baptist's high school youth pastor, as

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Team Triumph

being his true north. Julian's advice through the years has had a profound impact on him.

"During my grandmother's final days," Bradley remembers, "he advised me, 'You need to be a warrior, not just for yourself, your grandmother, or your mom, but everybody around you.' Since then, Bradley says, "I've done my best to usher others through the shadow of loss."

Bradley has been heavily involved with Fellowship of Christian

Athletes since he was a sophomore. Through his participation and oversight, it has evolved into a viable organization attracting new members, adding prayer officers, and expanding into the middle schools.

Today, as a middle school ambassador, he visits Cy Ranch feeder schools to share God's word and shepherd students into high school, all the while assuring them that although high school can be intimidating, the FCA will offer a safe place for them to go along with someone who will stand by their side in time of need.

Also, in fulfilling his desire to be of service, for the last five years Bradley has served as a youth leader at church and a counselor at camp.

In closing, I asked Bradley if he had anything he wanted to add. His response was, "This campaign is about fighting cancer. I want to win. If I don't, it will have been a good fight for a great cause. But my ultimate goal is that while I'm in it, I'm in it to win it!"

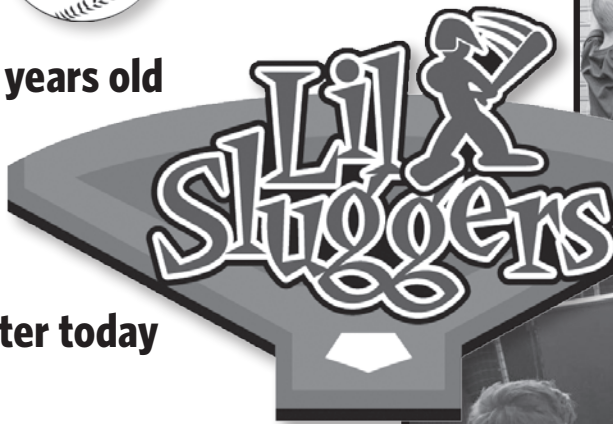
"This is the only chance I've been able to say, 'This is for you Dad.' So I ask, if anybody views my postings or sees anything happening in the neighborhood towards this cause, please join me. Because together we can say, 'No way, not today, not ever to any cancer!'"

You can follow Bradley by adding him as a friend on facebook, or on his Instagram page at @team_triumph_LLS or twitter at @TeamTriumphLLS. If you want to donate or read about his story and the foundation, the direct link is <http://events.lls.org/txg/HoustonSOY2018/bhooton>



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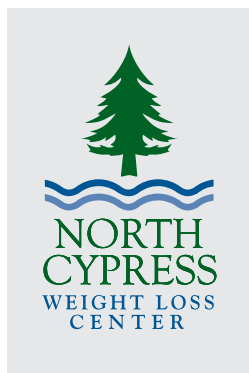


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Fairfield Families

by Jackie Devine

After I glimpsed the publisher's selection for the January cover, I felt moved to go behind the scenes and find out a little more about those two cuties and their family.

Adam and Payton Pless, along with their mom Lindsey and dad Aaron moved to Fairfield from Katy two years ago. Lindsey, a sixth-grade math teacher at Smith Middle School, is from Bellville and Aaron, a purchasing agent with Ashton Woods Homes, is from Sealy.

Payton is a kindergartner at Keith Elementary and has a fish named Poppy, and her brother has a fish named Branch named after the Trolls characters.

The Pless family loves the outdoors. They enjoy taking walks, spending time at the Fairfield parks, and feeding the ducks.

In the spring, Lindsey coaches Peyton Little League Tee Ball team.

Wasn't it fun to meet the family behind the photo



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Well, stress no more. Hats off to the Fairfield Neighbourhood App for offering us the best of the '50s and the 21st century combined. At last, we have valuable, trusted, and focused relationships and neighborhood information that is organized and easy to access right at our fingertips.

The Fairfield Neighborhood App is a free, private social network explicitly targeted to Fairfield. Whether you are looking for information on how to find the best handyman or trying to get the skinny on local events, such as rallies or sports

competitions, you can locate that information fast and efficiently.

The app helps you stay current and in the know when you are concerned about neighborhood traffic, break-ins, or why those helicopters are circling your house. It offers you a way to tap into the local police scanner or call the constables to find out what's happening.

From a business perspective, the Fairfield Neighborhood App helps develop awareness and offers strategic marketing and networking support. Companies large or small, cottage industries, and entrepreneurs working from home are listed first by products or services and then by their rankings. It also allows businesses to advertise, offer rewards and will enable users to participate in contests and giveaways.

Two-way communication provides businesses and residents a voice. Uniquely, users enjoy a channel of communication where they are encouraged to share their experiences. The app allows you to ask your neighbors for additional references for individual businesses.

Last but not least, those who need a more personal input and an opportunity to talk to their neighbors will find Fairfield Facebook just a click away. It connects residents with the day-to-day issues that face the community. It supports neighbors talking to neighbors. And, as we know from the good old "Mayberry" days, and as we saw with Hurricane Harvey, when neighbors start talking, good things begin to happen.

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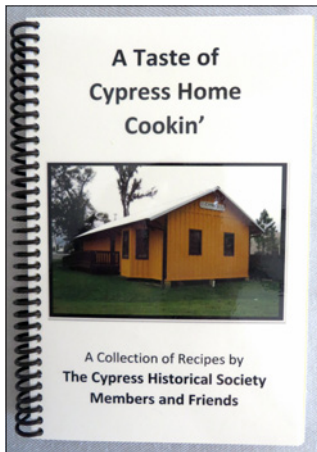
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Today, traffic whizzes along on the Northwest Freeway going east and west to and from Houston. Many people exit the free-way at Cypress to grab a bite to eat,

go shopping, buy groceries, or get their vehicle serviced before hurrying to their homes in one of the many subdivisions or apartment complexes that are a part of the Cypress scene today.

The Cypress Historical Society (CHS), established in March of 2008, focuses on raising awareness of the history, genealogy, and the preservation of artifacts and historical buildings in Cypress. It also offers annual scholarships up to \$1000 each.

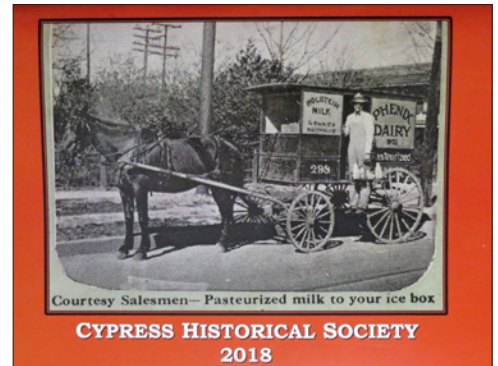
To defray costs and continue their support in the community, the CHS has created two memorable and useful keepsakes: A vintage 2018 calendar which highlights 12 thoughtfully chosen photos of founding families or businesses of Cypress, and a carefully crafted cookbook offering recipes of yesteryear.

With the aid of these two souvenirs, you can set that important date, then create a nostalgic feast rivaling the tasty meals that graced the Sunday dinner tables throughout the land.

To order visit <http://www.cypresshistoricalsociety.com/>

Cypress Historical Society is located at 26026 Hempstead Rd, Cypress, TX 77429

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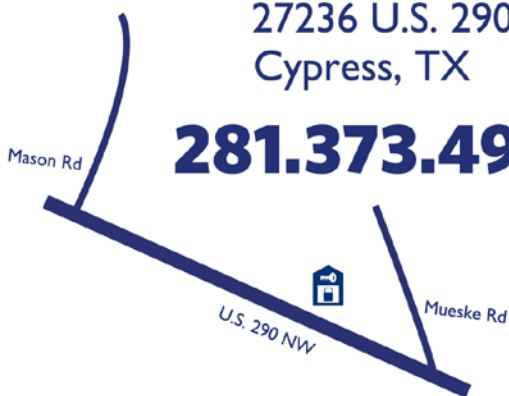
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Around Fairfield



January 27, 2018
(hanger drop off)
February 3, 2018
(donation pick-up)

Scouting for Food is a council-wide service project to care for people in our local communities who are hungry and in need. In partnership with the Houston Food Bank and "Souper Bowl of Caring," the project begins Saturday, January 27, 2018, as Scouts distribute door hangers in their neighborhoods to announce the upcoming food drive. Scouts return the following Saturday, February 3, 2018, to pick up and deliver donations to their local food banks and pantries.

A Cub Scout and a Boy Scout promises "to help other people at all times." There is no better way to show our scouting spirit than by participating in the annual scouting for Food drive! Now is the time to show our community the Scouting values of being loyal, helpful, kind and cheerful.

Scouts will help make a difference to fight hunger. Scouting for Food is the leading service program for Boy Scouts of America and is a part of the national BSA program - Good Turn for America.

On behalf of Cub Scout Pack 1533, Pack 533, Pack 33 and Boy Scout Troop 533, we would like to thank the community for their support.

Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts of Fairfield Christmas Tree Recycling

Let these Boys Have a Blast, Taming Tinsel-Time Trash! We'll pick up and recycle the trees Placed Curbside and Ornament Free ...

The Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops of Fairfield will be working together to collect and recycle Christmas trees (lights & ornaments free, Please) after the holiday season. Please have your tree on the curb by 7 a.m. on Saturday, January 6th, 2017 to be picked up for recycling!

Remember...Don't let those trash guys waste your Tree's potential!! Let the Scouts give it back to the Earth!



FAIRFIELD AREA GIRL SCOUT TROOPS STARTING FOR KINDER AND 1ST GRADE GIRLS

With the Girl Scouts, you'll make a bunch of new friends and have a ton of new experiences that show how exciting the world is and how awesome you are, over and over again. So, what are you waiting for? Start the fun today!

New troops will be starting up soon, and we don't want anyone to miss out! There are a few spots remaining in the troops below.

Kindergarten:

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Swenke - 109093w

To register visit <http://www.gssjc.org/> and click "Join Today." You can register directly in the correct Troop by using the troop number above. Contact Lacey Campbell (LaceyNGCampbell@yahoo.com) for questions and help.

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Fairfield Senior (50+) Bus Trips

by Lori Skadowski



Wednesday, January 17 – Our January bus trip is to the Houston Museum of Natural Science (thanks to Debbie Rials). We will see "Knights," a special exhibit showing the exquisite craftsmanship of the objects used by the Knights.

A list of the permanent exhibitions includes: Hall of Ancient Egypt, Hall of Paleontology (dinosaurs), Hall of Gems and Minerals, Wiess Energy Hall, Hall of the Americas (Aztec, Incas, and American Indians), Hall of African Wildlife, Texas Coastal Ecology, Vintage Texas Wildlife Dioramas, and Hall of Malacology (shells).

With such a long list you will want to choose exhibits of interest to you and start your adventure after our "Knights" special exhibit viewing.

After that, it is off to the Downtown Aquarium for more fun, fellowship, and lunch. Here we will dine with a 150,000-gallon centerpiece aquarium with excellent views of sea life. The menu has a variety of seafood specials, steaks, chicken, salad, pasta dishes, and decadent desserts. The portions are huge!

Cost of the trip is \$17.50, which includes entry to the museum.

Lunch is not included.

For Reservations: **Please email lorilynn@pdq.net or phone 281-395-1385. Payment is due upon sign up. No Refunds.**

We will depart from the Fairfield Baptist Church, located at 27240 Highway 290 promptly at **8:00 a.m.** Be there no later than 7:45 a.m. We should be back around 4 p.m.

Please make checks payable to Lori Skadowski and mail to 16906 Thomas Ridge Lane, Cypress, Texas 77433

Tuesday, February 13

2nd Annual Resale Mania – Charity Resale Shopping.

We will visit several high-end resale shops in the Westheimer/Alabama/River Oaks area.

Cost of the trip is \$5.00 plus the cost of lunch at Katz Deli.

To reserve your seat, **please email lorilynn@pdq.net - Payment is due upon sign up. No Refunds.**

We will depart from the Fairfield Baptist Church, promptly at **9:00 a.m.** Be there no later than 8:45 a.m. We should be back around 5 p.m.

Make checks out to: Lori Skadowski and mail to 16906 Thomas Ridge Lane, Cypress, Texas 77433

Wednesday, March 7th – Get out your spurs and rodeo duds for our "Daytime Pass" to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Let's get to the grounds and walk around and look at the exhibits, check out the folks in their fancy rodeo attire, and visit the animals. Can't you just smell that BBQ and great food? –Details TBD

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Fairfield's Fifty-Plus Fun-Loving Group — THE FAIRFIELD SENIORS —

Submitted by William Cook



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 Notice:

The Fairfield's Fifty-Plus Fun-Loving Group, The Fairfield Seniors have discontinued trips. However, there is: *The Fairfield Theatre Group* and the: *The Fairfield Excursion Group* who are taking trips.

Check our website for more information.

<http://www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com>

JANUARY FAIRFIELD 50-PLUS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, January 11: *The January Pot Luck & Gift Exchange*

Note: The club will be providing turkey and ham for the January Pot Luck and Gift Exchange, just bring the side dishes and desserts.

Our Annual Gift Exchange Rules & Procedures:

For the annual gift exchange pot luck, everyone brings a gift (around \$15.00). Ladies bring a woman's gift and the men bring a man's gift. Then after our meal, everyone will receive a number. The first person whose number is called will select a gift from their gender's gifts. They then open the gift and show it to everyone. When the next number is called, that person has a choice to either select a gift from their unopened gender gifts or take one from someone.

Note: A gift can only be only taken *twice*. If the gift you had previously selected is taken, you will then have a choice, to either select a new gift or take one from someone else. This continues until everyone has a gift. It's really an exciting and enjoyable evening.

Tuesday, January 16: *Game Night at the Cooks' House*

It starts around 6:30 p.m. Just bring a snack and a healthy appetite. This is always a fun evening with great fellowship. The directions are on the Activity page on our website and will also be in our January 14 weekly e-newsletter.

Friday Activities in January:

The first and third Fridays we have breakfast at a local restaurant.

The second and fourth Fridays we have game afternoons at the clubhouse.

Visit our **ACTIVITY** page on our website for more information:

<http://www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com>

OUR FAIRFIELD FIFTY-PLUS WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:

Our E-Newsletter is emailed each week to our members and others who have requested it. It provides updated information on any changes from what appears here in the Gazette, plus the complete information on all our activities. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, send your email address, to wmcook@fairfieldfiftyplus.com or wmcook@comcast.net

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YARD of the MONTH

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The January Yard of the Month was selected from the southern section of Fairfield South. Boundaries lie between Cypresswood Drive, Fairfield Place Drive, Cumberland Drive and the Grand Parkway. Villages included in this area are Baker's Ridge, Autumn Park, Bluebonnet Glen, and Blue Meadow. We congratulate all of the homeowners in these sections for taking such good care of their yards.

Our winner for January came from Blue Meadow Village located near the Grand Parkway and the new CVS. Congratulations go to **JAMES and GINA PROVINCE** who live at **14907 Green Canary Circle**.

As you drive past their home, the first thing you notice is the terracing-affect they have created with limestone rocks and boulders. Their beautifully landscaped yard is host to a variety of shrubs including Hawthorns, Ligustrum, and Box Woods. Vincas, Alyssum, and Moss Rose provide a splash of color. To add distinction, they have positioned a beautiful weeping Bottle Brush tree in one of their flowerbeds.



Thanks to the Province's for their hard work on such a beautiful yard.

Honorable Mentions

Baker's Ridge

14811 Yellow Begonia
14706 Yellow Begonia
14714 Ginger Pear
14715 E. Carolina Green
14818 Whispy Green
21714 E. Mulberry Field

Autumn Park

15011 Wildberry Green

Bluebonnet Glen

21910 Sheffield Gray
22007 Sheffield Gray
22010 Silver Blueberry Trail
22011 Twinkle Sky Ct.
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Around Fairfield

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM

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Women's Club



The next Fairfield Women's Club meeting will be January 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Bradford Creek Clubhouse (16011 Fairfield Green Circle).

At the meeting, Kim, from Cookin' with Kim, will demonstrate and prepare some yummy recipes. The best part is that we get to sample those awesome creations. Come, bring a friend, and share the food, fellowship, and fun.



Fairfield Women's Club has started a monthly Lunch Bunch. Join us at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11th, at the new Japanese restaurant called Yokohamaya (27200 Highway 290, Suite 150).

To join FWC, dues are \$30 a year. You may enroll during a meeting, online at Fairfieldwomensclub.org, or contact us at fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com. Visit us on Facebook for additional information.



Women's Club Gives Christmas Cheer

At their November club meeting, the Fairfield Women's Club collected and wrapped gifts so that a family who lost their home in Hurricane Harvey would be able to have a nice Christmas.



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Join the Fairfield Area Swim Team

Do you want to know what sets the Fairfield Area Swim Team apart from the rest? We believe our #1 advantage is our awesome upbeat, and encouraging atmosphere. We have the most dedicated coaches, many of which started their love of swimming right here in Fairfield.

SWIM CLINIC

We offer a 3 week Swim Clinic in April that is either 2 days or 4 days per week. This is designed to jump start your swimmer for the season as well as give new and younger swimmers the chance to see if swim team is right for them.

JOIN FAST

The first step to join Fairfield Area Swim Team is to attend a tryout session for evaluation. The try-outs will determine which practice group you are assigned to for the beginning of the season. Look to our website for specific dates as we get closer to the season.

Our practices begin mid April and will be held after school until June 1st when they will move to the mornings for the remainder

of the summer. We have swim meets most Saturdays and finish up with our Divisional Meet (think of this as a swim tournament) mid June. You can see a detailed list of all of our events on the Home page or under the Calendar tab.

This year we are offering our FAST families the opportunity to join FAST through our online registration starting January 22nd, 2018. To register visit <http://www.fastdolphins.swim-team.us/>

An advertisement featuring two stylized human figures, a man on the left and a woman on the right, against a blue background. The man is wearing a white shirt and a purple tie. The woman is wearing a black blazer. Above the man is a light blue speech bubble containing the text: "My job is going nowhere. I need a resume that attracts attention and shows what I can do!". Above the woman is a purple speech bubble containing the text: "Call Jackie for a professional resume that jumps out of the pile and gets your foot in the door." Below the figures, there is a light blue banner with the text: "To stand out from the crowd, you need high-tech strategies and market-savvy tactics. We'll even develop a web location to promote your skills and a personal video to highlight your talents." At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text: "Freelance Editor • Copy Writer • Photo Journalist • Personal Historian Jackie Devine 832.316.6006 • jackie.devine@comcast.net • jackiedevine.com".

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Alarms: 65
Phone Harassment: 0

Burglary Vehicle: 5
Robbery: 0
Disturbance Family: 4
Suspicious Vehicles: 42
Other Calls: 357

Theft Habitation: 0
Assault: 1
Disturbance Juvenile: 0
Suspicious Persons: 20

Theft Vehicle: 1
Sexual Assault: 1
Disturbance Other: 21
Runaway: 2

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Salyards Annual Lip Sync Show

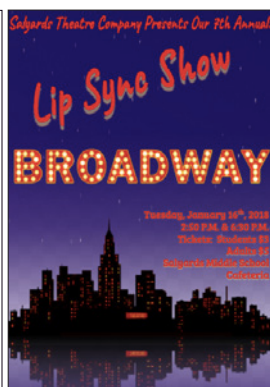
by Jonathan Hubbard, Theatre Arts Director

On Tuesday, January 16, 2018, the Salyards Theatre Company will be presenting their annual Lip Sync Show. This year's theme will be Broadway Musicals and will showcase many of their 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students!

The matinee starts at 3:00 p.m. and the evening performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Both shows will take place in the Salyards cafeteria.

Join them for an afternoon or evening of dancing and singing to some of the best show tunes ever produced! Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. See you at the Theatre!

For more information, contact Salyards Middle School 281.373.2434.



Salyards Spelling Bee Winner Wraps Up Title With 'vanquishment'



It isn't easy participating in a spelling bee. The pressure of having to spell onstage before other competitors, nervous parents, teachers, and friends is a very intense experience.

Thirty students competed across grade levels in the 2017 Salyards 7th Annual Spelling Bee as they were asked to spell a wide variety of words with varying degrees of difficulty.

Congratulations to Champion Henry Hoover (7th grader) and Runner Up,

Taseen Islam (7th grader) for surviving 17 rounds!

The winning word was vanquishment.

Respect. Serve. Lead

by Jeffery LaCoke, Principal



The Ault Iron Boys are a group of 4th and 5th-grade boys focusing on the following motto... "Respect. Serve. Lead." The goal is to help develop leadership skills and to give them opportunities to grow.

Additionally, there is an exercise/activity component to help improve and develop healthier minds and bodies. The Iron Boys meet every Tuesday morning before school. At the end of the school year they will participate in a service project to benefit the school.

7th Annual Candy Cane Fun Run

by B. DeCaires

We are excited to have hosted the 7th annual Candy Cane Fun Run. This race would not have been possible without the dedication of volunteers from Keith, Ault, Swenke and Salyards. This is the only community event where all four schools in the Fairfield neighborhood combine efforts to have some fun and stay fit.

We want to give a special thanks to our sponsors who provided support and donated to our race:

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Hurricane Harvey Didn't Stop From The Vine Ministries



In September, we introduced Cyndy Gusler, Founder and Executive Director of From The Vine Ministries (FTVM). Her new facility had opened on Cypress Church Road and she was actively serving the needs of women and teens in our community.

Unfortunately, FTVM's building and beautiful grounds were a casualty of Hurricane Harvey. But Cyndy has remained true to its purpose to empower, encourage and educate ladies and teens with wisdom, scripture and resources to be the best moms, wives and

women of God that He has called us to be! "When the world is too fast and its measurements of success are set way too high, it provides an environment and mentors for ladies and teens to believe in themselves and feel worthy enough, living life abundantly."

Although FTVM is in the process of locating a new Vineyard property, its programs are still up and running!

The following is a list of current classes/events:

Ladies Bible study:

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Jan 9 and 16

Caretakers of Aging Parents and Spouses:

2 times a month on Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

P31 Teen Bible study:

January 2018

Ladies White Elephant Party

Jan 2018

Date TBA

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Jackie Devine, the workshop facilitator, loves working with active writers and people who have never tried to write! She says, "The 'creative process' is a place where we delve into our most authentic selves and make a difference."

This course will help you understand the memoir writing process: story structure, scenes, dialogue, character development, tone, and voice. You'll learn that you are creating a legacy. If desired, stories will be recorded and saved online where family and friends can enjoy them for years to come.

"If we know where we came from, we may better know where to go. If we know who we came from, we may better understand who we are." Anonymous

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Celebrating a Texan Christmas

by Melanie Vitovsky

Greenheart Exchange students in Cypress celebrated Christmas in Fairfield at their December holiday party. Students from around the world were able to share in many multiple American traditions like White Elephant, Secret Santa, Right/Left stories, and photos with our version of Santa.

Since 1985, Greenheart Exchange has offered cultural exchange programs in the United States that connect Americans with international students. Hosting foreign exchange students is a life-changing experience. The relationship you build with the exchange student lasts long after their time hosting has ended. To find out more about host families visit <https://www.cci-exchange.com/host-families/>



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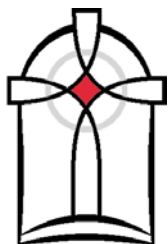
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Fair Ladies of Christ the Redeemer

by Amy Wilkes



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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.

We generally meet once a month, usually at a member's home, or a local restaurant, and occasionally at Christ the Redeemer. Our meetings consist of food and drinks, prayer and fellowship! We occasionally have a speaker on topics that pertain to our faith, have fun craft nights, attend Christ the Redeemer events, try out new restaurants, and we also "give back" to the community and the church with some sort of charity or donation activity several times a year.

Our main goals are:

- To bring the CtR women of these two neighborhoods together to make social connections with each other,
- To support one another,
- To surround ourselves with women who share a common faith, and
- To bring those that are hesitant to attend CtR each weekend for Mass (due to the large size of the parish) back to Mass because there will be a friendly face in the crowd.

For more information, please contact Amy Wilkes at apw1974@juno.com, or search for our group on Facebook - Fair Ladies of Christ the Redeemer (FLOC). Request to join our closed group.

We look forward to meeting you at our next event!



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Starting in January, Second will launch a new campaign titled, “Church is _____.” Each Sunday, the church will unveil one word that describes what their church is all about. Through this series, you will learn more about who they are as a church family, and you will have exceptional opportunities to connect through featured events and programs. Here are a few of the upcoming highlights for January. Second would encourage you to join them for any of these special events:

• ***Sunday, January 14th – Cypress Campus New Year Festival – 12 p.m.***

Church is a family, and we like to have fun together! Immediately following church, Second will provide food trucks, inflatables, games, and lots of attractions for the entire family.

• ***Wednesday, January 17th – Midweek Programming Kick-Off – 6:30 p.m.***

Church is a community that grows in relationships during the week. Starting January 17th, Second will offer engaging midweek discipleship programs for the entire family, birth-adults.

• ***Sunday, January 21st – Texas Sized Breakfast Buffet – 9:30 a.m.***

Church is a home, and like every good home, we like to eat together! Our Adult Bible Study classes invite you to join them for a massive breakfast buffet in our main Lobby that day.

• ***Sunday, January 21st – CFISD Mentor Training – 12 p.m.***

Church is life changing! Second is committed to investing in the lives of others. Because of that, they have adopted 3 CFISD schools, including their most recent addition, Title 1 high school, Cy-Park. Second is hosting a mentor training that day to equip our church family to mentor underprivileged and at-risk students in our community.

**To learn more about Second Baptist visit
www.facebook.com/secondcypress**

Shield Bearer Running for Hearts 5K Family Fun Run and Walk



“Most of our clients never thought they would need us, but thank goodness we were here when they did,” states Shield Bearer Executive Director Roy Wooten, “this has been the case even more so with Hurricane Harvey. We’ve witnessed the traumatic

effects of the storm firsthand on so many families, and additional funding is needed to supplement their care. Without counseling and other resources, many families would continue the downward spiral of stress, anxiety, depression, and hopelessness. It’s not healthy for them or the community.”

“This race is a wonderful way to show support for the many families that are struggling right now. We all need a little help at some point in our lives. This is a chance to give that help to your neighbors and to help instill the values of kindness and generosity in your own family,” added Shield Bearer Associate Director Melissa Rotholz.

The Shield Bearer Running for Hearts 5K Family Fun Run and Walk will take place on April 7, 2018, from 7:00AM to 11:00AM, at Windwood Church at 10555 Spring Cypress Road in Houston, Texas. This family friendly event will feature a 5K timed, trail style run, a 1 mile family walk, games for the kids, t-shirts, food, prizes, and lots of fun for all ages. Race registration is \$25 for adults (ages 14 and up) and \$10 for children (ages 13 and under) before March 20, 2018.

Proceeds for the event will fund services and programs at Shield Bearer, a Houston based 501c3 nonprofit counseling and community resource center that provides services on a sliding scale. Shield Bearer has five locations in Houston and serves individuals, couples, and families including those recovering from the trauma of human trafficking, domestic violence,



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News You Can Use

I'd Rather Die than Speak in Front of a Crowd



Chaille Ralph
Broker Associate / President

Luncheon Details

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Networking 11a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

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Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door

According to most studies, people's number one fear is public speaking. Number two is death. Death is number two. Does that sound right? This means to the average person, if you go to a funeral, you're better off in the casket than doing the eulogy. -Jerry Seinfeld

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A native Houstonian, it was Chaille's love of the city that led her to a career in real estate. It began with the management and marketing of commercial office buildings, and then grew to include commercial construction and project

management, before shifting into the residential sales market in the mid-80s.

Chaille also has an impressive history of industry leadership, serving on numerous committees, task forces and leadership positions with the Houston Association of Realtors, where she was Chair of the Board of Directors for the 2014 calendar year. In addition, she holds Director positions with both the Texas and National Associations of Realtors.

Chaille says that she loves the challenges that face her every day and delights in the fact that she found a way to mold her passion for Houston and its continuous redevelopment and growth into her life's work.

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crime, abuse, war, and Hurricane Harvey. Additional information about services and programs can be found online at shieldbearer.org.



Ms. Rotholz adds, "If you are passionate about building strong and healthy individuals, families, and communities, register to participate as a sponsor, vendor, runner, walker, and/or fundraiser at shieldbearer.org/5K. Volunteers are also needed for the event. Call (281) 894-7222 or email volunteer@shieldbearer.org for details."



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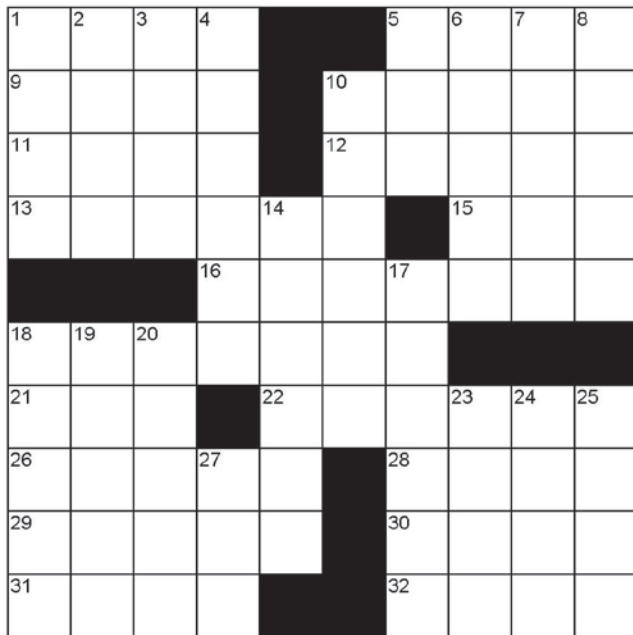
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5. Association (abbr.)
9. Rise (2 wds.)
10. Horse-like animal
11. Eye
12. Foreign
13. Substitute
15. What a nurse gives
16. Heavy
18. Luau guitar
21. Moved quickly
22. Despot
26. Filth
28. Water (Spanish)
29. Devourer
30. Quieted
31. Brood
32. Glen

DOWN

1. Stare at
2. One who gets things done
3. Fees
4. Spread out on the couch
5. Entire
6. Quoth
7. Melt ore
8. Girl detective Drew
10. Idly
14. __-totter
17. President Ford
18. Goads
19. Gold weight
20. Marry
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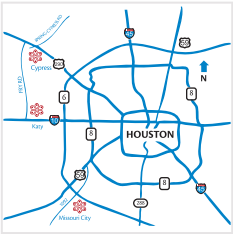
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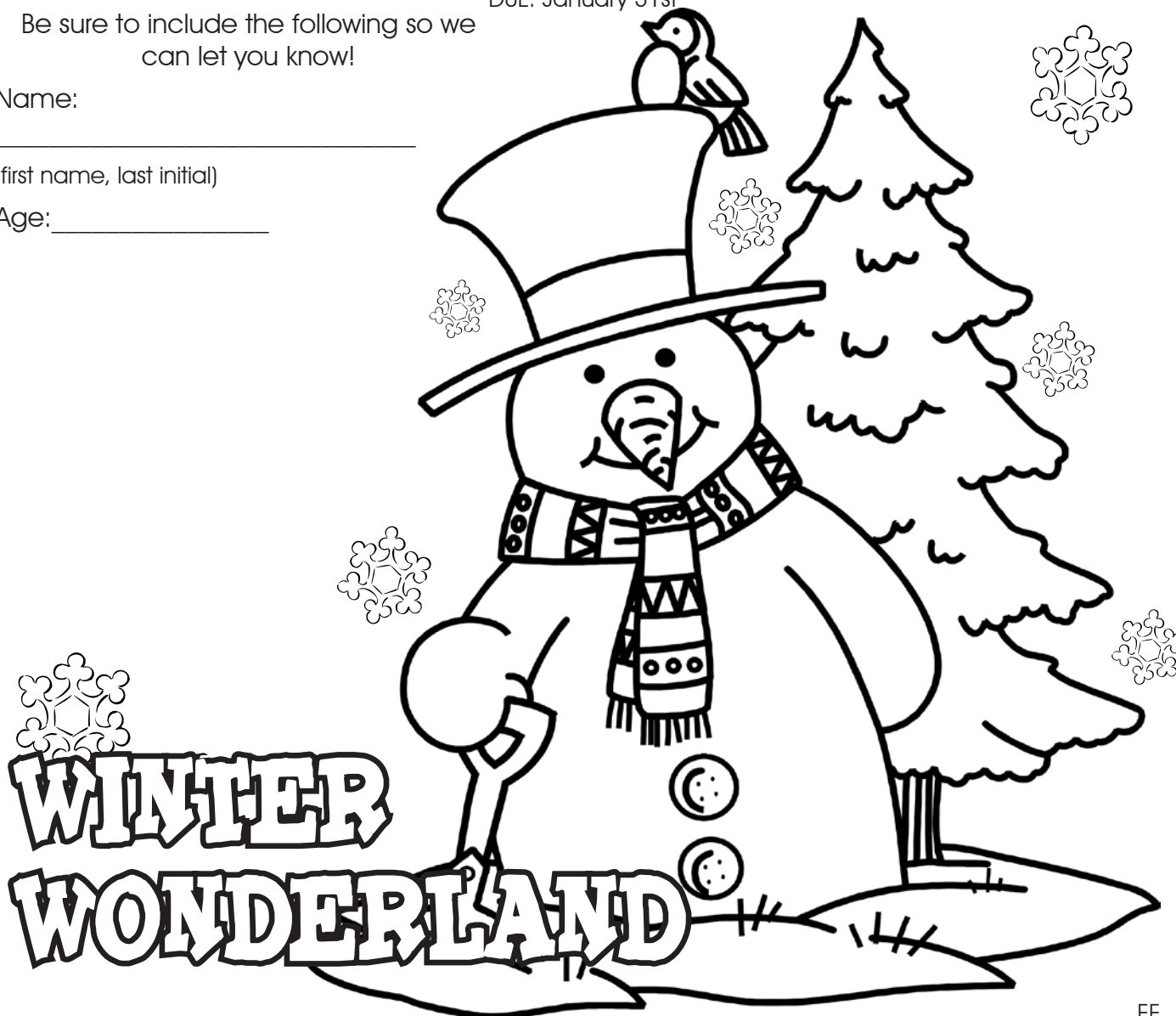
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