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Pictured on the cover are Paulene, Arturo, Arturo, Jr., and Julia (foreign exchange student from Poland). To find out more about our fascinating neighbors, please read more on page 7.

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## Around Fairfield



## **Editor's Comments**

Spring is in the air, and it makes me a happy camper. As a walker, I relish exploring our numerous trails while enjoying the crisp air and thrilling at the splendor of nature that abounds.

The truth is, even on yucky days we have so much to be thankful for when we consider the good old southern hospitality and oldfashioned friendliness that is

shared around our community. Please take time to read about your joyously joyful neighbors Paulene and Arturo. They know how to make merry wherever they go. I've introduced you to Kristina, our local massage therapist, who has a heart of gold and is dedicated to helping stay-at-home moms, busy entrepreneurs working from home, and athletes kick stress and stay in tip-top condition.

Little Ava's story makes us all want to seize the day, and Bradley is still on the go raising funds to become the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student of the Year. We've saluted our local Teachers Of The Year, and acknowledged the many good works of our educators and students around Fairfield.

Several of our churches have highlighted their Easter activities and welcomed you to their campuses. We've told you about two golf tournaments coming up and showcased the many worthy upcoming endeavors of our Fairfield Women's Club. Unfortunately, you won't find a Yard Of The Month star this month because Old Man Winter played havoc with our yards.

As we move into spring and begin to enjoy the outdoors, let's appreciate how lucky we are to be living in this little pocket of the world. As you go about your life and discover someone doing good, helping others, or someone who has experienced an interesting adventure, please email me jackiedevine@peelinc.com or call me at 832.316.6006. I would love to share their story.

Happy Spring! Jackie Devine, Editor



## Live, Laugh, Love and Be Happy by Jackie Devine

There's an old '60s song that starts out with the lyrics "What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of."



Well, Love is something you'll find plenty of at the de la Barcena's. And, if you haven't met Paulene and Arturo, I hope you have the pleasure soon. Just being in their presence lifts the spirits. They're committed to embracing change with

a vengeance, appreciating people from all walks of life, and sharing what they have wherever and whenever possible. Paulene, a Brazilian graduate from Univas, University in Brazil, launched her career working as a journalist at Brazil's Rede Cultura Television.

Arturo, a UT engineering graduate working in Brazil, found himself one evening in a piano bar. In walked two cute chicks,

Paulene and her friend. That casual encounter changed the trajectory of his life. He recalls, "After a hard day's work, my buddy and I dropped in for just a drink. We talked for a while. In time her friend left. Paulene headed to the bathroom. With an empty stool on either side, we guys agreed if she came back, the one she sat beside would stay, and the other would leave. It turns out that Paulene sat down next to me and the rest is history."

Within a year they were married and lived in Austin. The next leg of their exciting journey took them to Saltillo, Mexico. The company chose Arturo to open a satellite facility that sold water treatment services and equipment.

Paulene said, "The only words I knew were buenos dias, margarita, and hola. But I was determined to find a job, so I put myself through a crash course in Spanish. Within a year, I landed a position with El Diario de Coahuila, the largest newspaper in the state. I loved my job covering local events and interviewing actors, singers, politicians, and other famous people. I even had the chance to go to the mountains and interview Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts when they were filming The Mexican."

After a five-year stint, they moved to San Antonio and eventually settled in Houston. Baby Arturo was born in July 2001. Seeking a change, Arturo found a French firm focused on establishing a subsidiary in America. They sent the family to France for training. Shortly after they arrived, the company's Portuguese salesman resigned. Arturo was asked to manage the division and their initial month turned into a glorious year living in the heart of Paris. While there, they traveled to 17 European countries and managed to add another language to their repertoire. Even young Arturo was up to three: Portuguese, English, and French.

Since he was such a natural at languages, when he entered

school, the de la Barcenas placed young Arturo in a bilingual setting. Today, even though his French has diminished some, he is fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, and English.

With the little one in school, it was time for Paulene to re-enter the workforce. She landed a job at McGraw Hill's Platts, the leading publisher of natural gas indices providing real-time news and market alerts, price assessments, and analytics. She knew nothing about petrochemicals but learned in short order



because the world was watching. Recognizing her writing held enormous weight throughout the industry, she had her game on at all times.

Six years later, with all that journalistic research under her belt, she was well qualified to move into petrochemical sales. Today, she sells petrochemical products from home, writes movie reviews, and offers English to Portuguese translations.

I asked how they became interested in hosting a foreign exchange student. Paulene explained, "I was a foreign exchange student and lived in London. So when I saw a Greenheart Exchange advertisement asking for host families, I asked the family. what they thought."

Arturo added, "Our son, who is now a junior at Cy Ranch taking STEM classes and contemplating college, was in favor of it. He wanted the experience of having a brother or sister. So, after we got the details of what it meant time-wise, financially, and emotionally, we said, 'Let's do it.' First came Philip from the Czech Republic. The boys became like brothers. To this day, they still talk to each other regularly. This year, we got him a sister. Julia, from Poland. She arrived in Texas in August just in time to experience a hurricane, tornado drill, and later a rare Houston snow. She has adjusted well experiencing the joys of a typical American suburban school girl and learning what it means to have a brother."

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Although it is not an obligation to expose foreign exchange students to other parts of the nation, Paulene and Arturo enjoy the opportunity. They are committed to helping their children understand that Cypress is not the whole US. They take great pleasure in traveling with them, sharing the world's experiences, and watching life unfold before their eyes. Since August, Julia has visited Las Vegas, California, and will be off to Mexico City during Spring Break. Locally, they have sampled the Greek, Polish, German, and Italian festivals as well as visiting neighboring Texas cities like Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio.

To say the de la Barcenas are sociable is an understatement. Paulene says, "Give us a reason, to celebrate, and we're ready: Christmas, birthdays, holidays. We threw a hurricane party and a masquerade party for the carnival. For my birthday next January, we're going to have an Oscar party. Everyone is going to choose their favorite movie and scene, dress as the actors and actresses, and make a three to four-minute clip. For the gala, everyone will dress formally; we'll vote on best actress, actor, and supporting actors.

"All that aside, says Paulene, "Our biggest spectacular event (maybe we should say spooktacular) is Halloween. Our decorations include over 30 Spirit Halloween dolls."

Arturo chimed in, "Next year will be our eleventh. It's nothing to have 80 to 100 revelers at our Halloween party. Last year we had people from all of the continents, 20 countries. Everybody dresses in amazing costumes. We hold contests for scariest, sexiest, and most original."

"Arturo's is a big costume man," laughed Paulene. "Everybody gets a kick out of his disguises. He has been Snow White, a Geisha, and a German girl."

Happiness is something everyone wants but relatively few find. Some say 50 percent of one's happiness is genetic. Both Paulene and Arturo are genetically predisposed to joy. However, the other 50 percent (of their 100%) inevitably comes from their focus on nurturing a robust social network of family, friends, colleagues, customers, and employees. If you need a dose of happiness or an old-fashioned helping of love, look up Paulene and Arturo!

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## Magic Fingers by Jackie Devine



Life is good in Fairfield. We enjoy the benefits of living in a safe environment, among friendly neighbors, near to excellent schools and great restaurants, more than our share of ample shopping options, and excellent medical care.

Little did I know until I met Kristina McGowen that we have even more to boast about. We have our own, locally grown, experienced traveling massage therapist right here in our back yard. Not only is she well known,

but she also comes with a boatload of people eager to vouch for her. I discovered that when I sought her out on our Fairfield Facebook feed.

According to the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) Consumer Survey, 72 percent of individuals surveyed claim their primary reason for receiving a massage in the previous 12 months was medical (43 percent) or stress (29 percent). And a growing body of research supports the health benefits of massage therapy for conditions such as stress, fatigue, fibromyalgia, low-back pain and more.

"While many Fairfield residents are concerned about their health and well-being, a lot of them find it hard to fit 'me time' into their busy schedules. So what I do is offer 60-and 90-minute house calls. My service area presently includes Longwood, Rock Creek, and Fairfield," explained Kristina.

For people like me that are always on the run, we can now receive a professional massage from an experienced therapist, get it in the comfort of our home, and, best of all, have it at a time that works with our schedule.

I asked Kristina how she got into this line of work. She said,





"Originally, I planned to be a physical therapist. Toward the end of my associate degree, I realized, as a single mom at the time, I just didn't have the luxury of time. I had to move into my profession faster. Lone Star College offered massage therapy, so I enrolled and really liked it. I was still able to work with the body and anatomy that I loved so much, and at the same time do what I originally set out to do—become part of the healing process.

The company she worked for right after she graduated gave her great insight. It operated from the perspective that it was possible to break up scar tissue in the abdomen by doing a myofascial release, which is safe and very effective hands-on technique that involves applying gentle sustained pressure into the myofascial connective tissue restrictions to eliminate pain and restore motion.

For the first three years of her career, she worked throughout Houston providing fertility, prenatal antepartum (before birth) massage services in-homes and to hospitals. Her territory included all the fertility institutes from Webster to Pearland, Houston to Memorial.

"Sometimes I'd team up with an acupuncturist to market to the fertility clinics and canvas the buildings in the med center. Another way I built my clientele," she added, "was to take my chair into doctors' offices and offer free chair massages and leave my flyers behind. I got plenty of business that way, but since I was working for another company, none of that filtered over into my current business. I also worked the MS 150 nearly every year, which gave me exposure."

Three years ago, after finding that Cypress was a lucrative market, I decided to go it alone offering aromatherapy, fertility, prenatal, sports, deep tissue, Swedish, and myofascial release massages.

"What does a typical customer look like?" I asked. She replied, "My clients run the gamut. They come from all walks of life, stay-athome-moms, busy entrepreneurs, folks who are hurting from such things as hamstring or knee injuries, muscle spasms or people who have lost a range of motion. Marathon runners, high school athletes, and cheerleaders contact me."

In closing, I asked, "What do you want your potential clients to know about you." She said, "That's easy; with eight years experience, I know what I'm doing, I care, and I'm here to help."

You can find Kristina on Facebook or for a fast reply text her at 832.387.2893.

## Around Fairfield

### Meet Ava by Madison Thompson



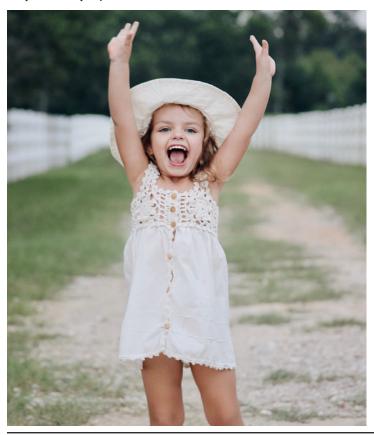
Meet Ava Hamilton, daughter of Madison Thompson. She is a very special little three-year-old. She was dressed up for her third birthday. Her Uncle, Nathan Thompson was the photographer.

For her family and friends, her birthday is always a special day. Yes, it's the day of her birth, but she truly is a remarkable young lady. When she was one, she suffered a stroke, underwent five surgeries, and has come a very long way.

Many people within the Fairfield community showed love and support for her by holding a prayer service for her, at the gazebo outside of the recreation center, during that difficult time.

Ava goes to school at St. Ambrose Catholic School in Houston. She loves singing, dancing, reading books, and building sandcastles at the beach.

She is an only child but has two sweet dogs, Theo and Titan, to keep her company.



## Still going strong... by Bradley Hooton



The kickoff event for my campaign to become the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student of the Year was such an amazing experience. It was a fun-filled night, with every candidate and their team there to give and receive support. Our honored hero, Corinne Miller, a ten-year-old survivor, was there to offer a message of inspiration to us candidates and to share with us what it was like for her to have cancer.

What I learned that night even more than I already knew, was that raising money is great, but to impact people through my campaign to eliminate cancer is indeed what makes this effort so unique.

There were four out of eight candidates and myself placed in the candidate "Hall of Fame" due to our work ethic before our kickoff. This campaign demonstrates just how many people have been affected by cancer.

At the kickoff event, there were over 100 people there, and the question was asked: "How many people here are cancer survivors?" About five hands raised. The next question was "How many people have had a direct family member battle cancer?" Thirty more hands

The final question was, "How many people know of somebody in your own life that is battling cancer?" Every single hand in the room was raised.

I hope that my campaign lowers the number of hands raised—of the people who are affected by cancer—and to make cancer no more. Please consider donating through my direct page at:

http://events.lls.org/txg/HoustonSOY2018/bhooton



## Fairfield Womens Club And Briley Green Boutique Shopping Event

March 1, 2018 10-2 Bradford Creek Clubhouse 16011 Fairfield Green Drive

Fairfield Women's Club is happy to offer you a unique shopping experience.

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We will have changing rooms and mirrors to help you pick the newest Spring fashions. There will be a surprise discount for our shoppers as well. Light refreshments will be served.

Come shop, visit and bring a friend. This is just another way Fairfield Women's Club is trying to be of service to our community.

## Fairfield Womens Club

Come to the next Fairfield Women's Club meeting for game night on March 20 at 7:00pm at the Bradford Creek Clubhouse located at 16011 Fairfield Green Circle.

Fun Briley Green Boutique Shopping event on March 1 from 10-2 at the Bradford Creek Clubhouse. Come shop for these affordable and trendy clothes, visit and bring a friend.

Our March Lunch Bunch will be 11:30 am on Thursday, March 8th at First Watch in the Fairfield Town Center.

Don't forget to sign up for the Fairfield Garage Sale which will be on April 7, 2018. You can register at fairfieldwomensclub.org.

To join FWC, dues are \$30 a year. You may join at a meeting or online at Fairfieldwomensclub.org. Or contact us at fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com. We are also on Facebook.

#### **APRIL 7, 2018**

Fairfield Women's Club Spring Garage Sale \$25 a household to participate Fundraising event that benefits the community register at: fairfieldwomensclub.org direct questions to: fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com

## Fairfield Womens Club

July 4, 2018 The Fourth @ Fairfield

#### Parade and Festivities

First Service Residential is the major sponsor for our July 4th Parade and Festivities (Memorial Hermann Cypress, another sponsor). Beginning this year, we will have a community wide event after the parade from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. There will be inflatable water slides, a dunk tank, food trucks, live entertainment, game booths, vendors, and the pool and splash pad will be open!

Your business can reserve a booth for \$35. Host an activity, craft, game, have a give-a-way or more. You will provide a tent/canopy and table or request to be under the trees for shade.

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## Fairfield Triathlon \$7,080.78 Donation by Charlotte Byrne

The proceeds of the Fairfield Triathlon 2017 were presented to five local charities on January 18, 2018. The Donations Celebration was held at Avanti Senior Living Towne Lake. Each charity representative shared highlights and a progress report.

Pictured: Rebecca Kramer, Lupus Foundation, Gulf Coast Chapter, Krista Liller, Team Tiara, Bill Darnell, JDRF, Debbie Martin, Phred's P.l.l.a.c.e., Mike Michaelis, Becky and Alexa Jennings, OMS Life & Teddy Bear Drive and Charlotte Byrne, Race Director.





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The Fairfield's Fifty-Plus Fun-Loving Group, The Fairfield Seniors have discontinued trips. However, there is The Fairfield Theatre Group and The Fairfield Excursion Group that are doing trips. Check our website for more information. http://www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com **Special Notice** 

#### The Fairfield's Fifty-Plus Fun-Loving Group,

The Fairfield Seniors have discontinued monthly trips. However, The Fairfield Theatre Group and The Fairfield Excursion Group, both have monthly trips. Check our web site for more information, about these groups @ www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com

#### March Fairfield 50 Plus Activity Schedule:

Thursday, March 8th, monthly Pot Luck at the Lakeside Club House. We start the pot luck at 6:30 pm. However, the doors open at 6:00 pm for socializing before the pot luck begins. Then plan on staying after for games.

Tuesday, March 13th, monthly Game Night at the Cooks' House. It starts around 6:30 p.m. Just bring a little snack. This is always a fun evening of dominoes with great fellowship. The directions are located on the Activity page on our website and will also be in our March 11 weekly e-newsletter.

#### Additional Activities Available in March:

The first Friday, March 2nd, and the third Friday, March 16th, we meet and have breakfast at Denny's restaurant for another opportunity to socialize and enjoy a delicious breakfast. We start ordering around 9 am.

Then the second Friday, March 9th, and fourth Friday, March 23rd, we have game afternoons from 1pm to 4pm at the Lakeside clubhouse. Dominoes, card games and hand and foot. There will not be any snacks or drinks at these afternoon game sessions, so if you like to drink or snack on something; you will need to bring your own.

Visit our ACTIVITY page on our web site for more detail information: www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com

#### FAIRFIELD FIFTY-PLUS WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Schedule reminder: The 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

## Fairfield Senior (50+) Tripsters Bus Trips by Lori Skadowski

**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? Cost of the trip is \$5.00 plus the cost of your lunch.

We will load the bus at **8:45 a.m.** and leave promptly at **9:00 a.m.**, re-turning around 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1—Yellowstone Paddlewheel Cruise on the San Ber-nard River—Enjoy a 90-minute guided tour of the beautiful San Bernard River where we will learn about the history of the river and the Paddle-wheel. At the end of the tour we will have lunch at Dido's Restaurant. Cost of this adventure is \$29 per person plus the cost of lunch.

**Tuesday, May 1**—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. 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 Mala-cology (shells).

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**. We will depart promptly at **8:00 a.m.** Be there no later than **7:45 a.m.** We should be back around 4 p.m.

\*All trips depart from the Fairfield Baptist Church, located at 27240 Highway 290. Please park along the property line near the storage facility only. \*To reserve your seat, please email: lorilynn@pdq.net Payment is due upon sign up. No Refunds. \*Make checks paya-ble to: Lori Skadowski 16906 Thomas Ridge Ln., Cypress 77433 Phone: 281-395-1385





Easter comes a bit early this year, so Holy Week activities will happen the last week of March at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. On Palm Sunday, March 25th, the annual children's palm processional will be in the 9:15 worship service. The church will host Maundy Thursday and Good

Friday worship services at 7 pm, March 29 and 30.

The annual Good Shepherd Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 31 from 10:30 am - 1 pm. Families are invited to come enjoy games, food trucks, live lambs, the Easter Bunny, and lots of Easter eggs. A contemporary music Easter worship service will be held Saturday, March 31 at 7 pm, and Easter Sunday morning our regularly scheduled worship services will be traditional at 9:15 and comtemporary at 10:45 am. Good Shepherd Methodist Church is located at 20155 Cypresswood Dr, Cypress, TX 77433. Phone 281.373. 2273. For more information contact office@goodchurch.us





## Around Fairfield

## How do you get to Carnegie Hall? by Sterling Allen

Join the Chancel Choir and Orchestra at The Good Shepherd

The Good Shepherd Chancel Choir and Orchestra are looking for additional members! We are especially in need of woodwind and string players as well as singers for the choir. In addition to our weekly worship and local concerts, we are performing at Carnegie Hall this November and would love for you to join us! If you're interested in joining either group, please message or email me at sterlinga@goodchurch.us.

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## Tacos for Tots Submitted by Juan Lozano

Fairfield's Juan & Yadira Lozano Family will be hosting their 4th annual World Down Syndrome Awareness Day at their restaurant Tacoland. Free face painting and balloon artist will be at Tacoland 3pm-4pm. Free meal all day to any down syndrome friend, and 20% discount for their families. Any kid that come wearing silly socks get a free toy and a free taco, adults wearing silly socks get a free taco. Tacos for Tots 22224 NW Freeway, Cypress TX 77429



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## Two Amazing Worship Services on Easter Sunday April 1st



The Second Family invites you to join them for an amazing Easter Celebration this year!



The Passion Week experience will kick-off at the Cypress Campus on Wednesday March 28th with the church's amazing "Stations of the Cross" display. This self-guided tour is an interactive devotional experience for all ages, preschool to adults, to help us reflect on the importance of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Participants will walk through eight areas displaying items and scenes

associated with the events surrounding the betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. You will experience the Lord's Supper and it's foreshadowing to the cross, sit in the Garden of Gethsemane and sense the anguish, and touch a crown of thorns and nails just as Christ did on Calvary. A printed guide written by best-selling author, Gary Thomas, will be provided to help you and your children reflect on each element's relevance to the story of Good Friday. This exhibit is FREE of charge and open to the community Wednesday, March 28th—Friday, March 30th from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. each day.

Second will then offer two amazing Worship Services on Easter Sunday April 1st to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That Sunday will be filled with memorable music featuring guest soloists and musicians, special baptism services, and a powerful message from Pastor Stephen Bailiff.

These two identical services will take place at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a,m, that day. At 12 p.m. the church invites those in attendance to stick around for a Texas-Sized Easter Egg Hunt featuring 20,000 filled eggs in the Cypress Campus backyard!



Have your kids bring a basket to church and don't miss the excitement after Worship! All of Second's programs are open to the entire community and you are welcome to bring a friend or family member

to come remember and celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

For more information visit the church's website at second.org/ cypress, or their Facebook page at facebook.com/secondcypress.

## Second Baptist Super Bowl **Sunday Celebration**



Super Bowl Sunday certainly was a big day for Eagles and Patriots fans, but it was an even bigger day for Cypress football fans! On Sunday February 4th, Second Baptist Church honored our two local championship teams at the church's newly-opened Cypress Campus. Second welcomed and recognized UIL 6A DII State Champions, Cy-Fair High School, as well as TAPPS DIII State Champions, Cypress Christian School.

Varsity team members, coaches, cheerleaders, drumlines, and all of their families were invited to participate in a special morning focused on celebrating their great achievements in our community. The morning started with a special breakfast



buffet hosted by Second's Student Ministry team. The crowd of 350+ shared a great meal together, enjoyed an engaging program filled with friendly competition and lots of laughter. The program was capped off with a great panel discussion featuring Houston Chronicle's Defensive Player of the Year, Patrick Atkinson, along with his father, Jason Atkinson, who is a former All-American Linebacker at Texas A&M. They shared great insight with the crowd on what it means to be a leader in your locker room, as well as in your faith every single day.

The large group then transitioned to the church's 11AM Worship Service which featured highlight videos from the teams' seasons, an amazing drumline performance, and a special time of recognition for both teams on stage with Pastor Stephen Bailiff. Cheerleaders greeted at the doors and treated the kids to an incredible dance performance during their children's worship service as well.

Second is grateful for the way these two teams represented our Cypress community last Fall, and the church was thrilled to honor them in this special way. Cy-Fair and CCS displayed hard work, determination, and a pursuit of excellence that was evident both on and off the field this year. Second is committed to positively engaging the Cypress community through special events like this, as well as weekly outreach to their three adopted CFISD schools. The church would like to thank everyone in the community that came out to celebrate these great local heroes!

## Around Fairfield

## 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.

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.
- 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) - and request to join our closed group.

We look forward to meeting you at our next event!



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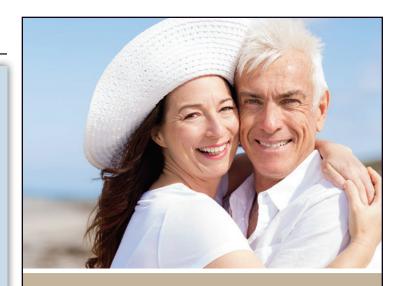
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## Sports Section

## Fairfield Area Swim Team

Plans are underway for another fun and successful season in 2018 for FAST, the Fairfield Area Swim Team.

The Fairfield Area Swim Team (FAST) will start their 26th Season this year. The season will kick off with a swim clinic. The clinic is from March 26 – April 12, coached by Holly Bowman the head swim coach for Cy Ranch High School. The clinic will get the swimmers ready for the season concentrating on learning the strokes required for each age group.

#### Some important dates to remember:

Swim Clinic Starts March 26th

#### Registration closes for swim team May 1st

Blue and White (Time Trials) May 5th

#### 1st Dual Meet

May 12th

With the generosity of our team sponsors and advertisers, FAST has been able to maintain affordable registration fees, while providing quality coaching and support for families in the Fairfield community. Sponsorship funds go directly to help our team with items ranging from equipment purchases to meet ribbons to coaches' salaries. Swimming in Fairfield is not just a sport; it is truly an event that brings families together while helping to build character, confidence and sportsmanship.

Your contribution to the Fairfield Area Swim Team will provide an excellent opportunity to promote your business to hundreds of families in Cypress and the surrounding areas. Our team will be hosting 3 dual meets in addition to our Blue & White practice meet at our pool this year. The dual meets will bring families from all around our area into our community to compete. An estimated 150 heat sheets or programs are sold at each dual meet which is where you will get the most from your advertising dollars.

We have a variety of ways your business can support our swim team from being a team sponsor to donating goods or services from your business (such as items for the concession stand at swim meets). The Platinum Sponsor is our highest sponsorship level which includes benefits such as your company's name on the back of the team t-shirt and a preferred parking space at all home meets. There are many different sponsorship levels to choose from.

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## Fairfield Athletic Club News

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If you just moved to the neighborhood be sure to come by the Fairfield Athletic Club anytime we are open to get your membership cards. Our hours are Mon -Thurs 5am-10pm, Fri 5am-8pm, Sat 7am-8pm and Sun 11am-8pm. Be sure to bring proof of residency (HUD Statement from closing or your current driver's license with your Fairfield address). Membership cards are needed to get into the weight room, basketball gym, tennis courts, pools and splash pads/

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## Lap Swimming at the FAC Pool

The pool heater has been turned on for lap swimming at the FAC Pool. Please check out the lap swimming schedule at the FAC if you are interested.

The 2018-2019 School Year will now be offering after school care to 6th graders. The program will have 2 days of GYM CLUB and 2 days of time with a tutor on top of the regularly scheduled activities we offer.

If you would like more information about any of our programs, please contact

Darlene Sedelmyer, Director of Child Care at 281.373.0834.

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### FAC Tennis News

Spring season is just around the corner and we will be hosting various Junior Team Tennis teams and Adult tennis leagues. Come in to find out more information.



## Holiday Kids Camp Spring Break

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## Attention Fairfield Residents:

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Payments made by e-check (ACH) or credit/debit card through our existing online payment provider, PayLease, will be disabled. Homeowners will be required to activate their new account with ClickPay on or after February 20th in order to make payments online.

No action will be required from homeowners currently enrolled in our Direct-Debit Program as these payments will not be disrupted.

For questions about these changes, please contact ClickPay@FSResidential.com

## Tree Trimming In Fairfield

The Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department has requested your assistance in addressing the low hanging trees within the Fairfield Master Planned Community. These low hanging branches or limbs are hampering their responses to calls for assistance. The branches and limbs are damaging the fire department's equipment and Homeowner's trees. Cy-Fair Vol. Fire Department is having to alter routes to locations. Some locations, they are unable to find alternate routes, leaving no recourse but to park the apparatus and walk to the location.

Several pieces of their equipment are 13 feet tall and they are requesting that the trees be trimmed to have a 14 feet umbrella over the street.

The Department members have been instructed not to damage the apparatus or the Homeowner's trees by driving down streets that do not have appropriate passage. Cy-Fair Fire Dept. does not want a citizen to have a fire or medical emergency and they are delayed getting to them because they have to find an alternate route or are forced to walk to the location, which has already occurred.

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Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children and other pets who play in the community. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.



When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Constable Stats

Stats include the Commercial and Residential areas of Fairfield

| Burglary Habitation  | 0   |
|----------------------|-----|
| Burglary Vehicle     | 5   |
| Theft Habitation     | 0   |
| Theft Vehicle        | 3   |
| Theft Other          | 16  |
| Robbery              | 0   |
| Assault              | 1   |
| Sexual Assault       | 0   |
| Criminal Mischief    | 2   |
| Disturbance Family   | 6   |
| Disturbance Juvenile | 2   |
| Disturbance Other    | 8   |
| Alarms               | 76  |
| Suspicious Vehicles  | 42  |
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## School News

## Spring Fling at Ault



Mark your calendars for the AULT Elementary Spring Fling on Friday March 23, 2018 from 6-9pm! There will be; bounce houses, family games, face paint, candy and cake walk, karaoke and so much more! Everyone is

invited, so invite everyone you know. Can't wait to see you all there!

## CFISD Art Exhibit

Several of our Keith students' artwork will be on display at the Instructional Support Center annual art exhibit on February 8th









## Spelling Bee

Our 4th grader, Eleanor Tietjen, will represent Keith Elementary at the District Spelling Bee being held at the Berry Center on February 8th



## Keith Teacher of the Year



2018 Keith Elementary Teacher of the Year is Judy Vogt

Mrs. Vogt teaches 5th grade and was nominated by her fellow staff for her passion for teaching and her dedication to the success of our students.

Dr. Seuss Day, March 2nd we will be visited by one of our CFISD Board Members, who will read with the children.

McDonald's Spirit Night, March 7th our teachers and staff will "work" at McDonalds in Fairfield as part of our school spirit night efforts to raise money for Keith PTO

Superintendent's Fun Run, March 24th District-wide event open to the community

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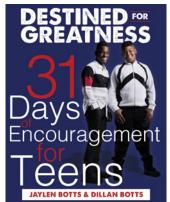


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## Destined for Greatness



Salyards students, Jaylen (8th grade) and Dillan Botts (7th grade) worked and created their vision board, and set out on a mission to write a book to encourage pre-teens and teens to overcome obstacles in order to achieve their dreams. After spending a portion of last Summer in writing mode, Jaylen and Dillan were able to finish their first book, Destined for Greatness.

Way to go Jaylen and Dillan!

## Salyards Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Salyards' Teacher of the Year, Tracey Selmon! Ms. Selmon teaches 6th grade Language Arts, is a co-sponsor of the Builder's Club and an original Bengal! We are so proud of you Ms. Selmon and appreciate all that you do for your co-workers and students!



## Swenke Elementary News

Swenke has joined the challenge for the spring season. Fit Girls and Iron Boys have started. Both of these programs are designed to create a healthy heart and healthy mind. Students learn about goal setting, perseverance, and positive body image. Both groups will be training to run the Superintendent's Fun Run on March 24th.

The PTO is hosted a Mother/Son dance on February 10th and a Father/Daughter Dance on February 16th. Their families were excited about these two new events.

## Rachel's Challenge

In January Swenke students participated in Rachel's Challenge. Students learned about kindness and are creating their kindness chains in their classrooms and our hallways. Their goal is to have enough links to stretch all the way around the building. Students and teachers complete chain links when they observe



students demonstrating kindness. They have also begun "Mix-It-Up" lunches where students sit with someone new each month. Counselors guide the students through a series of conversation starters to encourage students to learn more about each other. Students have loved this new experience!

## Practice does make perfect!

Submitted by Joe Glass, Amy Gonzalez and Charles Roberman



Regardless of snow days and crazy Houston weather, nothing could slow down the Salyards Band this semester! The band directors are incredibly proud of the students and their resilience to strive ahead and maximize their potential.

On February 2nd and 3rd, 124 band students performed individually and in small groups at the CFISD Solo and Ensemble Contest. Judges listen to the solo and small ensembles and give ratings based on the quality of the performance. A 1st division rating stands for superior performance and is the highest rating possible. The Salyards Band had over 170 1st division ratings for solos and ensembles. What an excellent representation of their musical talent!

In February, the Salyards Band Flute Quintet is preparing for their performance at the Music for All National Chamber Festival that will take place in Indianapolis on March 16th. Alayna Parlevliet, Avery Campbell, and Maggie Chvatal submitted a recording at the end of last school year to audition for this renowned performance.

They were selected to perform this year at the festival, and they will play 25 minutes of music along with two other flute students from the Salyards Band, Amanda Beimgraben, and Hannah Pencarinha. The girls have put in many extra hours of practicing on top of their regular requirements, and we could not be happier that they get to share their talents on a national level. Congratulations to these spectacular students!

We want to thank all of our band families and the community for their constant support of our program. We are extremely blessed to be a part of Salyards Middle School and the wonderful community of Fairfield!

## Swenske Teacher of the Year



Swenke's Teacher of the Year is Kathleen Denoma. Mrs. Denoma is a veteran teacher who goes above and beyond to reach all students. She is a positive force on their campus, not only with students, but staff and parents alike. She currently teaches 3rd grade self-contained.

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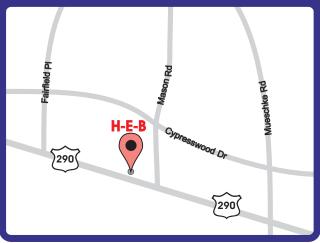


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## News You Can Use

## Shield Bearer Visit



Shield Bearer received a visit from Texas-10 U.S. Congressman and Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, Michael McCaul, in January. Leadership from Shield Bearer participated in a roundtable discussion with McCaul focused on prevention programs and complex trauma recovery counseling services for human trafficking survivors.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with local organizations that provide a frontline response to this tragedy, supporting families and local communities," stated Congressman McCaul.

Shield Bearer Executive Director Roy Wooten shared, "It is evident that Congressman McCaul cares deeply about what is happening in terms of human trafficking in Houston and throughout the United States. We appreciated the opportunity to share the work that Shield Bearer and our partner ministries are doing to help human trafficking survivors heal and thrive."

Congressman McCaul has authored or coauthored five key pieces of legislation to combat human trafficking, including the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017 and the Frederick Douglass Victims Prevention and Protection Act. He urges the community "to stand up against human trafficking, uphold human rights, and prevent individuals from becoming victims of this heinous crime. Human trafficking is a deplorable human rights violation and it is unacceptable to allow this exploitation of the vulnerable continue."

For more information about human trafficking prevention and recovery or additional programs and services offered at local non-profit Shield Bearer, visit shieldbearer.org, call (281) 894-7222, or attend a free Community Breakfast the first Tuesday of each month at 12340 Jones Rd Ste 290, Houston, TX 77070.



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Bridge the Gap-SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life for people affected by SYNGAP1 and provide family support, accelerating research and raising awareness A genetic mutation in the gene SYNGAP1 results in non-syndromic intellectual disability ranging from moderate to severe. Ninety-four percent of the children have epilepsy and can be associated with attention deficits, impulsivity, and mood disorders. In recent findings, SYNGAP1 has been a gene linked to autism. Every child with SYNGAP1 provides information that can guide us to a cure.

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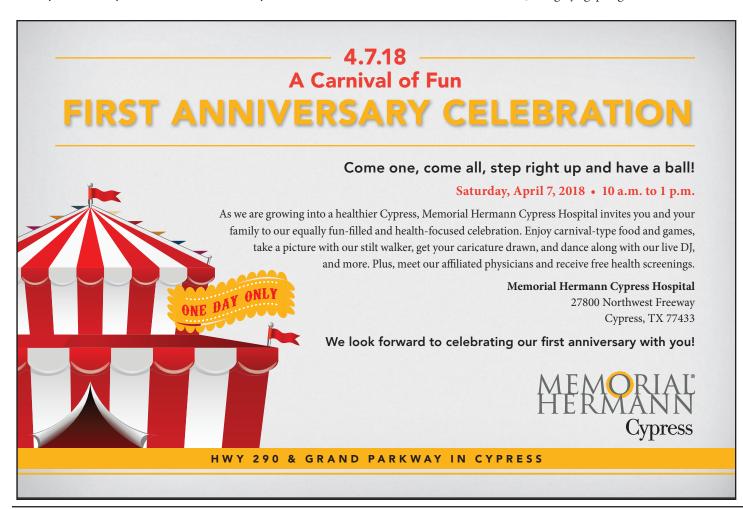
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**Houston, Texas (February 9, 2018)** Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) is holding its monthly luncheon to kick off the 2018 Cy-Fair Women's Expo. This year's Expo theme is "Uniting the Community".

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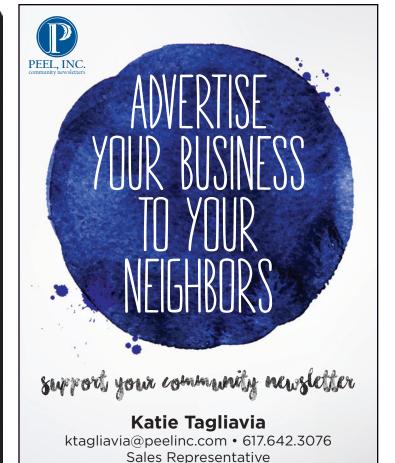
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This year, they are holding a Top Golf tournament on MARCH 14, 2018 from noon until 3:00 p.m. and are looking for sponsorships, either monetary or gifts, that can be used as prizes for the tournament.

Your tax-deductible donation can be accepted on the web completed online at www.KiwanisCyFair-GolfTourney.com.

If you have never been to Top Golf, it is a fun experience, even for those that have never played golf. You would be most welcome to attend so that they can thank you personally for your support. Tickets may be purchased from the website at a discount for companies like yours that become sponsors of the event. Local students will benefit tremendously from your generosity.

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#### **INGREDIENTS**

32 caramel squares, unwrapped ½ cup heavy cream 3/4 cup butter, melted 34 cup brown sugar, packed 1 cup flour 1 cup rolled oats 6 ounces semisweet chocolate chips 1 teaspoon baking soda

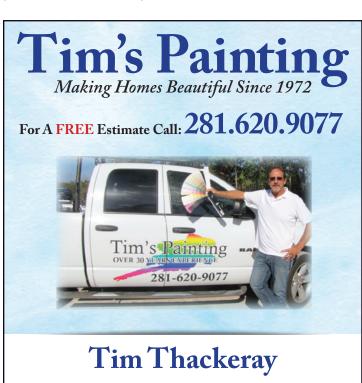
#### DIRECTIONS

Combine caramels and cream in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir until completely smooth; set aside. In a separate bowl combine melted butter, brown sugar, flour, oats, and baking soda. Pat half of the oatmeal mixture into the bottom of an 8 x 8 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for ten minutes. Remove pan from oven and sprinkle chocolate chis over crust.



Pour caramel mixture over chocolate chips. Crumble remaining oatmeal mixture over caramel. Return to oven and bake an additional 15 - 20 minutes, until the edges are lightly browned. Remove from oven and cool completely before cutting

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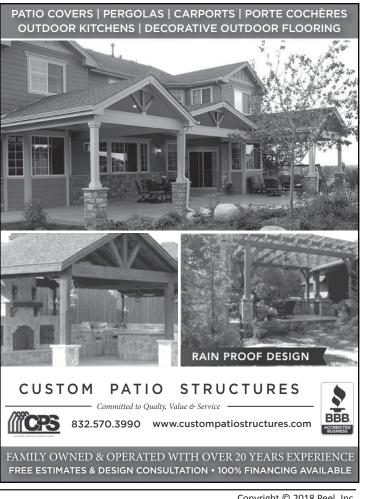
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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----|--|
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| Autumn Park              | 2                               | \$105.27   | 53  |  |
| Baker's Ridge            | 4                               | \$97.53    | 43  |  |
| Bluebonnet               | 1                               | \$95.89    | 56  |  |
| Blue Meadow              | 4                               | \$101.90   | 54  |  |
| Chappell Ridge           | 3                               | \$87.08    | 214 |  |
| Cottage Glen             | 3                               | \$84.19    | 8   |  |
| Garden Grove             | 9                               | \$98.09    | 60  |  |
| Glen                     | 2                               | \$90.24    | 79  |  |
| Inwood Glen              | 1                               | \$101.62   | 37  |  |
| Inwood Park              | 10                              | \$98.68    | 47  |  |
| Lake Crest (Patio Homes) | 1                               | \$109.61   | 31  |  |
| Lakes                    | 11                              | \$102.20   | 103 |  |
| Lake Point               | 2                               | \$92.64    | 181 |  |
| Crossing/Landing/Reserve | 6                               | \$113.43   | 37  |  |
| Meadows/Park/Retreat     | 4                               | \$102.23   | 87  |  |
| Oaks/Trails              | 2                               | \$110.85   | 87  |  |
| Silver Lake              | 2                               | \$115.51   | 153 |  |
| Summer Crossing/Ridge    | 4                               | \$99.63    | 87  |  |
| Travis Point             | 2                               | \$121.85   | 31  |  |
|                          |                                 |            |     |  |