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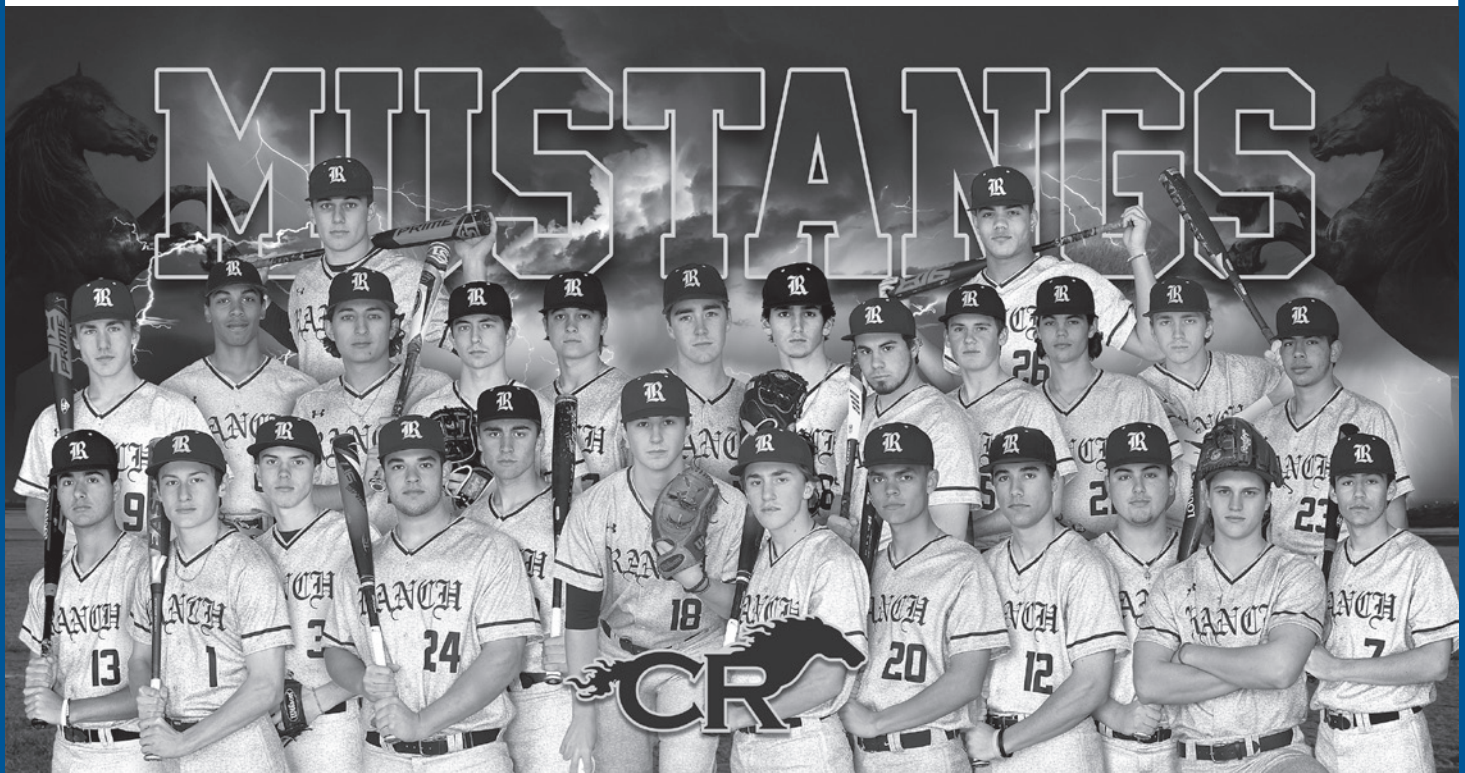
# RANCH RECORD

News for the Residents of Blackhorse Ranch



## Varsity Defending its District 17-6A Co-Championship

*Submitted by Joel Weckerly, CFISD Director for Communications, photography by Coffman Photography*



The Cypress Ranch High School varsity baseball team is looking to defend its District 17-6A co-championship in 2018. District play kicked off on Feb. 27 and concludes on April 27. The Mustangs concluded the 2017 season as Region III-6A quarterfinalists, and have their sights set on bigger fortunes in 2018.

The team came into the season ranked No. 1 in the Houston 6A Baseball Preseason Top 25, and had retained

the top spot through H6AB's Week 2 poll, released on March 5. The Mustangs are led by second-year coach and reigning 17-6A Co-Coach of the Year Corey Cephus, and the reigning 17-6A MVP in senior outfielder Colton Cowser. Returning all-district athletes include junior pitcher Matt Thompson, senior pitcher Ty Madden and senior pitcher Kyle Gough, senior outfielder Scotty Scott and senior shortstop Westley Schields.

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## SUPER CHARGED SENIOR GIVING OTHERS A BETTER CHANCE

by Jackie Devine



Meet Carol Burgeson, a super-charged senior with swag! By swag, I mean Carol is very unique, someone special, a woman of substance! She's focused on stepping up the pace and living a life of purpose by choosing to participate rather than become a spectator.

Sailing through her golden years with steely determination, at eighty-six, Carol works 20 hours a week at The Living Legacy Center. Plus, she volunteers one morning weekly at Reach Unlimited which offers daycare and job training for people who have special needs. One other afternoon each week, she teaches crafts, knitting, and journaling.

Carol, mother of eight, and certified teacher decided to enter the

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seminary at the age of 70. According to her, "That was no easy task, it entailed taking one year of Greek and one year of historical Hebrew. Today I use the skills I learned in seminary to minister to folks in need by networking the center's array of services and facilitating meditation, self-esteem silent retreats."

Fairfield residents may not be aware that The Center provides services to our community as well offering assistance to veterans, the elderly and people with special needs. Carol explained, "The Living Legacy Center provides professional leaders who guide people seeking satisfaction for a better quality of life. Its mission is to narrow the gap between the resources available and the people in need."

"Veterans, low on funds or who have no funds at all can receive legal help when applying for benefits such as aid from the Veteran's Association. The elderly needing help filling out their income tax, finding an apartment, locating transportation, health care and things like that can call on us. And, we work with parents of adult children with special needs providing connections to legal specialists and home help professionals."

The brainchild of this impressive program is Carol's daughter Attorney Elizabeth Hilburn and Elizabeth's partner, Teresa Trull. Both have more than 20 years experience providing legal services

to clients needing probate, wills, trust funds, guardianship, and services to veterans.

Elaborating, Carol explained, "Elizabeth's heart lies with people that are struggling not only with personal issues but the legal fees that accompany them. Her dilemma has always been that with a staff of eleven, providing services pro bono is difficult, even when the genuine need is apparent."

Elizabeth and Teresa, felt God calling them to offer their legal services to the cause. Many other caregivers were also led to help with other needs such as housing, medical, food, therapy and many services that these professional volunteers can give to people who need them in the Houston area.

So, together with the help of other like-minded folks, they created The Living Legacy Center, a 501 (c) (3) Charitable Organization."

Before they had a brick and mortar facility, The Living Legacy Center provided services to veterans online. After about a year in operation, the center moved to an actual physical location, where it offers counseling and classes, and its expanded services to the elderly and folks with special needs.

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Currently, The Living Legacy Center has served over 100 people, either through referrals or by helping directly with unmet, immediate, and future needs. The call continues for individuals and organizations to join forces to provide a broader range of services.

The funding for The Living Legacy Center in the Houston area comes from generous people from businesses whose passion it is to help those who have unmet needs such as their spring gala.

On May 12th, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Hotel Zaza in Memorial City, The Center is spearheading The Legacy Canteen "You buy; we'll fly," a black tie, '40s, formal, or military dress gala. Johnny Lee & the Urban Cowboy Band with special guest Hanna Kay will provide the entertainment. Proceeds will go toward underwriting The Living Legacy Center program.

In closing, I asked the eternal "summing up" question. Why are you here and what do you want to leave behind? Carol said, "I always answer that question with a joke. I'm here because I'm not all there!"

Sighing, she said, "I'm here to give others a better chance, a happier perspective, and a more satisfying experience of life through The Living Legacy Center and Special Needs Groups."

## CYPRESS AREA FOOD PANTRY

Do you know of someone who has trouble putting food on the table? Maybe their employment was suddenly terminated; maybe it's a choice between medications or food; for whatever reason a family can find themselves in a situation where they need a little help.

Fountain of Life Church of God on Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm and the only requirement is that the client should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner 77429. For more information, contact 281-373-9337. Food donations and volunteers are also greatly appreciated.

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### See A Live Butterfly Release

Come see a LIVE butterfly release! Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Butterfly Family Festival on Sunday, April 22, 11:30 am-3:00 PM at 11522 Telge Road in Cypress. This year we are adding new events! Beginning at 9 am we will host multiple vendors along with our silent auction. We've added a train ride, popcorn, cupcake decorating and an inflatable basketball game.

Yes we will have your favorites: delicious BBQ lunch, cookies, a raffle, children's carnival games, cake walk, book walk, face painting, music, inflatable slide, and bounce house. We will feature both the Apple Watch, Series 3 (GPS + Cellular) featuring a gray sport band and the Echo Second Generation speaker with Alexa as part of the adult raffle.

The silent auction will run from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. The barbecue lunch will begin at 11:30 am and can be taken home or eaten at Messiah. All games will begin at 11:30 am. Bring the whole family

to see the butterfly release, eat some great food, and have some fun!

The day's events will benefit Chrysalis, A Grace Place for Children, by providing scholarships to families that attend our school. Chrysalis features a Christian preschool, after school, and summer camp programs. Chrysalis Christian Preschool admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Call 281-807-0764 or go to [www.messiahlc.org/events](http://www.messiahlc.org/events) for further information.

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**Week 2: July 16-20, 2018**

**Week 3: July 23-27, 2018**

**9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

### Week 1: Set Your Compass.

This week at Camp Hope we will follow some individuals and find out how they stayed on course on this Great Adventure! Want to join our team? Then get ready for an amazing ride and set YOUR compass.

### Week 3: Start Your Adventure.

An adventure is filled with excitement but it rarely turns out the way we plan. This week of Camp Hope, we will see how things can change along the way. Join in and discover the Great Adventure.

Camp Hope is our three-week day camp for children ages 5 years old through 6th grade. It is an adult mentored student led ministry. Each day, children will hear a new Bible story; learn what it means to their life by creating a craft, eating a snack, playing a game, and experiencing the story through expressive arts and worship.

Parents are invited to register their children online at [www.messiahlc.org/camp-hope](http://www.messiahlc.org/camp-hope). For more information, call 281-890-3013.

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### Week 2: Pack Your Bags.

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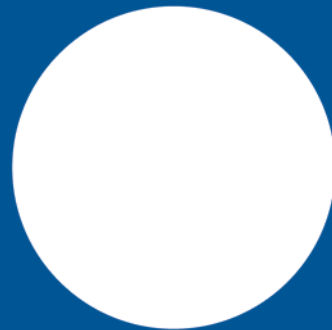
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