

Bee Creek UMC Sees Great Success with Its First "We Love Our Community Sunday" Benefitting Spicewood Elementary

ABOUT 227 BEE CREEK UMC VOLUNTEERS COME TOGETHER TO PERFORM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS NOT COVERED BY SPICEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S BUDGET



On the Sunday after Easter, some 227 volunteers gathered at Spicewood Elementary School for Bee Creek United Methodist Church's first "We Love Our Community Sunday" and, in less than an hour, accomplished a list of improvements the school had anticipated would take most of the summer to finish.

"It was an unbelievably successful, uplifting day," said Bee Creek UMC Pastor Laura Heikes. "I suspect the total number of volunteers exceeded 227, as some arrived

and set to work without ever signing in. We had at least one Boy Scout troop and one Cub Scout troop, both of which the church sponsors, and 87 people were assigned to moving the classrooms alone."

Bee Creek UMC conducted outreach in the community to pay for paint, brushes and rollers for the April 8 projects. A local contractor, Falk Construction, provided leadership and building expertise free of charge. Additionally, a number of church members with building experience directed teams of workers in specific areas. The church's office manager, Linnea Falk, expertly coordinated the event and



assigned volunteers according to their interests.

Church leaders had blocked out a 9:00 a.m. to Noon timeframe for the work, which began with prayers and a short meditation on service before getting to work. However, within a mere 57 minutes, the volunteers had completely moved six classrooms – every desk, cabinet, drawer and pencil – to get the classes ready for incoming sixth-graders, weeded all campus flowerbeds, stained six picnic tables, refurbished six mustang mascots used in the student pick-up line, repainted games on the blacktop on the outside playground, moved the chicken coop, and delivered and unloaded five trailer loads of dirt for a future project. By 10:30 a.m., only Falk Construction's volunteer crew remained, finishing painting the teachers' lounge and unloading the last arrival of dirt.

Spicewood Elementary School had requested the specific projects,



which are not covered by its current budget. Bee Creek UMC is also working to obtain school supplies, food, shoes and other needed items for the school, which serves a significant number of students from low-income families. Nearly half the kids at Spicewood Elementary qualify for free/reduced-price meals and just over a quarter of them

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS	
EMERGENCY	911
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Marble Falls High School	830-693-4375
Marble Falls Middle School	830-693-4439
Spicewood Elementary School	
Highland Lakes Elementary School	
Colt Elementary School	
Lake Travis ISD	
Lake Travis High School	512-533-6100
Lake Travis Middle School	
West Cypress Elementary	512-533-7500
UTILITIES	
Hill Country Web	512-264-8440
TStar Internet	
Briarcliff City Water	
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OTHER NUMBERS	
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are considered "at risk."

"The amount of help Bee Creek UMC's volunteers provided was so incredible," said Spicewood Elementary School Counselor Allison Smith. "I cannot thank them enough for making our school a focus of their great works!"

Bee Creek UMC

intends to partner with Spicewood on an ongoing basis. Potential future enhancements include purchasing the curriculum to enable Spicewood to institute the Kelso's Choice Conflict Management Skills program; acquiring an incubator and laying boxes for the school's hens and finding a way to send every child home for the summer with a book of their own. A number of Bee Creek UMC members have also indicated a desire to become reading and math buddies with the students and participate in Spicewood's Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Good Students) program, which makes it easy for father figures to spend time with children in need of a male role model. As part of this program, volunteers interact with children during the school day, share their skills, help with academic lessons, play with kids at recess and visit them during lunch. Spicewood Elementary welcomes anyone in the community to complete a volunteer form for the district and sign up for Watch D.O.G.S. or any of several other programs the school provides.

Bee Creek UMC hopes to have a "We Love Our Community Sunday" several times a year. Heikes said the only requirement is that projects must be "in our own back yard." The church may choose to help other local schools or community organizations, clean up a neighborhood park or any of dozens of other improvement projects.

"This first 'We Love Our Community Sunday' demonstrated that getting outside the church and going where the people are is an effective way to spread Christ's word and teachings," said Heikes.

"We Love Our Community Sunday" is facilitated by Mission Vitality, a program of the Rio Texas

Conference.

Bee Creek UMC has expanded its community outreach significantly through financial contributions and direct services to families and individuals in need. The church provides generous annual financial support to local and global missions, such as Helping Hand, the Wesley Foundation and La Senda. Church members responded to the call for help from neighbors impacted by the Spicewood fires, Onion Creek floods, and West fertilizer plant explosion, and provided extra help with housing, food and medical/dental care to families whose homes were devastated by tornadoes in Oklahoma. Its flourishing youth group is increasingly involved in efforts like delivering backpacks filled with needed items to the homeless and their first-ever mission trip last summer to San Antonio, which will continue this year.

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One Chapel Lake Travis is gearing up for the biggest kids event of the summer! On July 9-13, elementary students will jump in and spend a few friendly, fabulous hours each day participating in games, crafts, sports, worship, and TONS of crazy fun with other kids their age at One Chapel Lake Travis, 22800 Hwy 71 West, in Spicewood.

Throughout the week, kids will be on a journey, learning how they can be AMPED for God in their schools, homes, and friend groups, regardless of their age. To register, go to https://www.onechapel.com/ kids#kids-camp, or call One Chapel Lake Travis at 512-344-9777.

WHEN

July 9-13, 10am - 3:30pm

WHERE

One Chapel Lake Travis 22800 TX-71 W Spicewood, TX 78669

WHO

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Payton Clough

Bob and Rhonda Gilde would like to announce the graduation of their daughter, Payton Clough. She graduated from Marble Falls High School and will be attending Texas Tech University in the fall. Her plans are to study medicine and become a trauma surgeon.



Chad David Conwell

Graduating Lake Travis High School, May 25, 2018 - will be attending Austin Community College for General Education and then transfer to four year school for BA in Business Administration

Wildland Fire Precautions

With warmer temperatures and drying vegetation, residents need to be reminded of the need for wildfire/brush fire safety awareness and preparedness.

Do not park vehicles on the dry grass. The heat from the vehicle's exhaust system can cause the grass to catch fire.

Remove combustible materials from around your home. Keep grass mowed short.

Pack critical medicines, important documents, and family heirlooms to be ready to leave at a moment's notice.

Agree on an evacuation plan that includes what to do if you get separated and where you'll go in case of evacuation.

TEN SIMPLE STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDLAND FIRE

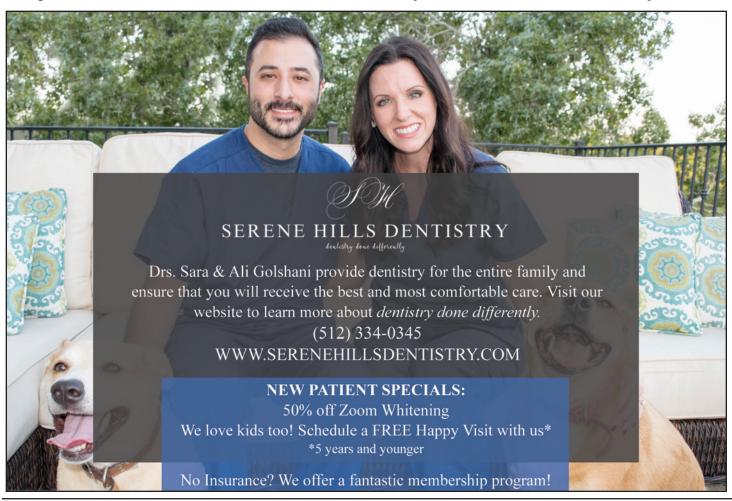
Wildfire can strike home if you have not taken some steps to protect your house and property. The actions and precautions listed below are designed to help you prepare your home and lessen the threat of wildland fire damage to you and your property.

- 1. LPG/propane tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.
- 2. Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.

- 3. All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats and stacked lumber should be kept away from structures.
- 4. Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.
 - 5. Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.
- 6. In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least three times the fuel length around all structures.
- 7. Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake and a bucket or two for water.
- 8. Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.
- 9. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.
- 10. Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

Each family should be proactive to prepare for emergencies: Prepare a Basic Emergency Supply Kit; Make a Plan for Safety and Communicating with Family; Be Informed; and Get Involved in Preparing the Community.

A wealth of information to help you is available at: http://www.ready.gov/wildfires http://txforestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=8512



ATURE MATCH A HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR by Jim and Lynne Weber

Few plant species that grow naturally today have been around for over 100 million years, but one of the best known are plants in the genus Equisetum, which is the only living genus of the entire family of Equisetopsida, most commonly known as horsetails. They are recognized as close relatives of ferns, typically growing in wetter areas with whorls of needle-like branches radiating at regular intervals from each single vertical stem.



The common name of horsetail is used for the entire group of plants, since the branched species resemble a horse's tail. In fact, the genus Equisetum comes from the Latin equus or 'horse' and seta or 'bristle.' Another common name is scouring rush, referring to the upright rush-like appearance of the plants, and the fact that the longitudinal ridges of the stems are coated with abrasive silicates, making them useful for scouring or cleaning metal items. It is still used today as a traditional polishing material in Japan.

The primary species of horsetail that Horsetail or Scouring Rush occurs natively in wet or moist areas of Texas, most commonly on the Edwards Plateau and in Blackland Prairie, as well as most of the nontropical northern hemisphere, is Equisetum hyemale. A spreading, reed-like perennial growing to 3 feet tall, each stem is evergreen, cylindrical, jointed, hollow, and about 1/4 of an inch in diameter. In this species, the needle-like branches appear non-existent, but are actually small and fused around the stem at each joint or node, forming a blackish-green band or sheath. Interestingly, the pattern of spacing of the nodes in these plants, which grow increasingly close together toward the apex, is precisely what inspired Scottish mathematician John Napier to discover logarithms in the late 16th century.

Horsetail prefers open or wooded areas along streams, moist flats, and wet ledges. Like ferns and other related species, horsetails



Dragonflies, like this Neon Skimmer, love to perch on the cones of the horsetail's upright stems

reproduce by spores rather than through seed-producing flowers. These spores are borne in cone-like structures at the tips of some stems, and are mostly homosporus, meaning of the same size and type. The tiny spores have four elaters or structures that alter shape in response to changes in moisture, effectively acting as moisturesensitive springs that assist spore dispersal through crawling and hopping motions once released from the cone.

The upright, evergreen, segmented foliage of horsetail is an appropriate plant for a rain garden, pond edge, water feature, or area with moist soil, and is an excellent perching plant for dragonflies. While it can spread quickly by underground or underwater runners, it is easily kept in check by periodic pulling or by planting it in a container. Few plants add as much interest or vertical structure to a wildscape as this living fossil, which is clearly a 'horse of a different color'!

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Short description: This month\'s selection will be A Gentleman in

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MAKE IT EASY FOR CUSTOMERS TO BROWSE AND BUY

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- Use easy-to-read price tags
- Provide written descriptions for unique items or even a story about where it came from
- Create room displays with furniture and décor
- Have a designated, easy to find cashier table
- Use larger signs to help customers navigate through your "shop."

PRICE TO SELL

Don't base it on how much you paid for a thing 20 years ago, or how much it means to you. If you can't let it go for cheap, then you shouldn't be selling it at all.

OFFER FREE STUFF

If your primary goal is to rid your home of clutter, why not have a designated free pile of those items you really want to purge from your life.

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KNOW WHAT CUSTOMERS WANT

Garage sale shoppers are different than retail shoppers. The majority are looking for daily-use items at a low cost. And some shoppers are looking for bargain supplies for their hobby or collection. The best-selling items are: Clothing in good condition, tools, furniture, games/toys/bicycles, books, small appliances, camping/fishing gear and sports equipment. Still, there are a few outliers who stop by because something unique caught their eye or they are looking for something that speaks to them aesthetically.



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STAIN SOLUTIONS

Try as you might to prevent them, spills, drips and splatters in your house are inevitable. Whether you, your family or your guests are the culprits, stains happen. Most, if not all, are treatable, especially if you act quickly and use the right stain-removing technique.

If there's an accident on your carpet or a rug, start by scooping up any solids and soaking up any unabsorbed liquids. Then, blot the stain with a white cloth or paper towel. You should work from the outside in so you don't spread the spill, and dab at it instead of rubbing or pressing hard.

You also can try spot cleaning with a soapy water mix. Dilute a ¼ teaspoon of clear hand-dishwashing soap with 1 cup of lukewarm water. Spray the solution on the stain, and mist the area with clean water or blot with a wet towel. Then blot the area with a dry towel. Repeat this process until you get as much residue out as possible.

Follow these specific instructions for cleaning up the more stubborn stains and sticky spots on your floors:

• Red wine: Begin with the same three steps—blot, apply soapy water and rinse. Then, dribble very hot water from a sponge onto

the spill. Continue to blot with a clean towel, and repeat until the carpet no longer shows any red.

- Soft drinks and coffee: Begin with the same three steps—blot, apply soapy water and rinse. Then dab on hydrogen peroxide. Wait one hour before repeating the process. Hydrogen peroxide bleaches a stain without breaking down carpet dyes. Use a 3 percent solution, which can be found at a drugstore, and apply at full strength.
- Candle wax and chewing gum: These are easiest to remove when hot or cold. For the cold method, harden the spot by rubbing it with an ice cube inside a plastic bag. Then, carefully scrape off the residue with a dull knife or a plastic card, such as an expired credit card. For the hot method, apply paper towels over the waxy area, and then use a clothes iron on low heat to soak up the wax. Replace the paper towels until all the wax is removed. Use a hair dryer to heat gum. Then with a plastic bag over your fingers, pull the goo off.

So the next time your carpeting endures a nasty spill, rest assured that it doesn't have to become a permanent stain. With these simple tips, you can keep your carpets and rugs looking great for years to come.

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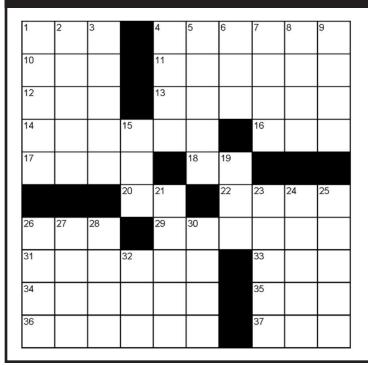
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ACROSS

- 1. Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
- 4. Walks
- 10. Bumbling insect
- 11. Hide (2 wds.)
- 12. Rowing tool
- 13. City in the former USSR
- 14. Incomparable
- 16. Supersonic transport
- 17. Meat alternative
- 18. " Mice and Men"
- 20. Cincinnati locale
- 22. Stretched car
- 26. Dined
- 29. Entertained
- 31. Delete
- 33. Type of partnership
- 34. Musical speeds
- 35. Elver
- 36. Seize
- 37. Sample

DOWN

- 1. Regarding
- 2. Lotto
- 3. Character part
- 4. Thousand (abbr.)
- 5. Cowboy show
- 6. Bullfight cheer
- 7. Dining hall
- 8. Domestic cat
- 9. Lovers quarrel
- 15. Status
- 19. Respiratory disease
- 21. Trouble
- 23. Small island
- 24. Measure
- 25. Strangely
- 26. Branch of learning
- 27. Adolescent
- 28. Austin novel
- 30. Net
- 32. Choose

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