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Paige Powers named TAPPS State Fine Arts Student of the Year!



TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools) recognizes the top male and female Fine Arts competitors in the state each year through their coveted "Of the Year" awards. These elite honors are extremely difficult to receive, as all TAPPS schools can nominate competitors from any TAPPS fine art, and then one male and one female in each classification are selected via an executive TAPPS panel. We are pleased to

announce, that for the second year in a row, and for only the fourth time in school history, the TAPPS 3A State Fine Arts Female Student of the Year has gone to an RCS student. This year's State Fine Arts Student of the Year award recipient is our own Paige Powers.

Paige's TAPPS career accomplishments are undeniable: In TAPPS State Instrumental Music, Paige received a rating of 2 on her piano solo. In TAPPS State Vocal Music, Paige received 4 ratings of 1 (highest), and the choir was also the state runner-up overall. In TAPPS State Art, Paige placed 4th, 4th, 5th, and 5th in Painting, Printmaking, and Senior Portfolio, with her team placing 5th overall two years in a row. In TAPPS One Act Play, Paige was named All Star Cast (State) three times, All-Star Cast Honorable Mention (State), All Star Cast (District) three times, Best Actress (District), 4th, 5th, and 5th at state (team), and District Champion (team) four years in a row.

In TAPPS State Speech, Paige's four-year career of competing in Poetry, Prose, Solo Acting, and Duet Acting includes 4 state championships, 4 times as the state runner-up, 1 bronze medal, 1 fourth place, 1 sixth place, and the Virginia Wirth Distinguished Speaker (top speaker in the state overall). Her speech team is also the

reigning back-to-back state champion, as well as two times being named the state runner-up. Furthermore, Paige has accomplished all of this while being an RCS honors student, Drama Student of the Year three years in a row, and a member of the National Honor Society, with a smile on her face and the love of Jesus in her heart, shining through to everyone who meets her. We are so proud of you, Paige! RCS loves you, and we cannot wait to see how God uses all of your talents as you serve Him in the next stage of your journey. Congratulations!

Are You Ready? Perfecting Your Hurricane Plan in a Post-Harvey World

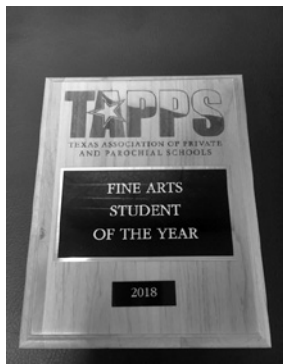
In the aftermath of Harvey, the arrival of hurricane season is undoubtedly stoking some trepidation from Houstonians still reeling from last year's unprecedented storm, but there's no reason to panic if you have a proper plan in place.

While June 1 marked the official start of Hurricane Season, the Gulf of Mexico has already seen its first named storm, Subtropical Storm Alberto, which made landfall last week on the Florida coast, dumping rain and wreaking havoc across the country.

It's notoriously difficult to predict how active a hurricane season may be, but forecasters have already warned that the U.S. could expect to see a higher-than-average number of named storms and hurricanes this year.

When Harvey swamped Greater Houston last year – flooding homes and forcing many to flee – many residents who were new to the region hadn't experienced a storm before and were unprepared for what happened. Even some who had weathered Houston's hurricanes and floods in the past were caught flat-footed by the extreme, widespread flooding caused by a storm of epic proportions.

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GUESTS IN YOUR ATTIC

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Who doesn't enjoy seeing squirrels scamper from tree to tree? Everyone loves seeing birds at their feeders. Who doesn't love seeing the does with their fawns? We live side by side with wildlife. Is it any wonder that conflicts arise between humans and the animals?

This is baby season for raccoons. You may find that a mama raccoon has taken up residence in your attic or garage. The best advice we can offer you is to leave her alone. Within a couple of weeks, she will lead her babies out of your attic or garage to live in the wild. If you just can't wait, here are a couple of things you can try. Put a bright light in the area at night and play some LOUD music. Some say talk radio is best. You can throw some moth balls in the area or ammonia-soaked cotton balls. She will probably choose to move the babies to a darker, quieter place outside. When she moves out, it's your responsibility to find out how she got in and block the entrance or your attic will always look like an apartment for rent to wildlife.

We often receive calls from homeowners asking for advice on how to stop raccoons that are getting into trash cans. Solution: try using some bungee cords to secure the top. Another issue we hear about is that raccoons are eating food that is being put out for feral cats. Since raccoons are nocturnal, simply removing the cat food at night will fix the problem except in the spring when mama raccoons can be



seen looking for food during the day. No, they are not rabid! They are just hungry. Some homeowners ask about trapping and relocating. While removal may seem like a solution, it usually only creates an enticing vacancy for another animal in search of a

meal. Remove raccoons from an area and it's only a matter of time before others move in to take their place. Additionally, the survival rate of relocated raccoons is very low. Raccoons are territorial and putting a lone raccoon into an area already populated with other raccoons can often result in death as the other raccoons will consider him/her as an intruder.

There are products available that may help not only with raccoons but other animals as well. One such product is the motion-activated sprinkler. When an animal gets close to the food source, the sprinkler goes off and scares them away. Just do an internet search and I'm certain you'll find other products that may work as well.

With urban sprawl and loss of habitats, we need to learn to live in harmony with wildlife. TWRC Wildlife Center can often help you find solutions to your issues. Check our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org or call us at 713-468-8972.

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LEARN HOW NETWORKING MAKES YOUR BUSINESS HAPEN. ABWA HOUSTON AREA PROFESSIONAL EXPRESS NETWORK (HAPEN) ALSO INDUCTS NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

Luncheon Details

Thursday, July 19, 2018

*Registration/Networking 11 a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.
Sheraton West Houston Hotel, 11191 Clay Rd., Houston, TX 77041
Early Registration Costs \$30; or pay at the door for \$38.*

Join the Houston Area Professional Express Network on Thursday, July 19th for a networking luncheon and a presentation by, Texas Motor Transportation Consultants LLC, CEO, Sheri Parrack. Parrack, a successful entrepreneur, established her business in 1980 as the sole employee. Today she employs 18 staff members with a combined service experience of over 250 years. In 2013 Parrack established a partnership with her daughter Lisa L. Parrack Keith. Lisa represents TMTC as CFO/Vice President.

Parrack attributes her numerous Houston Community Honors & Awards to the American Business Women's Association (ABWA). Her success grew in large part by maintaining and growing her ABWA network. Parrack will be sharing her wisdom to show us how to make that HAPEN ourselves.

Julie Burch the National Vice President of ABWA will be joining us on this inaugural event to install the 2018-2019 HAPEN Board of Directors. New inductees to the 2018-2019 HAPEN Board include: President – Sheri Parrack, Texas Motor Transportation Consultants LLC; President-Elect – Jessica Smith, IBERIABANK; VP of Communications – Larkin Spires, Family Heritage; VP of Finance – Michele Barnes, QB Data LLC; VP of Marketing – J Zubire Franco, Franco Innovative; VP of Membership – Nicole Travis, Texas Realty Select and VP of Programs – Diana Sauflay, Keller Williams Platinum.

This month's HAPEN meeting begins with registration and networking at 11:00 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Luncheons are held at the Sheraton West Houston Hotel, 11191 Clay Rd.

About Houston Area Professional Express Network (HAPEN)

Houston Area Professional Express Network's mission is to GROW our membership TOGETHER through strength and vitality of positive relationships with each member's experiences. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition. HAPEN is part of the national organization of American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information visit www.HAPEN.org.

About American Business Women's Association (ABWA)

Founded in 1949, ABWA provides business training and networking opportunities for women of diverse occupations and backgrounds. ABWA has dedicated 60 years to women's education, workplace skills, and career development training. For more information visit www.abwa.org.

Messiah Lutheran Church Camp Hope

Week 1 July 10-14, 2017

Week 2 July 17-21, 2017

Week 3 July 24-28, 2017

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

This summer answer the call
to be an Agent of Hope.

Week one we'll be recruiting campers to be Agents and learning what it means to give hope to others. Then we will enter into a week at the Agent Academy to train, learn, and grow as a team. Finally, in week three, campers will receive their secret mission as they are sent out into the world to be Agents of Hope!

Weekly Themes:

- **Calling All Agents.** You are being called by God to bring hope to the world. This week we learn what it means to answer the call to be one of God's Agents of Hope.
- **Agent Academy.** This week we will train, learn, and grow as a team to be Agents of Hope!
- **Agents on a Mission.** This week you will receive your secret mission as you are sent out into the world to be one of God's Agents of Hope.

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.

Camp Hope is a day camp that is passionate about growing leaders. This is one of the reasons that Camp Hope is one of the BEST ways to develop youth leaders. It's a vital part of what Camp Hope is all about!

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

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

Cypress Christian School, Triple State Champs 2018

CCS won 3 state champion titles the 2017-2018 school year, Football, Baseball and Boys Track and Field.

This year CCS competed in TAPP's Division III, 4A and will be moving to 5A for the 2018-2019 season.



Cy-Fair Republican Women July Meeting

CFRW will meet on Tuesday, July 10th at 10:30 AM.

Hearthstone Country Club,
7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

Meeting is \$3 – Meeting with Lunch at Noon is \$23.

On our July meeting date, we will welcome Jacob Monty, a long-time supporter and fundraiser for Republican office holders and candidates, and is also recognized as one of the leading immigration attorneys in the United States. Jacob will give an overview on the various issues being discussed locally and in Washington surrounding immigration, DACA, the border fence, and other related issues. This speaker was rescheduled from April. See the website for details and RSVP to www.cfrw.net by July 3rd.

Several candidates attend our meetings regularly so come and get to know them. We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Messiah Lutheran Church
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Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Each day at Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids travel through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures.

Calling all kids! Join us for Messiah Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible School - Maker Fun Factory – Created by God, Built for a Purpose during the week of June 5-9! Maker Fun Factory VBS is a weeklong interactive time for kids to grow in their faith. Children ages 3 years-old (potty trained) to 5th grade are invited to join us each day from 9:00 AM to Noon each day. Each day at Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids travel through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. Every station is designed to reinforce the daily Bible Point in a hands-on, interactive way that keeps everyone engaged. Kids will begin their journey at Sound Wave Sing and Play with songs and spend each day at Bible Discovery, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station, Game Makers, Snack Factory and Funshop Finale.

At Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School, kids experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth — which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life! And along the way they will collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them they were created by God and built for a purpose! They will finish each day at Funshop Finale. It is a week of fun and adventure reminding kids that God made you for a reason! All kids are invited to join us and spark their imagination at Fun Maker Factory! Parents are invited to register their children online at www.messiahlc.org/vacation-bible-school. For more information, call 281-890-3013.

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**KIDS' RUNNING
TEAM REGISTRATION
STARTS SEPTEMBER 4TH**

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross Country Team kicks off the fall season with a mandatory orientation meeting for parents and athletes on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the D. Bradley McWilliams YMCA at Cypress Creek outdoor pavilion, 19915 TX-249, Houston, TX. Registration starts online September 1 at www.northwestflyers.org. Practices are held at the YMCA and at Spring Creek Park in Tomball.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is celebrating its 31st year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome. Middle school and high school cross country athletes can also register, but should compete after their school cross country season is over.

For more information contact Coach Genia English at (818) 223-1618 or genia.english@gmail.com. Visit www.northwestflyers.org to get updates and learn more about the team.



THINKING HOLIDAYS?!

The Ladies Auxiliary from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church will hold their 26th Annual Gingerbread Village Holiday Market on October 27, 2018. If you are interested in showcasing your arts, craft, products, etc., consider joining us as a vendor this year! For an application or more information regarding this event, please email: gingerbreadvillage@yahoo.com.



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