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NEWS FOR THE CYPRESS PARK COMMUNITY

## PHOTOGRAPHER MARKS OFF THE TOP OF BUCKET LIST WISH!

by Thomas Coffman



I have been a photographer for a decade and a KISS fan for over 40 years. Although I photograph a lot of high school seniors, families, kids, etc., the last couple of years I have been shooting concerts on the side as a hobby, and it's been great.

I've shot a lot of big names, but a few months ago I was invited to go see KISS at the Smart Financial Center in Sugarland, Texas.

A friend of mine, who knows KISS and is a photographer herself, had an all-access pass to the band and wanted to hang with me in the deluxe suites. So of course, I was willing.

Just about the time the show started, she told me that she had shot photographed them before and wanted to know if would I like to take control of her camera and capture the show?

Needless to say, I was in heaven! These were my boys--my idols for most of my life.

It was a dream come true. After the performance, my friend took me backstage to hang with the band and take a few photos.

In addition to their fabulous show, KISS should be applauded for their generosity. They donated a big check to Kingwood High School Band because the school had lost all of their instruments in the flood.

Dreams really do come true!!!!

On a final note: The photos were professionally shot using a Canon

60D. The lens was a 70-200. Most professional concerts carry enough electrical transformers and generators to power a small town. KISS' lighting and pyrotechnics, which included lasers, fireworks, confetti, smoke, high-powered fans, and streamers, was second to none. Their performance was one of the biggest and most exciting shows ever.



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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

## Teachings of Christ



In a course of study we call, "Introduction to Gospel Principles", we prayerfully search God's revealed word, ponder on the doctrines taught, and seek answers to the questions of our soul. COME JOIN US as we study/discuss together the words of Jesus Christ and find peace in Him! ALL are invited, ages 14+, bring your family, bring a friend and come ready to Be a Better follower of Jesus Christ!

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## Mission to SERVE: Loving Our Community

*by Claudia Mattox*

This summer, our family and student ministries teamed up together to help serve and love the people in the Ranch Country community. Every Thursday evening our Family Pastor, John Walls, and our HS/College Pastor, Mark Julian, gathered volunteers to put on a party in the park! Families in the community could come and enjoy each other's company as they ate, worked on crafts, played games, and most importantly – worshipped together. We desire to cultivate relationships within our community and are overjoyed to say that several people came to know and grew closer to our Father God because of those who served others.

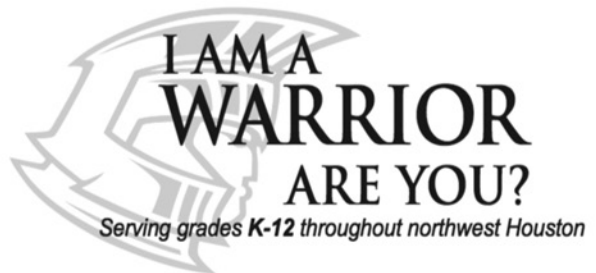
This fall, we look ahead to our 9th Annual Running for Greater

Things Race & Fall Fest on October 20th! RGT's goal is to support adoptive and foster families. For 8 years now, through RGT, many have played a role in helping families grow through adoption and get the support they need after they are home. This event is so much more than just a fun run and family entertainment.

We desire to raise awareness and share opportunities with our community about adoption, foster, and orphan care needs close by and abroad. You can impact a child's life and the lives of adoptive/foster families in our community for generations to come by getting involved, and together we can move mountains for children looking for forever homes. You can sign up at [RunningForGreaterThings.com](http://RunningForGreaterThings.com) or attend Fall Fest after the race that day to help make a difference!



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## Good Shepherd Classic Adults Welcomes Judge Ed Emmett

by Joan Hagen



Join Good Shepherd United Methodist Church "Classic Adults" on Monday, September 10 to meet Judge Ed Emmett and get updates on Harris County, post Harvey.

Each month, the Classic Adults have a luncheon in the youth room of Good Shepherd Church. Any person 50+ is invited to gather

with us for Christian fellowship, great food, entertainment, adventure, and programs that are sometimes light hearted, but always inspirational!

On September 10th, Classic Adults welcomes County Judge Ed Emmett as our guest speaker. Judge Emmett is the presiding officer of Harris County Commissioners Court. In his position, he serves as the director of the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and represents the county on numerous boards, committees, and regional councils of governments. Join us as we learn more about our county government, what a county judge does, what the county has learned after Hurricane Harvey, and how it affects us way out here in Cypress, Texas!

You do not have to be a member of Good Shepherd UMC to attend Classic Adults. For more information and to register for the luncheon go to the Good Shepherd website [www.goodchurch.us](http://www.goodchurch.us) and click on registrations.

This month, lunch will be catered by Marvino's Italian Kitchen. The cost is \$12. You are always welcome to bring your own. For more information, please call the church at 281-373-2273.

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## VFW Auxiliary

Since 1914, the VFW Auxiliary has been fulfilling its original objectives by supporting the Veteran of Foreign Wars, serving veterans, active-duty service members, and their families, and fostering patriotism nationwide.

Your local VFW Post 8905 is located at 21902 Northwest Freeway is just the place Veterans, their families, and friends can go to enjoy fun, friendship and a sense of belonging.

May 9th, the Auxiliary installed their 2018-19 president, and she was none other than our own Donna Morse of Fairfield who assumed the reigns July 1st. She is no stranger to acting as the head honcho. Donna also served as post president back in 2009-10.

As she explained, Post 8905 is very active in both Cypress, Houston, and in District IV, where it resides. The Auxiliary is currently managed by both men and women who are a family member of the military serving overseas. Donna emphasizes that our local VFW is seeking not only new members, it is seeking Auxiliary volunteers to enhance their presence and their services in our area.

As president, Donna is responsible for planning the year's calendar and presiding over all functions and events. She is also responsible for attending monthly meetings and four district meetings per year. As the new president, she was honored to participate in the 119th VFW National Convention in Kansas City held in July.

According to Donna, "Not only was it exciting and memorable, but it was also awe-inspiring. I met patriotic, dedicated people from all over the county interested in helping our veterans. I also got to cheer the state delegates as they paraded through the conference halls. Another unforgettable highlight was attending the special meeting at the Municipal Auditorium where President Trump acknowledged a 94-year old war veteran and invited him to the White House for his 95th birthday. And to top it off, I attended a patriotic concert by Trace Adkins who, as everyone knows, is always at his best when performing for our nation's servicemen and women."

Of all her duties, Donna admits that her favorite veteran's program is the time-honored Buddy Poppy initiative. Spanning back to before Memorial Day in 1922, the VFW conducted their first poppy distribution, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. In 1923 VFW "Buddy" Poppies were assembled by disabled and needy veterans who were paid for their work providing them with much needed financial assistance. The next year, disabled veterans assembled VFW Buddy Poppies at the Buddy Poppy factory in Pittsburgh. The designation "Buddy Poppy" was adopted at that time. On May 20, 1924, the VFW was granted their organizational trademark rights in the name of Buddy under the classification of artificial flowers. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name, Buddy Poppy.

Today, Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals who are provided compensation for assembling the poppies. The initiative also offers financial assistance

in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home For Children.

Donna created a project highlighting the importance of Poppies. After winning a local and state competition, she was invited to display her artwork at the VFW gathering in Kansas City.

Home from the convention, Donna, is ready to hit the ground running. Steak dinners, hosted on the first Friday of the month, will continue as usual. In August, the VFW conducted its yearly orientation. September's main event will be the annual fund-raiser, the VFW Auxiliary Cookoff. Post 8905 will continue to participate in the monthly Bingo at I-45 and 1960. Along with the March of Dimes, our VFW will provide baby showers for mothers while military fathers are overseas. In October, the Cypress Chapter will collect sweatshirts, underwear, and socks to donate to the patients at the VA hospital. During November they deliver food to nursing homes, and in December they celebrate Christmas at a lovely Christmas party for members.

Donna is a very busy person. She loves what she does, and invites all veterans and military families to join in the fun and lend a helping hand.



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## Homecoming Mums

*by Stacie Guidry*



Homecoming Mums and garters are a tradition as big as Texas and just as important as the Homecoming game itself. If the local high school's hallways are any indication, mums are here to stay and are bigger, bolder and shinier than ever!

As a native Cajun girl from Louisiana, I had no idea what a Homecoming Mum was much less how it would change my life! I am the owner of Twinkie Designs located right here in our Fairfield community.

When I first started Twinkie Designs I was just doing custom wreaths and hats. A friend approached me about 6 years ago to help make a homecoming mum for her daughter. I told her I had no idea what a homecoming mum was, much less how to make one, but she insisted I was crafty, and we could figure it out together." Her friend's daughter was thrilled with the mum, and I realized that I not only had a knack for creating it but really enjoyed putting the mum together.

Several years later, I am creating custom mums and garters for schools in the Cy-Fair and surrounding districts and have even mailed a mum and garter to Alpine, Texas.

Each creation is as individual as the wearer. Mums can have anything on them related to the sports they play to their clubs or organization. The mums are adorned with bears dressed in band uniforms, cheer uniforms or cute outfits in school colors. Each bear takes an hour or so to create, and Twinkie Designs does its best to match the uniforms down to the trim. I created unique mums such as a Storm Trooper garter and a Unicorn Mum.

"My goal is always to get that gasp of delight or jumping up and down in excitement when the girl or guy receives their custom creation by Twinkie Designs. I spend many sleepless nights during homecoming season, but it is all worth it to have satisfied customers."

Mums range in sizes from a Single mum, Double mum, Triple mum, Mega Single mum, Quad mums, Mum sashes or 6-8 flower mums. The sky is the limit only dictated by the client's budget.

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