



A NEWSLETTER FOR TOWNE LAKE RESIDENTS

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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.

Twinkie Designs is pleased to announce that we have a website to make ordering faster and easier than ever: <https://twinkiedesigns.ecwid.com/>. I can be reached also at sguidry2@yahoo.com or 832-978-8355. Our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/TwinkieDesigns>



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To submit an article for consideration please email it to townelake@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.

Shop 'Til You Drop

Mark your calendars and join us for a fabulous day of shopping! The 2018 Shop 'til You Drop Marketplace will be held on September 8th, 2018 at the Berry Center. The 2018 Shop 'til You Drop Marketplace is a FREE event with FREE parking. Shop in the A/C, join us for lunch upstairs at our new Tea Room, and Shop 'til You Drop! This extravaganza kicks off the holiday shopping season. Over 350 vendors are stocked and ready to display their wares.

The Cy-Fair Women's Club is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Shop 'til You Drop is our main fundraiser and all proceeds from the show fund our 2019 philanthropy, including our scholarship fund.

We truly appreciate the outpouring of support year after year from our local community and our business partners and sponsors.

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A RESTAURANT'S PLEA TO THE COMMUNITY TO HELP SAVE "THE CHEESE BAR"

by: Metta Archilla



Without the help of the Cypress community, The Cheese Bar, currently located in The Boardwalk at Towne Lake, could become a thread in memory without the backing of the very community they opened to support.

As Melissa and Troy Boyce revealed their fears of losing everything, I recognized them as true modern-day entrepreneurial risk takers and felt compelled to share their story.

"When you have spent most of your waking hours and have poured personal finances into a dream that feels to be slipping through your hands, it's scary," whispered Melissa. "As of this month, the hard reality facing us has become glaringly apparent. Struggling from lack of cash flow, wrestling with the day to day demands of running the business and dealing with and the worry of being behind on bills are taking its toll."

Troy commented, "We have a great reputation, quality food, an award-winning Mac-n-Cheese and loyal following, but what most people don't realize is that despite these measurements of "success," it is excruciatingly difficult to manage costs without sufficient cash flow.

"The upside," Troy added, "is we are blessed with loyal employees who have stood by our side through thick and thin and embraced the very meaning of family. But the fact is, even though it's a hidden gem in plain sight, the complex is new, and people still don't know about The Boardwalk area. With customers so few and far between during the week, we can't even afford to pay ourselves a salary.

Melissa added, "We need people to come to visit us! I can't encourage people enough to support the little guys."

Melissa and Troy spoke about their once spirited ambition of opening a unique Mom and Pop shop here in Cypress. They realized their dream and with it came long hours, most days from sun up to sunset. "It's something you have to love doing, and we love it," Melissa explained.

"Troy and I live in the heart of Fairfield, so we know the Cypress area, and feel that there are residents who really crave something besides the usual chains. Realizing that Cypress is still a suburb,

our concept is deliberately casual and kid-friendly, but offers a great date-night or experience for the "grown-ups" without having to get dressed up."

Fairfield has a strong sense of supporting its community, so being a tiny Mom and Pop shop appealed to them. I hope that folks will rally behind The Cheese Bar and give Melissa and Troy a chance to turn things around.

The success of the Cheese Bar is much more than personal, it benefits the communities of Cypress, Fairfield and the surrounding areas, in other ways. For their contribution during Hurricane Harvey, the Cy-Fair Fire Department awarded them with a Certificate of Appreciation for helping to raise funds that provided them with generators to keep their rescue operations up and running. They took meals to the Berry Center and provided food for the nearby neighborhoods that had flooded.

Aside from helping with Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts, Melissa and Troy are promoting a "Pay it Forward" program to feed the hungry locally in Cypress.

"Cypress has a growing population of homeless and displaced families, children, teens, and elderly. Not everyone is out on the street, but many are no longer welcome, or able, to stay at or in a home. After having seen similar "Pay it Forward" programs on Facebook, we decided to do something comparable. Customers can now "buy" a meal for \$7, and it will be used to feed someone less fortunate."

"We aren't just a restaurant! Although we are known for our food, we also sell cheeses and meats by the pound and cheese trays as well. Some unusual items can only be found in our shop.

"I encourage people to come to grab some cheeses, meats, nuts and a bottle of wine, and take it home for a quick dinner. We also have a small catering menu (our famous MAC is on it!)" Troy offered.

Melissa and Troy are working on a few weekday specials and keep their Facebook and Web Page up to date with offerings such as Mimosa Monday (all day happy hour), Wine Wednesday (all night happy hour on Wines and Cheese Boards) and Pint Night Thursday.

"We are planning on offering future cheese classes, and now that our space is larger, we can host small parties like showers, birthdays, etc."

On a high note, she wants you to know they are more than just a comfy-casual place to get great food and relax with friends and family. They are also a unique combination of a European-style cheese shop and an intimate American bistro.

I encourage you to share this story and support this hard-working family and The Cheese Bar.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

VBS at Second!

Last month, Second Baptist Church hosted an amazing Vacation Bible School program for the entire community! Over 2,300 children and leaders participated in this exciting event at the Cypress Campus, located right here in Fairfield. Each year, Second Baptist produces their own VBS music, curriculum, and production for thousands of children to enjoy across the Greater-Houston area. This year's original show was titled, "The Legend of Longbeard." Children in attendance learned that God is our true treasure through studying the life of David.

Additionally, children were encouraged to "share their treasure" by contributing to a special love offering through Second's Loving Kids Ministry. The children in attendance donated over \$5,000 that week, and 100% of those donations were used to purchase backpacks and school supplies for children in need in the Acres Homes area.

Gary Thomas Marriage Conference – September 28-29

As many witnessed at VBS, Second Baptist is committed to ministering to families in our Fairfield community! With that in mind, Second Baptist would like to invite adults to come participate in the "Cherish Marriage Conference," presented by bestselling

author and speaker, Gary Thomas. This marriage conference on September 28th-29th will provide great teaching, food, music, and fun for all in attendance! Participants will gain practical wisdom on how they can learn to cherish their spouse for a long-lasting and healthy marriage. The cost is only \$20 a person. A copy of Gary's book is included, along with food and free childcare for children 5 and under. Find more information and register online at www.second.org/cypress.





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VFW AUXILIARY

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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.

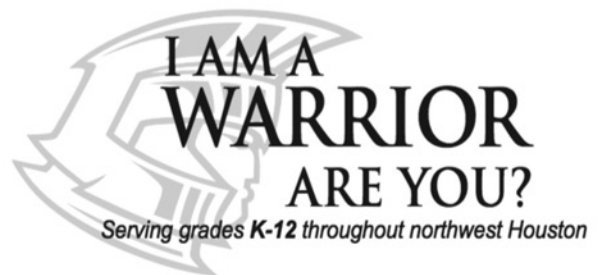
Today, Buddy Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals who are provided compensation for assembling the poppies. The initiative also offers financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the 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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4:00 pm – 5:00 pm VIP Early Admission

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm General Admission

The 2018 A Taste of Cy-Fair has a lot to offer...

- 30+ participating restaurant serving delicious bite size cuisine
- More than 30 different wine varietals with unlimited tastings
- Beer card worth 12 tastings with more than a dozen craft beers and breweries to choose from
- Music and entertainment for the whole family
- Market vendors and a silent auction
- Adult admissions receive A Taste of Cy-Fair tasting memorabilia glass (while supplies last)

General Admissions

Purchase Price BEFORE 9/15/18: \$35 Adults, \$15 Children (under 12 years old)

Purchase Price AFTER 9/15/18: \$40 Adults, \$20 Children (under 12 years old)

VIP Admissions

Purchase Price BEFORE 9/15/18: \$75 Adults

Purchase Price AFTER 9/15/18: \$80 Adults

All proceeds from the event will go to Cy-Hope to help our Cy-Fair friends and neighbors in need.

For tickets, food and drink options, and additional event details, please visit <https://atasteofcyfair.com>



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Aug. 20-24	Professional Days
Aug. 27	First Day of School
Sept. 3	Student/Staff Holiday
Oct. 8	Professional Day/ES Parent Conferences
Nov. 19-23	Student/Staff Holiday
Dec. 24-28, 31	Student/Staff Holiday
Jan. 1-3	Student/Staff Holiday
Jan. 4	Professional Day
Jan. 21	Student/Staff Holiday
Feb. 18	Professional Day/Inclement Weather Day
March 11-15	Student/Staff Holiday
April 19	Student/Staff Holiday
May 27	Student/Staff Holiday
May 30	Last Day of School
May 31	Professional Day/Inclement Weather Day

GRADING PERIODS

Elementary

Aug. 27 – Oct. 26
Oct. 29 – Jan. 18
Jan. 22 – March 29
April 1 – May 30

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Aug. 27 – Oct. 19
Oct. 22 – Dec. 21
Jan. 7 – March 8
March 18 – May 30

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