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Editor's Comments



I've noticed something special happens when you live in a community as friendly, generous and helpful as ours. You get to meet the most exciting and surprising people. And if you look closely, you will witness the rise of a few modern-day champions willing to sidestep the standard rules and stand up for what is right. Yes, there is something to be said for people willing to come to the

aid and assistance of others even if the outcomes are uncertain. Fairfield has heroes and heroines on every block. This month you will read about Mike and Pam Schoeder who spend their lives shepherding people through the complicated maze of home buying. Too top it off, they even dedicate a portion of their earnings to Texas Children's Hospital, their valued charity. Bill and Beth Wilson are the seniors that we spotlighted in October; they've played a significant role for many years volunteering at the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Association. Since 2004, they've taken the CCA's mission seriously as "Keepers of the Spirit and Guardians of Tradition" to help preserve and execute our A&M Cadets' time-honored traditions. In our story about mother and daughter Jessica and Elizabeth Townsend, you once again get a glimpse into strength, endurance and the will to seek the high ground. Christine Lewis explains her goal of creating a calendar highlighting breast cancer survivors. And finally, Archibald Franklin shares the Good Shepherd UMC Chancel Choir's experience singing at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

We have news from the Fairfield Women's Club, as well as our local schools and churches. Please be on the lookout and let us know when you happen upon ordinary people doing extraordinary and interesting things in our community. We would also like for you to tell us how we are doing. Your opinion matters. Please e-mail me at jackiedevine@peelinc.com with your questions, comments, and concerns.

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Around Fairfield

RE/MAX has new digs by Jackie Devine

It takes a team of players including staging designers, appraisers, home inspectors, property managers, contractors, bankers, mortgage loan officers, and government agencies to move the ball down the field, but it requires disciplined real estate agents and brokers to pass the 10-yard line and score a touchdown.

Always on the hunt for a story, I wondered, why those seasoned pros, the RE/MAX team, decided to the change locations on the playing field.

When I stepped in the doorway of their new digs, I had my answer: location, location, location!



Opening the interview, I asked Mike, "Why real estate, and why in Fairfield?"

He explained, "I majored in Ag Economics at Texas A & M and took quite a few real estate courses as well. After I graduated, although I enjoyed what I was doing in wholesale foods, I felt a different calling for my career. So, I took a shot at real estate back in

1991 and realized it was a perfect fit for me.

"It called forth my problem-solving skills, satisfied my desire to work with a team, and addressed my fascination with industry trends and real estate topics." Mike continued, "I thoroughly enjoyed interacting and mingling with people while helping them find the perfect home.

"Then as now, when buyers lay out their criteria, the three biggest things I sell them on in Fairfield are the family atmosphere, the smalltown feeling, and the schools. No other neighborhood compares. I've sold a lot of houses to scores of people, and I've shown them a variety of areas. But, it seems the majority of them migrate back to Fairfield. They tell me the character of Fairfield is different than the Woodlands or other communities.

"Whether a client is working with our team or me, they consistently experience agents that are self-motivated, friendly entrepreneurs. They are tenacious, hard working and able to hustle. Our staff has a genuine interest in houses, architecture, and design, which is important to our customers."

Ironically, Mike's comments were also the perfect description of Pam, his wife, partner, and RE/MAX office manager. Pam obtained her real estate license in 2011, and handles day-to-day operations, sells, and provides staging and decorating services for clients.

Pam is an entrepreneur in her own right. At the age of 19, she purchased a furniture store in Beaumont Texas. After operating it for 10 years, she relocated to Houston and began climbing the corporate ladder working with such recognized names as Fingers, Star Furniture, Levitz and The Room Store.

A few years ago, she laughed, "I recognized Mike was having a lot more fun than I was. So I decided to make a career change and





joined the RE/MAX team."

"After operating out of our former location for twenty-five years," Mike explained, "Our office became too small. We were recruiting new agents and lacked the space for expansion.

Then, Bob Elberger with Concorde Realty Development contacted us about the site at the N.E. corner of Mason and Cypresswood. We knew we wanted to stay in Fairfield and recognized it was a perfect location, so it was a natural fit for us.

"As we planned the build-out and design of the office," Pam explained, "we wanted it to be inviting, light, bright, and open. Focusing on agent development and training, we knew we needed a large conference room that could easily accommodate 15 to 20 people. Plus, we wanted additional office space and a "Bull Pen" with Wi-Fi where agents could hook up their computers.

The Schroeders are heavily involved in supporting the community of Fairfield and their favored charities. For every home they sell, they make a donation to Texas Children's Hospital.

In September REMAX sponsored an ice cream give-away to thank everyone in Fairfield for their twenty-five years of success and to celebrate back to school.

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"We are hosting an Open House Grand Opening on Friday, October 12th." he continued, "We will have a DJ, mobile food truck, beer, wine, and cocktails. We want to thank the many people of Fairfield over the last 25 years who have entrusted our brokerage with the biggest financial decision of their lives...the



purchase of their home. We also want to salute all of our amazing agents for their hard work and dedication, for making our business possible, and for making our dreams come true."

December 1st, they will kick off their 12th Annual Toys For Tots drive. Their annual Pictures With Santa event will be held at the office from 10:00 to 3:00. Santa will arrive on the Fire Truck about 10:00 am, weather permitting. They will also have a silent auction where all the proceeds go to Texas Children's hospital.

Mike said, "I can't emphasize enough that I don't work for a living; I love what I do. I enjoy helping people whether it's helping people buy or sell homes or developing agents to become peak producers."

They want the community to know that they are looking forward to developing new agents and would enjoy showing them what the big red, white, and the blue balloon is all about. They also have additional office space for lease to seasoned agents or newbies who want to get in the business.

They have a room for community events, business meetings or clubs, and invite Fairfield residents to call if they are looking for a space to meet.

Pam and Mike have three grandchildren 18, 8, and 7. Their son Ricky and his wife Audrey live in Lakewood Forrest and operate an evaluation service and appraisal firm.

In closing, Mike said, "Amateurs practice until they get it right. Our professionals practice so they don't get it wrong. At RE/MAX, we strap on our helmets and shoulder pads every day to help our agents, clients, and residents score a touchdown in the perilous, yet rewarding, home-buying game of life."



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Senior and Volunteer Spotlight by Jackie Devine and Jill Bright



Recently, our Fairfield seniors visited the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Bill and Beth Wilson accompanied me out to the lovely Barbara Bush memorial and gardens. On the way, Bill told me of the time he spends at A&M because of his involvement with the Corps of Cadets.

As a Missourian, I knew little Corps history and asked Bill to grant me an interview.

He agreed but said the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association had just published an article on Beth and him---of which I requested and received in short order. It was a perfect accounting of my friends and their dedication to the things they hold dear. Jill Bright, the author of the article, graciously granted me permission to reprint it. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: BILL & BETH WILSON BY JILL BRIGHT



When William "Bill" and Beth Wilson took their son, Jonathan '08, to Freshman Orientation Week (FOW) in 2004, little did they know that the Corps of Cadets would not only change his life but theirs too. Jonathan is a first-generation Aggie and, much to the Wilson's delight, chose to join the Corps.

As a senior in high school, Jonathan spent the night with Squadron (SQ) 2, and thought he would be a Gator. At FOW, however, he was assigned to SQ 3, and he became a Thunderbird, although he remained friends with the Gators. Taking an active role in Jonathan's Corps experience, the Wilsons came to College Station for all of the march ins, reviews, and outfit BBQs. They met other SQ 3 parents and quickly developed a friendship with Henry '66 and Linda Goodwin, whose son, Michael '03, was in SQ3.

The Wilsons started helping at the outfit BBQs and attending the Goodwin's tailgate. The Wilsons met Don Crawford, Executive Director of the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association (CCA), at the CCA trailer, which began the foundation for a relationship that still goes strong to this day. As CCA members, Crawford asked them to volunteer at Rally to the Guidons in 2009. "I remember being surrounded by Ol' Ags waiting to get their shirts," recalls Bill. "There was so much excitement in the room and we just loved it!

We were hooked." Since that time, the Wilsons have rarely missed the opportunity to volunteer at CCA and Corps events.

In 2015, the Wilsons chose to move to Cypress—exactly 67 miles from the A&M Koldus garage—in order to be closer to College Station. "We really wanted to be close enough that we could reach College Station easily and not need to spend the night," says Bill.

Although Jonathan graduated in 2009 (with a bachelor's and a master's degree), the Wilsons never stopped attending SQ 3 BBQs. They would purposely seek out those Cadets whose parents lived out of state and most likely could not visit often and try to make them feel special and part of a "family away from their family." They have "adopted" Cadets and are known to some as "my Aggie Parents."



Bill is blessed with the love of photography and has taken photos of Cadets for the last 14 years. Each time he returns to Aggieland, his backpack is loaded with photos in separate Ziploc bags with different years and outfits on them to hand out accordingly. He also faithfully shares his photos with the CCA to be passed on to other parents through the CCA's Flickr* account.

As one could imagine, the Wilsons are in high demand because of their devotion and loyalty to volunteering. When people ask them to volunteer, Bill says, "We would love too, but let me check our calendar." He checks his calendar to make sure there is not a CCA or Corps event that conflicts. "The CCA and the Corps are our number one priority," says Bill. "We will not miss a CCA event!" In the past ten years, Bill can recall only missing a few, and only recently because of the birth of their grandson, Wesley.

When the Wilsons are not volunteering for the CCA or the Corps, they are active in the Harris County Republican Party and spend as much time with their grandson as possible. A recent photo received of Wesley from Bill included a note that says: "Sending you a photo of why we need to stay in good health. Eighteen years from now, I want to be at FOW when our grandson checks into the Corps." What a legacy to carry on with proud grandparents right there to cheer him on from the sidelines.

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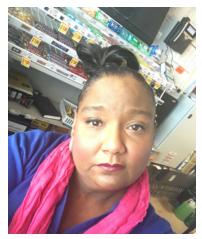
The Wilsons are not only Aggie parents, but also Aggies for life. After the first visit to A&M they fell in love with the University, the Corps of Cadets, and with the CCA. "We volunteer because the CCA strongly supports the Corps," says Bill. "The Corps makes leaders and the Cadets are some of the finest young people we have ever known." The Wilsons have played a large role volunteering at the CCA for many years. The CCA could not do it without Bill and Beth and we are honored to have them not only as wonderful volunteers, but also as members since 2004! Thank you Bill and Beth for all you do for the CCA!

The Corps is known as the "Keepers of the Spirit and Guardians of Tradition" because the cadets are charged with preservation and execution of time-honored traditions. Whether it's the Ross Volunteer Company conducting a three-volley salute at Silver Taps or Aggie Muster, Parsons Mounted Cavalry firing the Spirit of '02 cannon every time the Aggie football team scores, or caring for Reveille, Texas A&M's official mascot, the Corps of Cadets ensures Texas A&M traditions live on, just as they have for over 140 years.

If you are interested in finding more out about the Corps of Cadets Association, please checkout their website:

www.corpsofcadets.org

Brave Women During Trying Times by Jackie Devine



For those of you that know me as the proverbial journalist, you know that I'm always on the lookout for a story. So, it won't surprise you that couple of weeks ago while shopping, I found one. At every turn, I kept hearing the lady on the next aisle say, "Do you need these? I can't believe I'm sending my baby to school. How about this? Oh, I can't believe my baby is going off to college.

Arriving at the checkout simultaneously, I had to ask, 'Who is your baby, and which university is she attending?'



Jessica McKnight Townsend proudly introduced me to Elizabeth. I discovered they live in Fairfield and Liz was headed to Prairie View A&M. Immediately, I asked Mom for an interview.

When her mom and I met, I found that Elizabeth had a fascinating story, but Mom's trumped Elizabeth's. So, I've elected to tell you Jessica's story

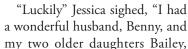
first and then share Elizabeth's success as well.

Imagine this, you've got the world by the tail. You're working at your dream job as a drug rehab counselor for children at the Kansas City Family Health Care Clinic, your husband's work is going well, and your children are thriving. You head home from a satisfying day's work and get caught in the violent crossfire of two prominent Kansas City gangs in broad daylight. In a split second, you've been shot a total of twelve times, and your life is shattered.

That is what happened to your Fairfield neighbor Jessica, mother of

seven and grandmother of six, in 2010. Her story is one of stamina and success one step at a time.

Her two-year road back to recovery was long and arduous. In addition to physically battling wounds and she had to relearn to walk. Plus, she had to deal with the psychological aftermath of shock, numbness, fear, and anger. Trouble sleeping, concentrating, or remembering even simple tasks made the healing process more difficult.





18, and Belle, 17, became my champions. They overcome obstacles and made incredible sacrifices (Bailey was planning to attend TSU but in the end opted to help out at home) for their siblings, twins Benjamin and Elizabeth 10, Gabrielle, Juliana & Caroline. It was their constant care, support, and encouragement that helped me heal physically, mentally, and emotionally."

With gang violence on the rise, and the children's safety and education in the balance, the Townsends decided to move to Houston to be close to family. In 2012 they relocated to Fairfield. Jessica says, "That was the best decision we could have made, the children were enjoying school and doing well."

She continued, "Everything was looking up. I was preparing to start a new job in medical billing. Then I was hospitalized with pneumonia and discovered I had kidney failure. That led to immediate dialysis and another three-week stay in the hospital.

"Our family was once again thrown into a tailspin. It took allhands-on-deck to nurse me back to health and stabilize my condition. In the process, Benny lost his job as the maintenance director at Grace Care Center because he missed so much work transporting me to surgeries and dialysis. Then, our car was repossessed."

In June, her mother woke complaining of a stomach ache, fell unconscious and was rushed to the hospital. She never stabilized

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enough to undergo surgery and passed away leaving no life insurance for her funeral services.

Life was still in a downward spiral. On the heels of her mother's death, Jessica learned she had been denied a kidney due to the lack of insurance. "However," Jessica continued, "the bright spot is, all the children have continued to flourish."

Now onto my story of Elizabeth. It would be an understatement to say she is an impressive young lady who possesses rugged determination and dogged optimism. For her young life, she has had to face more adversity than most of her peers juggling academics, social pressures, and extracurricular demands while contending with the sickness of her mother and the loss of her dear beloved grandmother.

Through it all our impressive honors graduate managed to earn the respect of her counselors, teachers, and administrators, by maintaining her day-to-day life as a student, participating as a member of yearbook, the Step Team, and choir, and holding down a job at Kroger.

Even with all that support and success, Elizabeth almost decided not to enter the university this fall. Money was short, and Liz felt obligated to go to work and support the family until Mom could get her kidney. Jessica refused to listen to such nonsense. Elizabeth was going to college. They talked to the registrar and were granted an extension.

Today, Elizabeth is thriving at Prairie View. She attends classes throughout the week. And, on weekends heads back to Fairfield where she clocks in at Kroger every Saturday and Sunday.

Still, out of work, Benny offers his services as a handyman. According to Jessica, "He is competent, honest, and very talented. He can do anything, painting, drywall, interior work, appliances, even mechanic work."

Jessica arrives at the dialysis center at 5:00 am and remains on the machines until 9:30 am. After she is stabilized, she goes directly to work arriving there at around 10:00 three days a week.

"My prayer" sighs Jessica, "is that our family can be kept afloat long enough until something good happens."

Jessica is hoping for a donor. She is on the recipient/donor list, but if her name comes up without insurance, they will not take her. Jessica and Benny want you to have his phone number in case you have handy-man jobs and don't know who to call: 346-264-7716.



Breast Cancer Survivors Give Confidence to Others by Jackie Devine



Whether a friend or family member is newly diagnosed or in the midst of cancer treatment, she has a lot on her mind and plenty to think about. Giving her another tuna casserole might be helpful, but gifting her a Pink Warrior Calendar might give her hope. And, in the final analysis, faith in the future is a priceless commodity,"

claims Christine Lewis. "Hopefulness can make a big difference in the outcome of her treatment. Without it, she doesn't have much to look forward to during her journey through breast cancer."

"My vision," says Christine, "is to help restore confidence in breast cancer survivors while providing hope for the newly diagnosed by creating a calendar of women that have survived breast cancer. Targeted to the general market, my objective is to create a refined, tasteful, and creative work of art—not just another fundraising calendar but something that fosters the expectancy of healing.

"In the future, after we have launched the calendar, I am considering publishing a 'lookbook' for reconstructive surgeons. Another of my plans includes establishing a modeling agency that is similar to typical agencies but offers the services of cancer patient models to support the expanding marketing needs of the related medical industry and suppliers of products and services," she explained.

According to Christine, this year, she is concentrating solely on the calendar. Currently, her primary focus is to obtain funding for the photo shoot and completing the calendar. Other product lines are at least 12 months away.

The Pink Warriors are planning to have signing events which will be published at https://www.pinkwarriorcalendargirls.com/save-the-date. Those interested will be able to purchase calendars (which can be pre-ordered; advance orders receive a \$5.00 discount). Schedules will also be available on the site. "If readers want to order a calendar and have it delivered by mail, they can order online. Or," Christine added, "if they would like the shipping fee waived, we will post events where they can order a local calendar and have a meet and greet."

Anyone interested in donating items to an upcoming silent auction can contact Christine to arrange to pick up donations. For those interested in sponsoring an event, please submit a proposal of what you have in mind. We will get back to you promptly to arrange something. Likewise, if you are interested in hosting a calendar signing, meet and greet, or other public relations event, feel free to contact us. All of these inquiries can be sent to calendargirls@att.net.

"Lastly," concluded Christine, "if local women who are newly diagnosed would like to join a group of women to help comfort and guide them through their treatment I can also direct them to a wonderful group of pink sisters. We meet for lunch once a month, but some of us can also reach out more often."

Fairfield Choir Sings at the Vatican



Since 1626 the finest choirs in the world have sung masses at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. In 2018 Fairfield's own, Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Chancel Choir joined the list that includes Coro della Cappella Musicale Pontificia (The Pope's Choir), the Vienna Boys Choir, the choir of Notre Dame Cathedral Paris, Choir of Men and Boys from St. Thomas on 5th Avenue in New York, etc. Each year leading conductors from around the globe are invited by the Vatican to lead choral masses at the high altar when the St. Peter's Choir is on summer sabbatical. This year, Dr. Sterling Allen, Director of Music and Worship Arts at Good Shepherd received this prestigious invitation from the Cardinal who oversees all liturgical services at St. Peter's Basilica and in the Sistine Chapel.

Dr. Allen led the choir on tour to Venice, Florence, Assisi, Sienna, Pisa, and Rome. They embraced Italian culture, enjoyed the beauty of the country, and explored the ancient sites. The tour culminated with the beautiful evensong mass at the High Altar of St. Peter's Basilica. During the mass the choir sang favorite settings of Mack Wilberg's Amazing Grace featuring choir, organ, and flute; Mark Hayes' Fairest, Lord Jesus; Go to the World (the song Good Shepherd uses weekly as their benediction song); and Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus.

The Chancel Choir of Good Shepherd is not new to traveling and singing in prestigious venues. In 2016 the choir sang while on a concert tour of Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and England. In 2017 the choir sang two concerts at the invitation of President Donald Trump at the White House during it's Christmas celebrations. In 2020 the choir is looking forward to outreach concerts in Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Oberammergau, and Munich. Each of these concert/outreach tours includes not only singers and instrumentalists, but also friends and family. If you're interested in joining the next tour to the Czech Republic, Austria, and Germany email Dr. Allen at sterlinga@goodchurch.us. To hear this incredible choir locally you can attend worship at Good Shepherd every Sunday at 9:15 AM and on December 9th for their annual Christmas at Good Shepherd concert.



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THE TRIP PLANS FOR OCTOBER:

Monday, October 8th, Spoetzl Brewery Tour.

THE TRIP PLANS FOR NOVEMBER:

Tuesday, November 6th, Tour of Texas City.

THE TRIP PLANS FOR DECEMBER:

Tuesday, December 4th, Moody Gardens Iceland Trip.

NOTICE: All these trips are full.

For more details about these trips go to: http://www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com then click on: "For Trip Information" at the top of our homepage, then sign up for these exciting trips.

Reminder Notice:

Harris County Precinct 3 Transportation Department requires the following information for every trip. Your name will already be on the form. You will need to add your phone number, address, email address and the name and phone number for your emergency contact for the day of the trip.

DEBBIE'S THEATER TRIPS:

There will be no October theater trip. For more information, click on Debbie's link in our weekly email.

OCTOBER FAIRFIELD 50 PLUS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, October 11th, our monthly Pot Luck at the Lakeside Club House. We start the pot luck at 6:30 pm. However, the doors open at 6:00 pm for socializing before the pot luck begins. There is always a nice variety of food and desserts. Then many stay after for games and more desserts.

Tuesday, October 16th, our monthly Game Night at the Cooks' House. It starts around 6:30 pm. Just bring a little snack. This is always a fun evening of dominoes with great fellowship. The directions are located on the Activity page on our website and will also be in our September 16th weekly e-newsletter.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER:

The first **Friday**, **October 5th**, and the third **Friday**, **October 19th**, we meet and have breakfast at Denny's restaurant, the one located near Home Depot, for another opportunity to socialize and enjoy a delicious breakfast. We start ordering around 9 am. Again try to get there a little earlier for socializing.

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Then on the second **Friday, October 12th**, and the fourth **Friday, October 26th**, we have game afternoons at the Lakeside clubhouse from 1pm to 4pm. We play dominoes and the card game hand and foot. There are not any snacks or drinks at these afternoons game sessions, so if you like to drink or snack on something; you will need to bring your own.

Visit our ACTIVITY page on our web site for more details on our activities and check to see if any changes have been made:

http://www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com

OUR FAIRFIELD FIFTY PLUS WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:

Is an update on what appears here in the Gazette. It is emailed each week to our members and others who have requested it. It provides updated information and any changes from what appears here in the Gazette, plus the complete information on all our activities. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, send your email address, to:

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VFW Cook-Off

Thirty-three of the hottest cooks in Texas circled their wagons and were fired up and ready to strut their stuff on Friday and Saturday, September 17th and 18th during the VFW Post 8905's Auxiliary Annual BB Cook-Off at 21902 NW Freeway in Cypress.

Competitors came prepared to prove their skills smoking brisket, chicken, ribs and Bloody Mary & Beans.

The Auxiliary made \$ 9,646.00 from the proceeds of the cook-off, auction and silent auction.

Steak Night is October 5th at 6:30. Come out, support the VFW and our troops. Meet the guys and gals that made our freedom possible.









Fairfield Women's Club Fall Fundraising Garage Sale

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October will be a busy month with our Garage Sale on October 6th, our Lunch Bunch on October 11th, and our General Meeting on October 16th at Bradford Creek Club House. Garage Sale on Oct. 6th from 7am-2pm.

Lunch Bunch will meet on **Oct. 11th**, at 11:30, so be sure to check out on our website, fairfieldwomensclub.org, for the location.

Our **General Meeting** will be on **October 16th** at Bradford Creek Clubhouse. In coordination with our Pecan Sale going on this fall, our theme will be "Nuts About You." We are asking members to bring their favorite nutty treat to share with each other. Hope to see you at our meeting!



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October Yard of the Month

Sponsored by the Fairfield Women's Club, Submitted by Deborah Worley

Temperatures have remained high in our region which has been challenging in keeping our landscapes lush and green. To all of you that have worked so hard to keep your landscapes alive and flourishing, thank you for all of your hard work.

This month we are featuring half of Fairfield Central located, South of Fairfield Green Blvd., West of Mason, North of Cypresswood Drive and East of Fairfield Park Dr. Within that area is Lake Ridge, Chappell Ridge Village and Garden Grove Village. We also included the area of Summer Crossing.

Congratulations go to our winner, Chad and Anna Hausman; they reside at 15506 Twisting Springs Dr. in the Chappell Ridge Village area.

Many of the yards in this Fairfield Central area have several mature trees that canopy their front yards so they have little sunlight getting through. Because of this, many of the properties were limited to manicured trees and shrubs.

What drew us to Anna and Chad's home was the fact that they only had two of the large Pine longleaf (Pinus palustois) and they were trimmed all the way up to the second story allowing light to filter in for flowers. They have two Crapemyrtles flanking the front corners of the house. The dark rock bordering their trees and flower beds was rich in color matching the brick on the house. This made the flowering plants just jump out.

Starting at the walkway up to their door are Mexican Petunia's bordered and well contained in the dark stacked rock. They also planted Azaleas, Hibiscus and Red Wax Begonia's along with smatterings of other rich flowering plants.

Your yard was well planned and maintained, Chad and Anna Hausman. Congratulations on our October Yard of the Month! October Honorable Yards Summer Crossing 22118 Fairfield Green Dr.

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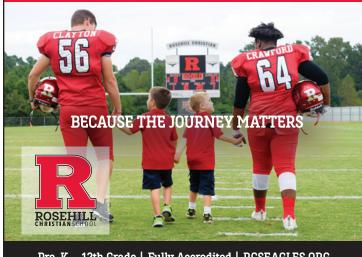
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GYM CLUB FOR KIDS

We are NOW REGISTERING for our Fall GYM CLUB. Get your friends and come join us on starting your healthy journey! Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays 4 PM to 5 PM for juniors ages 11-14. For more information, please call the FAC at 281.373.0834.

NEW THIS FALL! 6TH GRADE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The 2018-2019 School Year will now be offering after school care to 6th graders. The program includes 2 days of GYM CLUB and our very own on staff tutor plus the regularly scheduled activities each day.

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Big Fish: The story shifts between two timelines. In the

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News from Keith Elementary Submitted by Patricia Zepeda

Keith welcomed two new 3rd grade teachers, Ms. Katie Cooper, and Ms. Brittany Johnson and a new 2nd-grade teacher, Ms. Ashlyn Walker this year. We are excited to have them at our school and look forward to the great things they will accomplish with our students.

Please mark your calendar, October 8th is a student holiday and is also our annual Parent/Teacher Conference Day. We hope to see you there.

Also, one of our biggest and most significant events of the year is our Sock Hop, Friday, Oct. 26. Come early and bring your family, friends, and neighbors.



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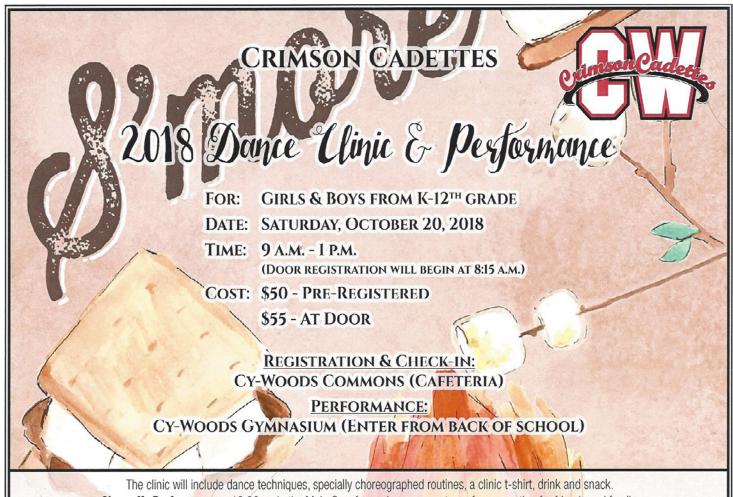
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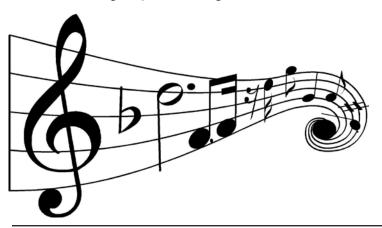
Salyards Making Music in Fairfield Submitted by Joseph Glass

The Salyards Band program is off to a great start this school year! With over 330 students in the program, we have been overwhelmed with the great support of our band families and the true ambition from all of our students to become wonderful musicians!

Our beginner classes are learning about the parts of their instruments, and we hope to start making our first sounds soon! It is incredible to see how quickly they will go from barely knowing how to put the instruments together to playing songs!

Our performing groups have been working hard at refreshing their fundamental skills. On September 21st, all 8th grade band students are invited to the Bridgeland High School football game at the Berry Center. Our 8th graders will sit in the stands with the Bridgeland Band to get a small taste of what it will be like in band in high school! Our middle school students will be able to play along with the high school students while cheering on the Bridgeland Bears football team. All students involved in our performing groups will also have an opportunity to play for a few Salyards sporting events including a football game and volleyball game. We are looking forward to supporting and cheering on our Salyards Athletes at these events! Come support our Bengals on and off the field!!

Individual competition season is on the way with Region Band auditions coming up in November. Students in our performing groups will have an opportunity to work on two etudes and their scales in preparation for these audition against other band students from CFISD, Spring Branch ISD, Waller ISD and Brenham ISD. This is an anonymous audition where judges for each instrument will rank the students, and the students who rank in the top of their room will be selected to perform in a large Region Band concert conducted by special guest directors. Salyards is proud to always have a great turnout at this competition, and we wish our students the best of luck in this individual competition. We look forward to a great year! Go Bengal Band!



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Harris County Water Control & Improvement District No. 155

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Fairfield Church Of Christ

During their 6th Annual "Family Vacation Bible School," Fairfield Church of Christ had a fantastic summer of Bible lessons every Sunday morning at 10:30 am, concentrating on the "Fruit of the Spirit" from Galatians 5:22. Many fabulous prizes were given out to those who could be the first person with the correct answer to questions relating to the topic of that day. They concluded their Family VBS with a great fellowship meal catered by Rudy's BBQ.

Now with Fall upon us, the church is offering two Bible Class times for all ages. On Sundays at 9:30 am, the Adult Class will be studying books I, II, & III of John and on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, they will be studying the book of Job. The 10:30 am Sunday sermon series, "Salt & Light," presented by Dr. Mike Lehew, will focus on Jesus' teachings on how to become powerful forces of His goodness to all. Everyone is welcome to attend!

All through the year Fairfield Church of Christ collects nonperishable food items for the Waller Assistance & Restoration Ministry (W.A.R.M.). If you would like to help with this, please bring these items any Sunday-Thursday mornings to the church building (20402 Chappell Knoll Drive) and put them in the HEB grocery basket located in the foyer. Some of the church members

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will take these items to W.A.R.M. every month.

The church will soon be gearing up for the holidays by praying for those who are in need and helping them with food, gifts and household essentials. If you would like to know more about the upcoming events or just want to know more about Fairfield Church of Christ, contact the church office 281-373-1900 or www.fairfieldchurch.org.



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.



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Good Shepherd Classic Adults October 5th A Lunch & Learn Event By Joan Hagan

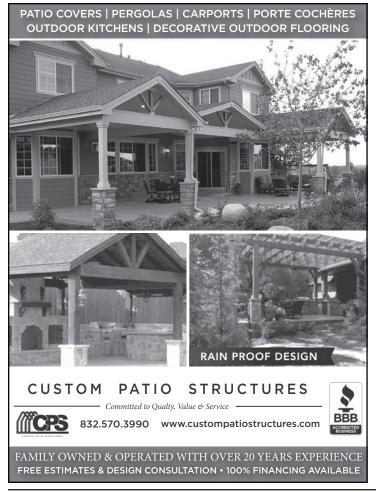
Get ready for some fun!!!! As the seasons change and the weather gets cooler, Good Shepherd UMC Classic Adults is planning a cool event of our own! In October we're moving our regular meeting date and place! On the first FRIDAY in October (October 5th!) we're going "on the road" for our very first Lunch & Learn event! We'll meet at 11:45 AM at Roadhouse 2920...located at 21835 FM 2920 in Hockley (between Waller and Tomball, just minutes from Fairfield).

The Roadhouse has great food and sits on a beautiful, historical site. The Township of New Kentucky was established here before 1831. It was a thriving town where goods were traded and weary travelers found rest for the night under the large oaks. It was here at the crossroads of New Kentucky, in 1836, where the path of independence was chosen which lead to the birth of the Nation of Texas!

We will enjoy fellowship and fun while dining. Plus, the

restaurant owner will join us to give us a more detailed history of this site and how the Roadhouse 2920 Grill came to be! After lunch, we will wander the property, marveling at the big oak trees, remembering the history, and enjoying this historical site so close to home!

Please be sure to register on the church website www. goodchurch.us under "Registrations". For more information and to see the menu, check out the restaurant's web site at www.2920roadhouse.com . Good Shepherd UMC Classic Adults welcomes any person 50+ to gather with us for Christian fellowship, entertainment, adventure, and light-hearted and inspirational programs! You do not have to be a member of Good Shepherd UMC to attend Classic Adults. For more information on Classic Adults go to the Good Shepherd website www.goodchurch.us and click on Adult Ministries or call the church at(281)373-2273.





Pet Blessing

Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church 13131 Fry Road (Just south of 290) Saturday October 6th 10 AM With Renewal of Vows of Adoption and Memorial for Pets that have passed.

Come join us and celebrate St. Francis Day as we recognize the profound connection humans and animals share. Bring your pets to be blessed (or pictures) and renew your vows of adoption with your pets. There is also a special time to remember pets that have passed away so feel free to bring pictures or keepsakes of the animals you miss.



Gary Thomas Marriage Conference September 28-29

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.

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Blue Meadow	5	\$99.22	21
Chappell Ridge	2	\$90.37	129
Estates	2	\$102.26	121
Garden Grove	12	\$100.26	49
Glen	1	\$98.23	13
Inwood Glen	8	\$101.05	45
Inwood Park	15	\$102.80	18
Lake Crest (Patio Homes)	1	\$122.27	21
Lakes	8	\$107.32	68
Lake Point	3	\$120.08	34
Crossing/Landing/Reserve	5	\$107.91	9
Meadows/Park/Retreat	3	\$96.41	22
Oaks/Trails	1	\$96.86	1
Silver Crest	1	\$133.78	107
Summer Crossing/Ridge	11	\$106.25	51
Summer Gate	1	\$137.87	1
Travis Point	8	\$108.60	79
Tuscan Estates	1	\$132.89	30