

A NEWSLETTER FOR TOWNE LAKE RESIDENTS

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GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EVENTS

The Advent and Christmas seasons will again be times of fun and inspiration at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

Sunday, December 9th, at 4 pm Good Shepherd will present "Christmas at Good Shepherd" featuring the Chancel Choir and Orchestra and Good Shepherd praise band in a full-scale musical celebration. Selections will range from traditional Christmas favorites to contemporary songs of the season. The event will include a beautiful candlelight sing along time.

Then, the Good Shepherd Hayride and Hot Dog Roast will take place Friday, December 14 at 6 pm. Bring your whole family for hot dogs and s'mores over open fires. Christmas movies, games, hayrides on beautifully decorated wagons through the surrounding neighborhoods, and the chance to visit with Santa are some of the exciting events planned for the evening.





On Christmas Eve, December 24, Good Shepherd will offer three worship services. Our family service begins at 2 pm and will feature the "Throw Down Christmas Pageant." Children are invited to help act out the Biblical Christmas story on stage in provided costumes. It is always a lively and moving portrayal of the arrival of the baby Jesus. Two traditional candlelight services will follow at 4 and 6 pm.

Admission is free for all events. We hope you will make these Christmas celebrations with Good Shepherd Church a part of your holiday traditions.





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The *Tribune* is mailed monthly to all Towne Lake residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

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

BRIDGELAND HS THEATRE PRESENTS 2 SHOWS IN DECEMBER

Twelve Angry Jurors

December 7, 8 and 10 at 7 PM
December 8 at 2 PM
Bridgeland HS Auditorium
10707 Mason Rd., Cypress 77433
Tickets available at bridgelandhstheatre.org
Students and Senior Citizens \$8 online/\$10 at the door

General Admission \$10 online/\$12 at the door

~AND~

A Christmas Carol

December 14 and 15 at 6PM
Bridgeland HS Black Box Theatre
10707 Mason Rd., Cypress 77433
Tickets available at bridgelandhstheatre.org
All tickets \$5



A TEEN THAT MAKES EVERY MINUTE COUNT

by Jackie Devine



The call came in on October 12, Andrew Nichols left a message telling me that Bradley Hooten told him to reach out to me about helping him promote his upcoming Eagle Scout toy drive in the Gazette. Bradley was the Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society (LLS) Student of the Year for 2018 that

we featured in January. In just 6 weeks, Bradley's Team Triumph raised a grand total of \$65,757!

Just pondering the possibility of covering another LLS Student candidate who was also an Eagle Scout put me in high gear. Catching up with Andrew was easy; syncing our calendars was not. It turned out that the Bridgeland High School sophomore is deeply ensconced in school activities, scouts, and runs two very successful companies—Andrew's Artisan Cakes and Andrew's Artisan Pens.

Three weeks out, the day finally arrived. Susan (Andrew's moth-er), Andrew, and their two beautifully groomed poodles, Autumn and Winter, met me at the door. Stepping across the threshold and into their warm, inviting home, I knew at once I was going to enjoy the interview. Little did I suspect, I would be gifted two sto-ries, each worth investing time and the necessary resources to produce major award-winning IMAX quality documentaries.

Jumping right in, I asked Andrew why he was chosen to become an LLS Student of the Year nominee.

"As a matter of fact," he said, as if it was commonplace for a 16-year-old to get high-end coverage from one of Houston's leading media outlets, "Channel 13 ran a story on Andrew's Artisan Cakes, and part of my interview was focused on Cakes for Can-cer. It seems someone working at LLS picked up on my interest in creating cakes for cancer patients and nominated me as a contender."

In September, he received an e-mail from LLS saying that he had been nominated and wanted to know if he was interested in participating.

"After they contacted me, I had a lot to consider before accepting the offer. Not only was I concerned about my school activities

and running my businesses, but I also wanted to become an Ea-gle Scout by May. All I had left to do was my project and one merit badge. I wanted to make sure I had the time to dedicate to my Eagle Scout project.

"So, the first thing we did was ask for a meeting to find out whether it was even a possibility. We met at Starbucks and talked about the Eagle Scouts and bounced around a few ideas. Then, I spoke to my Boy Scout Leader. We discussed running a toy drive for my Eagle Scout project for kids with Leukemia or cancer.

"After researching the idea, we found that teens were the most forgotten age along with personal experiences and activities. They needed books, movies, and games for their age. It seems they get a lot of donations for younger kids age four through 12, but the older ones seem to fall between the cracks.

"It only took us a short while to come up with a plan. After we called a family caucus and agreed on the plan, we expanded that to friends and potential multi-generational team members. In the end, we decided that we could mobilize a team to help me with my Eagle Scout merit badge project, Toys for Teens Fighting Cancer Toy Drive and on the heels of that, launch the 7-week LLS campaign to raise money and awareness to fight blood can-cers."

Next came the approval process. Andrew's idea had to be sanctioned at the troop level, committee level, and Sam Houston Council. The Andrew Nichol's Eagle Scout Project (Troop 533) was approved in October.

Susan explained, "On August 20, 2014, I was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Thanks to God and my support team, I am now in remission.

"When this came along our family's first thought was, we already had the platform and an extensive support system to hopefully do some real good with this campaign. Although Andrew is the highlight and the student, we can't neglect the fact that every-body he has on his team is not just people he knows but people who have cared for us. For example, I had groups of people who had to come around the clock to give me drugs that would take two and three hours to administer. They had to get trained and would come three times a day for 3-hour stints to administer medication. Those are the type of people that are on the team.

"So, together we made the decision to be part of an initiative that can potentially find a cure and contribute to creating a world without blood cancer---and we threw our hat in the ring."

November 11th and 12th posters and collection boxes were delivered. The collection began November 26th and will run through December 21st.

You can help Andrew in his Eagle Scout Project benefiting Teen
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cancer patients at Texas Children's Hospital by dropping off your new and unwrapped toys to a designated location:

From the Vine Ministries

HSE Medical and Associates

Jersey Mike's (Fairfield location)

Texas Children's Urgent Care (Fairfield)

Steeplechase Pediatrics (North Cypress location)

Steeplechase Pediatrics (Skinner location)

For an updated list of drop off locations please visit Team Nich-ols Facebook page @TeamNicholsLLS

Items Needed for Teen Cancer Patients include:

Gift Cards (Hulu, Netflix, iTunes, etc.), Board Games (teen level), Xbox 360 Game Cartridges, DVD Movies (rated PG-13), Small Handheld Electronic Games, Lotions, Nail Polish, Beauty Items, Puzzles, Activities (Art Pads, Colored Pens/Pencils, Adult Type Coloring Books), Teen Books/Comics

Drop Off Sit Locations

- Cy-Ranch Senior Women
- Cy-Ranch FFA
- From the Vine Ministries
- HSE Medical

- Jersey Mikes (Fairfield)
- Texas Children's Urgent Care (Fairfield)
- Walgreens (Fairfield)
- Strong Vision Center (Fairfield)
- Strong Vision Center (Skinner and Spring Cypress)
- Steeplechase Pediatric (North Cypress)
- Steeplechase Pediatric (Skinner and Spring Cypress)
- ReMax (Fairfield)
- Texas Children's Pediatric Center (Townlake)
- Good Shephard UMC Youth Office
- Gullick orthodontics
- Texas Children's Pediatrics (Fry Road)
- Texas Children's Pediatrics (Fallbrook Crossing)
- Texas Children's Pediatrics (Lakewood)

Contact: Andrew Nichols (713) 321-0170 Andrew.nichols@andrewsartisancakes.com

Facebook: @TeamNicholsLLS

Susan Nichols, Andrew's mother, is the reason Andrew is eager to join the campaign. He says LLS does more to advance science and support patients than any other cancer organization. The fact that she is a participant in one of their research efforts is the rea-son she is in remission today. You will learn more about Susan and her journey to recovery in the Gazette's January issue.





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Every Christmas season, Second Baptist Church offers dozens of opportunities for families to make memories, have fun together, and most importantly, celebrate our Savior's coming. This year at the Cypress Campus, Second Baptist Church will offer a full calendar of activities for the entire family to enjoy during the month of December. From their free state-of-the art Christmas production, The Kids Crazy Christmas Show, to their incredible train displays in their lobby, there will be many opportunities for you to bring your family and friends to share in the Christmas excitement with the Second family.

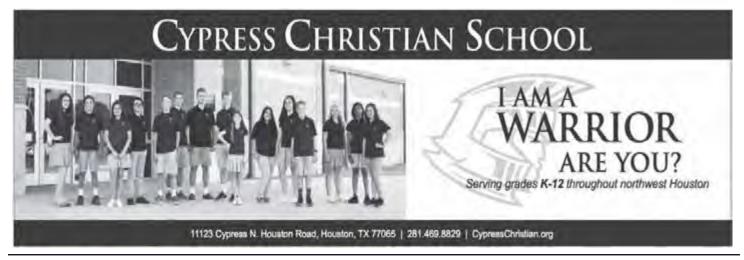
The Christmas season will be capped off by two amazing events that you will not want to miss. On December 16th, Second will host its "Christmas Spectacular" event free of charge at the Cypress Campus. The event will kick off at 4pm with an outdoor Christmas festival featuring live country music, inflatables and train rides for the kids, food trucks, fire pits and s'mores, special characters, and more. At 6pm, the crowd will transition inside the worship center for a family-friendly Christmas concert led by the nationally acclaimed vocal group, Veritas. Then the following week, the Cypress Campus will offer three identical candlelight services for the entire community. Come experience the wonder of Christmas at 6pm on Sunday December 23rd, or 4pm and 6pm on Monday December 24th. These worship services will feature familiar carols, a children's nativity scene, and a special time of candle lighting following the message. The Cypress Campus invites you to check out their full schedule below and join them for an amazing month with the Second family!

Sunday Mornings (December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd)

- 9:30am Bible Study and 11am Worship
- Each weekend will feature different attractions including train displays in the Lobby, a human-sized snow globe for pictures, live ice sculpting demonstrations, hot chocolate and wassail, and train rides for the kids.

Special Events

- The Kids Crazy Christmas Show December 6th- 8th -FREE
 Showtimes: Thursday – 6:30PM and 7:30PM, Friday – 6:30PM and 7:30PM, Saturday – 10AM and 11AM
- Second Kids Story time at the Trains December 3rd, 12th, 20th FREE
 10AM at the train displays in the Lobby Cookie decorating, a train scavenger hunt, hot chocolate, and a story time for the kids
- Second's Christmas Spectacular December 16th FREE 4PM – Outdoor Christmas Festival 6PM – Family friendly Christmas concert featuring Veritas
- Candlelight Worship Services December 23rd and 24th Sunday December 23rd: 6PM Monday December 24th: 4PM and 6PM



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JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA ASSOCIATES TO HOST "A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS" GALA

The "Awesome, Amazing, Associates" of the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., North Houston Suburban Chapter will host a glamorous "A Night at the Oscars" charity gala on Saturday, March 23rd, 2019. The event will be take place from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Northgate Country Club, 17110 Northgate Forest Drive, Houston, Texas 77068. Tickets are \$75 each, and the suggested attire is \"red carpet formal".

"A Night at the Oscars" will benefit the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, which supports education, literacy, scientific and charitable projects that benefit children. The evening will feature dinner, dancing to live music and a raffle. For information, tables, and ticket requests contact Dr. Kyrel Broxton or Shirley Carter at jjnhsassociates@gmail.com.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a non-profit family organization which is dedicated to nurturing future leaders by supporting children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. More information about the Jack and Jill of America Foundation can be found at www.jackandjillfoundation.org

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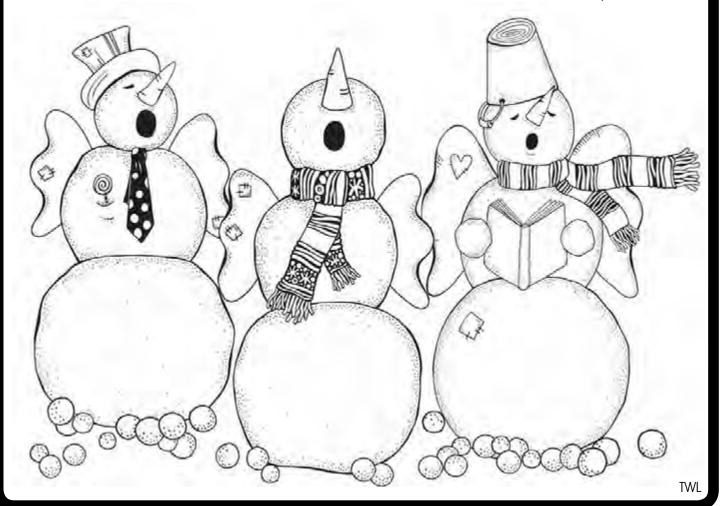
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