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News for the Residents of Blackhorse Ranch



VFW Honors President George Bush *by Jackie Devine*



Donna Morse, VFW Auxiliary President representing Cypress VFW Post 8905, along with Honor guards from VFW Post 8790 were among the flag waving-crowd that lined the tracks of Spring, TX as the special funeral train pulled by locomotive 4141 carried George H. W. Bush to his final resting place on the grounds of his presidential library.

VFW members and other patriotic Americans dedicate millions of hours each year working to spread patriotism and honor our nation's heroes.

From volunteering at VA hospitals and visiting classrooms to youth scholarships and recognizing teachers and scouts, the VFW is in the community.



Saluting our Kids - Each year, nearly 40,000 high school students from across the country enter to win a share of the \$2.2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the VFW's Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition.



And annually, more than 125,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$50,000, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level.

On January 9th, VFW Post 8905 will host a dinner to honor Cypress area winners.

Additional Events: Steak Night on January 4th



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Texas Christian High School Alumni News

Elisa Kendall, a graduate of Texas Christian High School, is now ranked 14th nationally and 3rd regionally in NCAA DIII Women's Tennis. This is so exciting to hear for her junior year at ETBU. Texas Christian is so proud of your hard work Elisa!!! We are praying for you!



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Field of Dreams a Huge Success *by Janet Guthrie*

The First Annual FSA Fairfield of Dreams Tournament was held, on December 1, 2018 at the Fairfield Athletic Association's fields.

According to Michael McDaniel, "It will be an annual event now that it is established. We had 10 teams, five recreational and five competitive. The difference is recreational has buddies on the field with them and competitive does not have a buddy. We had teams from all over Houston area. From Conroe all the way to Lake Houston area up to Cypress. For team names we basically used local high school mascots."

One hundred-and-seven special needs players participated, and 162 local Fairfield volunteers unselfishly gave up time to assure the event was a success.

The event was organized by Chad McDaniel, Laura Edgorf, and Becky Portzline.

Special thanks to Texas Roofworks LLC for being the lead sponsor of the event. Additional sponsors include: Children's Lighthouse, Bahama Bucks, Webb Automotive, Texas Children, Urgent Care, JNL Plumbing, Buzz Tees, Athletic Threads, CFI Mechanical, More Than Signs, Crazy Apes Tees, YMCA, and Miracle League.



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Covenant Academy News

Covenant Academy held Crazy Sock Day on Dec. 6 honoring President George H. W. Bush #41!

Basketball season is in full swing for our middle school and high school teams. Our athletes are training hard on and off the court. We are proud of our student athletes. Go Patriots.

On Nov. 9, during our Veteran's Day Chapel, we honored those who served from our school families, 4th grade recited a psalm, and our Concert Choir performed Precious Lord. The seniors ended the celebration by distributing red carnations with handmade thank you cards from our grammar school students. We are so thankful for our veterans!



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Attracting Wildlife

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



It seems that everywhere we look we are seeing trees being torn down and grassy areas being turned into parking lots. Sadly, there's not much we can do about it. There are things you can do, however, to help replenish some of the

natural resources that are destroyed. You can turn your backyards and even small apartment balconies into areas that attract wildlife, butterflies and even bees.

You can provide food by planting wildlife-friendly plants. Choose plant species that bloom and fruit at various times of the year. Like the woodpecker, some birds will dine on insects during the summer but will eat berries in colder weather. Shrubs and trees can provide seeds and berries for mammals and birds while a flower garden will provide food for a variety of insect pollinators and hummingbirds. Bird and squirrel feeders are great to help supplement what is found in nature. If you can, leave dead trees. They can be a food source by attracting insects, lichens, mosses and fungi.

Every living thing needs water. Birds not only need water to drink but to bathe in. The easiest way to do this is to provide a birdbath or a shallow dish of water. Make sure to keep it clean and be careful to use animal-friendly cleaners! No bleach or anything toxic. If you're fortunate enough to own a little land, you can add a water garden or pond to your property.

Wildlife needs cover from the elements just like we do. In our area we don't have to worry about snow but we often get heavy rains and extreme heat. Again, dead trees work great for some species. Planting dense shrubs provide shelter for rabbits, turtles and some bird species. Don't forget about man-made shelters, too, like bathouses and birdhouses.

There are books available to help you garden for wildlife. One of them is, *Texas Wildscapes* by Kelly Conrad Bender. It's published by Texas A&M. Texas Parks and Wildlife is also a great resource. Some organizations provide instructions and help so that your school or home can become a Certified Wildlife Habitat. One such organization is the National Wildlife Federation.

You can make this a family project and have fun with it. Get the kids involved. Plant some trees and shrubs, hang some birdhouses and squirrel boxes and decide where you want your birdbaths.

TWRC Wildlife Center is getting ready for a busy spring and we're looking for baby feeders. We'll train you to care for baby squirrels, baby opossums and baby birds so you'll be ready to start in the spring. No previous experience is needed—just a desire to help wildlife babies, a great attitude and you must be reliable! Send your resume or letter of interest to operations@twrcwildlifecenter.org.

CYPRESS AREA FOOD PANTRY New Days And Times

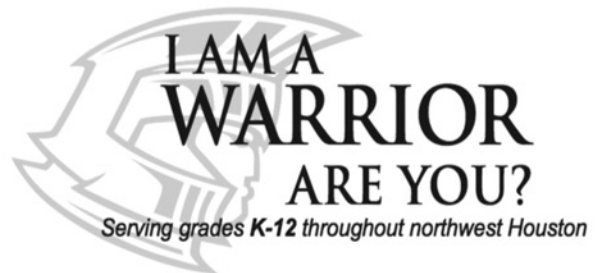
Do you know of someone who has trouble putting food on the table? Maybe their employment was suddenly terminated; maybe it's a choice between medications or food; for whatever reason a family can find themselves in a situation where they need a little help.

Fountain of Life Church of God on Mueschke Road runs a food pantry twice a month from 3:30 pm till 5 pm. Please call 281-373-9337 for days of service. The only requirement is that the family requesting food should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner 77429.

Food donations and volunteers are also greatly appreciated.



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