

# CYPRESS

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NEWS FOR THE CYPRESS PARK COMMUNITY

## CyFair Student Says No To Cancer



Believe it or not, cancer across the Houston region is becoming a household word. Maybe it's because for more than 75 years the Texas Medical Center has been a global leader in the fight to end cancer. Just this year, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center was ranked No. 1 in cancer care by U.S. News & World Report's annual "Best Hospitals" survey, the 14th time in 17 years.

Many in our community, or one of our family members, have been diagnosed with cancer. Frankly, that's reason enough to support Andrew Nichols—N.W. Houston's Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's 2019 Student of The Year Candidate—in raising funds to find a cure for blood cancers. LLS focuses on improving the quality of life of patients and their families through research, access to drugs, and advocacy.

Although cancer awareness is increasing, it is likely many of us rarely give pause to the kids affected by the cancer experience. The fact that flies under the radar is that 24% of adults with cancer are parenting children younger than 18 years of age and about one-third of women with breast cancer have children living at home.

Statistics offer us critical hard data, but after interviewing Andrew, it became apparent that our community could benefit from learning about the young man behind the campaign and his passion for helping, close connection to the disease, and the coping mechanisms that have helped him survive.

Andrew explained, "Cancer is a family disease; not only the patient but the entire family is affected, especially young children and adolescents. That's why it is important to address the needs of children also living with the consequences of their parent's cancer and its treatment."

Supporting Andrew's comments, his mother Susan continued. "On August 20, 2014, when I was diagnosed with leukemia, I had only three days to live. It was very quick, sudden, and life-threatening. Fortunately, immediate care and current cutting-edge drug therapies put me in remission quickly. However, follow-up chemotherapy was required."

The road to recovery lasted two and a half years. For literally hundreds of days, she was graced with rotations and 'round the clock supervision by friends, colleagues, or family members who kept vigil over her.

Unlike many, an incredible community of caregivers embraced the Nichols family. Susan's husband, Rob, significantly reduced his work load to care for her around the clock and her dad relocated to Texas. Her brother sold his business in Arizona and relocated his family to the Lone Star State. Susan's sister moved from Copperfield to Fairfield. Her adopted son, Josh, took up residence in Fairfield as well. It was all-hands-on-deck to care for Susan and help raise their kids, Andrew and Amanda.

The Nichols siblings were more fortunate than most. Buoyed by a loving support network, they had people they could lean on for reassurance and who also encouraged them to seek outside interests. Over time they developed thriving businesses upon which to focus. Andrew baked, decorated, and sold cakes through his business Andrew's Artisan Cakes. Then, he moved into woodturning creating and selling handcrafted pens through Andrew's Artisan Pens. Amanda established herself as a seamstress. She markets her products through Amanda Faith Designs. Unfortunately, as most children dealing with parents challenged with life-threatening diseases, at times, they still wrestled



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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.

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with increased levels of distress and anxiety.

Andrew acknowledges, "It's not uncommon for children in those circumstances to take a "back seat" to the issues of cancer. With this campaign that is also something that can be addressed."

Continuing, he added, "My mom's battle with Leukemia deeply affected our family and every aspect of our lives. The only reason my mother is alive and in remission is due to medical research breakthroughs and her clinical trial drug Ponatinib that she will take every day for the rest of her life. This breakthrough drug has been possible due to the help of LLS funding research."

LLS helped fund 15 out of the 18 drugs the FDA approved for blood cancers in 2017. The LLS campaign that Andrew is heading up this year will help raise funds to pursue more research and develop more ways to save lives like his mom.

Andrew's campaign efforts kick off January 11th and will continue through March 1st. You can make a tax-deductible donation by going online to his fundraising page using the link that follows: <https://events.lls.org/tgx/HoustonSOY19/anichols> and click on the "Donate Today" link.

Aside from financial donations, you can donate goods or services for auction items, sponsorships, donation matching opportunities, or tickets/tables to the Grand Finale on Friday, March 1st at the Junior League in Houston.



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## 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.



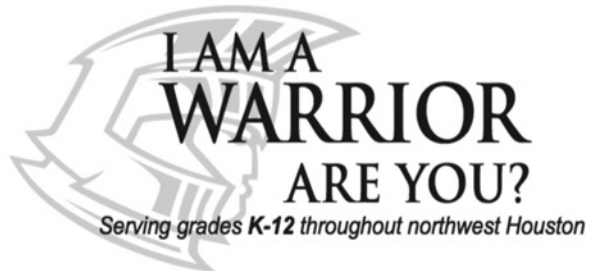
And annually, more than 125,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$50,000, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level.

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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## 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.

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## Flag Retirement in Fairfield

The Boy Scouts of America, according to Scoutingwire.org, is one of the very few organizations that have an official code for flag retirement. Respect for our nation's symbols is an integral part of being a reverent, responsible Scout. They have specific rules for the appropriate retirement of the United States flag. In fact, conducting a flag retirement ceremony is a significant opportunity for Scouts and Scouters to reflect on the meaning of the flag as a great symbol of freedom.

The BSA Handbook states: "A national flag that is worn beyond repair may be burned in a fire. The ceremony should be conducted with dignity and respect, and the flag burned completely to ashes."

On the Monday after Veterans Day, November 12, Boy Scout Pack 1533 @ Ault and joined with other local Cub Scout packs & Boy Scout troops to retire worn and tattered flags donated by the community. Local citizens, veterans and Boy Scouts attended.

Pack 533 (Keith), has a box at HEB by customer service for collection. That is the easiest way to donate. However, others have been known to drop off flags for retirement at our local schools.





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## Good Shepherd UMC

### Classic Adults Luncheon

Monday, January 7, 2019  
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#### Silver Sleuths

The Houston Better Business Bureau and their Educational Foundation believe that consumer education is the best protection against deceptive business practices. Additionally, statistics indicate that senior citizens are often special targets for fraud because they are more trusting and less suspecting of the presence of fraud. For this reason, the BBB and the Educational Foundation have implemented an innovative program called the "Silver Sleuths" that helps older adults identify and avoid fraudulent business practices. Make plans now to join Classic Adults for our January 7th luncheon. You will hear from Candy Twyman, Executive Director of The Better Business Bureau Education Foundation, on ways to protect yourself from deceptive sales practices. Resolve to make 2019 the year that you become smarter and wiser regarding "fake business"!

Lunch will be pot luck! We'll start off the year with all those wonderful warm, home cooked dishes from all the super chef's in our Classic Adults group! Be sure to register for the luncheon ASAP on the church website [www.goodchurch.us](http://www.goodchurch.us) under "Registrations". Bring a side dish, salad, desert, rolls, or whatever is your specialty!

Good Shepherd 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](http://www.goodchurch.us) and click on Adult Ministries or call the church at (281) 373-2273.

Classic Adults meets the first Monday of the month.....unless it falls on a holiday, then it's the second Monday! If you'd like to be on our e-mail list, contact the church with your info! We hope to see you January 7th! (For the early birds, mark Monday Feb 4th on your calendar for an exciting field trip!)



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## Pink Warrior Calendar Girls Make Debut

by Anna Ullman-Lewis



The Pink Warrior Calendar Girls Calendar is making its official debut January 1, 2019, and we plan sales of a 2020 calendar throughout 2019.

Pink Warrior Calendar Girls website, as well as other social media, will host our professionally produced video. It will feature an explanation of this project and include personal interview snippets. It will also feature interviews from some of the women who were involved in our initial shoot.

It is my vision that those diagnosed in the future will feel hope seeing this wide range of survivorship and that they will be inspired not to allow cancer to define them. I dream that they will be encouraged to allow cancer to renew their outlook on life, and how much they can impact those around them, despite what they face.

Almost 100% of the money involved in carrying out this project has been funded by me as the founder. However, I am moving forward to establishing an LLC. That said, I am hoping this business will operate very much like a charity; wherein the cost of getting it started is reimbursed, and adequate funds are available for the next year's calendar. I am planning on 70% of the profit going to charities related to breast cancer.

I'm also establishing contacts with Houston-area reconstructive surgeons who specialize in radical and skin-sparing mastectomy reconstructions hoping to obtain sponsorship from them. In turn, they'll receive a given number of calendars to provide their patients, advertising space on our website and social media outlets, and receive a number of tickets for a formal event. These packages are still being developed.

I am also working toward establishing consignment relationships with local boutiques and salons.

To keep this viable for years to come, we expect a signed photo release from all models who are in our current and future calendars. This releases photos and videos to be used in promotion of calendars, and use of photos within any calendars. Models are compensated through the experience of a glamour shoot, with a printed picture of their photo that was used in the calendar, and a copy of the calendar.

As always, calendars can be directly purchased on our website: <http://www.pinkwarriorcalendargirls.com>.

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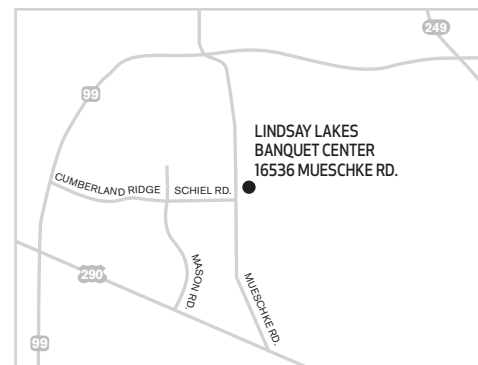
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