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Cyfair Student Says No To Cancer

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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.

by Jackie Devine

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 (Continued on Page 3)



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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 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/txg/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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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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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 firstplace 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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Salyards Band in Full Swing

By Joseph Glass

This year has started off on a good note for the Salyards Middle School Band Program! With the school year half over, here is a look at what's going on in the band world at Salyards.

On November 9 and 10, members of our Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band auditioned for the Region Band. After competing against hundreds of other students from CFISD, Brenham ISD, and Waller ISD, Salyards Middle School had 34 students make the Region Band. These students participated in a two-day Region clinic where they worked under highly distinguished band directors. These students performed a wonderful concert, and we are very proud of them!

It's the Christmas season, which means it is Winter Concert time! On December 11, our performing groups performed in our Salyards Winter Band Concert. We played familiar songs like "The Alvin and the Chipmunks" and "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas," as well as some exciting takes on original Christmas songs like "Deck the Halls with Chips and Salsa" and "Santa at the Symphony." All three groups worked very hard in their rehearsals in preparation for their concert, and it was a great evening of music!

Our beginner band students have been working hard since the beginning of the school year. The beginners have learned how to count rhythms, how to make quality sounds on their instrument, and most importantly, have learned how to play songs out of their book. I am sure many of you have been hearing a lot of these tunes being practiced at home! On December 18th our beginners performed in their first Winter Concert. They have been preparing their pieces in their classes and performed all together as a full band for the concert. They performed popular Christmas songs like "Jingle Bells" and "Good King Wenceslas," then closed with a beautiful arrangement of "Beethoven's Ninth." It was a wonderful concert, and we are so proud of our beginning band students.

With Region Band season over, it is now time for another individual competition season to begin. The Solo and Ensemble competition is coming up, and the students are already preparing! Students in 7th and 8th grade will be working on an individual and small group repertoire. In February, these students will perform with a piano accompaniment for a judge, and they will be rated on a scale of 1-5. Students who receive a first division rating on their solo or ensemble will receive a medal for their accomplishment. This is a great way for students to build their individual and ensemble playing skills. The Salyards Band always has a great turn out! We look forward to celebrating our student's accomplishments, and we wish them the best of luck!

We appreciate everyone's support for this program, and we are having a great start to the school year! Go Bengal Band!



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Second Baptist Church

52 Weeks: Know the Bible

submitted by Jonathan Spencer, Adult Ministries Pastor

Every new year brings the opportunity for new beginnings! As we consider our new goals for 2019, Second Baptist Church would like to invite you to set one goal in particular with them. This year, Second Baptist is challenging their entire church family to "know the Bible." For many of us, the Bible can seem like a confusing puzzle. We may pick up a few pieces over the years through personal devotions or church attendance, but unfortunately, we often struggle to see how all of those pieces truly fit together. However, when the Bible is properly understood, we can see those pieces come together to communicate a beautiful picture of God and His love for mankind.

This year, the Second family invites you to learn how to put those pieces together with them. The church is selling 1 year chronological Bibles and challenging their congregation to diligently commit to the daily reading plan. Every Sunday, Second's 14 Adult Bible Study classes will teach Bible lessons that help connect the dots to the previous week's readings. Additionally, Second's preaching Pastors will deliver sermons every weekend that tie together the big ideas from those daily reading assignments.

Whether you are a seasoned Bible reader, or if you've never picked up the book, 2019 is the perfect opportunity for you to establish a new beginning in God's Word. Take the challenge, and join Second Baptist every weekend for 9:30AM Bible Study and 11AM Worship. If you do, we're confident that these 52 weeks will be a life-changing experience for you! For more information, you can visit the Second's website at www.second.org/cypress.







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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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The Seniors of Fairfield are an active, fifty plus, fun-loving group of couples and singles who enjoy fellowship and various other activities together. If you or your spouse is fifty or older, a newcomer to Fairfield Village or have lived here in Fairfield for some time but have never attended one of our functions, you are cordially invited. Come and be a part of our fun-loving group. We're sure you will enjoy it.

THE TRIP PLANS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY:

Monday, January 7th, Asian Heritage Tour.

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JANUARY FAIRFIELD 50 PLUS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, January 10th, our monthly Pot Luck and Annual Gift Exchange 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.

Note: We had no volunteers to prepare the Turkey and Ham for the **January Pot Luck and Gift Exchange**, so we have one of our regular pot lucks for this event and begin the gift exchange following the pot luck.

Our Annual Gift Exchange Rules & Procedures:

For the annual gift exchange pot luck, everyone brings a gift (around \$15.00). Ladies bring a woman's gift and the men bring a man's gift. Then after our meal, everyone will receive a number. The first person whose number is called will select a gift from their gender's gifts. They then open the gift and show it to everyone. When the next number is

called, that person has a choice to either select a gift from their unopened gender gifts or take one from someone.

Note: A gift can only be only taken twice. If the gift you had previously selected is taken, you will then have a choice, to either select a new gift or take one from someone else. This continues until everyone has a gift. It's really an exciting and enjoyable evening.

Tuesday, January15th, Game Night at the Cooks' House.

It starts around **6:30 p.m.** Just bring a little snack and a healthy appetite. This is always a fun evening with great fellowship. The directions are in the Activity page on our website and will also be in our January, 13 weekly newsletter.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER:

The first Friday, **January 4th**, and the third Friday, **January 18th**, 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.

Then on the second Friday, **January 11th**, and the fourth Friday, **January 25th**, we have game afternoons at the Lakeside clubhouse from 1pm to 4pm. We play the card game hand and foot at these sessions. There are not any snacks or drinks, 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:

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