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FAST Swim Team Registration will Open January 28.

<https://fastdolphins.swimtopia.com/register>

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Salyards Builder's Club Celebrates a Season of Sharing

Our fall semester was truly the season of service and sharing for the Salyards Builder's Club. We are so proud of all of our students, teachers and staff who participated in our community service projects in November and December. Our Books Between Kids campaign in the fall proved to be successful in putting smiles on the faces of Houston's at-risk children who graciously received boxes of generous donations of books to build their own home libraries.



Additionally, November brought a special learning opportunity for our student volunteers when Patricia Hudson from Cy-Fair Helping Hands gave a valuable and insightful orientation about all of the possible service opportunities at her organization. Our club members appreciated hearing about this non-profit organization which tries to meet the critical



needs of the homeless, struggling individuals, and families needing assistance in the Cy-Fair area.

In December, the Builder's Club was blessed to work with Andrew Nichols in his quest to assist with collecting Toys for Teens Fighting Cancer. We were so proud of how our entire school came together to help Andrew collect donations for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In just ten days, Salyards Middle School came together to donate 255 items and over 180 dollars in gift cards. These special items will be used for teen cancer patients who spend countless hours and days at the hospital going through treatments and tests. Fun activities, both solo and with family and friends, will help the time pass more quickly and speed their overall recovery.



The donations received will go directly to patients affected by cancer in the Houston Medical Center. Our club will also be kicking off another campaign on January 28th when we start a two-week project led by Nichols called Coins for Cancer.

If your Salyards student would like to be a part of our club, it is never too late to join us! In case you've missed our weekly information or previous articles, our club is part of the Kiwanis Club family. The Builder's Club is an international service organization promoting the vision to develop competent, capable, caring leaders through the vehicle of service. Also connected to the high school Key Club, we participate in local service projects and volunteering opportunities. The Salyards Builder's Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 2:40 – 3:30 p.m., and our club sponsors are Carol Siwald (Carol.Siwald@cfisd.net) and Tracey Selmon (Tracey.Selmon@cfisd.net).

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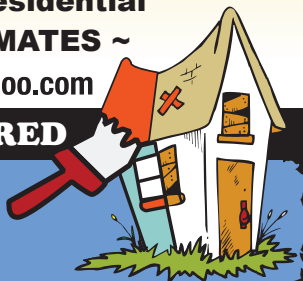
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Swenke Elementary Thanks Spring Creek Barbeque for Spirit Night Donations!



Swenke families and friends ate in style at Spring Creek Barbeque in January raising funds for their school. Spring Creek

Barbeque is a long-time contributor to Cy-Fair ISD schools. Spirit Night fundraisers help schools fund new equipment, books, and many other teaching resources helping students throughout the district succeed both in and out of the classroom. Swenke's Snow Leopards want to also thank the teachers who came out and served hot rolls to the many patrons at this two-night event and their mascot, Blizzard, making an appearance to the delight of all. Thank you!

Cub Scouts Recycle

The Swenke Elementary PTO is the chartering organization of the Cub Scouts Pack 33. David Pfeffer, Cubmaster, and Reid Henry, Pack Chairman, lead a group of 27 volunteers and about 80 scouts at Swenke. One of the initiatives where Cub Scouts give back to the community



is through recycling. Each Friday you'll see a den of scouts at Swenke going through the halls with parent volunteer, Amy Burns, collecting recycling from each of the classrooms. George Burns and his family take every bag collected to the recycling dumpster at Good Shepard right here in Fairfield.

This commitment is commonplace for the Burns family. This is their last year at Swenke and they will all be missed.

February Happenings

Happy Valentine's Day! February at Swenke will be filled with the 100th day of school, mix it up lunches, Mother/Son and Father/Daughter dances, Kids Heart Challenge, Benchmark testing, 2nd grade garden days and more! Keep an eye out for ways to volunteer at events



at Swenkepto.org.

Don't miss another PTO happening, deadline, or school activity! Sign up for the Swenke PTO Remind using the code below to receive quick messages and reminders to any device. To sign up, text @swenkepto to 81010.

****For Immediate Release****



Cy-Fair Republican Women February Meeting

CFRW will meet on Tuesday, February 12th from 10:30 AM to Noon.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

Meeting is \$3 – Meeting with Lunch at Noon is \$23.

See the website for details and RSVP to www.cfrw.net by February 5th.

You can register and pay on the website also.

There is much to be done prior to the next election cycle. We look forward to many new faces and opportunities to promote our Republican candidates. We need you with us to get our ideals advanced locally, statewide and nationally. Give CFRW a try!

Nancy Roberts
Publicity Chair
Cy-Fair Republican Women
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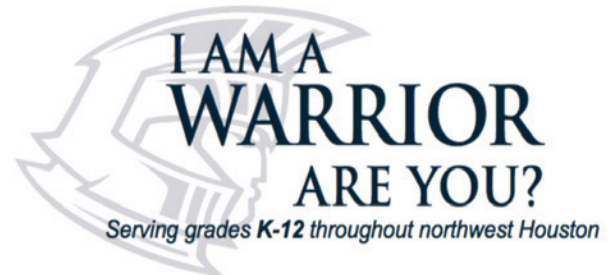
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THE TRIP PLANS FOR FEBRUARY:

Thursday, February 7th, Goyal Tour

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 and check for upcoming 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.

FEBRUARY FAIRFIELD 50 PLUS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, February 14th, 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.

Tuesday, February 19th, our monthly 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 February, 17 weekly newsletter.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY:

The first Friday, February 1st, and the third Friday, February 15th, 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, February 8th, and the fourth Friday, February 22nd, we have game afternoons at the Lakeside clubhouse from 1pm to 4pm. We only 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 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: wmcook@fairfieldfiftyplus.com or wmcook@comcast.net



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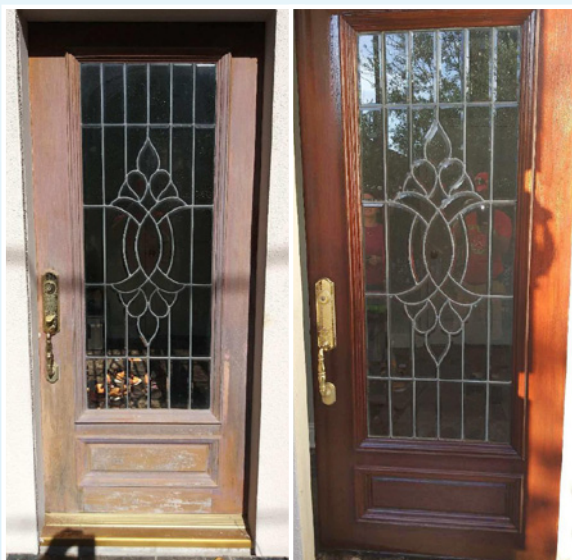
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Join the Circus and the World is Your Oyster!

by Jackie Devine



Have you ever thought about running away and joining the circus? The truth is, becoming a circus acrobat is not as easy as you think. But if you could accomplish it, your life would be changed by epic proportions.

“As a street kid growing up in a St. Louis inner-city Black neighborhood, never venturing from the two-block area where I lived, the only thing I knew about life was what I saw around me” commented Sidney

Bateman, Hoop Diving and Chinese Poles acrobat.

“Left motherless at three; I was raised by my grandmother and never knew my dad. I had seven siblings and with little supervision, it was more or less every man for himself. I don’t know that I ever felt a real sense of family. To make matters worse, I was a hyper kid, craved attention, and frequently sought approval and acceptance from the gang. Looking back on it, you might say I grew up in a combat zone. The sound of gunshots, sirens blaring, and having friends and family members shot or killed were all regular occurrences.”

Toys, bikes, and athletic equipment were a scarce commodity for Sidney. For recreation, the kids in the Walnut Park community where he lived, would gather on vacant barren lots and have flip-offs competing against one another by flipping, spinning, and doing acrobatics.

“I joined Circus Harmony when I was eleven, even though I had one foot in the door of joining the gang. I honestly can’t tell you when I joined the gang,” he confessed. “My brothers and uncles were gang members. I thought that was in my future as well. But miraculously, Circus kept nudging me. For a time, I was pulled in both directions, Circus and the gang. I was always trying to balance out the two.”

For those that have never heard of St. Louis-based Circus Harmony, it is a social circus-based program that uses circus arts to motivate social change. They do it by building character in individuals and building bridges between communities. Titles and labels are nonexistent. The only thing that matters is what they (the individual) bring to the ring.

From the beginning, learning to trust and be part of a team were hard lessons for Sidney to grasp. Working with others was a struggle. Having

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someone telling him what to do and dealing with accountability felt like insurmountable challenges. He suffered from bouts where he just gave up and dropped out.

“But, somehow, even though young and naïve, I began to develop a degree of trust and make sense of acrobatics. The sport became my magnet drawing me back into the program. Somehow, I recognized that my talent could take me somewhere.

Circus classes became my escape from the harsh reality I was dealing with at home and in the neighborhood. Unknowingly, using circus arts with a definite intention, I began my journey.

“In my junior year of high school, I got into a huge gang fight at school and was expelled. Then my friend got shot and killed. That was my turning point. I knew I didn’t want to be another statistic.” Musing on the problems he faced, he said, “There had to be a different path for me.”

Shortly after committing to training more seriously, Sidney joined the Elite Troupe of Circus Harmony; a pre-professional program that was focusing on mastering specific circus disciplines. And, at the end of high school, Sidney decided to make a career out of the circus.

Believing in his talent, the manager of Circus Harmony helped him to get to Montreal, Canada to audition for the National Circus School. To his surprise, Sidney got accepted in the College Program with a specialization in Hoop Diving.

École Nationale de Cirque (ENC) gave him a purpose and hope of international in scope. The ENC is a higher-education institution dedicated to the education and training of professional circus artists, as well as to research and innovation in circus arts and academic curriculum.

Sidney proudly emphasized, “Not only could I relate, but I was also willing to give it my all. I trained my butt off. I became a much better human being. After acceptance, I entered into a week-long acrobatic audition process that I’ve been told was harder to accomplish than getting into Harvard or Yale. On April 1, 2011, I got the news: “I HAD MADE IT.” And that felt like I had arrived home because I knew that was the beginning of something amazing.”

Studying at ENC for three years, Sidney was introduced to the world of contemporary circus. He even conquered the French language and became fluent in it. He successfully graduated in 2014 alongside his St. Louis friend Melvin Diggs (also a Circus Harmony alumnus) as a Hoop Diving duo.

For two and a half years, the pair took part in the creation and

international tour of Cuisines & Confessions, a production of the Montreal-based circus company 7 Fingers. Other career highlights include a summer with the Chicago Midnight Circus, a fashion show for Hermès in Hong Kong, and a collection launch for Bench in Manila.

In 2017, Cirque du Soleil got in touch with Sidney and Melvin and invited them to join the cast of LUZIA on tour. Cirque du Soleil, headquartered in Montreal, Quebec, Canada is a Canadian entertainment company and the largest theatrical producer in the world.

Reflecting, Sidney smiled, saying, “Now I am finally part of a family where I’ve found a place of love, accountability, and commitment.”

Sidney is thrilled to have jumped into this adventure and to have been given the opportunity to share his passion with thousands of people every night through his two favorite circus disciplines: Hoop Diving & Chinese Poles.

Not only does he feel that his ultimate childhood dream has come true, but he has also found his life’s purpose: to share his story with youth around the world and to help the “kids” who need help by inspiring them to work hard toward achieving their goals.

When you have the opportunity to see Cirque du Soleil’s LUZIA at the Sam Houston Race Park, be sure to pay special attention when Sidney performs his Hoop Diving and Chinese Poles acrobatics.

LUZIA opened in Houston on January 10th, 2019 for a limited engagement through February 24th, 2019.





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