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From The Editor's Desk

by Jackie Devine



Welcome to 2020! It is so exciting to usher in not only a new year but also a new decade and to contemplate the immense promise it represents. If I've said it once, I've said it innumerable times; we are living in the best of times and in one of the finest neighborhoods in the Houston region.

As individuals, the role that our personal beliefs, family values, patriotism, and work ethic play in the overall success of our neighborhoods, schools, and businesses can not be overstated. As a group, Fairfield is uniquely homogenous, and at the same time, we are a rich mix of diversity, profoundly generous, and hailing from all points on the globe. Somehow our differences have proven to be our strength. In 2020, let's all continue to support our neighbors, schools, churches, and businesses because, as the saying goes, a rising tide raises all boats!

The theme of our January issue is to Embrace Life and Go For Your Dream. Our lead story speaks to everyone but mainly focuses on folks that are 50 and above. The message is: Get up, Get out, and Get going! Peel, Inc. has spent hours researching ways to impact your leisure time and make a difference in your lives and the lives of others.

Our complimentary message is, "Follow Your Dreams!" You will learn about Jimmy Godensen's dream that took over 50 years to materialize. And you will follow entrepreneurs that are charting their course as we go to print.

The Fairfield Community Gazette is your vehicle for communicating with one another. We value the relationship that we have built and strive to support you, our neighborhoods, our local schools, organizations, and businesses. Our overriding goal is to promote the good that is happening in and around our community. Please contact us for information that you feel is vital for your neighbors to know. You can reach me at jackiedevine@peelinc.com.

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COVER STORY *by Jackie Devine*

Have Fun, Get Involved, and Help Someone

If you ask the typical senior citizen the steps they should take to improve their health, no doubt you would hear: lose weight, exercise more, and quit smoking. Although those are viable responses, sustaining mental and spiritual health can make more of an impact. The connections we make with others, and the relationships we continue to build can significantly impact our overall health and wellbeing.

Studies show that seniors who form social connections and stay actively engaged by participating in clubs, organizations, or volunteer opportunities reap a variety of benefits such as enhanced cognitive function and enhanced emotional and physical health. Conversely, people who are socially isolated experience increased loneliness, the threat of obesity, and even premature death.

To kick off 2020, the Fairfield Community Gazette is supporting senior health by encouraging them to become more active. So, get involved with a local organization, drive someone to the polls, join a committee at your place of worship. Find a way to get connected. You will help yourself and help others at the same time.



Fairfield Seniors of Cypress



Fairfield's Fifty Plus Fun-Loving Group is an active group of couples and singles ages 50 and above. Activities include: a monthly Pot Luck at the Lakeside Club House, Game Night at the Cooks', First and Third Friday Breakfast at Denny's (near Home Depot), and Second

and Fourth Friday Card Games. Visit www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com for details.



Fairfield Seniors of Cypress (Day and Extended Trips) enjoys monthly day-trips where they explore a 200-mile radius of Houston. They take two out-of-state trips per year to discover the beauty of the U.S. Upcoming journeys include New Orleans and Nashville.

Proposed trips under discussion include the Texas Wine Country and a Christmas trip to Germany. Traveling together makes it more affordable and gives seniors a feeling of safety and camaraderie. For questions, e-mail pstlgrl@gmail.com or jackie.devine@comcast.net.

Community Center Activities

& Events provide a wide variety of recreation and leisure activities for seniors, ages 50 and above, at community centers throughout the area. They offer engaging activities designed to keep youth and seniors active in the community



- **Juerger's Hall Community Center**; 26026 Hempstead Road, Cypress, TX 77429; 713).274.318

- **Hockley Community Center** 28515 Old Washington Road, Hockley, TX 77447; 713. 274.3220

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church gives senior adults a number of opportunities for connection, fellowship, fitness, and fun.

- **Sunday School Classes** meet at 9:15 and 10:45 am every Sunday. For a listing of Sunday School Classes: Missy Owles (Director of Adult Ministries), missyo@goodchurch.us

- **Classic Adult Luncheon** meets the first Monday of each month. They host a lunch meeting with special guest speakers or musicians.

- **Silver Liners Dance Team** The line-dancing seniors perform at nursing homes, churches, Good Shepherd events, and other venues. No experience necessary. For more information, email Gwen at gdancer55@yahoo.com. During summer months, Gwen offers an informal water aerobics class.

- **Men's Coffee Group** reserved for casual conversation meets Thursday mornings 8:00-11:00 am. Just bring your favorite mug and a desire for deepening friendships to the 2nd floor, building C.

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Around Fairfield

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• **Alzheimer's Support Group Caregivers** are welcome to find strength and comfort in the company of friends who have experienced Alzheimers before or who are going through it now This first Tuesday monthly from 7-8 pm. Contact Leigh Ann 713-248-6153 leighannhuber14@gmail.com

Second Baptist Church offers great programs and opportunities every Sunday for over 300 senior adults gathering for various Bible Study classes at 9:30 am. Classes are a perfect opportunity to fellowship, have fun, and study God's word. These groups have full calendars each month. They enjoy road trips and have women's and men's groups that meet and have social activities during the week. They also serve as support systems through prayer and hospitalization ministries. Second offers many great opportunities for seniors to serve, such as building and decorating projects on campus, hospitality teams, bulletin stuffing teams, and more. They also host a men's coffee social every Monday morning, and have a men's off-site luncheon at Willie's every Tuesday. For informatin call (713) 465-3408.



Cypress United Methodist Church's C.A.P.S program is run by volunteers to extend support and loving care to senior adults who may need limited supervision. From 9:00 am-1:30 pm every Thursday in the Ministry Activity Center, they offer a variety of activities such as card games, Bridge, Skip-Bo, 42 and 88 dominos, Bingo, and short day trips. Lunch is \$5.00, which includes a light main course, dessert, and drink. If you feel that you can't eat what is offered or if you are on a special diet, please feel free to bring a lunch and eat with them. Call 281-469-0730 for more information.

The Tri-County Quilt Guild includes Texas quilters from Northwest Harris, Montgomery, and Waller Counties who preserve and encourage the art of quilting, provide instruction for members, education for the public, and to be a gathering for people who have quilting as a common interest. They meet the first Tuesday of the month from 7-9 pm at Fairfield Baptist Church. For information: tricountyguild@gmail.com or phone 281.221.1716.

CFISD Mentor Program is a cooperative effort of volunteers from businesses, faith-based and/or non-profit organizations, the community and the school district designed to encourage students

(elementary through high school) to finish school and focus on future education and career goals.



Fairfield Athletic Club offers a Senior Sizzle program with Allison Weaver. They meet Monday's and Wednesday's from 4:00-5:00pm. They encourage all Seniors to participate in all of their classes as their instructors will work with them during class to go at the pace that is best for them. They

currently have some seniors that regularly participate in HIIT and PiYO classes. Their HIIT class is held at the FAC and the PiYO meets at the Lakeside Trails Clubhouse. Visit www.fairfieldathleticclub.com

Fairfield Women's Club promotes social interests, provides service to the community, and pursues intellectual and civic improvement. All adult female Fairfield and Lakes of Fairhaven residents are welcome. Their meetings are typically every third Tuesday night of the month. For info, email FairfieldWomensClub@gmail.com.

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White Bird by Blaine Wright



A few weeks ago, I found Blaine Wright on the social media link Nextdoor Fairfield. He was inviting the community to a book signing of his recent historical novel White Bird: Among the Nez Perce. The title and the cover intrigued me so I contacted him to give the readers a bit of his personal history and evolution of his book. The following is what Mr. Wright relayed.

Over a half-century ago, I traveled from my small hometown in Idaho to the wild and mountainous west-central part of the state. The experience captivated me. I fell in love with the idea of the entire region. I did not yet understand the lifelong impact of the area that would ultimately change the course of my life.

Looking back, that fateful day still grips my imagination with wonder and mystery. My mother, two older brothers, and I went on an adventure into the wilderness. Small-town rumor was, it was the devil we needed to escape. We stumbled upon Riggins, Idaho, located along Highway 95. It was so tightly nestled among the ridges that it barely made allowances for the secondary roads paralleling it. The quiet mystery and sheer vastness of the area made a lasting impression on my nine-year-old mind and I knew it would be an excellent place to live. Unfortunately, I was the only one touched by the experience. To my siblings, the place was a nightmare. They wanted the invisibility and cosmopolitan feel of a big city. We ended up in Twin Falls, a city of over thirty thousand that would also prove too small for our rebelliousness.

Although the new move wasn't a good fit for us, my memories of that period of my childhood are fonder than most. A small canyon down the road provided the outlet for my youthful energy and imagination. Rock Creek flowed for several miles before feeding into the Snake River Canyon on the other end of town for me to explore.

At the age of twelve, life's trials pushed me to move on. I left my mother, family, and Idaho behind. Though I would miss them, my rebellious nature and stubborn heart prevented me from turning back.

My life passes through memory in a blur, my heart never at peace due to the lack of mountains on my horizons.

From time to time, when I traveled back to Idaho to visit my mother, I'd camp along the many breathtakingly beautiful rivers. It always moved me spiritually to rest next to the campfire, listen to the cascading waters channel over the rapids, and gaze up into the starlit

skies. Hiking into the nearby mountains was a natural progression.

In 2007, when my wife and I returned to the Riggins region for first time, I discovered that I could detour off the superhighway and drive the old pass through the town of White Bird. It was then, and there I knew the story of the area had to be written. My journey had begun.

For a decade I researched the area through the many books I found at the Nez Perce Welcome center. I went there every time we camped, climbed and hiked the Devils and this magnificent wilderness climbed ever deeper into my soul. Once I began White Bird, I completed it in seven months and it took ten more months to get it published.

I had to find out if I could actually produce the written word so I wrote off a short tale of myself growing into young manhood, often with my furry companion as my only friend. The resulting work is very amateurish. I self published the unedited tale on Amazon's create space. "Rusty's Tail" is still available. My son advises that it should stay "as is" because the heart of me comes through.

I've dedicated my first novel to the great people of Nimiipuu, who exemplify the true meanings of honor, courage, and loyalty to love. The military instilled in me a solid foundation, as well. I plan to do the veterans justice in books two and three.

For those curious about the backdrop of the historical novel "White Bird," Daniel Knight, the main character, was born to an ancient destiny in a whiteout blizzard on White Bird Pass. Having never ventured far from the reservation and Catholic orphanage where he lived, Daniel, a mixed blood Nez Perce and Caucasian, suffers from bouts of circumspection and isolation.

Daniel Knight never let me down. He is my finest work, a hero in all things. With a courageous heart, he conquers the toughest obstacles and becomes the finest of brothers, most faithful of friends, and a leader of men—while barely an adolescent of thirteen years of age, dealing with the inner anger that he fears the most.

I became a genuinely spiritual person as my writing journey unfolded. I discovered there are mystical and miraculous wonders to behold if one has the willingness and desire to seek and believe. I hope a bit of this magic rubs off on those who choose to read this great tale, and the many that will follow. *White Bird: Among the Nez Perce* is available at Amazon.com.



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Johnny's Christmas Wish Finally Came True!

After more than half a century, Johnny's wish has come through. His song played this season on KRBE and our local KYCB 103.5.



At 83-years-old, Johnny Gondesensons had a Christmas wish.

"I want something to happen to this song before I go to meet my maker," he said from his Cypress home.

The song is called "Christmas Is Here," and it has a sweet backstory to match the season.

He grew up playing guitar, and singing in a Galveston country western band as a young man.

Later he married his high school sweetheart, and they had a family.

"We'd drive to Houston for Christmas shopping, and there were tree lots along the Gulf freeway. The kids would cry 'ho-ho-ho' when they saw the Christmas trees. I said, 'Ho-ho-ho. What can I do with that?'"

What he did was write the song, adding a 'hee-hee-hee', and the lyrics that described the joy of Christmas, with Santa coming down the chimney. His son, Johnny Jr. said the song is nostalgic and speaks of another time, and sparks memories.

"We grew up on that song."

Gondesensons recorded the song with the assistance of his band partners.

It was turned into a 45 record, and he hoped it would get play on radio stations, but that didn't happen.

He gave away copies of the song. "I would ask people if they had young children. They told me their kids loved it."

More recently, his family produced a video that was posted to YouTube, with Johnny in the Santa suit he's worn each Christmas for years.

In the video he was dancing to "Christmas Is Here." His grandchildren held up an appeal on a poster board, reading 'make our grandfather famous,' urging them to download the music.

"It's innocent, and it's a simple song kids love." Johnny Jr. said about what he regards as a Christmas classic. "Why not when I flip on Spotify and hit my Christmas playlist have his song come up right next to Bing Crosby?"

Gondesensons received a copyright for the song a few years ago, but getting it some airplay is not about royalties and profits. "It's a song that makes children happy, reminds us of a simpler time, about the joy of the season," he said. "I want them to experience that."

He already has a great grandchild, with another on the way, so that would make the fourth generation of his family to have the song as a holiday tradition.

Meanwhile, Johnny Jr. continues to think of ways to get exposure for his dad's creation. "It's been a dream of his for years to introduce it to a large audience. It could be on radio or online."

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Gearing up for 2020

by Mike Koma

Lone Star Express baseball is already gearing up for the Spring 2020 season. Lone Star Express is a youth baseball organization, backed by non-profit Express Sports of Texas, that will be comprised of nine teams in the Spring season. Express Sports is owned and operated by Fairfield residents Michael and Alex Koma. The organization was founded four years ago with one youth team. Due in large part to the Lone Star Express' focus on family values, all-around player development, and the continued growth of youth baseball, the organization has seen incredible growth.

The team is based inside of Ironwood Construction just outside of Fairfield at 22719 Schiel Rd. The organization has access to two lighted baseball fields and three indoor workout facilities. LSE will field teams this Spring from age 7 through 14. The teams will play tournaments from February through June, primarily in the northwest Houston area, with potentially one or two out of town tournaments. In 2019, Lone Star Express teams won ten tournaments, including a 10U State Championship and a 12U World Series tournament. More importantly, we are developing each player on and off the field through the course of the year.

Looking for good players and great families, the teams are conducting tryouts over the next two months; workouts will be scheduled on the organization's Facebook page or by appointment. Tryouts are being held in December and January. Anyone not able to make the designated times of the tryouts should contact Michael Koma at LSEexpress@yahoo.com.



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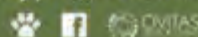
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Around Fairfield

IRON Maidens Take Season Championship and 7U Cup

by Kelly Hodgy

Our Lady Iron Maidens 7U FSA Soccer team took both the 7U season championship as well as the 7U CUP Championship this year! We could not be more proud of our girls. They worked so hard together learning, supporting and enjoying the game of soccer together. It was such a joy to watch them grow and be a team that cared for one another throughout the season and into the playoffs! Special thank you to our Head Coach Pete Sculley and our Assistant Coach John Blum.



Season Championship - Players pictured left to right: Payton Connor (sunglasses), Katelyn Blum, Emily Swenson, Shelby Smith Valerie Sculley, Addelyn Huff & Ryleigh Ary.



FSA Cup Championship - Players pictured left to right: Addelyn Huff, Emily Swenson, Katelyn Blum, Shelby Smith, Payton Connor, Ryleigh Ary and Valerie Sculley. Coach John Blum on Left, Soccer Commissioner Jeremy and Coach Pete Sculley.

Fairfield's Fifty Plus Fun-Loving Group

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:

Tuesday, January 7th, Minute Made Park: Guided tour of the park and learn its history.

THE TRIP PLANS FOR FEBRUARY:

Tuesday, February 4th, Amazon Fulfillment Center: Guided tour of the facility to see first-hand how we get our packages so fast.

For the complete information about these trips and three special trip go to: <http://www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com>

Click on: "For Trip Information" at the top of our homepage, then the "Click Here" on that page. Then contact either Jo Ann or Jackie for further directions.

JANUARY FAIRFIELD 50 PLUS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, January 9th, 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. Plan on staying after the dinner to play dominoes, socialize and finish up the desserts.

Tuesday, January 14th, 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 provided on the Activity page on our website and will also be in our January, 12th weekly newsletter.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN JANUARY:

The first Friday, **January 3rd** and the third Friday, **January 17th**, 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 10th**, and the fourth Friday, **January 24th**, 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:

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JANUARY NEWS



FAC TENNIS NEWS

Congrats to Pranshu for his First Place win in his challenger tournament. Pranshu trains at our Tennis Academy in our Advanced class.



FAC KIDS CLUB NEWS

FAC Kids Club offers After School tutoring for Kindergarten through 6th grade, call (281) 373-0834 for more information!

Our January calendar is full of fun events for our After School program! We still have openings for the 2019-2020 school year, call today or visit us online for more information!



FAC FITNESS NEWS

Our members have been enjoying our Group Fitness classes. We would love to know what classes you would like to see in the new year! Visit our website at: fairfieldathleticclub.com and let us know!



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For more information, call 281-373-0834 or visit our website at: www.fairfieldathleticclub.com

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January 2020				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>DECEMBER 30</p> <p>~HOLIDAY CAMP~</p>	<p>DECEMBER 31</p> <p>~HOLIDAY CAMP~</p>	<p>JANUARY 1</p> <p>Shopping New Year</p>	<p>JANUARY 2</p> <p>~HOLIDAY CAMP~</p> <p>Tennis</p>	<p>JANUARY 3</p> <p>~HOLIDAY CAMP~</p> <p>Gym Game: KITTENS in Mittens</p>
<p>JANUARY 4</p> <p>Classroom Activity: Cotton Ball Penguin</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 5</p> <p>Gym Game: Avalanche Tag</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 6</p> <p>Edible Craft - String Cheese Snowman</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 7</p> <p>Tennis</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 8</p> <p>Gym Game: FAC Book of Records</p>
<p>JANUARY 13</p> <p>Classroom Activity: Paper Snowmen</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 14</p> <p>Gym Game: Snowball Fight</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 15</p> <p>Edible Craft - Penguin Pushing Caps</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 16</p> <p>Tennis</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 17</p> <p>Gym Game: Balloon Strap</p>
<p>JANUARY 20</p> <p>~HOLIDAY CAMP~</p> <p>Classroom Activity: Cotton Snowflakes</p>	<p>JANUARY 21</p> <p>Gym Game: What time is it Mr. Yeti?</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 22</p> <p>Edible Craft - Snowman Pretzels</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 23</p> <p>Tennis</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 24</p> <p>Gym Game: Snowball Throw</p>
<p>JANUARY 27</p> <p>Classroom Activity: Popsicle Stick Wings</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 28</p> <p>Gym Game: Freeze Tag</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 29</p> <p>Edible Craft - Marshmallow Igloos</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 30</p> <p>Tennis</p> <p>Homework</p>	<p>JANUARY 31</p> <p>Gym Game: Snowball Seed</p>

Around Fairfield

Keeping Active, Involved & Informed

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, Municipal Utility District (MUD) #396. The meetings are usually the second Wednesday of every month. If you plan to attend or reside in a different Fairfield MUD, call 713-651-5345 to confirm dates. The meeting begins at 12 Noon at Norton, Rose, Fulbright US LLP, 1301 McKinney, Suite 5100, Houston, TX 77010-3095. If you would like a ride to the meeting, contact Bill Wilson at 832-653-5146.



Saturday, January 25, 2020, Cypress Texas Tea Party (CTTP). The meeting is from 12 Noon until 2:00 PM. Location is Spring Creek BBQ at 25831 Northwest Fwy, Cypress, TX 77429 (phone) 281-758-1450. CTTP does not charge a fee to attend the meeting and does not have membership dues. Also, you do not have to purchase a meal to attend although most do. This meeting will be a candidate forum for the upcoming 2020 elections. This is an opportunity to meet and ask questions of candidates for public office in Harris County and Texas. Speakers for subsequent meetings are on the CTTP website.

Monday, January 27, 2020, Fairfield Village Community Homeowner Association (HOA). The January meeting will be at 6:00 PM at the Lakeside Trails Clubhouse. Call First Service Residential at 713-332-4763 or go to the office next to the Fairfield Athletic Club for information about this or any of the HOA Villages meetings.

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, Fairfield Village South Homeowner Association. This is a meeting for those residing in South Village. The January meeting will be at the Central Park Clubhouse, 15015 Heath Green Circle near Salyards Middle School at 6:00 PM. First Service Residential will have information about this and other Village meetings, 713-332-4763.

Tuesday, January 28, 2019, Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women (TYRTRW). This is the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Harris County Smokehouse, 14243 FM 2920, Tomball, TX 77377 (phone) 281-351-4060. The meetings begin at 6:30 PM. You are not required to be a member to attend nor are you required to purchase a meal. Arrive early if you plan to have a meal.

Thursday, January 30, 2020, Fairfield Republicans. This is the regular meeting the last Thursday of the month. The time will be from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. There will be a change in location for this meeting. The new meeting location will have been determined after the December 12, 2019 meeting. Check the Fairfield Republicans Facebook page or contact Bill Ely at 832-919-4999 for the new location.

Nonprofit Counseling Center Opens New Katy Area Office

Local non-profit Shield Bearer, with the mission of providing hope and healing for hurting hearts, has opened a new counseling office in the Katy area at 1718 North Fry Road. In partnership with Faith City Church, Shield Bearer will provide professional counseling services, prevention programs, and training opportunities for individuals, couples, families, businesses, churches, and schools. Services are available on a sliding scale for those with financial concerns.

“Shield Bearer has been on the front lines strengthening individuals and families in the Houston area for over thirteen years and sees thousands of families each year. We are excited to now offer a convenient location in Katy,” stated Executive Director Thad Cardine.

“Shield Bearer has grown tremendously over the years due to the support of the community,” shared Associate Director Melissa Rotholz. “We are thankful for partners like Faith City Church that are dedicated to the emotional and mental well-being of local families through counseling, awareness, and training.”

Appointments at any of the eight Shield Bearer locations can be made by calling a Client Relations Specialist at (281) 894-7222. For additional information, visit shieldbearer.org or call (281) 894-7222. Learn more about partnership opportunities and volunteering at a free Community Breakfast on the first Tuesday of the month at 9AM at 12340 Jones Rd, Ste 290 in Houston.





“Know Your Rights, Start 2020 off with a Plan”

Luncheon Details

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Networking 11:00 a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

***NEW LOCATION: Longwood Golf Club, 13300 Longwood Trace, Cypress, TX 77429**

Costs \$30 with advanced reservations; \$35 at the door



Houston, Texas (December 9, 2019)

Being raised in different countries Denice Smith speaks three languages: English, Spanish and Portuguese. Following her graduation from high school in Brazil, Houston became her home. It is here that she obtained a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Houston and her law degree from South Texas College of Law. Her curriculum vitae' spans six pages

and shows not only her competency as an attorney but her passion for coaching and advocating for a long list of causes. In addition to her expertise in her current practice that includes family law, estate planning, arbitration and mediation, she is a certified appellate attorney and is licensed to practice before the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Her career covers other specialties like medical malpractice, personal injury and sports law. Her accolades are impressive, however it is the peace of mind and confidence that her clients and colleagues express regarding the professional service she has provided for them that makes her acquaintance endearing. Her elevator pitch states the importance of legal representation perfectly, “if you don’t know your legal rights you don’t have any.”

About Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

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About American Business Women’s Association (ABWA)

Founded in 1949, ABWA provides business training and networking opportunities for women of diverse occupations and backgrounds. ABWA has dedicated 60 years to women’s education, workplace skills and career development training. For more information, visit, www.abwa.org.

Fairfield Republicans



We are a group of like-minded residents living mostly in Harris County Precincts 0111, 0124, and 0405. Others are welcome to attend. The next monthly meeting will be the last Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. A new meeting location will have been determined after the December 2019 meeting. Check our Facebook page, “Fairfield Republicans”, for an update on the new location. Our purpose is to meet for relevant information and plan for the 2020 Election including get out the vote efforts. We have a growing list of Facebook followers. Our Facebook page is the “Fairfield Republicans” group. Also, you may contact Bill Ely, Precinct 0124 Chair at 832-919-4999 for more information.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! by Janet Guthrie

In honor of Veterans Day, Fairfield Creek Estates saluted the contributions of all veterans and the special place they deserve in our hearts for their sacrifice and their service.

FCE invited local community member, LTC Carol A. Strong, daughter of resident C. Rosemary Major, to give a presentation on her life-time career in the Army, and her tenure at Prairie View College as a professor of Military Science.

In addition to sharing an inspirational Veterans' Day message, Carol even relived a few of her memories directly associated with 911 and the part our brave veterans serving the nation played in the disaster.

Donna Morse, president of the VFW Women's Auxiliary, shared the importance of “Buddy Poppy” and invited veterans in the audience to join the events and activities sponsored by the VFW.

FCE offers a heartfelt Veterans Day salute of thanks to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country while protecting the freedoms of our great nation.



Around Fairfield



Santa Made a Stop At RE/MAX

Santa spent the day at RE/MAX Preferred Homes located at Mason and Cypresswood, in Fairfield on December 7th.

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Fairfield Women's Club

The Heart of Fairfield

2019 Was a HUGE SUCCESS

by Suzanne Thompson

The Fairfield Women's Club would like to thank all of our
members for making 2019 a great success. We welcome all ladies
from Fairfield and Lakes of Fairhaven to come to our meetings
on the 3rd Tues. of each month.

FWC welcomes the New Year with a Bunco meeting this
month. We will meet at Bradford Creek Club House at 7:00 for
fun, games and snack refreshments. Please RSVP for yourself
and a friend, if you like, so we know how many tables to set
up for Bunco.

We still have pecans!!! Please contact a member of Fairfield
Women's Club or email Suzanne Thompson at dthompson8@comcast.net
for an order which we happily deliver to your home.
The price is \$13 per bag or 2 bags for \$25. We have two types;
pecan pieces or pecan halves. Great for baking, gift giving, or
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Lunch Bunch will meet on the 2nd Thursday at 11:30. The
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Around Fairfield

On Metta's Fork

Response given by Metta Archilla-Ishida

While surfing the Net recently, I stumbled upon "On Metta's Fork," a complimentary Facebook site to Cypress Area Eats group, of which Metta is a founder. I contacted Metta and asked her to shed some light on why she created the second food-related site. Quite frankly, I'm pleased and excited to be a member of her latest food page. No one will dispute that she is an exceptional food photographer, and she knows the ins and outs of food production, presentation, and delivery. I'm surprised she hasn't been tapped by Every Day with Rachel Ray, Food Network, or Bon Appetit.

Metta explained, "On Metta's Fork was created as a handshake to the Cypress Area Eats Facebook Group. As an extreme Foodie 24/7 and living the life of a Chef's wife, it just made sense to expand my passion for supporting LOCAL and food blogging into something a little more personal. My husband, Executive Chef Elias Ishida helped me design the name based on what folks would ask me almost daily, 'What and where are you eating today?' That trust is humbling.

"On Metta's Fork and Cypress Area Eats are both available on the Instagram and Facebook platforms and are limitless in their boundaries or any particular centric area. If it's good food, I want to tell the world and share with others where they, too, can have delicious culinary experiences. One of my biggest passions is in connecting people through Food and Fellowship."

On Metta's Fork

<https://m.facebook.com/On-Mettas-Fork-484712285600068/?tsid=0.9689527323011589&source=result>
@On.Mettas.Fork - Instagram



Young Entrepreneurs

Ten-year-old entrepreneurs, Jaiden and Jace, are still at it! They brought Makeshift Kids to a holiday market at The Village of Gleannloch Farms in Spring on December 5th. According to their most ardent supporter, AKA Mom, "They did quite well considering it was a small market, and not all of the vendors saw a lot of traffic. They're learning that it takes hard work to be successful as they continue to add new products to their line-up. Several new products included Christmas colored and glow in the dark pens, homemade sugar scrubs, and money filled soap. They've even gotten their Dad in on the act by teaching him how to make and roll out pens."



"They're already saving for summer camp again, and they gave 10% of their earnings to Cypress Creek Rehabilitation this time to help provide residents with pajamas and sweaters for Christmas." If you've experienced these boys, please leave them a review on Facebook or at their Etsy store! www.etsy.com/shop/makeshiftkids





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School News



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A cartoon polar bear wearing a red scarf and holding a candy cane is also featured on the poster.

Swenke Elementary Thanks Chick-fil-A for Spirit Night Donations!

Swenke families and friends enjoyed two nights to at Chick-fil-A in December raising funds for their school. 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. Thank you!

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 & 3rd grade garden days, Dr. Seuss Week, and more! Keep an eye out for ways to volunteer at events at Swenkepto.org.

Salyards Honors WWII Vets

Salyards Middle School choir students honored World War II veterans and other members of the "greatest generation" with a special concert on Nov. 14.

Salyards choir teacher Amy Moore had a vision five years ago of a concert in which students sang World War II-era songs. After continuing to talk with her father, who is a jazz musician, the first "greatest generation" concert was performed to commemorate the 70th anniversary of World War II.

2019 marked the 75th anniversary of the war and Moore decided to produce the concert again. Students auditioned for the show and all rehearsals for the show occurred afterschool. Students were dressed in vintage dresses, old Army and Navy uniforms and sang popular songs including "I'll be Seeing You" by Billie Holiday, "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" by the Andrews Sisters and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Judy Garland. All music was performed by a professional, live jazz band.

In between songs, students shared stories of World War II veterans that had ties to faculty, staff and students of Salyards. A slideshow showcasing veterans and their wives also played during the concert



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Winner at Salyards

Eighth grader, Ashley Trapp, photographed our students for the National Red Ribbon Week Photography Contest. After weeks of voting, Salyards Middle School was named the winner for Region IV and placed in the top 10 nationally!



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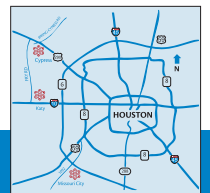
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News You Can Use

Focus Your Influence

by Jonathan Spencer, Adult Ministries, Second Baptist Church

In 2020, Second Baptist Church is encouraging their church family to “focus their influence” in their everyday lives. The Bible teaches that God gives every believer an opportunity to serve as His ambassador to their family, friends and neighbors (2 Corinthians 5:18-20). However, it can be easy to overlook those God-given opportunities, or perhaps just feel ill-equipped to say the right thing. In light of that, Second is offering two “Focus Your Influence” evangelism training classes starting in January. This 8-week course is offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM (beginning January 15th) and Sunday afternoons at 4PM (beginning January 19th). Childcare will be available at both class options. This practical class will help you better understand the essentials of the Gospel, the power of your story, how to start a spiritual conversation, and how to respond to many frequently asked questions of the faith.

In conjunction with the “Focus Your Influence” training, Second is also debuting a brand-new Bible Study curriculum in 2020 titled, “Is There More? His Plan, Our Purpose.” This in-house produced curriculum will help you better understand the storyline of God’s Word. 14 Adult Bible Study classes will navigate through this year-long study and walk away with a better understanding of the

chronological story of God’s Word from Genesis to Revelation. These classes are for all ages and stages, and they meet at 9:30AM on Sundays and 6:30PM on Wednesdays.

Come join the excitement at the Cypress Campus every Sunday at 9:30AM Bible Study and 11AM Worship! For more information, visit www.second.org or the Cypress Campus social media pages: facebook.com/secondcypress or Instagram @sbccypress.



Night To Shine Set for February 7th

By Merissa Holliday

Community of Faith is excited to announce that on it will once again serve as a host for Night to Shine on February 7th, 2020. Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God’s love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. COF is excited to be a part of this worldwide movement that is uniting churches of different denominations all over the world with the common goal of celebrating people with special needs.

Every guest of Night to Shine enters this complimentary event on a red carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi. Once inside, guests receive the royal treatment, including hair and makeup stations, shoe-shining areas, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres, a catered dinner, karaoke, prom favors, a dance floor -all leading up to the moment when each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom.

“It is awe inspiring to see how God is using the Church globally to stand up and advocate for people with special needs. I truly believe that the world is coming together through Night to Shine to celebrate the love that God has for us! Every town, every village, every state, every country needs a Night to Shine for their special needs community – a chance to be a part of something significant and life-changing...and to be blessed in the process,” said Tim Tebow, founder of the Tim Tebow Foundation.

As sponsor of Night to Shine, the Tim Tebow Foundation will provide each host church with the official 2020 Night to Shine Planning Manual,

personalized guidance and support from a Tim Tebow Foundation staff member and access to free and discounted resources that will assist them in creating an unforgettable night for their guests. The foundation also has committed nearly \$3.5 million in financial support to hundreds of churches needing assistance in hosting the event.

Night to Shine has experienced incredible growth, now in its sixth year of existence. The event launched in 2015 with 44 host churches and 15,000 volunteers honoring more than 7,000 kings and queens of the prom. This past February, 655 host churches and 200,000 volunteers came together to celebrate 100,000 honored guests with special needs. Now in its sixth year, the Tim Tebow Foundation anticipates 800 churches to sign up to host the event taking place this coming February.

For additional information on how you can get involved or register for Night to Shine, visit cof.church.



News You Can Use

Looking Toward Better Health in 2020



Going out to eat no longer has to wreck your healthy eating habits. Yes, folks, you can eat smart right here in Fairfield. If it's nutritious food you're after, look no further than Andy's Kitchen. You will find a new salad menu coming in 2020 to help keep your diet

free of diet-sabotaging culprits.

Says Andy, "Our customers asked for low carb, healthy, and keto-friendly meals. So, we decided to create a menu of healthy alternatives to address our customers' needs.

"Our freshly made salads, sandwiches, and drinks are the perfect way to maintain a healthy lifestyle," he adds, "because all we use are wholesome ingredients.

"Just for valued customers," Andy says, "we have created our menus where items can be adjusted to fit most dietary restrictions. For example, our diners can now order a lettuce bun on all burgers. Or, they can select sandwiches with green beans or salad instead of fries."

So, if your New Years Resolution is to eat better, walk right in and sit right down! Andy has you covered.



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Maintaining St. Augustine Lawns

Source: Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System

THESE TIPS ARE APPLICABLE THROUGH FEBRUARY

MOWING

Continue the recommended mowing practices until the grass goes dormant and does not require mowing.

FERTILIZING

Continue fertilizing as recommended until 4 to 6 weeks before the first expected frost. At that time, apply a low nitrogen, high-potassium fertilizer such as 5-10-10. Apply no more than 1 1/2 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. To calculate the amount of product needed per 1,000 square feet, substitute 50 for 100 in the spring formula.

Do not fertilize St. Augustinegrass from December through February unless the lawn has been overseeded (planted with cool-season grass to maintain its green color in the winter). Fertilize overseeded lawns once in December and again in February with 1/2 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet, using a nitrogen-only

fertilizer such as 21-0-0.

Have the soil tested to determine the nutrients needed. In the absence of a soil test, use a complete fertilizer with a 3-1-2 ratio of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

WATERING

Even though St. Augustinegrass is normally dormant in winter, you may still need to water it periodically when the weather is warm, dry and windy. If the lawn has been overseeded, water as you would from March through May.

CONTROLLING WEEDS

Apply preemergent herbicides for annual winter weeds when the average soil temperature drops to 70 °F. Your county Extension agent can give you an estimate of that date in your area. Apply postemergent herbicides as needed.

CONTROLLING INSECTS

St. Augustinegrass lawns should experience no detrimental insect activity during the winter.



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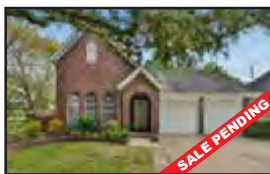
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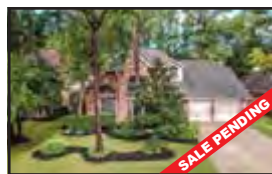
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