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From The Editor's Desk

by Jackie Devine



Yea!, We are already into our second month of the new year. And yes, it can still mean new beginnings and the utmost attempts for self-betterment. Some of us continue to vow to lose weight while others promise to try really hard to save money. Whatever your New Years' resolutions were, we hope you're still hard at work and on the way to realizing your dream.

Now that I'm ready to go to press, I'm wondering why I didn't develop stories around February's favorites Mardi Gras or Valentines' Day. But the closest I've come is introducing you to Elena Leve, a circus actress traveling with Cirque Du Soleil Alegri, In A New Light---Under the Big Top, Sam Houston Race Park Houston, TX, from February 29, 2020 - April 12, 2020. It is touted as is a masterpiece, from its ravishing costumes

to its stunning choreography and amazing feats. Hopefully, if you take time out to experience the circus first hand, you will be able to recognize Elena and feel like you've got a friend on stage.

Our cover story is one we think will be of interest to parents and grandparents, educators, and interested members of the community. Or anyone for that matter that has ever given considered homeschooling. We now have The Cypress Homeschool Council for you to contact with questions and concerns. You will also hear from local folks that are finding satisfaction in homeschooling their children.

Like always, we've untapped lots of good news about people, events, and accolades in our neighborhoods, schools, churches, and businesses.

Thank you for your loyal readership and editorial contributions. Our continued success depends on forging healthy relationships and strong networks of communication. Please continue to send fascinating, positive, and empowering stories our way. The Fairfield Community Gazette is your voice.

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Introducing The Cypress Homeschool Council

by Nohemi Passey

Home schools in Texas have been determined by Texas courts to be private schools, and private schools are not regulated by the state of Texas.

The law in Texas is one of the most favorable for home educators in the United States, and here people are free to determine the course of their children's education. Texas leads the nation in the number of families who home school. We estimate that more than 150,000 families in the state have chosen this tutorial method of education and that more 350,000 children are being taught at home. © 2020 · TEXAS HOME SCHOOL COALITION ASSOCIATION <https://thsc.org/homeschooling-in-texas/>

Nohemi Passey

We moved to Fairfield in July 2017, and we love it! We have homeschooled our son since he was two years old. We were looking for a homeschool group that provided many activities for our son, where he would be able to develop long-lasting friendships on his homeschool journey. After careful thought, my husband and I decided to start a homeschool group, hence, we established The Cypress Homeschool Council. We wish to provide children with an inclusive, respectful, kind, and safe environment at every event and field trip organized by our group. We love having many of our Fairfield neighbors being a part of The Cypress Homeschool Council, also known as CHC. If you are looking for a homeschool group with a great variety of activities for your kids, check our website: <https://www.thehomeschoolcouncil.org>

Melanie Vitovsky

We've lived in Fairfield for 13 years. We started homeschooling in 3rd grade and were so thrilled to learn just how many homeschoolers there are in Fairfield. We had no idea and feel incredibly blessed to be part of this community! Having access to groups like CHC provides so much enrichment for our kids. Activities like choir, art, book club, science fair, and show & tell provides even more opportunities for our kids to thrive.



Lauren Duffy

Homeschooling is becoming so much more common. You wouldn't believe the number of homeschooling families right here in our neighborhood! Making the change to homeschool has been wonderful for us and only regret is not starting sooner. If you've ever considered it, I'd encourage you to try it because Fairfield has a really supportive homeschool community. Get plugged in with a homeschool group and get ready to be amazed! We love CHC, all the activities we do together and all the friends we've made. Our kids are having so many experiences and opportunities and I'm so grateful.



Chrissy Osborn

I live in Fairfield, and after homeschooling for four years I knew we needed to add something more to our everyday routine. Finding CHC has been wonderful for my children and an amazing support group for myself.



Meggan Connell

My name is Meggan Connell and this is my 4th year homeschooling! My son Adam is 10 and in the 4th grade and my daughter is 6 and in the 1st grade. Homeschooling is such a blessing to our family because it allows us to raise our children to love learning as well as allowing us to travel and explore the world around us. We are very blessed to be a part of CHC for the support and camaraderie it provides to our homeschool journey. I am very excited to be the craft class leader for CHC this year and to share my love of crafting with our homeschooling community.

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Mary West

We love living and homeschooling in Fairfield! We are enjoying the ability to spend more time with our girls and each other, while also seeing firsthand how much the girls learn and grow each day! We don't know what we'll decide forever, but for now, homeschooling is the right choice for us and it is so worthwhile! There are so many opportunities to enrich and foster a love of learning in our area- our schooling has brought us outside in many of the beautiful parks in and around Fairfield, to the Nutcracker and the Main Street Theatre downtown, to the Discovery Center in Sugarland & to co-op events down the road at Juergen's Hall, just to name a few! Being part of Cypress Homeschool Council has been a great resource for us in the Fairfield area; it feels like there is always a different activity or field trip going on! We also take the trip down 99 to our academic co-op in the Woodlands, Divine Mercy Academy, which offers us a great classroom experience bi-weekly!



Kimberly Perez

Homeschooling has been such a blessing for my kids and our family as a whole. We had initially planned to homeschool only one school year, but after seeing the positive changes in our kids (less stress, happier), it was a no-brainer to continue. We are currently in our second year. I'm so thankful for our homeschool tribe here in Fairfield/Cypress. As a newer homeschool mom, having other parents to go to with questions about curriculum, progress, or even just concerns, has been invaluable. Homeschooling is not always easy, so having a good support system is a must! I look forward to our homeschooling journey continuing in the coming years.



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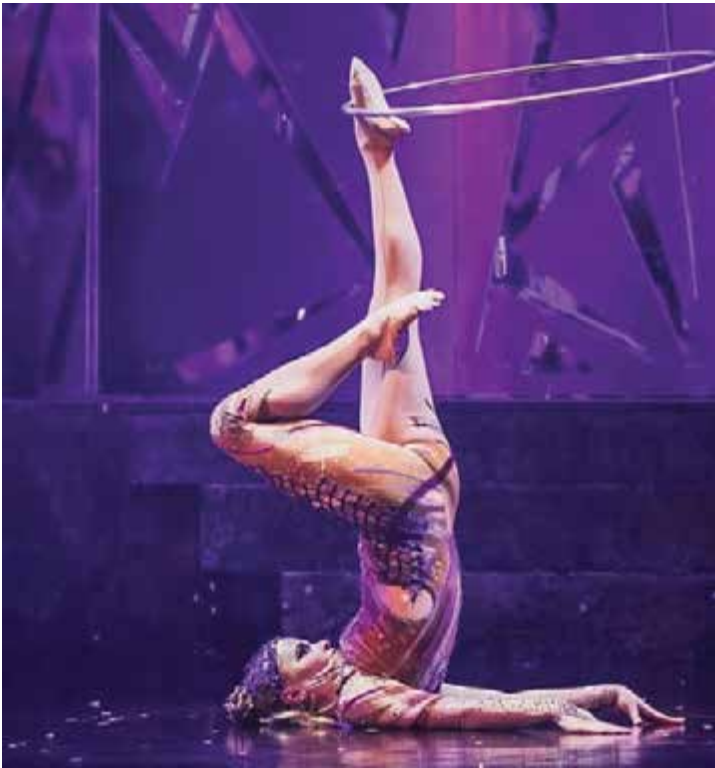
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by Jackie Devine

THE CIRCUS IS BACK IN TOWN!



It's an adventure you won't want to miss. Like none other, with its signature songs, acrobatics, and memorable characters, the joyful spirit of Cirque du Soleil's, *Alegría in a New Light*, is returning to the Big Top. You get to share its timeless story of resilience and hope through an energizing force driven by a thirst for a brighter world.

Sitting in the audience, witnessing the magic, and allowing for a "willful suspension of disbelief," you realize that gone are the days of the 'big tent' circuses that performed across the countryside. Vanished also are the old-time opportunities when someone could say, and mean it: "I'm fed up with my life! I think I'm just going to quit and run away with the circus!"

It's more than obvious, watching a dramatic, custom-built theatrical and technical performance that the bar would be set pretty high if you decide that you want to join the circus as a 2020 performer, AKA, a professional circus artist. The reality is, you will either have to have been born into a circus family or have a long list of academic credentials from circus schools offering bachelor's or even masters and doctoral work in circus arts performance.



In the case of Elena Lev, born in 1981 into a family of Russian gymnasts and circus performers, it was the former. She began her training to become a rhythmic gymnast at an early age. Assisted and coached by her mother, Elena Lev Sr, she

perfected a signature hula hoop act incorporating gymnastics and contortion that combined dance, flexibility, balance, and strength. Elena stepped on stage at 11 and began traveling around Russia with her parents, performing in circuses and at special events.

Her big break came in 1994 when she was invited to join the *Alegría* touring troupe of Cirque du Soleil and performed in *Alegría* for close to 8 years touring around North America, Japan, Europe, and Australia. She has also participated in six other Cirque du Soleil shows, including *Quidam*, *ZAIA*, *Saltimbanco*, *Wintuk*, and, more recently, *Zumanity* in Las Vegas.

For those that have not experienced it, Cirque du Soleil is a contemporary Canadian circus ("nouveau cirque") considered the largest theatrical producer in the world. Each production is a synthesis of circus styles from around the world, with its central theme and storyline. The artists are extraordinary physical specimens performing extraordinary feats, all working behind a veil of anonymity surrounded by continuous live music, while performers, rather than stagehands, change the props.

Elena is fluent in English, Russian, and French. She graduated high school on tour with *Alegría* studying the French-Canadian program. Now, after more than 25 years on stage, at the age of 39, Elena is still combining contortion while covering her body from neck to knees in swirling hula hoops. But, she says, "Every day is a new day, and every run and every show feels different, and can move you in new ways. It is important to deliver a different performance each day while staying true to your character's spirit and the show's soul. The audience won't be the same as the previous performance; the light will hit you in new ways; the music might sound different."

She is excited to be part of the revival of *Alegría in a New Light* as a mature performer and reliving the memories from the early beginnings of her career. She says *Alegría* has always had a special place in her heart and that being part of this new journey feels like closing a cycle in her life.

I asked Elena about the stressfulness of her job. She set me straight rather quickly, "Every job is stressful," she explained, "but the day I start calling what I do a job, I should stop doing it."

"Obviously," Elena agreed, "as an entertainer, I have to be physically and mentally prepared to concentrate on performing. At 39, I am far more aware of what my body needs and how to use it in the best of ways. I can no longer rush into tricks, but on the other hand, I now really feel what I need to do to be at my very best, to reach the audience."

A typical two-show day for Elena is around 11 hours. It includes a light meal, make-up and hair preparation (it takes about an hour to apply her make-up and do her hair), stretching, putting on her costume, meditation, preparing for the act before the show,

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acting during the show, breaking between shows, and preparing for the next performance.

In addition to her strenuous schedule and demanding lifestyle, Elena has managed to raise a daughter and complete a college education, obtaining a degree in Food and Beverage Management. Her daughter, 14-year-old Varvara, a 9th grader and has gained recognition as a synchronized swimmer in her home-town of Las Vagus. This year she is traveling with Elena. "I felt," said Elena, "it was time for Varvara to see what life was like when I was growing up on the road and to experience the opportunities life has to offer.

Says Elena, Alegria is Spanish for 'joy,' and while our performance takes you through a range of human emotions, I hope our audience walks out of the Big Top feeling confident, happy, and joyful."



A Reader's Kind Thank You and Update

Submitted by Johnny Godesen

We ran an article about Johnny's claim to fame in January. He kindly sent us a thank you, an update, and photos of himself and his little girls at the time he wrote and published "Christmas Is Here." We thought you might enjoy his personal version of history.

I read your article in January 2020 Fairfield Community Gazette. Thanks for your complimentary message of "Follow Your Dream".



My dream began fifty four years ago writing a song "Christmas is here" for my two girls, at that time four and five years old. The idea came from a shopping trip to Houston from Galveston. The girls would say Ho Ho Ho and point to all the real Christmas trees being sold in Christmas tree lots along the way.

I stayed up that night and wrote the song, "Christmas is here". I was playing in a small Country Western Band at that time and ask the band members to help me record my song.

I tried many years to get it played on local radio stations but never did. My song stayed dormant for all these years. I gave a copy of the song to a friend that knew someone at ABC Channel 13 in Houston. Everything started happen for me. Christmas is here went viral on the Internet.

The song is now in every state of the United States and thirty five countries around the world. My dream was and still is to have all the children around the world to have my song and sing it every Christmas.

Thanks again for your Complimentary message in the Gazette.
Johnny Godesen, johnnygodesen@sbcglobal.net



Around Fairfield

Young and Generous Fairfield Entrepreneur

by Laura Robbins

Fairfield resident Matt Woods who is a freshman art student at LoneStar College has his own business, Galactic Empire Colors, where he makes Star Wars crayons. He sells at local craft fairs, online and recently sold at the Star Wars Rise of Skywalker movie premiere. For every costumer who buys a bag of Star Wars Crayons Matt donates a dollar to Cy fair helping hands. Matt, this January, gave a check for \$166.00 to Cy Fair Helping Hands to help feed the homeless. You can check out his crayons on Instagram @ Galactic Empire Colors.



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MAKE THE CHANGE

by Sarah Thornton

The New Year is here! If you feel like you're not improving, not making steps in reaching your goals, or just unsure on what you want in life, maybe it's time to MAKE A CHANGE!

If you feel like 2020 needs to be different, it may be time to take on the challenge of becoming one of the WORLD'S FINEST. It might be time to earn the title MARINE.

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Around Fairfield

Fairfield's Fifty Plus Fun-Loving Group

FUN FOR SENIORS

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 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 this trip and three special trips 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.

FEBRUARY FAIRFIELD 50 PLUS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, February 13th, 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, February 18th, 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 February, 16th weekly newsletter.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY:

The first Friday, February 7th and the third Friday, February 21st, 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 14th, and the fourth Friday, February 28th,** 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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News From Fairfield Creek Estates

Fairfield Creek Estates senior residents donned their festive gear and attended a Holiday Potluck Dinner, which included entertainment and games. The highlight of the event was watching the Silverliners brake out their dance shoes to kick off the holiday festivities.

The joyful event held December 19, included lively Christmas music, dancing, food, and a gift exchange.

In January, residents enjoyed a "Lunch and Learn" sponsored by ClearCaptions, a free service that provides new real-time captioning for anyone with any form of hearing loss. Austin Zender emphasized that the free service is available to all seniors because it is federally funded thanks to the "Federal Service Charge" on our landline or cell phone bill. The program has been around for many years!

Sonia Khurana, a state contractor for Sorenson Communications, provided information on resources available for hearing-impaired Texans. Sorenson provides extensive outreach, technical support, and education programs so that users can communicate 24/7 at home, work, or on the go.

Fairfield Creek Estates residents view these activities as an opportunity to meet other seniors and share in social activities and learning experiences. Programs are designed for men and women in their 50s and older. Active adult classes and events promote learning, fitness, and well-being while fostering friendships and camaraderie.

All residents are encouraged to participate so that they can enhance and promote physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being.



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 of the month, February 27, 2020 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. A new meeting location will have been determined by the meeting date. 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. All three Precincts have a Chair, and we are currently seeking volunteers willing to help with "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.

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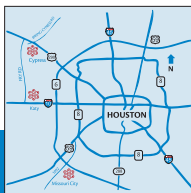
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Keeping Active, Involved & Informed

Fairfield Village Community Homeowner Association (HOA).

The January meeting was on the 27th at 6:00 PM at the Lakeside Trails Clubhouse. The February meeting will be an 8:30 AM meeting, date not yet determined but same location. 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 Village meetings.



Fairfield Village South Homeowner Association. January meeting was the 28th for those residing in South Village. The next meeting will be at the Central Park Clubhouse, 15015 Heath Green Circle near Salyards Middle School at 6:00 PM, date not yet determined. First Service Residential has information about this and other Village meetings, 713-332-4763.

Wednesday, February 12, 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, February 22, 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 continuing candidate forum for the March 3, 2020 Primary Election. This is an opportunity to meet and ask questions of candidates for public office in Harris County and Texas. Speakers for meetings are on the CTTP website.

Tuesday, February 25, 2019, Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women. 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, February 27, 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 has not yet been determined. You will be notified if already on the distribution list. Otherwise, check the Fairfield Republicans Facebook page or contact Bill Ely at 832-919-4999 for the new location.

FEBRUARY NEWS



Yoga & Pilates unite the mind, body, and spirit. They have many of the same goals in mind, but the significant difference between Pilates and Yoga is that in addition to mat work, there can be different exercise machines involved with Pilates because it works out the entire body in addition to the mind. Focus is on the core so the rest can freely move, making your body stronger both on the inside and out.

PiYo Live is a mix of Pilates, which focuses on the muscle and core building, and yoga, which focuses on strength and flexibility. This total body workout is designed to strengthen small muscles (triceps, shoulders, biceps, calves) and large muscles (hamstrings, back, chest).

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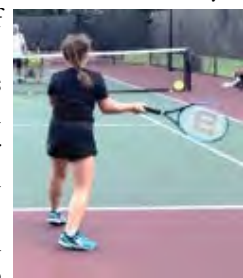
HIIT, or high-intensity interval training, is a training technique in which you give all-out, one hundred percent effort through quick, intense bursts of exercise, followed by short, sometimes active, recovery periods. This type of training gets and keeps your heart rate up and burns more fat in less time.



Tennis Tip - Serve What if your toss is always "off" and thus your serve is always "off"? Here are several tips that may help. Do not hold the ball in your hand when you toss; hold it in your fingertips. Begin the toss in front of your legs. Toss the ball up and forward toward where you imagine your point of contact.

Make certain to toss the ball only as far as the height at which you'll make contact, or a few inches higher. Higher tosses are more likely to stray, and even when they don't, they're more difficult to strike.

Finally, reach after the ball with the arm with which you tossed it. These tennis tips should help you keep your toss on target.



The Pools and Splash Pads are closed for the season. The FAC Pool is heated for lap swimming only. Please check out the lap swimming schedule on our website at www.fairfieldathleticclub.com

New Resident to Fairfield? Come by the Fairfield Athletic Club and ask about becoming a member. Members have access to the weight room, basketball gym, swimming pools, tennis courts and more. Discounts are given to several of ongoing programs. Located at 16055 Mason Rd
Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 5AM – 10 PM; Friday 5AM – 8 PM; Saturday 7 AM – 8 PM; Sunday 11 AM – 8 PM

February 2020				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Classroom Activity: Groundhog Puppet Homework	Classroom Activity: Shadow Puppets Homework	Edible Craft: Groundhog Bag Tails Homework	Tennis Homework	Gym Game: Musical Hearts
Classroom Activity: Valentines Dog Homework	Classroom Activity: Homemade Valentines Homework	Edible Craft: Chocolate Covered Strawberry Hearts Homework	Tennis Homework	VALENTINE'S DAY Gym Game: Cupid's Arrow Toss
~HOLIDAY CAMP~ Classroom Activity: Cherry Blossom Ephem Tree Homework	Classroom Activity: Valentines Word Searches and Coloring Sheets Homework	Edible Craft: Love Bag Fruit Cogs Homework	Tennis Homework	Gym Game: All Pairs Up
Classroom Activity: Conversation Hearts Bingo Homework	Classroom Activity: Valentines Joker Teller Homework	Edible Craft: Valentines Trail Mix Homework	Tennis Homework	Gym Game: Eyes and Ears XOXO

Fairfield Republicans MEETING

**With Chairs of the Harris County Fairfield
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**Location to be Determined – Check Facebook
Page, Fairfield Republicans**

**Thursday Evening
7 to 9 PM**

February 27, 2020

Please join your Fairfield Precinct Chairs of 111, 124 and 405 for our monthly meeting. We will discuss preparing for the March 3, 2020 Primary Election. Also, the meeting will include information on how to be a Delegate to the Senate District 7 Convention on March 21, 2020 and the State Convention on May 14, 15, and 16 in Houston this year.

Constable Stats

Stats include the Commercial and Residential areas of Fairfield

Burglary Habitation	0
Burglary Vehicle	20
Theft Habitation	0
Theft Vehicle	0
Theft Other	12
Robbery	1
Assault	2
Sexual Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	0
Disturbance Family	6
Disturbance Juvenile	2
Disturbance Other	24
Alarms	43
Suspicious Vehicles	40
Suspicious Persons	31
Runaway	0
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What Happened To Those Christmas Trees?

Have any of you wondered what happened to those Christmas trees you put on the curb for the Boy Scouts to pick up for recycling?

The Scouts, from Troop 1907, Troop 533, Pack 33, Pack 1533, & Pack 533, mulched 365 of them and then delivered them to Aitken Farm & Ranch to be enjoyed by Darla, Starla, Carla, Bronan, Bonnie, SweetPea Betty, BABs, and Batman. The cattle are all babies named by then four-year-old Gracelynn.

"This is the 9th year of this service project, and it is a unified effort of five Fairfield based Scout groups," said Scott Miller, troop leader. "Jones Road Tree Service volunteers their equipment and time for the past seven years to help us mulch the trees. The scouts spend hours collecting trees all over Fairfield and then assist with prepping the trees (removing lights, tree stands, leftover ornaments) and then moving them close to the mulcher. For safety reasons, only the JRTS employees feed trees into the mulcher"

Last year the scouts were looking for reusable options for the chippings and came together with Aiken's Farm & Ranch. It was a match made in heaven. Leaders also want to thank the Fairfield HEB for donations that allowed them to fuel their team with donuts and hot chocolate for the last few years.

"Thanks to all of the Scouts & volunteers who gave their time for this project!" Scott added.

Aiken Farm & Ranch is a family business that was born out of our love for nature and fresh products. Due to the feedback from their visitors, they created a small animal farm, mainly for the entertainment of the children.

If you can't make it to their store during regular business hours (Thursday and Friday 12:30-5:00 and Saturday 10:00-5:00), be sure to head over to Fairfield Town Center the 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:00 - 2:00. The exact location is in the parking lot in front of Old Navy & Marshalls 28902 US 290 Cypress, TX 77433



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Around Fairfield



Fairfield Women's Club

by Suzanne Thompson



Happy New year – hard to believe that 2020 is here!!! Thanks to the community for all of your support for our 2019 year in Women's Club. We had a great year with our garage sales, 4th of July Celebration and pecan sales. With community support,

we were able to award \$10,000 in scholarships to our Fairfield schools, volunteer Fire Department and support to our Constables.

Here is the schedule for this spring's Lunch Bunch. It is always the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:30 so mark your calendars and bring a friend.



2020 - 'Keep it Local'

January 9th - Nyam Nyam Cafe

February 13th - First Watch

March 12th - Andy's Kitchen

April 9th - Retro Cafe

May 14th - Las Mananitas

Our next meeting will be February 18th at Bradford Creek Club House, 7:00pm. Our program will be Champagne and Chocolate so come learn about the different types of Champagne. Feel free to bring a friend, just put it in the RSVP so we know how many are coming.

We still have a couple of cases of pecans left so get yours before we sell out. Please contact Suzanne Thompson at dthompson8@comcast.net to place your order and they will be delivered to your door! 1 bag - \$13 or 2 bags for \$25, chopped or whole.

Save the date for the Spring Garage Sale, first Saturday in April, April 4th 2020. We are all cleaning out as we prepare for the New Year. Save those articles and make yourself some money by participating in the Spring Garage Sale, the first Saturday in April.



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Economic Fair Held At Bridgeland

by Danielle Owen

Economics fairs offer students a unique opportunity to see how the economy works. Students participate by opening individual businesses, and either manufacturing items to sell or provide services for sale. Students determine what resources they need for their business to succeed and where they will purchase those resources. The second group of students is given play money and shop at different companies, choosing which items they'd like to purchase.

Bridgeland High Schools Economic Classes held an Eco Fair in December. About 600 students attended and participated.

Students planned the program; working together to create and develop the Fair. All products displayed were conceived and developed by the students in the fall semester of Economics.

Monies that were collected will go toward the Senior Prom and the Senior Brunch at the end of the year.

This Senior Economic course is designed to provide the students with a basic understanding of the important relationships of economics to our social and political problems. The course emphasizes the philosophy, development, and operation of our American economic system and its essential influence on the individual and society.



Father/Daughter Dance at Ault

by Allyson Akins



Boots and Bling, the 4th Annual Ault PTO Father Daughter Dance will be held Friday, February 7th. It is fun for both the girls and their favorite guys. They look forward to this event every year. The girls love to dress up, dance, and make a whole evening of it.

Open to all Ault girls; the PTO started the event four years ago as a way for the girls to have a special evening with their father or a male role model. It's hosted in our cafeteria, and our dance floor is packed. We have some great dancers!

A DJ provides a variety of music and three special dance-offs: dads/male role models only, girls only, and couple dance. Plus, everyone can visit the selfie station by Incredevnts for a remembrance picture.

This dance always sells out and is a ton of fun for the girls. BHS Key Club supports us with volunteers during the event. Tickets are \$10 PER PERSON attending. Corsages are also for sale for \$5 and come in two options BLUE or WHITE. Tickets will be car-rider style pick up Thursday, February 6th. Thank you for your continued support!

Salyards 8th Grade Football B-Team

Congratulations! We would like to congratulate Coaches Kenny Beck and Lee Edmiston, and the 8th grade B-Team Football team for being crowned West Zone Champions with a record of 7-1.



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School News

The Winter Band Concert on December 16th was incredible! All 4 of the Salyards Bands had great performances and the audience was entertained by pieces like “Sleigh Ride,” “Twenty Carols in Two Minutes,” “Santa at the Symphony,” and “Beethoven’s Ninth.”

The second semester has so many exciting performances and opportunities. Solo and Ensemble Competition is Jan 31st and Feb 1st, the percussion ensemble performs in Indianapolis for the Music for All National Percussion Festival in March, and the 7/8 grade bands perform for UIL in April. It’s going to be a great semester. We will have a community concert on March 5th at 7:30pm at Bridgeland HS. Admission is free!!

We would love to have your child join the band! If you are 5th grader and interested in learning an instrument, it would be awesome to have you in the program in middle school. Music is such an amazing once in a lifetime opportunity. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Glass at joseph.glass@cfisd.net

Band members had the opportunity to audition for the Region Band in November. After competing against hundreds of other students from CFISD, Brenham ISD, Spring Branch ISD, and Waller ISD, Salyards Middle School had 31 students make the Region Band. Congratulations to the following students

- Abby Manzo, flute
- Bella Miller, flute
- Hailey Senna, flute
- Megan Urban, flute
- Alyssa Goodyear, flute
- Tisha Amin, flute
- Chloe Keller, flute
- Marcella Tejada, oboe
- Iliana Ensley, bassoon
- Dalton Schulz, clarinet
- Kiara Girona, clarinet
- Bella Vickers, bass clarinet
- Connor Zatopek, alto sax
- Josh Ramirez, tenor sax
- Denver Hicks, bari sax
- Winston Nabors, trumpet
- David Nguyen, trumpet
- Greyson Gaona, trumpet
- Stephen Nicholson, trumpet
- Austin Steres, trumpet
- Jason O’Brien, horn
- Thad Rauch, horn
- Leithan Abbott, trombone
- Hannah Martin, trombone
- Austin Bitter, trombone
- Devin Dudley, trombone
- Michael Wilkes, euphonium
- Hunter Davis, tuba
- Connor Martin, percussion
- Nick Ho, percussion
- Elizabeth Holt, percussion

Coveted Recognition for Salyards Treble Chorale

by Amy Moore, Choir Director

The Salyards Treble Chorale was invited to perform in the Houston Chamber Choir’s “Hear the Future” Concert on January 26, 2019, at South Main Baptist Church at 4pm.

Each year, the Houston Chamber Choir invites three outstanding choirs from the Greater Houston area to participate in this annual invitational choral festival. The concert features one choir from the elementary level, one from the middle school level, and one from the high school level. The invited choirs featured serve to acknowledge and encourage high standards for all school choirs.

The Salyards Treble Chorale is comprised of all eighth-grade girls and was honored to be the invited middle school choir on the “Hear the Future” Concert this year. Being invited to participate

in this event is a coveted recognition that is given to school choir programs who have shown a consistent high level of performance and achievement in the field of music.

This is the first time Salyards Middle School has ever been extended this honor. Salyards choir directors, Amy Moore, Evan Moynihan, and Roland Rodriguez, worked with the Salyards Treble Chorale in preparation for this even throughout the Fall semester.

Amy Moore
Choir Director
Salyards Middle School
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Amy.moore@cfisd.net



Plans for 2020

by Amy Wilkes



Fair Ladies of Christ the Redeemer, or FLOC, is a faith and fellowship group for the women who live in Fairfield and Lakes of Fairhaven that attend Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church.

We generally meet once a month, usually at a member's home, or a local restaurant, and occasionally at Christ the Redeemer. Our meetings

consist of food and drinks, prayer and fellowship! We occasionally have a speaker on topics that pertain to our faith, have fun craft nights, attend Christ the Redeemer events, try out new restaurants, and we also "give back" to the community and the church with some sort of charity or donation activity several times a year.

Our main goals are:

- To bring the CtR women of these two neighborhoods together to make social connections with each other,
- To support one another,

• To surround ourselves with women who share a common faith and to bring those that are hesitant to attend CtR each weekend for Mass (due to the large size of the parish) back to Mass because there will be a friendly face in the crowd.

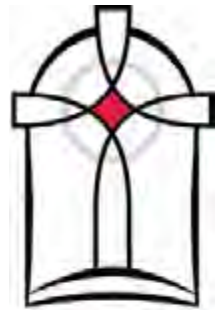
In the last quarter of 2010, a planning meeting/ dinner was held, was at Las Mananitas to map out the activities we will facilitate through May 2020.

A list of the upcoming events planned for 2020 include:

- January - Epiphany party
- February - Couples Progressive Dinner
- March - Craft night at the local craft store
- April - dinner/ drinks at a local restaurant
- May - Create flower arrangements taught by florist Melanie Hugel, and will bring some to a local assisted living center for Mother's Day

For more information, please contact Amy Wilkes at apw1974@juno.com, or search for our group on Facebook - Fair Ladies of Christ the Redeemer (FLOC) - and request to join our closed group.

We look forward to meeting you at our next event!



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A few years ago, while attending a meeting of the National Speaker's Association, Attorney Wesley Wright met a man who portrayed George Washington at various events and spoke about the application of the ethics of George Washington to business ethics today. A few years later, while watching the HBO miniseries John Adams, Wright began thinking about how little people knew about the contributions of the Founding Fathers.

Wright founded the George Washington Lecture Series and speaks to many groups in the spirit of patriotism and education. We are honored to have him speak to Classic Adults and share his knowledge.

George Washington is known among other names, as the "Father of Our Country." He was a central figure in establishing independence from Great Britain. He also helped establish the legal foundation of our country. Wright believes that we should endeavor to learn more about Washington and the others who fought for our freedom so that their sacrifice is not forgotten.

Feb 17, 2020 is President's Day when we celebrate all U.S. Presidents, past and present. George Washington's birthday is Feb 22 (1732). So, it seems fitting that we devote our February luncheon to George Washington, our country's first President! We walk in liberty today, due in large part to what he and many of the early colonists did for us long ago!

You don't want to miss this luncheon!!! George Washington will be there dressed in all his regalia!!!

Please register at www.goodchurch.org, under registrations, on or before January 24, 2020. When you register, you will see information on the luncheon menu. Call the church at 281-373-2273 with any questions. Make plans now to join us on Monday, February 3rd at 11:45 am in the Youth Room of Good Shepherd UMC. Good Shepherd is located at 20155 Cypresswood Drive in Fairfield.

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Attorney Wesley Wright is a native Houstonian and has been practicing law in Houston since 1982. He is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, a Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA) by the National Elder Law Foundation and an Accredited Claims Attorney by the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is a graduate of South Texas College of Law and the University of Houston.

He holds many honors in his field, including Super Lawyer.

Community of Faith Pajama Party A Ladies' Night *by Merissa Holiday*

Put on your coziest pajamas, grab your girls, and come out to Community of Faith on Wednesday, February 12th for a Ladies' Night pajama party! Finding a time to rest and have fun in the midst of a hectic life is so important, but sometimes really difficult. This night is designed for you to feel pampered and relaxed while hanging out with the friends you love most.

When you arrive, you will have the chance to take some pictures at one of the photo booths, have some delicious (and free!) food and coffee, and receive a complimentary gift. Throughout the night you will also be entered to win a giveaway and have the chance to participate in fun DIY projects.

You are welcome and invited to this event whether you attend Community of Faith or not. So grab your friend, sister, mother, daughter, or even the lady who bags your groceries, and join in on the fun! Don't know who to invite? That's okay! We'll get you connected with a new group of friends as soon as you walk through the door. This is your night!

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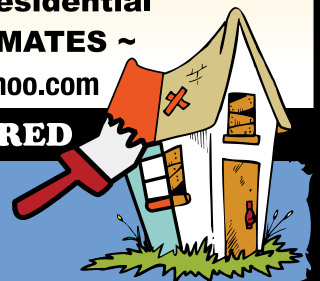
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4/2/2, 2252 SqFt, \$255,000



18838 Cove Pointe
4/3.5/2, 2986 SqFt, \$318,500



16714 S Swirling Cloud Court
4/3.5/3, 4320 SqFt, \$450,000



21603 Amber Grain Lane
4/4/1/4, 4302 SqFt, \$599,000



20707 Banner Meadow Drive
3/2/1/3, 2852 SqFt, \$210,000



15426 Chestnut Falls
3/2/2, 1868 SqFt, \$220,000



11810 Brydan
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Dawn Fore's Fairfield Market Report

Price Range	3 rd Quarter Results		
	Sold	\$per SqFt	DOM
Up to \$225,000	19	\$111.76	42
\$225,001 - \$250,000	19	\$108.60	54
\$250,001 - \$275,000	16	\$105.50	51
\$275,001 - \$325,000	16	\$102.31	55
\$325,001 - \$375,000	12	\$100.28	49
\$375,001 - \$425,000	7	\$110.20	61
\$425,001 - \$500,000	7	\$111.87	71
\$500,001+	3	\$130.75	29

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