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From The Editor's Desk

by Jackie Devine



Hello Friends. There is no precedence for the feeling that we are experiencing this month. None of us have ever been through an experience such as this. Regardless, we all have common ground. We are all suffering from lock-down, and none of us knows what our next step will or should be.

That said, we've managed to accomplish a lot. We have united as a community, served one another, and found a way to share resources.

If you haven't been keeping a diary of this unique chapter in our lives, you might want to tuck away this issue to revisit in a decade or two.

Our June issue is unique because most of the articles are contributions from our community of friends, neighbors, teachers, and teacher/coaches. Each personally addresses some component of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic that many of us are facing.

Sue Page and her granddaughter Gracie contributed our cover story regaling the far-reaching effects of the joy that Leslie Feld created by establishing Birthday Parades for Fairfield residents below the age of 22. As of this printing, she has led over 100 parades and has a full calendar for the upcoming month.

You will also hear from Robyn Graham. She is the mother of one of our seniors. No doubt, many of us can relate as she details how her family has been affected by the virus. Next, you'll learn about the community support our eighth-grade students and teachers received. And finally, you'll be inspired by the positive outlooks of two of Bridgeland High School's Track and Field coaches as they speak about the dashed high hopes of Bridgeland's 2020 inaugural graduating class.

Issues like this one are the most powerful and thought-provoking—created of, by, and for our community. Please continue to submit stories. If you need help or ideas, you can reach me at jackiedevine.com. I'm here to serve.

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FAIRFIELD CAR PARADES

Contributed by Sue Page

One month ago, we became members of the Fairfield Car Parade, a group formed by Leslie Feld, to celebrate the birthdays of kids in Fairfield during the Corona Virus Pandemic quarantine.

Within the first three weeks, there were over 800 members of the group, and today, May 6, 2020, there are 988 participants.

Almost every night, we meet at a local school parking lot and drive the route that Leslie has mapped out. Vehicles run the gamut from regular sedans and SUVs to jeeps, classic cars, trucks, and convertibles. One evening, we even had a fire truck and three other emergency vehicles participate.



Leslie Feld, a five-year resident of Fairfield, manager of community relations and wellness services of the Wellness Team at UT Physicians, leads almost every parade with her son, Cole, in his Red Miata convertible.

Leslie has touched the hearts of many Fairfield families. She has led over 100 parades and there is already a full calendar

for May! In the description of the Fairfield Car Parade Facebook group, Leslie says, "Everyone needs a little joy during these tough times."

Staying in touch, during isolation and social distancing can be hard on families, but when we drive past the home of a child celebrating his or her birthday, and see the smiles and laughter, and often tears of joy, our hearts overflow with happiness.

April 30, our granddaughter Gracie celebrated her 12th birthday, and we were able to experience the joy of friends, family, and strangers driving by blowing horns and waving.

Like her mother, Erin Page said on Facebook, "So many parades have made us smile, but being on the other side, made me feel even more blessed. Thank you, Leslie Cope Feld, for making it happen and thank you to our neighbors who made our Gracie smile from ear to ear. You are the best!"

I'm confident, ours were sentiments echoed time and time again by the other families on Facebook who were recipients of the parades.

Not only did we see happy birthday families, but with our beautiful April weather, one night, I counted over 100 walkers, joggers, neighbors in their front yard and doorways, smiling and waving. The Fairfield Car Parade continues to touch the hearts of Fairfield with parades scheduled during May.

The Fairfield Women's Club has asked Leslie to be our Community Hero for our annual July 4th Parade. We are all hoping that HOA lifts social distancing restrictions on gatherings by then, so many of our HEROES can be recognized this year.

Our 12-year-old granddaughter, Gracie Page, wrote about her experience being a participant and a recipient of the Fairfield Car Parades. Coming from the perspective of a child, I think you might enjoy reading her thoughts.



"ALONE, WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH" HELEN KELLER

Contributed by Gracie Page

At home, during quarantine, sadly, we can't really do anything. But the community, coming together as one family, can accomplish anything we put our hearts to do. Anyone can make a difference, but I think some people are too scared because of Corona. We were stuck in our homes, but YOU make a difference. If you believe it, you can achieve it.

I met someone who changed our community, and I think she has changed every person who has helped or contributed to it.

Leslie Feld is the Director of the Fairfield Car Parade. This parade goes from neighborhood to neighborhood, car bumper to car bumper, driving 5-10 miles per hour. We yell Happy Birthday, wave, honk, and play Happy Birthday music.

These parades started April 8, 2020, and have been going strong ever since. But, you see, there are two different sides to this story, there are the people in the cars driving by a house spreading joy. And, the people are standing outside their homes, receiving birthday wishes.

Luckily, I've had the chance to be on both sides. On April 30, Leslie hosted a parade in my honor for my birthday. It was such a cool experience having my family outside enjoying the moment with me. I loved getting to see all my friends passing by our house, and I started crying because of how happy I was. So, if you're reading this, you should get into your car and come to the next parade.

Thank you,

Grace Page, 6th grader at Salyards Middle School

To learn more about the Fairfield Car Parades visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/146732950105284/>.

Around Fairfield

A Mother's Thoughts on The Effects of the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place

Contributed by Robyn Graham

Robyn Graham is the mother of Bridgeland Senior Taylor Graham, a hard worker and record holder who will vault at Harding University next year!

For many young people, sheltering at home means missing milestones and public recognition of their achievements. This is especially true for seniors graduating from Bridgeland High School. They are suffering from missing out on experiences and opportunities for connecting with their peers at critical transitions into adulthood. They are mourning the loss of important developmental milestones they were supposed to be enjoying at this time in their lives.

Parents have been affected, as well. For example, at the Graham house, a myriad of emotions have surfaced over losses due to COVID-19. Sad to say with respect to our photographer and her Stylist Make-up/Artist team, I'm pretty sure Taylor's senior pictures will be canceled again due to the recent changes with the shelter in place. Honestly, the whole situation is surreal.

As a parent, other emotions I share from the Graham house

involve loss.

We lament the loss of:

- the last opportunity for Districts, Area, Region, and possibly State recognition after many years, many extra hours of hard work put forth toward the track.
- a season being off the radar for visibility to college coaches.
- sharing the emotions with teammates at that "last high school meet."
- senior night on the football field with parents, friends and family in the stands.
- the "last track banquet" with "senior recognition" typically including a slide show with four years of fun memories
- the last time to watch my kiddo walk off the field after her last HS track event.

Unfortunately, these kids also experienced Harvey and lost a good bit of cross country season that year as well as tremendous obstacles & life lessons for kids.

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However, throughout this journey, I've gained insight to appreciate opportunities stemming from and the adversity of COVID-19. For example, enjoying:

- and celebrating Senior Light Up Night at home with cars driving by in celebration and neighbors showing support.
- the Track & Field twitter Bridgeland senior track spotlight.
- the Track & Field twitter announcement and virtual support of continuing pole vault at Harding.
- the mock signing at Mac Vault Academy that was very special. At the same time, feeling bittersweet without celebrating at school with coaches, teammates, and friends.
- the kindness from strangers.
- my kids' realization that they appreciate school, their teachers, classroom structure, their coaches, their teammates, and Ms. English, Principal Smith! As I preach to them often, "tomorrow should never be taken for granted."

Along with our children, I grieve for the lost senior moments of emotion for the first Bridgeland graduating class and their graduation ceremonies, rescheduled for Saturday, June 6th, without guarantees. The same with prom, senior high breakfast, senior skip day, prom weekend, car parades, and graduation



parties with friends.

Understandably, they feel robbed of that final walk down the hallways on the last day at school, saying their high school goodbyes.

Sadly, as a parent, I didn't get to watch her walk out the front door that last day of high school with pride, tears of joy, and emotions shared on that special day.

That said, I want seniors throughout the nation and around the world to embrace the thought, "This is your time, the universe awaits your unique and very special arrival—you matter!"

Photo contributed by Chris Chambliss.



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Around Fairfield

Our Second Wave of Graduates

The photos below were submitted by the students themselves or their families. We asked them to send us a photo and a paragraph telling us something about their accomplishments and plans after graduation.

In this issue, we introduce you to 29 of our local scholars. You will be amazed at what they have achieved and where they are headed. They are listed in alphabetical order according to first name. Photos were resized to give more uniformity to the page.



Alexandra Thompson, is an honors graduate of Bridgeland High School, a founding member of the Bridgeland Photo Society, The Kodiak (yearbook staff) and the Varsity Tennis Team. Alexandra's passion is photography and she plans to attend Lone Star College in the fall to pursue her dream of becoming

a professional photographer. She volunteers her time to raise money for Texas Children's Hospital and St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memory of her sister, Makayla.



Alexis Marburger a graduate of Bridgeland High School, was a member of the First Line of the Bridgeland Belles. After graduation she will be attending Lone Star College and then transferring to University of Texas of San Antonio to continue her degree in education.



Alyssa McMorris, a graduate of Bridgeland High School, is a member of the Varsity Volleyball Team, National Honor Society, Health Occupations Students of America, Health Science Clinical Rotations, Bridgeland's Claw Crew, and CUBS, a freshman mentor program. She is also a member of the National

Charity League, Cypress Pearls Chapter. Upon graduation, Alyssa will be attending Louisiana State University where she will major in nursing. After earning a bachelor of science in nursing, she plans to continue post-graduate studies and pursue a career as a neonatal nurse practitioner.



Baylee Osina a graduate of Bridgeland High, was a member of the Bridgeland Belles Drill Team where she served as their President for two years. She was also a member of the FFA program and raised four lambs for each of her projects. Baylee was inducted into National Honor Society her last

two years of high school. She will attend Texas A&M University next year and plans to major in finance.



Benjamin Knippers III, known by the name of Trey, is the 4th and final Knippers to graduate from Cypress Ranch High School. His interest is in aviation. Trey flew solo last year, has since received his private pilot license, and is now working on his instrument license. He will attend CTC-Texas A&M's professional aviation program in the fall. He hopes to follow in his father's footsteps and become a Check Airman.



Brady Brechter is a graduate of Bridgeland High School. He plans to start school at Lonestar College and then continue the study of political science or pre-law at the University of Houston.



Brenna Richmond graduated from Bridgeland High School. She played tennis in Fairfield and in high school for several years, then decided to focus her time and efforts helping to lead the youth group at church, and work part-time at Kroger. Brenna enjoys spending time with friends and is looking forward to continuing her education as an Aggie in College Station in the fall.



Cody Gambrell, a graduate of Bridgeland High School, was a team captain of the Bridgeland Cross Country (District Champs) team for three years and also the captain for the Bridgeland Track Team that unfortunately did not get to finish their season. He is a proud member of the National Honor Society.

Cody was accepted into the engineering program at Texas A&M Galveston and will be attending there this fall.



Corey Daves, a graduate of Bridgeland HS, was on the dive team for the last four years and also participated as a tenor in the choir the last five years. He was a member of the NSHSS, was on the honor roll all his years in high school, and graduated with honors. During all that time he also served as a lifeguard for CFISD and the Fairfield Athletic Club. He will be attending University of Houston and pursuing a biology/physics degree with a pre-med track.

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majoring in nursing.

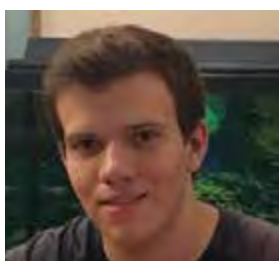
Daleyane Renee Ragas is a graduate of Bridgeland High School where she has spent three years in both Band and Color Guard. Daleyane has always had a love for animals and has volunteered her time at a horse rescue and rehabilitation group in Waller, TX. She will be attending Stephen F. Austin in the fall and will be



Hunter Alejandro Hillman is a graduate of Bridgeland High School, interested in animation, art, and video games. A member of the Animation Club, he plans to pursue an Animation Associates and later an Animation and Entertainment Degree.

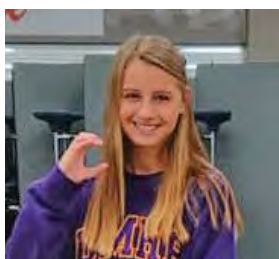


Jayln Haynes is a graduate of Bridgeland High School and plans on attending The University of North Texas for the next stage in the fall.



years. He was accepted at both Baylor University and Texas State University. He plans to major in Business.

Jonathon Marshall graduated from Bridgeland High School. In 9th grade, at Cy-Ranch High School, he was a member of the choir. While at Bridgeland High School, he took a variety of elective classes and will be graduating with a multi-disciplinary endorsement. Jonathon has



has received Academic All District honors. Kaileigh's participation in Bridgeland's Hospital Rotation program helped develop her interest in nursing. Kaileigh plans to play soccer at The University of Mary Hardin Baylor and will pursue a BSN in nursing.

Kaileigh Duncan is a graduate of Bridgeland High School. She started playing soccer at age 4 in Fairfield. Kaileigh has played for the Dynamos Select Soccer Club for the past 9 years and had the opportunity to play in Nationals last year in Colorado. At Bridgeland, she was named MVP their first season and



Kendall Hill is currently a senior at Cypress Ranch High School. She was a member of National Honor Society, Math National Honor Society, National Charity League, swim and water polo. She will be graduating Summa Cum Laude and will be attending Texas Tech University in the Fall with a major in Retail Management and a minor in Business.



Kyle Petry, a Bridgeland graduate, has an amazing depth of knowledge about automobiles. When a car is not performing the way it should be, chances are Kyle can diagnose the problem and will work to get it running correctly. He received a scholarship to Universal Technical Institute, where he will become certified with a specialization in Ford Automobiles. From there, he would like to get additional training to work for Mercedes. For hobbies, Kyle works on his 1982 Acura Legend and plays in the Bridgeland HS band and designs and builds Lego cars.



Lexi Routh is a graduate of Bridgeland High School, an AP scholar with distinction, and will graduate Summa Cum Laude. She has been accepted to the Engineering Program at Texas A&M University where she will focus on civil engineering.



Madisun Rayne Vance is a graduating senior of Bridgeland High School. Currently Madisun is working on wrapping up her senior year. She is employed at Good Shepherd working with special needs children and is a Barista at Starbucks. Madisun is focused on becoming an RN and will be attending Lone Star for her first year of college with plans to transfer to Texas State the following year.



Matthew C. Barry is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Bridgeland High School Class of 2020. In the fall, he will attend Texas A&M University, where he has been accepted into the College of Engineering. He plans to study computer science.

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Matthew Smith attended Keith Elementary, Salyards Middle School, and then decided to be homeschooled for his high school years. He is currently enrolled at Lone Star for the upcoming fall semester and plans to transfer into Sam Houston to receive a bachelor's degree in Business Management. Since the age of four, he played baseball, basketball, and soccer, with the Fairfield Sports Association and is currently a member of his homeschool soccer team the HCYA Hurricanes.



Maya Moher is a graduate of Bridgeland High School, with a passion for music, has been a senior choir member for six years. Maya will attend Blinn College this fall and is planning to transfer to Texas A&M College of Nursing in 2022.



Megan Davis graduated from Bridgeland High School. She was a member of Color-guard and Orchestra her Freshman (Cy-Ranch), Sophomore and Junior year. Megan was also member of HOSA and she was in Pharmacy Practicum her Senior year, working at

Fairfield Pharmacy. Megan will be attending Texas State University and plans to major in Fashion Merchandising.



Meredith Curtis is a graduate of Bridgeland High School she will be attending Sam Houston in the fall.



Guillermo Olvera is a graduate of Bridgeland High School. He will go to Texas State University next fall, majoring in Business and Marketing.



Taylor Graham, a graduate of Bridgeland High School, loves photography and helping lost animals. She will continue Track and Field at Harding University in the fall. Her career goal is psychology.



Tyler Keeton is graduating from Waller High School. He has played organized sports in school and in different clubs in baseball and football. Tyler enjoys weight training, snowboarding, surfing, gaming and traveling. He will be attending Texas A&M University in the fall majoring in Construction Science with a masters degree in Real Estate Development.



Wyatt Webb, a 2020 graduate of Cypress Ranch High School, was on the football team for all 4 years. He was a member of the National Honor Society and will graduate Summa Cum Laude. He is heading to Texas A&M in the fall to study engineering.

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by Jackie Devine

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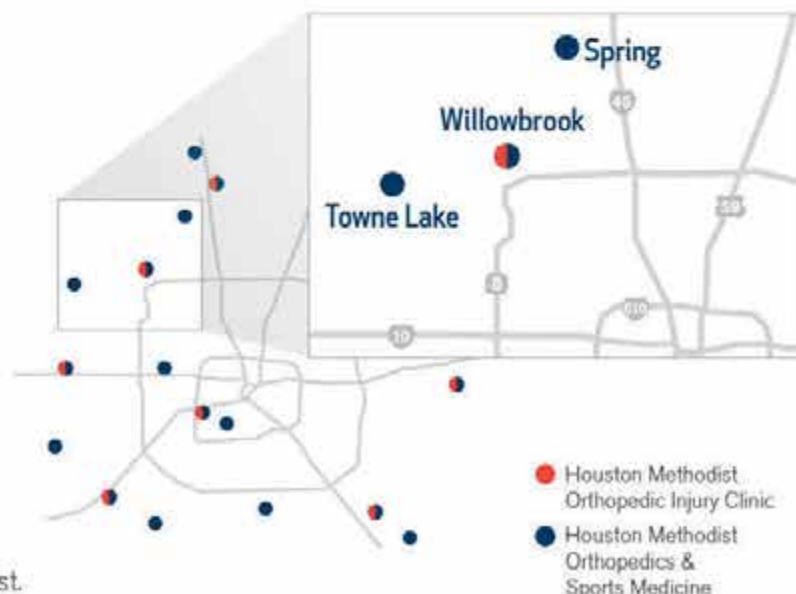
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Coach Vaquez' Thoughts on Bridgeland's 2020 Track & Field Season

Mauricio Vazquez, Geometry K, Head Boys Track & Field, Asst. Football



Back in 2016, we had a unique opportunity to help open a school and build a program from the ground up. There is a lot that goes into that, but probably none more important than the culture and climate the team shares.

Our Senior class laid the foundation for the strong culture this program has today. Through their hard work, effort, and commitment, they helped lead us to where we are today. Something that often goes unnoticed is that these Seniors did not have anyone to “look up to” for the model on how to do things. They had to figure out how to lead and establish themselves as to what a Bear track and field athlete will look like for years to come. This class has set the bar, and their legacy will carry on through the quick maturation of this school.

This season took a heartbreaking turn of events. I really did feel that we were hitting our stride and setting some pretty competitive marks across the board. When you looked at district projections based on season bests, we were in serious contention for a District Championship. We had a unique blend of talent across several event groups.

Our distance squad, which has carried our varsity program for two years now, continued to excel and post aggressive times across all three events. Junior Randy Smith was ranked in the top 50 in Texas for the 1600m. Our sprint group was joining the mix in point contribution and was growing after a few call ups from our talented Junior varsity teams.

The relays were starting to gain some confidence in timing, as well as flexibility in lineups. Our field squad also proved challenging to the competition. Junior pole vaulter Robert Postell, finished the season ranked 5th in Texas and 8th nationally. Junior vaulter Jett Booker and Senior vaulter Sam Sanders both ranked 18th in Texas. With undefeated Freshman and JV Teams, there was a lot of promise to look forward to in early April. While it is easy to focus on what could have been, we have continuously reminded our guys to focus on what was. And “what was” is that

over the three seasons, a group of young men came together, took coaching, built something from the ground up, and established Bridgeland as a respected program within the sport of Track & Field.

Photos contributed by Chris Chambliss, he deserves the real photo credit.



Efforts On the Field Reap First Collegiate Signees

Tom Kennedy, PACE, and ACT/SAT Preparation Teacher, Head Coach Girls Cross Country, and Track & Field, Bridgeland High School



The premature end of the season is a disappointment to many as the Bridgeland track girls were primed to contend for the District 14-6A title. We were also trying to keep our streak alive of having an entry at the state track and field meet for every year of the school's existence.

The performances up to this point had been encouraging with a slew of strong individual marks and #2 in the 4x800 relay in Texas this year (and #1 all-time for CFISD) and a 4x400 relay that ended the year ranked #1 in region 2-6A.

We ended the season by hosting the JV Bridgeland Invitational on Wednesday March 4th and the Bridgeland Relays on Thursday March 5th. The JV girls won every meet this season and the varsity girls placed in the top 3 when we competed with a full squad.

Looking back, we could be disappointed about what didn't occur, but the silver lining is that we competed as a team more than most schools. In addition to our four regular season invitationals, we went to the A&M and UH indoor meets as a school and we also had two practice meets. The majority of our girls ended with 7-8 competition opportunities. While that portion of the schedule was very exhausting, I can look back now and say it was a very good thing we front loaded the schedule.

We also had our first collegiate signees, Taylor Graham will pole vault for Harding University and Haley Williams will run distance for St. Edwards University next year.

Now we'll celebrate the seniors and move on to 2020-21 where I think we have the pieces to contend for the district title again.

Below are some of our highlight performances this year (top 50 in state or better).

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Event	Athlete(s)	State Rank	Mark
4x800-Meter Relay	Lake, Wilson, Graham, Reyna	2	9:29.81
400-Meter Dash	Eliana Lake	19	56.83
800-Meter Run	Eliana Lake	45	2:19.51
3200-Meter Run	Elisa Grillo	46	11:20.81
300-Meter Hurdles	Maddie Wilson	37	45.84
4x400-Meter Relay	Avant, Wilson, Cantu, Lake	15	3:56.67

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#9 Taylor White

Junior
Forward/Defender
District stats 2020: 8 Goals & 4 Assists
Season stats 2020: 9 Goals & 4 Assists
Overall Varsity stats (2019 & 2020): 27 Goals & 9 Assists
Was selected First Team All-District for District 14-6A



#22 Rylie Slusher

Junior
Midfielder
District stats 2020: 8 Goals & 10 Assists
Season stats 2020: 9 Goals & 11 Assists
Overall Varsity stats (2019 & 2020): 20 Goals & 20 Assists
Was selected First Team All-District for District 14-6A



#13 Natalie Mason

Junior
Forward/ Midfielder
District stats 2020: 12 Goals & 11 Assists
Season stats 2020: 13 Goals & 12 Assists
Overall Varsity stats (2019 & 2020): 17 Goals & 21 Assists
Was selected First Team All-District for District 14-6A



#14 Rebecca Grady

Junior
Defender
District stats 2020: 1 Goals & 8 Assists
Season stats 2020: 1 Goals & 9 Assists
Steals 2020: 96
Overall Varsity stats (2019 & 2020): 2 Goals & 11 Assists & 117 Steals
Was selected First Team All-District for District 14-6A
Was selected Defender of the Year for District 14-6A



#0 Kassidy Baehren

Sophomore
Goalkeeper
District stats 2020: 59 saves out of 75 shots
Season stats 2020: 100 saves out of 123 shots
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PROM 2020

Even though Prom was cancelled, and they didn't get to exchange a corsage and boutonniere, Sarah Golsch and Trey Knippers put on face masks, picked up dinner at Texas Road House, circled back and still got to celebrate the moment at home. Pictures by Thomas Coffman at Treehouse in Bridgeland.



Salyards Middle School Celebrates *by Mandy Black*



Salyards Middle School celebrated the Bengal Class of 2020 with a drive-through celebration on Monday, May 4.

Eighth-grade students and their families drove through the campus. A gamut of Bengal Staff members from all grade levels were waving pom

poms and foam paws, cheering, and dancing!

Some families decorated their cars to celebrate the hard work and efforts of their students—others included thank you signs expressing appreciation for the teachers. Each 8th-grade student was gifted a yard sign from Salyards to recognize their contribution to our campus for the past three years.

The Bengal Family is one of tradition, and in true CFISD fashion, regardless of the circumstances, Salyards found a way to celebrate our students.

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Fairfield Women's Club

submitted by Suzanne Thompson, President

Fairfield Women's Club hopes that all of Fairfield is healthy and safe. The Women's Club cancelled all events in March, April, and May due to the "Stay at Home Order" and HOA, and it is questionable if we will have any events in June.

NEW BOARD

We did hold our election via "Survey Monkey", a first for FWC. The new Board for the 2020-21 year are:

Suzanne Thompson, President

Kim Maxian, 1st VP

Kate Conrey 2nd VP

Carol Underwood, Secretary

Julia Feeney, Treasure

ALL EVENTS BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO HOA AND GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL

Women's Club Banquet - TENTATIVE

The June 16th meeting will be our End of Year Banquet. At this time, it is questionable if we will still be able to get together. If we can have the banquet, we will have it at Bradford Creek and have it catered. An Evite will be sent if we are able to hold the Banquet. Updates will be posted on FWC Facebook page.

4TH OF JULY PARADE

We are so excited that the HOA Board approved that we will be

able to have our fabulous July 4th parade. It is still not approved to have the 4th@Fairfield Celebration at this time of publication.

The parade route will be much the same as last year. We will meet and line up at Ault Elementary at 8:30. The Parade will start at 9:00 and run until 11:00 or whenever it is over.

Route: Ault Elementary; Right on Chappel Knoll; Left on Mason Rd., Left on Fairfield Green. The parade will end at Salyards Middle school. **TENTATIVE - PER HOA BOARD APPROVAL.** Watch FWC FB for updates.

We are making tentative plans for holding the 4th@ Fairfield event at Keith Elementary from 11:00-2:00. We will have entertainment in the cafeteria, food trucks, and venders in the gym/ or hallway and of course outside activities for the kids. Everything is free except the food. We had a great turn out last year, and hope to do the same this year. We noticed some areas the needed tweaking. We are working on new ideas. We already have sponsors for fun activities.

Please come out and start your 4th off with your neighbors as we celebrate the birth of **OUR GREAT NATION.**

We would like to thank Fairfield Village Community Association for the funds that will help make this an exciting event for our Fairfield family.

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Summer Garage Sale???

Our Spring Garage sale had to be cancelled. However, we know that many of you have cleaned out garages and closets while staying at home. Please let us know if you would be interested in a Spring Garage Sale in June or wait until fall? You can visit our website farifieldwomensclub.org, or our FB page Fairfield Women's Club and let us know your thoughts. The garage sale not only helps our families, the proceeds go to our 5 schools, Fire Department and Constables.

FALL GARAGE SALE

The date for the Fall Garage Sale is Oct. 3rd.

FWC MEETING DATES for Fall:
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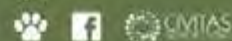
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Thursday Evening
At 7:00 PM
June 25, 2020

We are planning to resume our meetings. If held, please join your Fairfield Precinct Chairs of 111, 124 and 405. We will continue to prepare for the July 14, 2020 Runoff Election and November 3, 2020 General Election. Also, the meeting will include information about the State Convention scheduled for July 16, 17, and 18 in Houston this year. Please come prepared to discuss what you can do to help.

CYPRESS/TOMBALL DEMOCRATS

June Speaker: Mike Collier, 2018 Candidate for Texas Lt. Governor



The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold its next virtual monthly meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2020. There is a meet and greet at 6:45 p.m. The general meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Collier graduated from Georgetown High School. He earned a bachelor's degree and M.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin. Collier's career experience includes working as an employee at Exxon, auditor with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and founder and chief financial officer with a Texas oil company.

Mr. Collier is passionate about investing properly in public education; closing the big-corporate property tax loophole to make property taxes fair again; closing the healthcare coverage gap; protecting Texans with preexisting conditions; criminal justice reform; sensible gun laws; ending gerrymandering; and bringing compassion back to public policy.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

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Lindsey is the proud owner of Meadows Resources where she specializes in Consulting, Management, and Administration in HR, recruiting, staffing (traditional/ remote), and training. She is also the founder of VA School, a virtual academy dedicated to the enrichment of virtual workers and clients. She is committed to developing female talent in technology, science, and mathematics-based careers. She is an active member of ABWA and SHRM. Lindsey is also ABWA's 2017 Woman of the Year and a Protégé award winner. She was nominated for CEO of the Year 2018 by the Houston Business Journal, and Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year 2018 by the Small Business Association of Houston. She is currently serving as the President for WEWEN. She has previously been the newsletter chairperson WEWEN, VP of Communications WEWEN, President Elect of WEWEN, Communications Chair HAC, and was the Communications Formation Chair for the new Woodlands TX chapter IWIB. She will be Past President for WEWEN, and President of IWIB in the next board years. She is an Ambassador for HR Houston, and a member of SHRM. She has a degree in Fine Arts for the Academy of Arts in Los Angeles CA and holds a PHR certification from SHRM. She is a former member of CETA, The San Jacinto Girl Scouts, and the Great Great Granddaughters of the Confederation. She currently actively participates in 4H with her dog and son at the state level, and is an owner handler in AKC. She spends her free time homeschooling both of her children, digging in her garden, cooking, and spending time with her pets and family when not working.



Markisha Mitchell, a trained chemist, educator, and registered nurse; is the Community Relations and Marketing Officer for Medella Urgent Care. Medella Urgent Care is a medical clinic that is independently owned and operated by her husband and his business partner. She works collaboratively with external PR agencies to create marketing campaigns, manages the company's social media presence, and is responsible for organizing events, such as booking exhibition booths and designing and providing event material, including displays, presentations or handouts. She has been known to don an elephant costume (the company's mascot) in order to connect with the audience at events to achieve her marketing goals. This mother of 4 has been married for 25 years to her high school sweetheart and is passionate about her involvement with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and various Autism Parents Support groups. She is in her "happy place" crafting and quilting in her small sewing room while listening to jazz & oldies.



Tessa Elrod is a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst and Owner of Next Step Divorce Solutions, LLC. She has her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in Personal Financial Planning. Tessa has been in the financial service industry for over a decade and during that time she has had the opportunity to support women on their post-divorce transition and in doing so recognized their common concern of financial security and understanding. After starting Next Step Divorce Solutions, she quickly realized the lack of financial preparedness or education that is provided to individuals negotiating asset settlements. With financial education and guidance Tessa has made it her mission to provide individuals and couples with a more informed and gentler divorce process.. Tessa also specializes in working with families that have children with special needs, she volunteers regularly with a local non-profit organization, Reach Unlimited. Outside of work Tessa loves being a mom to her two (almost three) boys and spending time with her husband.

Community News

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 are sure you will enjoy it.

THE TRIP PLANS FOR JUNE:

Sunday, June 7th: Has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

The Honky Tonk Laundry at Stages theater trip.

Friday, June 19th rescheduled for September 22nd.

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JUNE FAIRFIELD 50 PLUS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, June 11th, our monthly Potluck at the **Lakeside Club House.** We start the potluck at **6:30 pm.** However, the doors open at **6:00 pm** for socializing before the potluck 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. Be sure to read our weekly newsletters, it may need to be cancelled like our April and May potlucks were.

Tuesday, June 16th, 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 **June 14th** weekly newsletter.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN JUNE:

The first **Friday, June 5th** and the third **Friday, June 19th,** 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. However please check our weekly newsletter, it may need to be had to cancelled like our April and May activities were, because of the Covid-19 Virus.

Then on the second **Friday, June 12th,** and the fourth **Friday, June 26th,** 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. However please check our weekly newsletter, it may need to be had to cancelled like our April and May activities were, because of the Covid-19 Virus.

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by Bill Wilson

Fairfield Village South Homeowner Association.

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Fairfield Village Homeowner's Association. The May 6, 2020 meeting was held by teleconference. The June 2020 meeting venue has not been determined. For more information or to confirm the meeting will be held as scheduled, call First Service Residential at 713-332-4763.

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, Municipal Utility District (MUD) #396. The April, and May meetings were held by teleconference. The June meeting venue has not been determined. If you plan to participate or reside in a different Fairfield MUD, call 713-651-5345 to confirm dates and venues. The meeting begins at 12 Noon at Norton, Rose, Fulbright US LLP, 1301 McKinney, Suite 5100, Houston, TX 77010-3095 unless by teleconference. If you would like dial-in instructions or a ride to the meeting, contact Bill Wilson at 832-653-5146.

Tuesday, June 23, 2020, Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women. If held, this is the regularly scheduled 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, June 25, 2020, Fairfield Republicans. If held, this is the regular last Thursday of the month meeting. It is at the Re/Max office, 20467 Cypresswood Dr, Suite A, Cypress, TX 77433. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM. For additional information, check the Fairfield Republicans Facebook and Nextdoor Fairfield pages or contact Bill Ely at 832-919-4999.

Saturday, June 27, 2020, Cypress Texas Tea Party (CTTP). If held, the meeting begins at 12 Noon at Spring Creek BBQ, 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. Confirmation of the scheduled meeting and speakers are on the CTTP website.

Saturday, July 4, 2020, Fairfield Parade. Fairfield Republicans will sponsor a children's play inflatable and have a booth at Keith Elementary.

Monday, July 6, 2020, Early Voting for Primary Runoff. Early Voting ends Friday the 10th. Election day is Tuesday, July 14th. Check the official harrisvotes.org website for polling locations and your sample ballot.



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\$225,001 - \$250,000	17	\$104.56	61
\$250,001 - \$275,000	9	\$103.16	48
\$275,001 - \$325,000	11	\$103.07	47
\$325,001 - \$375,000	6	\$99.86	58
\$375,001 - \$425,000	5	\$117.77	37
\$425,001 - \$500,000	1	\$128.69	7
\$500,001+	1	\$123.55	146

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