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by Sharon Kays

Karrington Kays started playing sports at the age of five and has played every sport available, including Taekwondo and dancing. While attending Salyards Middle School, she played on the undefeated basketball team two years running, won two District Championships, ran relays on the track team that won District, and played on the volleyball team that won District.

When she entered high school at Bridgeland, Karrington decided to focus on volleyball and concentrate on her grades. Bridgeland has four teams (Freshman A, B, JV, and Varsity), so her goal was to make one of the teams and get a lot of playing time.

As a freshman, she landed a spot on Varsity and finished the season beyond her expectation of just making the team and getting a little playing time. She completed the season, making 2nd Team All-District, FROSH 59 (Best High School Freshman of their class nationally), Academic All-District, and made the USA A-2 High Performance in North Carolina.

Her sophomore year Bridgeland team went 16-0 undefeated in District and 43-5 overall. The icing on the cake was that Karrington finished the season, making the 1st team All-District, SOPH 79, Phenom list and Academic All-District. (For the record, uncommitted athletes on the American Volleyball Coaches Association Phenom List are invited by the AVCA to participate in the Phenom College Preparatory Program. For 2020, the Phenom Program was in conjunction with the NCAA DI National Championship and the AVCA Annual Convention in Omaha, Nebraska in December. Over the past eight years, 80% of athletes who participate in the Phenom Program play volleyball in college!)

But the best part, according to Karrington, was, "Getting to play on the team with my sister Kennedy who was the only Freshman to make Varsity. That was the first time we played on the same team since the 6th grade."

As a Junior, she was listed on the All Vype Team and will be a player to watch in 2021. Karrington is talking to 6-8 D1 Volleyball coaches often but knows she still has time on such a big decision. COVID has put a damper on the recruiting process for college coaches, so the process is a lot slower right now, and athletes have to be patient.

Karrington wants to go into physical therapy so she can help others and give back. She and her sister Kennedy have been giving back since they can remember and don't plan to stop now.

They took off school and went to West, Texas, in 2013 to serve food to the entire town after the huge fertilizer plant explosion. They served food to neighborhoods after Harvey. They passed out food to families in cars at the beginning of COVID through their Cypress Pearls National Charity League Chapter.

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Karrington's favorite charity is Blanket Drive for the Homeless that she started for her 12th Birthday. "Warming up a very cold world one blanket at a time" is how she likes to say it. For her birthday each year instead of presents from her friends and family, she requests blankets.

She and some of her friends get together and donate the blankets to the homeless shelters, people on the street, Boys and Girls Country, CyFair Helping Hands, and Teen Life Center (for pregnant teens). In the last four years, she is very proud that she has donated over 600 blankets to people in need while learning a few life lessons along the way.

We all know that giving one's very best is required of leading athletes both individually and collectively as they strive to achieve their goals in the game. For Karrington and her sister Kennedy, that has carried over into their private lives where they have given their very best to share their blessings with others. Photos courtesy of VYPE Houston.





Are you in the mood for an authentic mouth-watering crepe but don't have the time or the deep pockets to take a junket to Paris to satisfy your culinary cravings? No worries, you're in luck. All you need to do is head over to Sleek Creperie & Cafe, located on the east side of Fairfield Town Center. You'll find a variety of authentic meltin-your-mouth French sweet and savory crepes prepared right before your eyes. Plus, you can also choose from an assortment

of chocolates, gelatos, hot and cold coffees, a variety of desserts, sandwiches, salads, and wraps. There's something for everyone!

For those who have never tasted a crepe, you are in for a delightful surprise. Crepes are the French word for a delicate, thin pancake that can be served as a tempting breakfast, an interesting appetizer, a tasty entrée, a vegetablefilled side dish, or sweetened as a luscious dessert.

Jisha Iyer, the owner of Sleek Creperie & Cafe, helped design the charming interior that offers warm lighting, comfortable seating, and a perfect ambiance for a relaxing meal. "It's a happy place," smiled Jisha proudly as she gave me the cafe's history.

"I was an educator in India before my husband Mani and I moved to America. When my daughter entered kindergarten, I decided to go back to teaching. For the next 14 years, I taught children with special needs in the Cy-Fair school district."

"However, I had a yearning to operate a small business and create a legacy for my children and family. After looking around and researching business concepts that dealt with education, I determined that the Cypress market was saturated. I knew I wanted to stay in Cypress, so I started looking at other things that brought our family joy."

"Chocolate and late-night dates were at the top of the list. They bring out the fun in both my husband, Mani and me. With such busy schedules, we appreciated quiet moments and quality time together. Most of the time, however, we found it hard to get away before 9:00 pm. On those evenings, we had to travel to Westheimer or midtown for coffee and dessert. There weren't any cafes with a relaxing and interesting ambiance in Cypress open at that time of the evening. So, we decided to create one."

Sleek Creperie & Cafe is a local franchise; there are only three in the Houston area. The concept is unique. Jisha continued, "We make our own chocolates, pure white, dark, and milk Belgium Chocolate—the same products used in our coffee and desserts. We also have a few specialty desserts, such as the four varieties of our Choco Burger. The patty in the burger is actually chocolate, and the bun is like a Madeline—a small sponge cake with a distinctive shell-like shape. We also have shawarma, which is like the gyro meat, but ours is chocolate instead of meat, which we shave and add to a dessert or serve it by itself."

Jisha told me she is especially pleased with her customer base. They come from all walks of life, from moms and kids to students needing a wifi connection and a place to study, to folks looking for a quiet place for a business meeting, or people of all ages enjoying a date night.

"Speaking of that," Jisha told me, "just the other day a couple having dinner confided in me saying, 'We wanted to go on a date, but we didn't want to go to a bar. We wanted a place where we could sit and talk and didn't have to yell to carry on a conversation.' That solidified the reason that I'm in the business.'

"Our full menu is served all day long," she explained. "Families come in, and the child may order a waffle, the mom will choose a salad or a soup, and Dad may order an omelet. But if they had wanted French toast for dinner, they could have had that. You want it; you can have it."

Sleek Creperie & Cafe is open from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm Sunday



through Thursday, and until midnight on Friday and Saturday. They provide delivery (through DoorDash and Uber Eats) and offer discounts for veterans, good neighbors, and first responders.

Jisha and Mani have two children. Their son Samedh is in med school in St. Maarten in the Caribbean, and their daughter Sanitra is a sophomore at UC San Diego.

BARRED OWL GETS NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Storyline contributed by Christina Gaudin-Morgan

A few weeks ago, Christina Gaudin-Morgan, living in Saddle Ridge Estates, let her dogs out to exercise, and they found a young barred owl under the lanai nestled into the firewood area. She immediately took them back inside, thinking the owl felt trapped and would fly away when the coast was clear.

A few hours later, it was apparent that the owl was injured. After searching around for help, she located Friends of Texas Wildlife, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization where 100% of all donations support native Texas wildlife. It's located at 29615 Highland Blvd, in Magnolia.

The next day the Friends of Texas Wildlife called Christina and told her the owl had a wrap on its wing and, when ready, would be put with the other young owls they had in larger flight cages to strengthen the wing.

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They also invited her and her family to participate in the release of another barred owl they have at a park in Cypress and her owl when they were both ready to fly.

On Wednesday, July 29th, her daughter, Juliana Morgan, her boyfriend, Robert "Bobby" Gillis, Jr., and Christina met one of the volunteers from Friends of Texas Wildlife, at Cypress Park on Eldridge. They participated in the release of three rehabilitated barred owls, including their rescued owl. Little Hoot.

Friends of Texas Wildlife release rehabilitated barred owls at Cypress Park regularly. We hope that Little Hoot and the two others can locate some of

their previously released cage mates. More than likely, they will migrate and home elsewhere but are initially scared on their first day released.

This was an extraordinary experience that helped teach that human purposes vary. On the day that they found Little Hoot, they realized their mission was to aid creatures with whom they were blessed to share this earth. He needed their help. They are thankful for Friends of Texas Wildlife and the volunteers and donors who aid in preserving our Texas wildlife animals.



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Camp Gladiator is a fun and challenging workout program designed to unlock your full fitness potential. It is a program where amazing workouts, stet certified personal trainers, and an incredible community come together— both outside and online. Yes, we also offer virtual workouts with LIVE trainers!

Our mission is to positively impact the physical fitness and, ultimately, the lives of as many people as possible.

Come check us out at Second Baptist, ONE WEEK FREE, on Tuesday's and Thursdays at 4:50 pm. I'd love to see this community come together and get/stay fit. All fitness levels welcome! Here at CG, we believe we are "better together."

Please email me at sarahshanle@campgladiator.com for more information. Register at bit.ly/SarahCypressWorkouts. Or, check us out online at campgladiator.com to find a location nearest you!

Fairfield Locations:

Second Baptist TTH at 4:50pm Fairfield Baptist MWF at 5:00am Fairfield Baptist MW at 6:15pm Sarah Shanle, Partner Trainer, (402) 440-0162, campgladiator.com

FAIRFIELD REPUBLICANS

We are a group of like-minded residents living mostly in Harris County Precincts 0111, 0124, 0126, and 0405. Others are welcome to attend. We will continue our monthly meetings the last Thursday of the month, September 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM. We will meet at the Central Park Clubhouse, 15015 Heath Green Circle, Cypress, TX 77433 near Salyards Middle School. Our purpose is to meet for relevant information and plan for the November 3, 2020 Election including "Get Out the Vote" efforts. All We are currently seeking volunteers willing to help with "Get Out the Vote" efforts. We have a growing list of Facebook and Nextdoor Fairfield followers. Our pages are the "Fairfield Republicans" group. Also, you may contact Bill Ely, Precinct 0124 Chair at 832-919-4999 for more information.





Keeping Active, Involved

Fairfield Village South Homeowner Association. The next meeting has not been determined but will be at Central Park Clubhouse, 15015 Heath Green Circle near Salyards School at 6:00 PM. First Service Residential has information about this and other Village meetings, 713-332-4763.

Fairfield Village Homeowner's Association. The September

2020 meeting venue, in-person or teleconference, has not been determined. For more information or to confirm the meeting will be held and date, call First Service Residential at 713-332-4763.

Wednesday, September 9, 2020, Municipal Utility District (MUD) #396. The August meeting was by teleconference. The September venue has not been determined. If you plan to participate or reside in a different Fairfield MUD, call 713-651-5345 to confirm. The meeting begins at 12 Noon at Norton, Rose, Fulbright US LLP, 1301 McKinney, Suite 5100, Houston, TX 77010-3095 unless by teleconference.

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FAIRFIELD DEMOCRATS

September Speaker: Maya Patel, Voter Suppression and Its History The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold its next virtual monthly meeting Tuesday, September 15, 2020. There is a meet and greet at 6:30 p.m. The general meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. To request the ZOOM access code, email cytomdemocrats@gmail.com.

The speaker will be Maya Patel. Maya is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. In her time at UT she has served as the President of TX Votes and under her leadership TX Votes developed their in-class voter registration program that has gone into over 300 classrooms. Her work has led to 18-25-year-olds being the largest bloc of registered voters in Travis County and a bill being filed in the Texas legislature to place polling locations on large college campuses. Maya served as the Chair of Campus Vote Project's Student Advisory Board and is also a MTV Leader for Change. She now works as the Texas State Coordinator for Campus Vote Project where she works with colleges and universities to institutionalize voter engagement on campus.

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

For more information & access to the ZOOM Virtual meeting, contact Charlene Shafer at cytomdemocrats@gmail.com, or visit the club's Facebook page.

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If you would like dial-in instructions or a ride to the meeting, contact Bill Wilson at 832-653-5146.

Thursday, September 24, 2020, Fairfield Republicans. This is the regular last Thursday of the month meeting. As in 2019, the meeting will be at the Central Park Clubhouse, 15015 Heath Green Circle, Cypress, TX 77433 near Salyards Middle School. 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, September 26, 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. You do not have to purchase a meal to attend although most do. Confirmation of the scheduled meetings and speakers are on the CTTP website.

Tuesday, September 29, 2020, Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women. This will be a 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 though if you plan to have a meal.



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 SEPTEMBER:

Tuesday, September 22nd, we will ride the Yellowstone Paddle Wheeler, floating down the San Bernard River. Lunch at Diddos.

Leave from Fairfield Baptist Church at 8:30 am.

For the complete information about our Special Trip to Nashville, November 29th , go to: http://www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com

Seats are still available.

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.

SEPTEMBER FAIRFIELD 50 PLUS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, September 10th, 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 be cancelled again, because of the virus.

Tuesday, September 15th, 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 September 13th weekly newsletter.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER:

The first Friday, September 4th and the third Friday, September 18th, we meet and have breakfast at Denny's restaurant, the one located near Home Depot, for another opportunity to socialize and enjoy a delicious breakfast. We start ordering around 9 am.

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However please check our weekly newsletter, it may be cancelled again, because of the Covid-19 Virus.

Then on the second Friday, **September 11th**, and the fourth Friday, September 25th, 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 be cancelled again, because of the Covid-19 Virus*.

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

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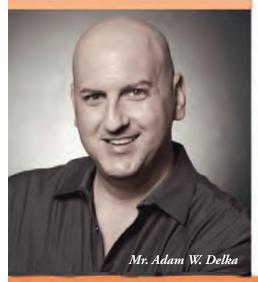


Around Fairfield



Bridgeland Welcomes New Theatre Director

By Steven W. Murray



As Bridgeland High School enters its fourth academic year since opening in 2017, Ursa Major Theatrics — the school's award-winning theatre company — welcomes Mr. Adam W. Delka as the new Director of Theatre. Leading the program with him is Mr. Nathan Stanaland who joined the program in the 2018-19 academic year as the Director of Technical Theatre.

Delka first started performing with the Superior Thespians in his hometown of Superior, NE. He is a graduate of the musical theatre program from the American Musical & Dramatic Academy (AMDA) of NYC, and also holds a Bachelor of Arts, music (BA) and a Master of Arts in Education, music (MAT) from Austin College in Sherman, TX.

The 2020-2021 academic year will mark Delka's 15th year in education. As a full-time teacher, director, choreographer, and performer, Delka is involved in a variety of local theatrical endeavors. He teaches private voice lessons, teaches classes at the Stageworks Acting Academy and the Tribble School for the Performing Arts, and maintains a professional performance and directing career in the Houston theatre community.

Delka received the BroadwayWorld Houston award for Best Choreographer in 2013 for his work with Little Shop of Horrors by MJR Theatricals. He directed the Houston Family Arts Center/Stageworks production of Les Misérables, which received the BroadwayWorld Houston award for Best Musical in 2014. In 2015, he again received the BroadwayWorld Houston award for Best Choreographer for his work on Evita at the Houston Family Arts Center. He was nominated in several categories in both 2016 and 2017.

Earlier in 2020 at the Texas Thespians Educator Conference, Delka was honored by receiving the first-ever Thespis Award from the Texas Thespians Association for his work as a theatre director and performing artist while educating students at such a high standard.

Ursa Major Theatrics has accomplished much in their three years of providing theatrical education and experiences for both students and audiences alike. At the annual Texas Thespians Festival held each fall, they've had dozens of students qualify each year for nationals the following summers in categories such as monologue acting, duet acting, group acting, solo musical, group musical, and costume design. In 2019, the troupe's entry All Rights Reserved was selected from among all entries at the Texas Thespians Festival to represent the state at the national competition.

Supporting Ursa Major Theatrics this year as Bridgeland Theatre Arts Booster Club executive board members are Amy Burns (President), Grace Cabaniss (VP of Operations), Leanna Miday (VP of Productions), Bonnie Cate (Treasurer), and Sandy Walding (Secretary).

Bridgeland High School and Ursa Major Theatrics began in 2017 in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and with a delayed start to the school year. As CFISD adjusts to the COVID-19 pandemic, Delka, Stanaland, students, and Booster Club members are also ready to adapt to whatever this year brings! Keep up with what's happening within Ursa Major at BridgelandHSTheatre.org and follow them on Facebook (BHSUrsaMajorTheatrics).

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We would like to wish all students and staff members a safe return to school. We are so fortunate to have amazing schools in our neighborhood. Our hope is that each campus will have a successful year.

Other News:

-We still have Texas Pecans. Perfect for fall, which is right around the corner! \$13 or 2 for \$25

Contact dthompson8@comcast.net

-Upcoming Meetings: Our September meeting will take place on September 15th at Bradford Creek Clubhouse at 7:00pm. We welcome all ladies from Fairfield, Lakes of Fairhaven, or surrounding areas to join us.

Fall meeting dates: September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15.

The Fall GARAGE SALE is right around the corner! The event has been approved by the HOA, and we know everyone is excited to start cleaning out!



October 3, 2020

\$25 a household to participate

To register visit: fairfieldwomensclub.org For questions contact us either on Facebook or email: fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com

Texas ChalleNGe Academy

By Stacey Parke



Texas ChalleNGe Academy is a 5 1/2 month quasimilitary residential academy sponsored by the Texas National Guard. It is a tuition free educational program for 16-18 year old teens who are disengaged in school. We offer academic instruction, provide structure, and discipline to help our cadets develop personal

accountability and become successful adults.

The mission of the Texas ChalleNGe Academy is to reclaim the potential of at-risk youth through education, training, mentoring and service to community.

Vision

The vision of the Texas ChalleNGe Academy is to be recognized as the state's premier program for the alternative education of at-risk youth and high school dropouts.

This is a wonderful program that my son attends. While the boys and girls are at the academy they are not allowed to go home or have visitors for 5 ½ months.

The only interaction they have with the outside world comes from letters that family and friends write them. Some of the students come from backgrounds where they do not have someone to write them. I am asking you today if you would be willing to commit to write a boy or girl a couple times a month. This would be a simple letter of encouragement. They can only receive letters so no tokens of any kind.

Please email me at Stacey.parke@cfisd.net if you are interested and I can connect you with a boy or girl in need. Thank you!

TAPS Across America Memorial Day | May 25, 2020

This story arrived at my desk just a few days ago. Even though it is somewhat past Memorial Day, it is still important to applaud Zachary Hill's participation in "TAPS across America."

On the flag-lined walkway to his front door, Fairfield resident Zachary Hill participated in "TAPS across America" on Memorial Day 2020 (May 25). TAPS across America was a nation-wide effort to have all Trumpet and Bugle musicians play TAPS at 3:00 pm outside their homes in honor of those who have given their lives in service to our Country. People were encouraged to post a video of the event on social media, and as a result, tens of thousands responded across the USA.

Zachary Hill is a Business Major and active member of the Lumberjack Marching Band at Stephen F. Austin State University. He has a great passion for music and understands the unique role that trumpets/bugles have in Military operations and the poignant emotion felt when TAPS is played.

When asked why he wanted to participate in this event, he said, "I wanted to honor the soldiers of the past who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Country." Zach expressed a commitment to continue the tradition yearly.

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Trauma Dolls for Children

by Sylvia Maly

The Kiwanis Club of Cy-Fair, Houston is an organization that helps minors find their voice in their leadership roles and get through hard times. The Club has been offering volunteer opportunities to members and friends to improve the lives of children one community at a time since 1985. Each community has different needs, and Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children, such as fighting hunger, improving literacy and offering guidance.

Currently, they are sponsoring a Girl Scout troop for a project by two middle schoolers who are earning their Silver Award. The project will help the girls work with the community in the making and distributing of Trauma Dolls. These young ladies will be doing most of the work as is required for their award. They have come up with a plan and it is impressive.

These trauma dolls will help ease some fears of children and provide them with a way to communicate with the first responders.

The Girl Scouts have five different silver award projects happening in their troop. They currently have projects starting with Kiwanis, Morgan Frazier Cancer Foundation, Hope Center Houston, No Place Like Home, and Texas Wildlife Center.

For more information, contact Nicole Porter, Girl Scouts of San Jacin to Leader Troop 14030, porter14030@gmail.com or Sylvia Maly, Key Club Advisor, Cell: 281-961-4219

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Kiwanis dolls SERVICE BULLETIN Anatomy of a doll What makes a doll a Kiwanis doll? Height: Features: 15 inches child's choice Covering: Benefit: cotton fabric comfort and companionship Contents: soft stuffing

Quarantine Caterpillar

by Stacey Miller

Girl Scout Troop #109048 wanted to give the community a fun way to interact during COVID-19. They decided to start the Quarantine Caterpillar located in the Ault Elementary Butterfly Garden. There you will find beautiful, hand painted, colorful rocks lined up to create the caterpillar. This is just an exciting way for the community to show off their creativeness and have a little fun! Please continue to help us grow our caterpillar and add some more rocks.



Girls in Picture attend Ault Elementary Names- Laney Billingsley, Brilee Corliss, Kaylee Crabb, Audrey Miller



Name Change for Fairfield SENIORS OF CYPRESS

Traveling Seniors of Cypress, formerly known as Fairfield Seniors of if we had everything in order. After that, we were in business. Our Cypress, is a group of fellow travelers mainly from in and around Cypress. They enjoy at least one; sometimes two, day trips a month. The buses are provided by Precinct 3 free of charge. Their trips run the gamut from art museums to Presidential Libraries, Festivals to major league games. Plus, they squeeze in a lot of good eating to go along with their travels.

They also conduct several longer excursions to explore more of Texas and discover America's vast beauty and history. "Since we started," Jo Ann Lambert, trip coordinator, explained, "we've taken trips to Branson, Missouri, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and the Texas Wine Country. We also had another Texas Wine Tour and a trip to New Orleans scheduled for the spring. But, both were canceled due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

"It all began a few years ago when Jackie Devine and I discovered that the senior trips in Fairfield had been discontinued. With both of us relatively new to the area, we wanted to build a strong circle for friends. Plus, we knew that there were plenty of other baby boomers, ages 50 and above, in the area looking for travel and adventure, but needing the trips to be reasonably priced. We felt that we had the answer.

"Our first stop was Precinct 3 to see if we could schedule busses for our area. Once we had that in place, we met with Bill Cook, who circulates the Fairfield Fifty Plus Fun-Loving Groups Weekly e-Newsletter, to see trips were full from the very beginning with like-minded seniors looking to explore the world, safely and cost-effectively.

"Before long, we began getting calls from as far away as Spring, Pearland, Baytown, and from all over Harris County. Because of the broader appeal, we decided to change our name to Traveing Seniors of Cypress to help the outlying area know they were welcome to join us.

"Currently, we have several short-distance trips planned, and two that will take us out of Texas. One will be to Nashville in November 2020, and the other to New Orleans in the spring of 2021. For those two trips, since they are extended adventures, we would be delighted to take along folks under 50 if they would like to hitch a ride."

The fun and relaxation of a group trip can add zest and happiness to anyone's life. While enjoying a change of scenery and traveling safely in a relaxed environment, travelers will likely make new friends, relieve a little stress, and add a little to pep to their step!

Their next major trip will be to Nashville on November 29th, 2020. For more information contact Jo-Ann Lambert: pstlgrl@ gmail.com or Jackie Devine: jackie.devine@comcast.net

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Dance Changes Everything

by Laura Edwards



I saw a post on Facebook about Laura Edwards' belief in the importance of dance. And, since I took dance lessons as early as three, I recognized the benefit. I asked her to write an article on the importance of offering dance to young children. Her story follows.

Dance Changes Everything! At least that is what it did for me, and it could do the same for your

child. Whether your child is unable to sit still anytime they hear music or has difficulty with large motor skills, dance class is a great place to be!

Dance is not only fun; it offers so many benefits. In addition to improving flexibility, muscle tone, stamina, coordination, range of motion, and balance, it also offers so much more that can enhance your child's life even outside of the studio.

Dance helps us discover our emotions, proper social interaction, positive teamwork, increased focus, and dedication. It requires dancers to be accountable to arrive on time and the responsibility to adhere to a dress code. It is a perfect blend of finding your way through the world following rules and regulations and finding your freedom to express who you are and what you feel without needing to find the words.

Dance offers children the understanding that mistakes are part of life, and it is okay. Through these mistakes, we find encouragement, self-

motivation, and increased self-esteem as dancers learn to push through to keep working and never give up.

There is a myriad of apparent benefits of studying dance, reduced obesity, a fun source of exercise, healthy blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and helping to maintain a balanced lifestyle. Plus, there is clinically significant evidence that children who participate actively in the performing arts spend less time sitting in front of a computer screen playing games and therefore are at less of a risk of developing health problems. Children who spend more than two hours a day on screen related pastimes are at a high risk of developing health issues, such as obesity.

I have had the joy to see countless children, over my thirty years of teaching, grow from tiny dancers into such beautiful human beings. Some of my students have gone on to pursue dance in high school, receive dance scholarships for college, become excellent dance instructors, and move into a professional dance career.

There are so many students that moved over to sports or followed their dreams to be nurses, doctors, incredible moms---they can look back at their years of dancing as something that may have brought a few tears now and then but ultimately brought them joy and an experience they will carry with them throughout their lives.

Laura Edwards is the owner and Artistic Director of Fairfield Dance Center and is fortunate to have entered into our 20th Anniversary season of sharing her love of dance with the Cypress Community. Keep reaching for the stars dancers! For more information visit info@fairfielddance.com or contact her at (281)-213-3200.



RALPH THE BIKE MAN

by Ien Ramirez



As Covid-19 took hold of 2020 so did rampant shortages of toilet paper, paper towels and disinfecting wipes in our local area. But another shortage that was felt was the inventory of workout equipment, specifically bicvcles.

As afternoons and evenings fill the sidewalks with walkers and joggers, the streets also hear the hum of kids' freedom throughout the neighborhood as they

roam by bike. There's also the usual family out for an after dinner ride. And because of the shortage of bikes available, we were lucky to find a 22 year Fairfield resident, Ralph Villalpando.

I came across Ralph on my journey to restore a 1972 Schwinn Breeze. After reaching out to the community, Ralph was the first to respond, and instantly upon meeting, his genuine love for the bicycle was more than apparent. "Working on a bicycle is therapy for me; it keeps my hands moving and thinking," he explained as he looked over what would become his newest project.

Ralph's ability to see life in a rusty bicycle that once was, has brought back so many smiles to people with emotional connections to those antiquated bikes. From the man who kept the first bike he ever bought with his first paycheck, to the family who watched as Ralph repaired their children's bikes in their driveway, while they packed for a camping trip, he has become a lifesaver for many in the neighborhood.

"I can typically beat the price and turn around time of most bike shops" he said. This allows the smiles to return to children's faces and places them back on the pavement sooner rather than later. "It gives me satisfaction to finish something," he smiled.

His love for bikes started when he was a young boy in San Antonio. He was joined by his wife, Carol, and she elaborated on his love for treasure hunting bikes in old country barns and local garage sales. Ralph's push for bike riding continues into the many health benefits that naturally derive from riding.

Besides being the "Mr. Bike" of Fairfield, he is also a strong advocate for biker safety. He emphasizes how important the road rights of cyclists are, and he wishes all drivers would consider every rider they come across as their own family member and proceed with the same caution. Ralph is truly a treasure and always eager to help his local community because for Ralph, every bike and part has a story.

Making a Vifference

by Isabel Blaylock, race organizer



Isabel, my niece, approached me about the virtual run she was putting one in May. Not knowing about the charity, I did my research and was amazed at the work Vogel Alcove does for children. I was not surprised at all to see Isabel wanting to help. She has always put herself before others and has the kindest heart. Being a runner myself, I've always been amazed at her dedication and drive for the sport and everything she puts her mind too. I hope

our Fairfield running community can help support a great cause, and as a proud uncle, help my niece in the process. [Stuart Joy, your Fairfield neighbor, lives in Summergate.]

Virtual races function similarly to regular road races or fun runs. Participants register online, receive a t-shirt and racing bib, then go out and run on race day! The only difference is that instead of having a specific location, runners can choose when and where they run. They can submit their results online, and the winners per age group will receive a medal. All of the proceeds from the registration fees will be funneled directly to Vogel Alcove and instantly go to the children and families whose worlds have been turned upside down by this pandemic. Vogel Alcove provides a place where homeless children can grow, learn, and try to live as normal of a life as possible by providing various educational and therapeutic resources and programs. On a mission to make sure every child in the Dallas community has a foundation for academic, social, and developmental success, a constant family, and a place to home, Vogel Alcove is making an immeasurable difference in the lives of thousands.

After witnessing the severe effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on my community and those surrounding me, I decided to help relieve some of the people who needed it the most. I am a competitive cross country and track and field runner. I have been running for years and hope to continue to do so in college. I wanted to give back to my community the way I best saw fit: organizing a virtual 5k race. In doing this fundraiser, I hope to raise money for Vogel Alcove and raise awareness amongst the people who participate in the event as to the nature of homelessness and how it affects families not only in Dallas but nationally if not globally. Visit https://raceroster.com/events/2020/32225/run-va to register.

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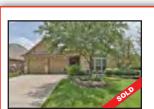
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