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# RANCH RECORD

News for the Residents of Blackhorse Ranch



## We Are In This Thing called *Life* Together

by Steven Bartholomew



*One of Louisiana's hardest-hit areas assaulted by Hurricane Laura's 150 mph winds was Lake Charles, a city near the coastline where nearly all 80,000 residents were without power and running water for days.*

*Many in our community rallied together and came to the assistance of our sister state. Stephen Bartholomew was one of those people. I asked Stephen what prompted him to do so. His response is below:*

Recently, I found myself in kind of in a funk—like something was missing, and I wanted to do something about it. Feeling so blessed, I began searching for a way to give back because I have found that helping others always brings me joy and fulfillment.

Then, I came across the news that Taylor Fonten, a friend of mine, in Louisiana with 50 Star SAR (search and rescue), was lending a hand

to Hurricane Laura's victims. Immediately, I asked if I could join him. His quick response was: Of course! So, I decided to drive to Louisiana and lend a hand.

I wrote a post letting people know I was going, and a member from Strong Body Crossfit said they were collecting donations at their gym and asked if I could take some. I agreed to take whatever I could. Then, Josh and Jolie Vance at Strong Body Crossfit said we could stockpile any donations at their gym.

So, I posted again letting people know I could take donations, and started to get an outpouring of support from people who wanted to help and donate and were willing to drop the supplies off at the Cypress Crossfit Club.

I reached out to some other businesses, and Matt Hennessy, with Cypress Fairhaven Animal Rescue, reached out to the community and told people they could collect dog/ cat food at their clinic. Cypress Lucky Mutts Rescue posted to promote our donation collection as well.

I also reached out to one of the local heavy hitters, Corey Yates, with Jersey Bagels. I asked him if he would like to help because he is always eager to help with anything when possible. He also posted asking for donations and said he would donate a dollar for each post's share. We got almost 400 shares!

I initially thought I would take everything in my SUV but quickly discovered I needed a truck. My friend and fellow Coach, Parker Jackson, at Cypress Crossfit Club, who was going to come with me on the trip to help out, reached out to Unleashed Machines. They donated a truck for us to use along with a 20 foot covered trailer!

I started out thinking that I would barely be able to fill my car with supplies. However, two days later, we filled up a 20 ft trailer and still needed more room. God is Good!

I have experienced an overwhelming amount of gratitude and joy for all the support we have received. I know everyone involved feels the same way.

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It is interesting that when healing the body, we focus on turning inwards and pay attention to ourselves. But turning inward doesn't work when we want to heal the soul. The antidote, when trying to heal the soul, is to turn outwards and help others. That is what this week has reinforced in me. Service is about helping others, but we end up helping ourselves in the process.

### *Postscript*

*The trip was an adventure. We were met with several obstacles. An hour after leaving, we lost fuel pressure and were stuck for an hour, and then an hour later down the road, a tire on the trailer blew because we loaded the trailer too heavy with donations. We lost control of the truck but were able to skid off the road safely. A crew from Louisiana came out and helped us get back on the road.*

*We were able to deliver all of the donations, despite the obstacles. A crew member who we had never met had an aunt. She prepared beds and supper for us as soon as she found out we needed a place to stay. She even made us breakfast before she left for church in the morning and left a nice note thanking us.*

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Tim's comedy show entertains the entire family while doubling down on the funny, a daunting task in an age where the obscene has become routine. The only certainty being his on-the-nose observations that expose the ridiculousness of daily life while marveling in its hilarity. The perils of marriage, homeschooling, and growing up in the Midwest may not exemplify the rock star life, but they make for good punchlines!

And, by the way, while he's very funny, fans are often even more amazed at his singing voice and guitar playing! Tim's hilarious music videos have brought him viral YouTube fame with fan favorites including the "Chick-fil-A" Song, "Aging Rockers", "Things You Don't Say to Your Wife", and "The Government Can". Still, Tim is no rock star: "It's not like I have a choice. Comedy is my only life skill!"

Please register at [www.goodchurch.org](http://www.goodchurch.org) under registrations, on or before October 1st for Classic Adults, Monday, October 5th at 2PM, Good Shepherd UMC!!! Call the church at 281-373-2273 with any questions

Classic Adults is a ministry of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church located at 20155 Cypresswood Drive in Fairfield. We welcome any person 50 years young and better to gather with us for Christian fellowship, entertainment, adventure, and light-hearted and inspirational programs. We usually meet on the first Monday of each month at 11:45am in the youth room of the church. Check the church website, [www.goodchurch.org](http://www.goodchurch.org) for more information.

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## Gifts of Love



It is a personal goal and passion of Metta Maria Archilla, Cypress Area Eats Founder, to connect with the local restaurants. One of her foci is to create avenues of awareness towards supporting the Cy-Fair Helping Hands, a non-profit organization—geared towards feeding the hungry and homeless.

Metta described her goal, “Our mission is to do whatever we can, wherever we can, to get food into the pantry and into hungry bellies.”

Metta worked with Brian Sandel, owner of Creekwood Grill off Telge, to pack up two truckloads of fresh cheese and milk and haul it over to Cy-Fair Helping Hands where her friend Patricia Hudson, Executive Director of Community Outreach, helped to unload it and transferred it to their coolers and freezers. That was close to 800 pounds of dairy in one week.

The Cypress Area Eats for Charity is always looking to partner with locals to bring food to those in need. Thank you to Brian Sandel for your gracious and giving heart!

## ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES AT ENGLISH GATEWAY

English Gateway is a program designed to teach conversational English. The vision and desire of English Gateway is to assist international families in learning and improving English skills to help them live and be successful here in the United States. We offer 6 different levels and have open registration throughout the CFISD school year.

- Where does English Gateway meet? We meet at Bayou City Fellowship, 12715 Telge Rd., Cypress, TX 77429.

- When does English Gateway meet? We offer two options: Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 am; Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm.

- What is the school calendar?

English Gateway classes coincide with CFISD school calendar

- When can I register and start class?

First day of class: September 17, 2020

There is open registration so you can come any Thursday, take a placement test, and go immediately to class.

How much does it cost? There is a one-time fee of \$20 for the books; classes are free.

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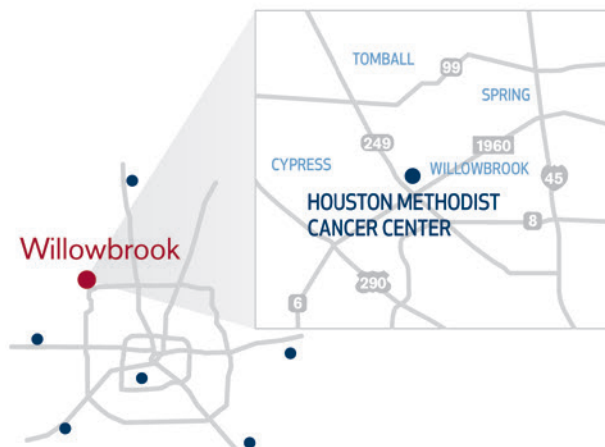
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