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Voter Registration	713-224-1919

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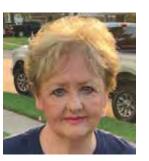


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Notes from Your Editor

by Jackie Devine



It's Fall, Y'all! Enjoy the leaves changing where you can find them even if they are Facebook pictures from your friends up East. And, oh yes, get out there and pick a pumpkin.

As you all know, I write this column a month ahead of publication. As I'm getting ready to go press today, looking out my window, I'm watching lots of

happy parents and kids either walking to school or eagerly waiting at the bus stop to hop on board and join their friends and teachers for the first time since March. Now that it is October, I hope everyone still has a smile on their faces and a song in their hearts.

I received calls and e-mails asking why my editorial wasn't in the Fairfield Community Gazette's September issue. I heard that several of you thought that I was no longer with Peel, Inc. Here is the scoop: Since we had more stories than we had space, and I felt every story was newsworthy, I gave up my space so that we could fit all the information in that issue.

This month we may not have as many articles, but we have an overabundance of worthy photos. We may run into that same problem this round.

Our area is blessed with a new Aggie veterinarian. There are two things everyone knows about us. We love our Aggie trained vets, and Cypress, especially Fairfield, probably has more dogs and cats than we have children. So when it comes to vets, the more, the merrier. Welcome, Dr. Randall Hees. Please read his story on the next page 5.

You will once again be inspired by our community's generosity and the heroic work of folks like Stephen Bartholomew. Stephen made a trip to Lake Charles to support our sister state in their hour of need. I've attached a link for you to see the devastation that he witnessed in Lake Charles after Hurricane Laura. https://www.facebook.com/stephen.bartholomew.522/ videos/10158176976321359

And, like always, check out the many ways our young people, schools, organizations, churches, and businesses are making our community a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

Please contact me when you have an idea for a story, see someone doing something outstanding, or when you walk into one of our local businesses and think to yourself, "This is why I'm glad I live in Cypress."

You can reach me at jackiedevine@comcast.net. Happy October! I didn't mention Halloween or Trick or Treating because, at this writing, we have no idea how that wonderful festive time of the year is going to evolve.

CYPRESS WELCOMES A NEW AGGIE VET

by Jackie Devine

Over 63 million households in the United States own at least one dog according to a 2019/20 pet owners survey, making them the most widely owned type of pet across the U.S. Cats ranked second, topping a whopping 42.7 million.

Are you one of the multitudes of Americans who consider your pet a member of the family? If so, you probably also celebrate their birthdays, leave gifts under the Christmas tree, sign their names to your Christmas cards, and finally mourn their passing.

Did you know that the pet industry has become so high-profile that we now have 16 Pet Holidays set aside in October to celebrate our furry friends?

Pet Holidays for October 2020

• National Animal Safety and Protection Month

• Adopt a Dog Month (A.H.) / Adopt a Shelter Dog Month (ASPCA)

• National Pet Wellness Month

- National Pit Bull Awareness Month
- October 1: National Fire Pup Day
- October 1: National Black Dog Day

- October 1-6: National Walk Your Dog Week
- October 1-6: Animal Welfare Week
- October 4: World Animal Day
- October 4: World Pets Day
- October 9: Pet Obesity Awareness Day
- October 16: National Feral Cat Day
- October 19-23: Veterinary Technician Week
- October 26: National Pit Bull Awareness Day
- October 27: National Black Cat Day (U.K.)
- October 29: National Cat Day

This interesting information is brought to you by our newest area vet, Randall Hees, DVM, owner of The Oaks Veterinary Clinic across from Lindsey Lakes on Muschke Road.

I asked the doctor why he chose to become a Veterinarian. He replied, "I grew up on a farm in Pflugerville, Texas. I've always enjoyed being around animals and learning how to take care of them. You might say, I developed a bond with them and knew that Veterinary Medicine was my calling. All through school, I participated in 4-H and entered every stock show that came along. That is what helped

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put me through A&M."

"After graduation from Texas A&M in 2004," Randall explained, "I completed a year of equine near Weatherford where my services included lameness, equine reproduction, and preventative medicine. After working with a local veterinarian for several years, I realized I wanted to open my own clinic and become an integral part of the

community like he was. I wanted to develop strong heart-felt lasting relationships with my clients, their pets, and other community members as he did. These were my ultimate goals."

Randall's dream to open a veterinary clinic was years in the making. Then, he met Brett Thomas, owner of Dog Ranch Park. Randall excitedly said, "We connected while I was looking for the perfect location. Next to Dog Ranch Park, there was a vacant space dedicated to a Vet Clinic. It was a match made in heaven. The Oaks was a compliment match to Dog Ranch Park.

"First on my agenda," he explained, "was to identify current community needs. Since Brett Thomas sponsors many adoption events with Lucky Mutts, that was a perfect fit. So too, is my new association with Angelica at In the Name of Zoey Rescue."



Dr. Hees has seven dogs, but Jeffery is his newest. He was on his way to visit his sister in Uvalde, just outside of Corpus, and stopped at a gas station out in the middle of nowhere. There he was just sitting at the door.

"I asked the gas station attendant if that dog belonged

to anyone," Randall said.

She replied, "No, a lady dropped him off this morning, and he won't go away."

"I went over and petted him, and he followed me to the truck and wouldn't leave. He jumped in the truck and has been part of the family ever since. His hobbies are making goofy faces and counter surfing. He is only about a year old. I bring him to work because he might get in trouble if I leave him alone. I believe that rescued, and adopted dogs make some of the best pets."

Dr. Hees is excited to be part of the Cypress community and invites you to take a tour of his clinic. Visit The Oaks Veterinarian Clinic on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/oaksveterinaryclinic.

Randall is married to Dr. Christi Hees, also an Aggie vet, class of 2004. For a complete list of Pet, Holidays see: https://www.dogtipper.com/fun/ pet-holidays.



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We Are In This Thing Called Life Together



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

by Steven Bartholomew



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.

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.

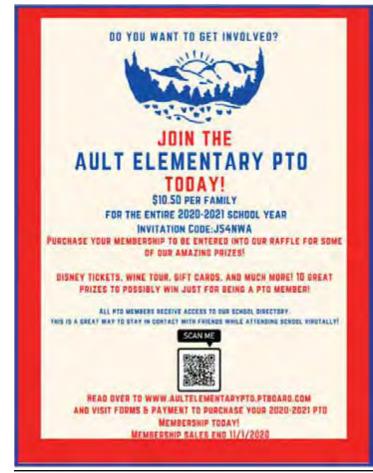
Our kindness was met with even more kindness and compassion.

Around Fairfield

A Message From Jeff LaCoke, Principal of Ault Elementary

The work teachers are doing right now is like nothing I've ever seen before. The resilience, courage, passion and determination they are showing leaves me speechless. Honestly...it's heroic. And why do they do it? They love your kids.

We look forward to going on this Great Adventure with our Ault Community.





Our Ault PTO is amazing! These volunteers spend countless hours supporting our All Stars! Let's hear it for them!!



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Summer Band at Bridgeland is History

by Kellen Kocurek



And just like that, summer band was a wrap! The summer started differently than in past years, with masks, new protocols, and lots of uncertainty.

As the sun sets on this chapter, we salute the senior class of 2021. This year's seniors were part of the inaugural band at BHS and will be the first to attend all four years at Bridgeland

But through all the 2020 adversity, these kids demonstrated the same dedication, class, and perseverance that has been a hallmark of the Bridgeland band since day one. This school year, they will continue to build their legacy. Here we feature them as a group, celebrating the summer camp last day with the traditional "Senior Splash" (minus the swimming pool), and in their sections by instrument. Enjoy the year, seniors!



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KEITH TEACHERS WAVE HELLO

Teachers were very excited to see all of their Keith Cougars on the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8th. Thank you Ryan Strong for the photo.



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School News & Community Events



Ladies debut at state #6 in the preseason CCCAT Coaches Poll. Keep moving up!

Quote Tweet

5A & 6A get started next weekend, but the preseason Coaches' Polls are out! Here's the outlook for 6A: @TXMileSplit @CarrollCXC



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Fairfield's Fifty Plus Fun-Loving Group

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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 OTOBER and NOVEMBER:

Tour Brookwood, November 18th.

Contact Jo Ann Lambert for more information.

For information about **Our Extended Trips:**

New Orleans trip, Spring 2021, 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 Lambert or Jackie Devine for further information and directions.

OCTOBER FAIRFIELD 50 PLUS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, October 8th, 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, October 13th, 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 October 11th weekly newsletter.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER:

The first Friday, October 2nd and the third Friday, **October 16th**, 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 be cancelled again, because of the Covid-19 Virus.

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Then on the second Friday, **October 9th**, and the fourth Friday, **October 23rd**, 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

$OUR\,FAIRFIELD\,FIFTY\,PLUS\,WEEKLYE-NEWSLETTER:$

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

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

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13 and 14, 2020, Cy-Fair Independent School District College Night. Your student should check with their High School Counselor for details. It has been at the Berry Center in the past but may be virtual this year. Regardless of venue, this is a great opportunity for collegebound students and parents to obtain information.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020, Municipal Utility District (MUD) #396. The September meeting was by teleconference. The October 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. If you need dial-in instructions or a ride to the meeting, contact Bill Wilson at 832-653-5146.

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Classic Adults

Monday, October 5, 2020, 2-4 PM GS Worship Center

Comedian, Tim Hawkins!



Tim Hawkins has established himself as one of the most indemand Christian comedians in the country. With 300 million video views online and over 100 sold-out concerts every year, his fans have grown into a revolution of multi-generational proportions. Now Tim brings his hilarity and Christian comedy to Good Shepherd Classic Adults.... virtually.... on Monday, October 5th!!!!

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 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 for more information.

Community Events

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Saturday, October 24, 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 meeting and speakers are on the CTTP website.

Tuesday, October 27, 2020, Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women. This will be 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, October 29, 2020, Fairfield Republicans. This is the regular last Thursday of the month meeting. The meeting is in a new location, Gateway Church at 25314 Zube Road, Hockley, TX 77447. It is only ten minutes from Fairfield. 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.

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 on October 29, 2020 at 7:00 PM. We will meet at a new location, Gateway Church, 25314 Zube Road, Hockley, TX 77447. It is only ten minutes from Fairfield. Our purpose is to meet for relevant information and plan for the November 3, 2020 Election including "Get Out the Vote" efforts. All three Fairfield Precincts have a Chair. 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.

CYTOM DEMOCRATS



October Speaker: The Honorable Germaine J. Tanner The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold its next virtual monthly meeting Tuesday, October 20, 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@yahoo.com.

The speaker will be The Honorable Germaine J. Tanner -Presiding Judge of the 311th District Court. Judge Tanner was elected as the Presiding Judge of the 311th District Court on November 6, 2018 and was sworn in on January 1, 2019. Licensed since 2003, Judge Tanner presides over a wide range of family law issues including contested and uncontested divorces, child custody disputes, child support matters, post-divorce modifications and enforcements, adoptions and CPS cases. Since her election, Judge Tanner has provided FREE Brown Bag CLE seminars for practicing attorneys out of the 311th District Court. Additionally, She has given presentations at continuing legal education seminars for attorneys and paralegals in the area of Family Law, through other organizations.

Judge Tanner is a single mother of 1 daughter, Gabrielle. She received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana and her law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

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@yahoo. com, or visit the club's Facebook page.

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The Texas ChalleNGe Academy awards the Cadet of the Week Cadet Private Braden Parke



Texas ChalleNGe Academy is pleased to announce Braden Parke as Cadet of the Week for the sixth week of Class 2020-1.

Mr. Parke was selected as cadet of the week for demonstrating resilience and perseverance amongst his fellow cadets, since the beginning of the program. He is learning to become selfaccountable and demonstrates excellent leadership qualities. He is also, excelling in academics, with a total of 17 credits. Cadet Parke was chosen as Cadet of the Week from the 76 cadets currently participating in the Texas ChalleNGe Academy.

Braden Parke is from Houston, Texas, he enjoys participating in cross country, track, and soccer. Prior to enrolling at the academy, he attended Bridgeland High School. Cadet Parke decided to attend TCA to accelerate his education and earn his high school diploma.

Following graduation, he would like to enlist in the United States Army and pursue a career in the military. The staff and cadets of the Texas Challenge Academy would like to congratulate Cadet Parke on his accomplishment.

The Texas ChalleNGe Academy (TCA) is a voluntary, 5 ½ month residential program for 16-18-year-old students across the state of Texas who are struggling to find success in a traditional high school. TCA collaborates with Rice CISD to provide academic opportunities to recover/earn credits and advance towards earning a high school diploma or a GED. TCA is a rigorous, quasi-military structured program with a curriculum that integrates eight core components: Academic Excellence, Life Coping Skills, Health & Hygiene, Physical Fitness, Job Skills, Leadership/Followership, Service to Community, and Responsible Citizenship.

The National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program, was founded in 1993 and operates 42 programs across 32 states, including, Puerto Rico and District of Columbia.

Texas ChalleNGe Academy is a program of the Texas Military Department and National Guard Bureau.



submitted by Meggan Connell Cub Scout Pack 0533 Membership Chair

Cub Scout Pack 0533 is recruiting boys Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Our activities will be both in person and virtual. For information, just text "cub scouts" to 31996 or visit beascout.org.



Trauma Dolls For Children In Need

by Nicole Porter, Leader, Troop 14030, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, Heart of Texas Community Delegate





Girl Scout Troop 14030 in the Heart of Texas Girl Scout Community, under the San Jacinto Council, is a dynamic group of 8thgrade girls located in Cypress, Texas. Currently, our troop has eleven scouts working on completing five Silver Award Projects.

The Silver Award is the second of three highest awards available for

Girl Scout Cadettes between grades 6-8. Projects allow a max of four Cadettes per team to help their community by identifying a need and working to provide a sustainable improvement or resolution and make the world around them a better place. They must work with their community partner to create a project that specifically addresses the need identified, provides a minimum of 50 hours of service per scout, and provides a sustainable result. By earning the Silver Award, Girl Scouts learn lifelong skills such as leadership, responsibility, communication, organization, budgeting, project management, and, most importantly, followthrough.

One of the Silver Award projects is being completed by Catherine Merrill and Lily Escobar of Troop 14030, working with The Kiwanis Club of Cy-Fair, Houston. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Catherine and Lily will be helping both Kiwanis and our community by creating a network of support for making Trauma Dolls and building connections with first responders and other agencies who need them.

Trauma Dolls are meant to be a communication line and



comfort injured children who are victims of abuse or have suffered from any other traumatic incident. They are a 15-inch tall, handsewn, stuffed blank canvas doll that comes with markers so the child can draw on it. The child can use the doll to communicate with responders, doctors, or other relevant agencies to show where and how he/she hurts. It's often difficult to talk about experienced trauma. Sometimes it is just easier to show. Likewise, the dolls will help responders or doctors communicate with the child by drawing on or treating the doll first to show the child what they may need to do to treat any injuries.

This team is seeking groups or organizations that wish to make trauma dolls and would be willing to commit to this annually. It is a fantastic opportunity for organizations that have community service requirements. At this juncture, the team has made "travel kits" containing supplies necessary to make the dolls, which can rotate among groups making them, videos to teach "how to make" a trauma doll. A platform informs the public of this project, how it works, why it is needed, the service opportunities available, and how to request dolls. Once the scouts have established groups committed to making Trauma Dolls as well as those in need of them, they will work to develop a schedule that accommodates all to meet the requested need of dolls.

The Cadettes have created an online request form located on the Kiwanis Club of Cy-Fair Houston website. It can be submitted by those wishing to participate in the program as a Trauma Doll maker or an organization requesting dolls. If you or your organization is interested in Trauma Dolls, either making or obtaining them, go to https://www.kiwanishoustoncyfair.com/ and complete the form. Please consider helping our team of Girl Scouts complete their Silver Award project, the second Highest Award earned by a Girl Scout, and Cy-Fair Houston's Kiwanis.

Community Events

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Fairfield Women's Club

Ictober News

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Submitted by: Kim Maxian

Thank you to all who participated in the FCW Garage Sale. -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 October meeting will take place on October 20th at Bradford Creek Clubhouse at 7:00pm. We welcome all ladies from Fairfield, Lakes of Fairhaven, or surrounding areas to join us.

Lunch Bunch: Lunch Bunch will take place at La Maria on Spring Cypress Road on October 8th. The November Lunch Bunch will be at Olive Garden on November 12th.

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

"Fairfield Strong" T-Shirt Fundraiser

Sponsored by Fairfield Women's Club

Hello Fairfield Neighbors!

We love our neighborhood and Fairfield Women's Club is so proud of being a part of this community. From birthday parades, the Positivity Fence, to the way we have seen neighbor helping neighbor over the last few months, we have a lot to be proud of: what better way to show it, than with a "Fairfield Strong" T-Shirt!!

Now that we have picked a winner, we will offer you the opportunity to show your pride by ordering a Fairfield Strong T-Shirt! Watch for details on Facebook.

Please email to reserve your "Fairfield Strong" T-Shirt to dthompson8@ comcast.net by October 15th. At the time of the article deadline, prices have not been determined so check Facebook for the latest details. You will be able to pay by check to Fairfield Women's Club or use Paypal. All proceeds go back into our community schools and Voluntary Fire Dept.

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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 Outreached, 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!

Drastic Steps Marketing -Get Known, Get Connected, *Get Paid!*

Luncheon Details Thursday, October 22, 2020 Networking 11:00 a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Longwood Golf Club, 13300 Longwood Trace, Cypress, TX 77429

Costs \$30 with advanced reservations; \$35 at the door (Please check our website for information in the event we are not able to meet in person)



Houston, Texas (September 8, 2020) Toni Harris Taylor is also known as The Networking Queen[™]. That's why becoming an NIA Franchise owner is a natural fit. Toni's brand is all about taking DRASTIC steps to be successful. As a sales and marketing coach, Toni teaches her clients to build relationships to Get Known, Get Connected to Get Paid! Now she has the vehicle to help her clients,

"Build Relationships that Last a Lifetime!" If you are ready to end the frustrations of growing your business, connect with Toni to see how she can help you to turn more contacts into contracts!

In this session you will learn how to:

- Determine your target market for laser focus marketing.
- Build relationships through networking.
- Speak to get in front of the crowd and be the "go-to" expert.

• Use technology tools such as email and social media to follow up and stay connected.

This month's CYFEN meeting begins with networking at 11:00 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Luncheons are held at our new location, **Longwood Golf Club**, 13300 Longwood Trace, Cypress, TX 77429.

About Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

Now over 40 members strong, Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition. CYFEN is part of the national organization of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information go to www. CYFEN.org.

About American Business Women's Association (ABWA)

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

Community Events

Mini Videos, Maximum Results

Luncheon Details Thursday, October 15, 2020 Registration/Networking 11 a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Holiday Inn & Suites Houston West - Westway Park 4606 Westway Park Blvd, Houston, TX 77041 Early Registration Costs \$30; or pay at the door



Houston, Texas (September 6, 2020) If there was a way for your social media posts to be seen by more potential clients would you want to know how? Of course you would! The answer: 15 - 60 second micro videos! See how businesses and social media influencers are using short, evergreen videos to attract their ideal prospect and provide value-added service to

their existing followers. And the best part: you don't have to sing, dance, or even be in the video (unless you want to).

Speaker Bio

As a graduate of the Dale Carnegie course, Kerrie Saeger has used her natural talents as a speaker to teach and train entrepreneurs to market and promote themselves. Kerrie's career began in retail banking, and eventually led to becoming a mortgage loan originator where she worked for several of the largest banks in the US before opening her own mortgage company. She learned early on to embrace the quote "if its meant to be, it's up to me". She is currently a real estate continuing education trainer with the Kathryn C. Wheat school of Real Estate. Her speciality are those classes pertaining to marketing, branding, and self promotion specifically as it pertains to social media.

In this workshop, we will discuss:

- How to draft a personal communication plan
- How to establish authentic connections in a virtual environment
- How to lead, manage and work with people in a virtual environment

This month's HAPEN meeting begins with registration and networking at 11:00 a.m. followed by a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Luncheons are held at the Holiday Inn & Suites Houston West - Westway Park, 4606 Westway Park Blvd, Houston, TX 77041

About Houston Area Professional Express Network (HAPEN)

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Our Constable Canines

Due to their strength, agility, courage and other amazing capabilities, our Constable Canines are specifically trained to assist their handlers and other law enforcement personnel search for drugs and explosives, locating missing people and children, finding crime scene evidence and apprehending suspects targeted by police. In most cases just the mere presence of a Constable Canine dynamically changes the suspects thinking and causes surrender which helps keep everyone safe!

They each make such an impact to our Precinct 4 team and we'd like to thank all of our wonderful Canines and Canine Handlers who protect and serve our community!

A Constable Canine assisted the Gulf Coast Violent Task Force capture a suspect wanted for murder out of Pennsylvania near the 3500 block of Aspen Bend Drive.

The suspect was charged with Felony Evading and Child Endangerment along with the execution of the Murder Warrant.

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