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The Times is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Bridgeland residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at www. PEELinc.com or you can email it *bridgeland@peelinc.com*. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome. Our goal is to keep you informed!



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### Way To Go Amelia

submitted by Paul J. Davis, nurse, volunteer firefighter and Amelia's father



All of Fairfield is celebrating with one of our own residents today, Amelia Davis, who had a fairytale worthy day on October 30, 2020. At 9 AM that day at Bridgeland High School, she was presented with the honor of being elected as the Executive Student Body President of around 4,000 fantastic students.

Later that evening escorted onto the football

field of the Homecoming game by her parents, Paul and LaDonna Davis; her heart was already filled due to earning president; however, it was nearly stopped when it was announced that she also won homecoming Queen: Bridgeland High School's first-ever Homecoming Queen.

These accolades were not given freely; Amelia is hugely involved in both the school and the community. She has been the Executive Vice President of the student council for the past two years, an officer in multiple organizations at schools such as Choir, Health Occupations Students of America (H.O.S.A), National Honor Society more.

While being involved in so many school organizations would give her an excuse to fall behind in academics, she defies expectations yet again by being in primarily college-level courses with all A's and is in the process of earning her pharmaceutical technicians license. Last year, she placed first in the area, top three in-state, and competed internationally for H.O.S.A, an academic club focusing on students who dream of going into the medical field.

Please don't think that this means she isn't involved in the community- Amelia works with the local fire department's search team to train the canine units, she works part-time at the Fairfield Athletic Center, has been in Girl Scouts since first grade, regularly does volunteer work wherever she can and more. With motivation like that, we have no doubt Amelia will fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming an orthopedic surgeon in the Navy by going to Baylor University to major in political science and then Johns Hopkins medical school.

Amelia Davis, it's a fantastic example of what Fairfield residents should be: someone who is outgoing, smart, and above all, caring. Our community is made better by her accomplishments so be sure to swing by the F.A.C to say hello. She'll greet you with a contagious smile, and thanks!

### Bridgeland Leadership Applications Deadline January 15, 2021

Many communities like the City of Houston have prestigious programs to train future leaders of the community. Bridgeland needs leaders from Lakeland Village and Parkland Village to take over the many elected & non-elected positions of responsibility. Bridgeland has a prestigious established leadership program that meets on the fourth Thursday of every month from 6:45pm to 8:30pm, January-May 2021.

Learn what is a MUD, WCID, ESD, DRC, The Enhancement Committee, The Investment Committee, Inframark, Bridgeland Council, Lakeland Village HOA or Parkland Village HOA. Meet your local Precinct 5 Constable, Precinct 3 County Commissioner, your State Senators & your State Representative.

All you need is commit to do a 20-hour approved service project over one year and attend (5) one & half hour classes at the Activity Center. Space is limited so sign up quickly. Be the ONE that makes a difference in your Bridgeland Community.

For more information contact Kay Burkhalter @ 713-447-7740 or kayburkhalter@sbcglobal.net

### <u>Wednesday December</u> 2, 2020 9:30 am -1:30 pm <u>Making your own Holiday</u> <u>Pine Bough Wreath</u>



Liaison: Kathy Rowe & Connie Bihner If attending RSVP to conniebihner@gmail.com

Program: **Making your own holiday pine bough wreath** – instruction on bow making and construction techniques. Ten dollar fee if you are not a paid member of the Bridgeland Garden Club. There will be no Zoom meeting but we will send out written instructions.

(Gift Exchange and Potluck Lunch follow wreath making). Bring a 10 inch or larger grapevine wreath, clippers, ribbons, and ornaments for your wreath. Bring a glue gun to share if you have one. We will provide fresh cut pine boughs. For the gift exchange please bring a garden theme gift under \$15 and a lunch item for six persons to share.

Location: Lakeland Village Activity Center 16902 Bridgeland Landing Dr.



## Fairfield Welcomes a New Entrepreneur

by Jackie Devine



Fairfield has a brand new entrepreneur. Not only that, our high-flying promoter is a veteran, wife, mother of two, and a shrewd businesswoman with a cutting edge idea.

Two months ago, Holly Malakar opened the doors of Lonestar Liquidation Warehouse at 290 off Barker Cypress, down the road from the Hope Chest.

When Holly was on the hunt to identify a business that she could sink her experience and talent in, she was also looking for a way she could offer customers needed products at fair prices. Plus, she wanted to help business-minded people increase their chances of success even in challenging economic times.

After conducting considerable marketing research and an extensive feasibility study, she concluded what the Cypress area needed was a full-fledged liquidation company. Also known as closeout liquidation or liquidation pallet companies, these firms purchase excess inventory from large retail chains and sell the goods at a discounted rate to their customers.

Lonestar Liquidation Warehouse buys truckloads of pallets of overstocked merchandise, box damaged, and returned items from major retailers. Customers buy a single pallet full of merchandise, which allows them to obtain products cheaper than their market price.

Unlike purchasing liquidated products online, LLW invites buyers to come and personally inspect the goods before purchasing. For individuals and many retailers, this is important as it gives them the option to touch and inspect the merchandise they wish to purchase.

Customers run the gamut from people working at flea markets to individuals looking for home appliances. For example, someone may be looking for a deep freezer. There may also be a mini-fridge, microwave, a vacuum on a pallet with a deep freezer. The person would buy the pallet for the deep freezer, sell the other items on it, and potentially get the deep freezer free. Or they could resell the entire pallet of merchandise, and make money on all the merchandise.

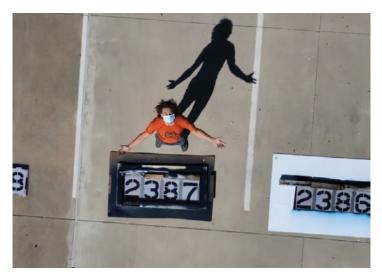
LLW sells the entire pallet at such a price that the customer could resell the merchandise and make a profit.

Holly recalls, "The day of Fairfield's Yard Sale was my opening day. A friend of mine bought one of my pallets and sold items at the garage sale. Others passed out flyers that day, and some of them came by and checked LLW out.

You can learn more about Lonestar Liquidation Warehouse by visiting https://www.facebook.com/LonestarLiquidation.

## FINISHING STRONG IN THE TOP 2 PERCENT

submitted by Donna Stallone



Logan Stallone is winning the day through Boy Scouts of America Troop 179 by finishing his senior year with an awesome Eagle Scout Project to benefit the staff and students of Bridgeland High School. Since the inception of the Eagle Scout award in 1912, only 2.01 percent of eligible Scouts have earned Scouting's highest honor. Earning this rank includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages.

While investigating potential community projects, it seemed that the opportunity to support Bridgeland High School was meant to be when the assistant principal asked Logan if he knew of anyone who was looking for an Eagle Scout project.

After several discussions and meetings with Bridgeland High School officials, CFISD and Troop 179, it looked like the project had promise; however, maintenance projects rarely qualify. It was at the district meeting that Logan met with John Bills, the Scout Advancement Chair for Big Cypress District, that the project was approved as a result of the large scale and scope of the work needed for the beneficiary.

The opportunity was to clean, renumber and paint 1000 parking stalls. The high schools spirited colors of orange and blue were selected to paint over the spaces and are an improvement over the standard black and white colors which had really faded.

Mr. Smith, the high school principal, stated that he was excited about Logan's work on the project. He said, "Having the numbers painted really will help our students. We will have almost 1000 drivers coming to school searching for parking spots and by having an assigned spot, they can get in quickly and safely and make it to class on time." The project is 75 percent complete with close to 400 service hours dedicated to the project thus far. The project is projected to be completed by the first week in December.

Logan said, "In every project there are the expected considerations like quality, people, budget, logistics, scheduling, safety, and communication but it was the element of surprise that kept me on my toes. We had gusts of wind which caused overspray and my shade tent took flight and sailed across the parking lot. My original paint application process was very time consuming and had quality issues which resulted in a total change of plans by the second work weekend. There were also weather issues and unexpected equipment problems with the sprayers which caused delays as well. I was able to adapt and was fortunate to have great business mentors to call upon.

"I was definitely challenged but I found that I was equal to the challenge. I was able to think on my feet and pivot when unexpected things happened. I learned a lot and I'm pleased Mr. Smith is happy with the results! This was a real world work experience that I won't forget. I know how to paint a parking lot and I know how not to paint a parking lot and I learned a great deal about project management. My scouting experiences have prepared me for life!"

Many thanks to Heath Melton VP, Howard Hughes Corporation for their sponsorship and to the members of Troops 156,179, and 329 as well as the BHS National Honor Society for their service hours. Additional gratitude goes out to servant business leaders Cas Moya of Pro Seal Services, Trantex, Painters Repair Shop, BenefitU, Rickey Chavez of Gary Green Realty, and McCurdy Media.

To view additional pictures and drone footage, go to infomark. com and enter the mark, LOGAN



### THE SILVER LINERS RAMPING BACK UP

by Gwendolyn Loy Ware



Some 7 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years ago the "Classic Adults" group was formed at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, in Fairfield. The group of 55+ quickly grew from monthly luncheons with entertainment or a speaker to offering weekly men's coffee group, field trips, and an energetic line dancing group! Line dancing is a form of dance that takes place with a group of participants lined up in rows and executing the same movements in a synchronized manner. Early efforts included learning the steps and dances for "The Unicorn" and "Tulsa Time", and other beginner dances. As our skills improved, we advanced to more difficult dances like "The Charleston", "The Waltz", and "The Country Two-Step". We chose the Silver Liners name for ourselves and started thinking we could entertain others.

Soon the Silver Liners were going out to Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities to cheer-up the residents. Bringing smiles to their faces, warmed our hearts. We were also asked to perform for Classic Adults holiday luncheons and for other parties. We soon felt the love we were spreading through the joy of music and dancing.

In 2019 were asked to perform at the Annual Health Festival which was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Houston. Approximately 100 people were in attendance. Our presentation theme was "You are never too old to dance."

Line dancing is a great form of exercise for older people because it provides a platform for you to be involved in a social environment, which is great for mental wellness. Our Silver Liners practice at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in the gymnasium on Thursday afternoons at 3:15 until 4:30 PM. Normal class attendance runs from 15 to 20, although we currently have 30 members on our roll. Good Shepherd is located at 20155 Cypresswood Drive in Fairfield.

Recently we have started a beginner's class on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 until 11:00 AM in the theatre of the church. Our classes are open to all, men or women, regardless of their Church affiliation. Good times and fellowship with other Christians are had by all, as well as good exercise.

Dancing and Delighting in our God like King David did!





#### **Voting With A Message** by Jackie Devine

750 Harris County polls were operating on Election Day, and 122 were open during early voting, which ran from October 13 through October 30. This year, a number of people living in Cypress participated in the election process. A sampling of various ways included posting information on social media, placing a sign in their yard, or walking the block and campaigning.

For my contribution, as your editor, I choose to work the polls at John Paul Landing Environmental Education Center (JPLEEC). I wanted an up-close and personal way to meet and greet the voters and gain first-hand knowledge of how the political process works. Regardless of media spin, hopefully, what I encountered was not an anomaly or a statistical outlier of the voting process but an accurate representation of what is possible when people come together for the common cause of ensuring our nation's freedoms.

When our team assembled to set up the polling station at JPLEEC on Monday, October 12, we were complete strangers. The Presiding Judge Randi Houston introduced herself, as did Alternate Judge Mark Woodson.

First up to speak, Randi set the tone for all future activities, explaining, "I took on this job because I encountered a bad experience at a primary this year; the clerk kept saying if you have a complaint, then call this number. I didn't want to complain because I have a business and know what it's like to deal with grievances. So I decided that I could help fix the situation by being part of the solution instead of the problem.

"After extensive research, I found that my skills fit perfectly with the clerk job description, so I volunteered. A few weeks later, I got a call saying they received my application. The interviewer told me that she wanted me to work in the PJ position and asked when I would be available. 'What is a PJ,' I asked. 'That sounds important.'

The lady said, "Oh, I'm sorry, it's a Presiding Judge, and yes, it is important."

Randi continued, "That little girl inside of me said, 'You've got this. You can do it.' But then, in real-time, I was like, 'Yes, you have it, but do you have the time to do this?'

"Although I didn't know what to expect, I knew this would be part of a historical event, and it was the perfect opportunity to witness how elections work.

"I figured that there would be a lot of Baby Boomers, Generation Xers, and Ys, as well as scores of the high school and college students who would be casting their very first ballet.

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I felt this was my chance to help people have a positive and memorable voting experience."

Mark Woodson, the Alternate Judge, who became the Presiding Judge on Election Day, also a first-time poll worker, stepped forward and explained his position. He felt the upcoming election was a critical one, emphasizing that he wanted to do his part in ensuring that we are handing off an intact political system to the next generation.

He outlined the group expectation — It was to be a people-first, party last approach. Black, White, Brown, Democrat, Republican, or Independent, we were free to embrace our own opinions---however, not while we were serving the citizens of Harris County.

Each morning, we gathered for a team meeting to assess the previous events of the day, outline new information distributed through the county, review difficulties voters may have faced, bottlenecks witnessed in the voting process, and give kudos for jobs well done.

Both Randi and Mark operated from a top-down/bottom-up management style. All team members were expected to join in, pull their weight, and assist where needed. Every day all clerks switched positions thus requiring all to work (and think) together. Seamlessly we moved from one position to the other.

Voters were welcomed on the sidewalk outside the entrance and greeted once again in the lobby. We learned their names, applauded them for coming, and celebrated our first-time voters for their effort.

Clerks jumped at the chance to walk portable voting machines out to drive-up voters.

It was a common occurrence to overhear voters say, "That was so much fun, I'm going to vote here again next time."

On the last day, I asked a number of my counterparts how they felt about the experience. Although they permitted me to quote them, I've left the names off their comments for safety reasons. A composite of their answers includes:

"We came together from different countries, cultures, backgrounds, and parts of the city to work together as a team to achieve one great goal, and that was to provide a safe environment that was efficient, fair, and inspirational. This team would be a good team to show to the rest of the state."

"I was wondering how we could function as a team with so little training. As it turned out, we shared our experiences, and that made us all stronger."

"We got together, shared our experiences, cross-trained, and learned how to work each position, laughed together, but got serious about our work when the time came."

In addition to natural-born citizens, our team represented Columbia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Hawaii. We reflected a variety of various ages and religions, differing levels of education, and diverse walks of life. As a team, we accomplished what our forefathers envisioned when our country was created. We performed as one nation, indivisible, and together we represented liberty and justice for all.

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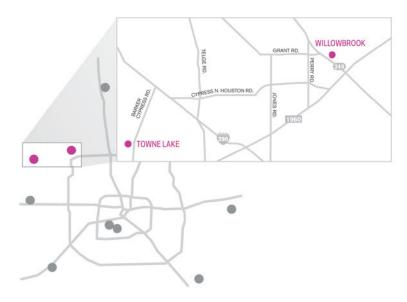


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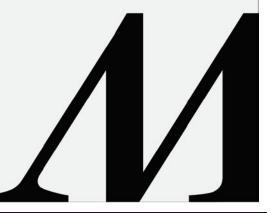
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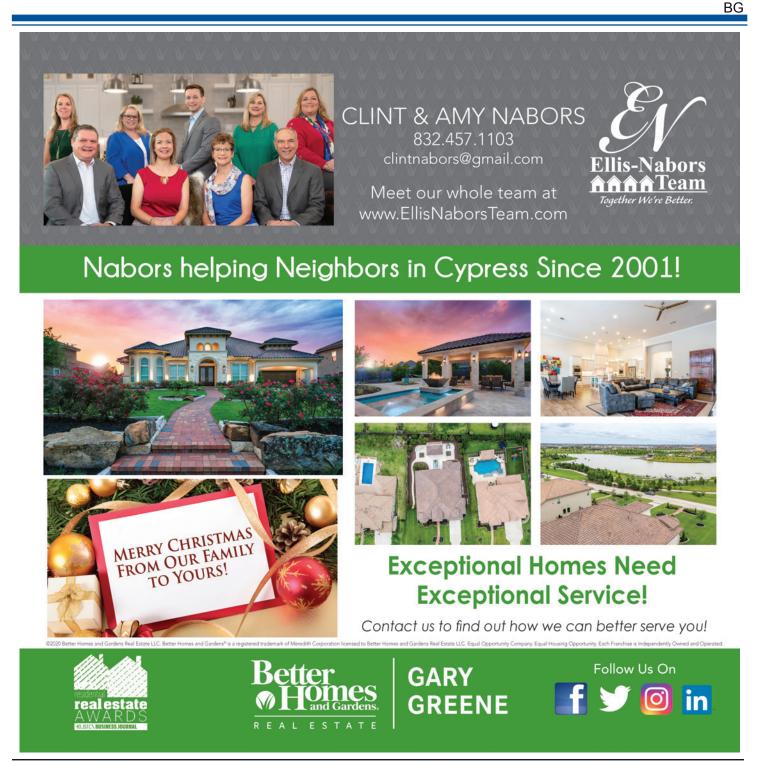
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