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LONGWOOD BOY SCOUT GIVES BACK TO FORMER SCHOOL

Eagle Scout hopeful Braely Pace braved rising flood waters as he spearheaded the work of 17 volunteers to make two playgrounds safer for his preschool alma mater.

By Chris Fults

Sixteen-year-old Longwood resident Braely Pace was determined to press forward with his Eagle Scout project on the morning of Friday, July 13. Pace, a member of Boy Scout Troop #84 sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, had spent weeks organizing donations and recruiting 17 volunteers to layer a protective safety cushion of mulch onto two playgrounds owned by The Woods Private School.

The plan had come off with only one hitch. Both playgrounds were saturated with rain, and the playground located at 15002 Lakewood Forest Drive sat next to an overflowing tributary of Cypress Creek, which had already reached flood stage and was continuing to rise. Despite the flood waters, Pace and Chad Boase, an assistant director at the school, decided it was safe to move ahead with the much-needed project. Pace joked to Boase, "No one here is afraid to get wet or muddy!"

"When I considered all of the many options for an Eagle Scout project," said Pace, "I decided that I really wanted to give back to The Woods. I was a student there, and all of my siblings attended there as well. I wanted to repay them for all of the good work they do for so many children."

Mary Beth Gavin, an assistant director at the school, said, "Our school has been open for 29 years, and it has been fun seeing these children grow



Braely Pace pushes a wheelbarrow of mulch as flood waters rise in the background.

up and then come back years later to help out. What makes this mulching project so special is that Braely is one of our former students. He is one of our own."

Donna Boase, director of The Woods, said, "Mulching the playground is an important safety issue that we deal with every year. The state sends out a case worker annually to be sure our playground is safe for our students. Last year the mulching seemed to take forever because we didn't have as many people to help. This year it's been such a blessing to have Braely and his volunteers accomplish this important work, and it is a relief to get it done so quickly."

Pace pitched his Eagle project idea to Phillip Sheppard of Living Earth Technology Company, who generously agreed to donate 30 cubic yards of mulch. Pace recruited his hardworking, mostly teenage volunteers from his own congregation, the Longwood Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Pace is no stranger to hard work, growing up on a 500-acre Utah family farm, where he bailed and hauled alfalfa by hand. He returns every summer to help out. This work ethic has been reinforced during his eight years in Scouting, which fosters self-reliance, leadership and hard work, culminating in the Eagle Project.

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Businesses of the community are encouraged to support a representative for membership in Kiwanis. If you work for a business that is oriented toward involvement in community improvement and leadership, suggest to them that you would like to represent that business through membership and involvement in work with Kiwanis. We welcome business and organization representatives as well as individual memberships.

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club meets at Hearthstone Country Club

on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373, George Crowl at 832-467-1998 or Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127. We invite you to be our guest at one of the meetings and enjoy the fellowship of Kiwanians from your community as you learn about our organization.

CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs and two Builders' Club in the Cy-Fair School District. If you would like to work with teens and preteens, join us and work with the outstanding youth in these organizations. We sponsor the Kids Triathlon; Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; award scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provide assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations.

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The Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm, at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road. Aggie Moms won't ask you to wear a funny hat, learn a secret hand shake or give a speech. We simply help you help your student reach their potential. Join us for food, door prizes and speakers. Our next meeting is September 11, 2012.

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An estimated 245,225 people in the U.S. are living with, or are in remission from, leukemia. Kids ages 2-13 will ride their bikes at Mandolin Gardens Park to join the fight for a cure. Other activities include a moonwalk, face painting, balloon animals, snow cones, popcorn, and more! There will also be a Silent Auction for parents to browse & bid on items such as sports memorabilia, art, gift certificates to movies, restaurants, etc. All proceeds from the event & silent auction benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

So, bring your bikes & helmets & come ride with us! (Must have a helmet to ride. Parents are welcome to walk/ride along.)

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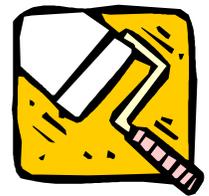
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Yanez has done it all in the news business - photography, editing, reporting, anchoring and sports - but he found his true passion in weather. And this meteorologist, who has covered severe weather since his first day July 15, 2003 at KPRC with Hurricane Claudette, said there is never a dull forecast in Houston as he deals with oppressive heat, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes.

All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of CYFEN, which are held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (with the program beginning promptly at 11:30 a.m.) the fourth Thursday of the month at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

Bring business cards for networking. The meeting cost is \$25 with advanced reservations made by the Friday prior to the meeting and \$30 at the door.

For information on CYFEN, which is part of the American Business Women's Association, go to www.CYFEN.org



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JOIN THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP on the first Thursday of each month at the Hockley Community Center, 28515 Old Washington Road, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. If you love to read, the group welcomes newcomers. In September, the book for discussion will be 'A Weekend in September' by John Edward. Call 936-931-5030 for more information.

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SIGN-UP IS NOW OPEN for the Hockley Community Center's Senior Citizen Bus Trip to the Bay Area of Houston on September 11, 2012. A step-on-guide will come on board the bus to explain about the history and culture of the area during the 'Arrows to Astronauts Explore and Discover Tour', which will include a stop at the Seafood Market to purchase fresh seafood, and lunch at the Outrigger Grill seafood restaurant. Please call 936-931-5030 for further details.



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