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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN JACINTO COUNCIL COPPER CREEK MEADOWS COMMUNITY

Copper Creek Meadows Community received our shipment of Girl Scout Cookies early in February. We would like to thank all those who came out to unload the truck and assist in the distribution, especially our community cookie manager, Michelle Baxmann.

Cookie sales continue through March 20. Look for cookie booths at area businesses and other locations. Cookie sales support programs and facilities for Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, as well as funding activities for individual troops. We appreciate the support of our friends and neighbors!

Those attending our Leader-Daughter event in December had a different kind of service project this year! They helped to refurbish Barbie and other fashion dolls donated to a local assistance ministry. The dolls were first cleaned and sanitized, and then they got a makeover! New hairdos, clothes and shoes let the dolls look their fashionable best before meeting their new owners for the holidays.

Our World Thinking Day event in February had troops representing Vietnam, Madagascar, Japan, Puerto Rico, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, France, China, Egypt, Canada, Jamaica, Australia, Spain, Brazil, Mexico and South Africa. Each troop attending had a booth to represent their country, with food and "swaps" and activities. We closed the evening with a Friendship Circle, and sang "Make New Friends". We also collected nickels for the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. Thinking Day commemorates the birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, and reminds us to "think" of our fellow Scouts and Guides around the world.

March brings Girl Scout Week, and the 104th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States. Many of our members will also take part in special activities at their place of worship on Girl Scout Sabbath and Girl Scout Sunday.

A STRIDERS (Scout Teams Running in Different Events and Relays) event is scheduled for April, with a variety of track and field events for Girl Scouts of all ages. Whether we are jumping rope, racing around the track or making a standing broad jump, it is even more fun when our families come out to coach and cheer us on!

Leaders and their daughters are looking forward to some special

times together at our spring event in Wimberley. Horseback riding, rock climbing, lots of crafts, a Dutch Oven Cook-off and a talent show are all part of this very special weekend. We also enjoy kayaking, playing in the river and just hanging out together. A little shopping sometimes helps to round out the weekend!

Lots of things are going on in our Council for older girls in April, including Cadette weekend and Girl Scout Law day.

Girl Scouts from Copper Creek Meadows Community also have an opportunity to participate (with their troops or their families) at The Girl Scout Sleepover on May 20 at the Sugarland Skeeters stadium in Sugarland. The Skeeters will be playing Bridgeport. There will be a Scout parade in the stadium before the game. Following the game, participating Girl Scout groups will pitch their tents on the field, watch a movie and enjoy a midnight snack before it is "Lights Out", and officially quiet time until breakfast the next morning.

Plans are in the works for a Father/Daughter event, and a Bridging ceremony, as well as an event for adult volunteers.

Members of Brownie troop 16016 are looking forward to working on their Brownie Senses and Brownie Hiker Badges at the George Ranch.

Girl Scouting is open to all girls ages 5 (must be in kindergarten) through 18, who are willing to accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Girls may join at any level, and no previous Scouting experience is required. Copper Creek Meadows serves girls in the residence areas for the elementary schools listed below, as well as the corresponding middle and high schools. Home schoolers and private school students are always welcome. Our elementary schools are: Birkes, Fiest, Hairgrove, Horne, Kirk, Lee, Lieder, Lowery, Metcalf, Owens, Tipps, Wilson, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Texas Christian School, and Christian Life Center.

For more information, please contact Marlo Folwell 713-854-0426 (marlo.folwell@c-a-m.com). You may also contact Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council at 713-292-0300 (www.gssjc.org)

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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.



CY-FAIR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
Today's Students - Tomorrow's Future

28TH ANNUAL B. F. ADAM GOLF CLASSIC

On May 12, 2016, the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF) will hold its 28th Annual B. F. Adam Golf Classic at Blackhorse Golf Club. Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital has been generously underwriting this golf tournament since 2010. Returning as Platinum Sponsors, for 10 years or more, are Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson and IBI Group.

The B.F. Adam Golf Classic is a prime example of our trustees and business partners in our community working together to raise scholarship funds for students of Cy-Fair ISD. To date, this tournament has successfully raised over 2.6 million dollars.

CFEF was established in 1970 as a non-profit to raise money to fund a scholarship for high school graduates in the area. Over the past 45 years, the Foundation has grown tremendously through the efforts of the Board of Trustees and the generosity of the Cy-Fair Community. The Foundation has awarded more than \$6 million in scholarships to 1300 graduating seniors. CFEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions are tax deductible, as allowed by the law.

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For more information please contact marie@thecfef.org or visit our website at www.TheCFEF.org.



Track Club Registration for Middle School and High School Athletes

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is now registering middle and high school athletes for the spring and summer 2016 season. The team is sanctioned by USA Track & Field, and provides a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent "off-season" program for young athletes who compete on their middle school or high school track teams.

The team was founded 29 years ago by local Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the northwest Houston area. In July, 2015 the Northwest Flyers had one of its most successful competitions ever at the Junior Olympics in Jacksonville, Florida.

For additional information about the Northwest Flyers, visit the team website at www.northwestflyers.org, email linette.roach@sbcglobal.net, or "Like" the club on Facebook.



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"THE FOREIGNER" ARRIVES TO THE GARZA MAIN STAGE AT THE HOUSTON FAMILY ARTS CENTER THIS SPRING

Larry Shue's, "The Foreigner" is coming to the HFAC Garza Main Stage

Larry Shue's award winning comedy, "The Foreigner," is coming to the Houston Family Arts Center this spring. This madcap farce will debut on the Garza Main Stage March 11, 2016 – April 3, 2016.

"The Foreigner is a staple of theaters across America, and for good reason," says director, Lisa Garza. Watching poor Charlie overhear seemingly private conversations is riotously funny. Not to mention the fact that this play, which premiered in 1985, still deals with very topical issues of race and intolerance, albeit in a comically satisfying way. Charlie struggles with social anxiety so severe that it inhibits his ability to carry on a conversation. Plus he pines for the love of a distant and insensitive spouse. Watching him heal his own heart is one of the most charming events to happen on stage."

The scene is a fishing lodge in rural Georgia often visited by Sergeant "Froggy" LeSeuer, a British demolition expert who occasionally runs training sessions at a nearby army base. This time "Froggy" has brought along a friend, a pathologically shy young man named Charlie who is overcome with fear at the thought of making conversation with strangers. Before departing, "Froggy" tells all assembled that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. Once alone, the fun really begins, as Charlie overhears more than he should with the thought that Charlie doesn't understand a word being said. That he does fuels the nonstop hilarity of the play and sets up the wildly funny climax in which things go uproariously awry for the "bad guys," and the "good guys" emerge triumphant. Winner of two Obie Awards and two Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best New American Play and Best Off-Broadway Production.

The entertaining ensemble includes: Sam Martinez (Charlie Baker), Stephanie Osorio (Catherine Simms), Russell Snow (Sergeant "Froggy" LeSeuer), Jonathan Rozas (Owen Musser), Katie Reed (Betty Meeks), Nick Maudlin (Rev. David Marshall Lee), and Cole Pfaffenberger (Ellard Simms).

The show is guided by: Lisa Garza (director and scenic designer), Michael Montgomery (producer), Lacy Lynn (stage manager), Barbara Terry (costume designer), Ron Putterman (lighting designer), and David Dean (sound designer).

Performances of "The Foreigner" are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m., March 11th – April, 3rd on the HFAC Garza Main Stage. There is no performance on Easter Sunday, March 27. An additional performance has been added on Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online at www.houstonfac.com, or by phone at (281) 587-6100. Special pricing is available for groups of 10 or more.

Performance Location:

**Houston Family Arts Center Garza Main Stage
10760 Grant Road, Houston, TX 77070**

(Located in NW Houston, easily accessible from SH 249 and SH 290)

Performances:

Friday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m.
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Friday, March 18th at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 19th at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 20th at 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 24th at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 26th at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 3rd at 3:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$26
Seniors (65+): \$22
Students (3-18): \$15

About Houston Family Arts Center

Houston Family Arts Center (HFAC), founded in 2005, is a not-for-profit performing arts and educational organization, with a passion for entertaining, enlightening and engaging audiences in Texas. Recent winner in seven categories for the Broadway World Houston Awards, HFAC has also been named Houston's "Best Gem of a Theater" by the Houston Press and "Best Arts and Entertainment" by the "Best of the Northwest" Readers' Choice awards. HFAC is a proud winner of the prestigious national American Association of Community Theatre Twink Lynch Organizational Award. HFAC produces a broad mix of classics, comedies, dramas, musicals and new works.

Through its award-winning Actors Academy, HFAC offers acting and singing classes, and provides performance opportunities for all ages. To purchase tickets, sign up for auditions or classes, or for more information, please visit www.houstonfac.com or call HFAC at (281) 587-6100.

FINDING FATE

Is it Luck or is it Fate?

As we rapidly approach the luckiest day of the year (i.e. St. Patrick's Day) I've been thinking about how much luck actually plays in our lives. It can be just about guaranteed that come March 17th you, me, and your mother will all be wearing green and pinching people for good luck. But how much does luck really account for in our lives?

And, of course, there's the question of fate. The constantly sought yet ever-elusive thing everyone consistently seeks and desires to control. Can fate be controlled? Just what exactly is fate? One might consider it to be the inevitable, predestined course in life, a coincidence, or even chance. This thought leads to a rather worrisome question--Are we predestined to live exactly as a plan woven in some great tapestry of life? Or are we lucky enough in life to choose our fate?

What if there was another choice besides just blindly choosing to trust in fate or luck? I believe there is, and I learned that best from my horse!

When I'm riding, I refuse to count on luck and my fate does not rest in the horse's hands (hooves?). Trusting my safety to either of those is asking for a bruising, and I just don't bounce back from such bruising's the same way anymore. I know that I am safe when I ride because I have faith--Faith in God to keep me safe and to show me when it something is unsafe. Faith that things will be better, and will continue to get better on my darkest days. When my faith is shaken and I'm wondering how I can keep going, all I need to do is sit with my horse and everything suddenly seems to grow brighter.

I have found that horses are hands-down the best non-verbal therapists and the perfect teachers of how to practice faith. They not only help us find our faith and belief in God's presence with their beauty, power, and spirit, but actively demonstrate faith in everything they do. Talk about role models!

There is a bigger plan for our lives, but you have to make the choice to pursue it. Choose Faith. Faith in Jesus is the only thing you can always count on & do not need to seek. It's always there, waiting patiently for you to notice it & pick it up. It comes in many colors, sizes, and shapes, and can be all but invisible much of the time. Nonetheless, no matter how big, small or percentage of visibility, I will choose to live my life according to my faith rather than fate or luck each and every time.

So, don't count on seeing me in green this St. Patrick's Day, but you can bet that you'll find me on a horse!

Tara Chatterson works at Five Horses, LLC in Waller, TX. To find out more about how horses can help you, check out the natural horsemanship program, as well as the equine assisted learning workshops provided here: www.fivehorses.com.

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5TH ANNUAL WINE FAIR CY-FAIR CELEBRATES DYNAMIC CY-FAIR COMMUNITY

Festival Highlights Local Food, Art and International Wines with Portion of Funds Benefitting Reach Unlimited

The fifth annual Wine Fair Cy-Fair, presented by H-E-B and The Lippincott Team hits Cypress Village Station on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This year's event welcomes more than 3,000 participants who come to partake in more than 30 culinary creation tasting stations provided by Cy-Fair's ever-expanding and diverse restaurant scene, more than 250 wines and 40+ craft beer selections in The Backyard Grill Beer Garden.

Saturday's pre-event, All that Sparkles, presented by Aruba Tourism at Hanan's Café, is an effervescent party from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Guests enjoy French champagnes, sparkling wines and light bites. The luxurious VIP Premium room opens at 5:00 p.m. and will offer a closed environment with relaxed seating and restroom facilities along with premium wine and delicious food provided by Black's Market Table.

Wine Fair Cy-Fair is a partnership between the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce and Food & Vine Time Productions. The community event celebrates Cy-Fair businesses and residents with interactive anchor areas, sponsor displays, home zone, vendors, local artisans and live music. "Wine Fair is a great way to show case the businesses and residents in the Cy-Fair community," Leslie Martone, President of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce said. "We are so grateful for the amount of success the event continues to bring each year, which helps improve the quality of life in the Cy-Fair area."

Kicking off Wine Fair weekend is One Fine Affair, presented by Mercantil Commercebank. This elegant event is held on Friday, April 22 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Lindsay Lakes. The theme for 2016 is "Diamonds and Lace," so put on your finest threads and come ready to enjoy the finest Cy-Fair has to offer. The evening will include elegant foods and premium wines as funds are raised for Reach Unlimited through a silent auction, live auction and wine pull. One Fine Affair is limited to only 200 guests who appreciate the finer things in life, so make sure to get your tickets early.

"Wine Fair Cy-Fair continues to grow and expand due in large part to the community leaders and businesses who see the value of an annual signature event celebrating life in Cy-Fair ... with a sip," Constance McDerby, Founder and Co-Producer of Food & Vine Time Productions said. "We are grateful for the ground-swell support through attendance, sponsors and our partnership with the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce. Assisting Cy-Fair charity Reach Unlimited through fundraising and awareness continues to be gratifying."

Co-presenting sponsors include H-E-B and The Lippincott

Team. Other sponsors to date include Aruba Tourism, Chad Gaulding KwikKopy Printing, Fetzer, Constellation Wines, Palm Bay International, Banfi Vintners, Community Impact Newspapers, Cypress Village Station, Houston Event Photos, Republic National Distributing Company, SpeedPro Printing The Woodlands, The Hidden Cellar, University of Houston Downtown and Massage Heights.

Sponsorship, restaurant and vendor opportunities are now available. General admission tickets are \$25. All tickets can be purchased at www.winecyfair.com. You must be 21 years or older to purchase tickets. For more information, visit www.winecyfair.com or call the Houston Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce at (281) 373-1390 or Food & Vine Time Productions at (713) 557-5732.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF CY-FAIR

Relay For Life of Cy-Fair seeks teams and sponsors for Relay 2016 The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Cy-Fair is seeking participant teams and corporate sponsors for the 2016 event which will take place on April 22-23.

This year our theme is: Relay Wars – May the cure be with you!

The Cy-Fair Relay has surpassed \$1.3 million in total contributions raised with the 2015 event! Despite inclement weather which moved last year's event indoors, enthusiasm abounded and the event was a huge success, drawing nearly 1500 participants! This year our goal is to raise \$150,000. for cancer research to end this dreaded disease! Participate and help Make Cancer History!

Relay For Life remains the American Cancer Society's most effective fund raising event in the fight against cancer. Money raised supports the American Cancer Society's cancer research, as well as the programs and services we provide to cancer patients and their families. Relay For Life, is now forming both business and personal teams for the April 2016 Cy-Fair event. RFL is also seeking corporate sponsors, volunteers, cancer Survivors and Care-Givers for the Cy-Fair Relay. Anyone interested in signing up or learning more about how you can help in the fight against cancer can go to www.relayforlife.org/cyfairtx . Your involvement is the reason for our success! Thank you!

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