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Farmers Market at Bridgeland & 4th Annual Artisan Market Sunday, November 13, 2016, 12:30-3:30 PM

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A newsletter for Bridgeland residents.

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Join us for this fun night of movies, popcorn, and friendship. For more information, please contact Susan Lawyer at suelawyer@comcast.net.

Did you miss the Girl Scout Recruitment Event at your school? It's not too late to join. Go the Girl Scout of San Jacinto website at www.gssjc.org and click “Join Today.”

An advertisement for Cypress Christian School. On the left is a photograph of a young boy with short brown hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a dark blue polo shirt with a small logo on the chest. The background of the ad is a dark blue header with the school's name, a light gray body with contact information, and a dark blue footer with the school's name. The text is white and blue.

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The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 30th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation breakfast on Saturday, February 4th, 2017, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2017 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The event is an opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2017 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>; contact Linette Roach at linette.roach@sbcglobal.net; or "Like" the club on Facebook.



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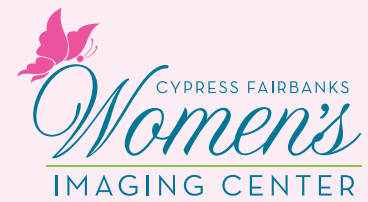
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Transform your landscape with the addition of fresh, colorful blooms! Pansies are by far the most popular Winter color. The "Matrix" Pansy has been outstanding for our Texas weather. It will not "stretch" during bouts of warm temperatures and is bred to grow out, not up. This compact grower offers shorter stems to support large colorful blooms. Dianthus (also known as "Pinks"), Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Violas and the fragrant Alyssum are also good choices for cold tolerant annuals. Ornamental Cabbage and Kale provide interesting texture in the landscape as well as color. For best effect, limit your planting to two or three colors per bed.

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at the time of planting will provide the extra nutrients for growth and blooms. Remember to add 2 to 3 inches of mulch to all beds to reduce moisture loss, prevent weeds from germinating, and to insulate the soil from the cold.

Using the same colorful annuals will add a splash of color to your patio containers. Fill your container with fresh potting soil, plant food and your choice of these beautiful annuals to brighten your winter. Keep them watered as necessary and remove faded flowers to encourage repeat blooming.

If you want those beautiful Texas Bluebonnets in the Spring, sow the seed in early November!

Please remember the birds! Texas is a haven for birds. No other state in the United States has more species within its boundaries. There are currently over 620 species documented in Texas, which is almost 75 percent of all bird species recorded in the continental United States. To attract the widest variety of wild birds, you should consider placing a wide variety of bird feeders and food around your yard.

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I know, work-life balance has been discussed to death. Yet how many of you find yourself nodding and saying, "Yes, I know I need to do find a better balance. It totally makes sense that I feel tired and unhappy because I'm rushing around all the time. I'll find a way to make some time for myself"? You tell yourself you'll schedule some free time later, but does later ever come? I know I've been waiting for later for years now. I decided it was time for a change. Here are a few thoughts that have helped me along the way:

1. **What's really important?** It's time to decide what is really necessary and important in your life. Pick 5 priorities that you feel are absolutely vital to your well-being (e.g. family, religion, work, friends, and hobbies).

2. **How can you cut back?** Now, that you've chosen your top 5 priorities it's time for the hard part—cutting back. Find ways to negate, or decrease, of the things that are stressing you out. Maybe you don't have to do _____ for so and so. Or is there a certain person in your life who's been causing more stress than happiness? You don't have to cut that person out of your life, but maybe it's time you take a step back and re-evaluate whether or not the friendship is healthy at this time in your life.

3. **Scheduled spontaneity.** I know, scheduled spontaneity seems like an oxymoron, but it's incredibly important. Create a routine that works for you, but be sure to block out some free time. This time can be as long, or as short, as you'd like and is time where you can do whatever you want to do. Just make sure it's fun!

As always, I turned to the pasture for inspiration. As I sat and watched my horses going about their day, I made some interesting observations. Horses are masters of prioritizing what's important. Their top priorities fall into line as: safety, comfort, and play. Everything else falls by the wayside if these priorities aren't met. They are terrific partners with a healthy work ethic, while still relishing in their freedom to run and play. Their exuberance is captivating and beautiful to watch.

Once I took a step back to look at the bigger picture, I was amazed at how easy finding balance could be. I didn't need to run myself into exhaustion to please everyone. Doing so always ended with me feeling like I was trying to do so much, but doing none of it as well as I wanted. Finding a new work-life balance would not be possible without the support of great friends (both human and horse!), family, and God. These pillars of support help me stay on track and keep me motivated. I highly recommend you find pillars of your own to utilize in your own transition.



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The Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting for the month of November will be held on Tuesday, 15th November 2016, at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The topic of discussion would be Post-Election Analysis.

Everybody is welcome to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings foster great fellowship and feature informative guest speakers. For further information, visit the website www.cytomdems.com; contact Cris Hernandez at cytomdems@yahoo.com; Follow us on Facebook at Cypress-Tomball Democrats.

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The Garza Mainstage ushers you into Victorian England with a tri-level set—complete with secret passageways, special effects, and amazing transformations! Join us as Oliver, a malnourished, workhouse orphan, becomes the neglected apprentice of an undertaker, only to escape to London and find acceptance amongst a group of petty thieves and pickpockets led by the cunning Fagin. When Oliver is captured for a theft he did not commit, the benevolent victim, Mr. Brownlow, takes him in as his ward. However, fearing the secrecy of his hideout, Fagin employs the sinister Bill Sikes and the sympathetic Nancy to kidnap Oliver, threatening the boy’s chances of discovering the true love of a family. Find out how Oliver makes it through...with a little help from his friends! Join Stageworks, November 25 – December 18 for the Tony and Olivier Award-winning, *Oliver!*

Michael Montgomery, director, explained, “I’ve worked hard to stay true to Dickens’ social activism and Bart’s bold musical storytelling, but mixed that with some of my favorite modern storytellers, such as Tim Burton, Michael and Janet Jackson, and Lin Manuel Miranda. The crisp movement, colorful costumes and scenic imagery is all inspired by some of my favorite musical productions, including *Les Misérables*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cabaret* and *Hamilton*. It should feel like a fun, familiar mashup of a classic story—one which I hope inspires you to support and defend, with the *Oliver* grit, those less fortunate in our society this holiday season.”

Victoria-era London is home to Stageworks regulars Clairey Townsend (*Oliver*), last seen as Zuzu in *It’s A Wonderful Life*; The Narrator from *Into the Woods*, Chris Conway (*Fagin*); also from *Into the Woods* as the Baker’s Wife, Jennifer Stewart (*Nancy*); Jana Ellsworth (*Widow Corney*), last seen as Vi Moore in *Footloose*; Taylor Fisher (*Bill Sikes*), coming off his performance as Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors*; playing another character of questionable morals is JT Fischer (*Artful Dodger*), last seen in *Footloose* (*Chuck*); and Patrick Barton (*Mr. Sowerberry*), last seen as Clarence in *It’s a Wonderful Life*. Other faces Stageworks fans will recognize are Eugene Griesbach (*Mr. Brownlow*), Catherine Campbell (*Bett*), Chad Dyer (*Noah*), and ensemble members: Sam Balest, Kevyn Eddy, Jeff Hirt, Alex Kerry, Kendall Montgomery, Morgan Montgomery, Lindsay Scovil, Noah Sprague, Jett Thompson, Jenna Townsend, Peyton Wilkinson, and Alexandra Wiese. Rounding out the London scene are Stageworks newcomers Amanda Hart

Basset (*Mrs. Sowerberry*), Ellen Evans (*Charlotte*), Jennifer Henzler (*Mrs. Bedwin*), Scott Johnson (*Mr. Bumble*), Zachary Salich (*Dr. Grimwig*), Faith Taylor (*Old Sally*) and ensemble members: Thomas Brown, Ethan Chumley, Brennan Ellsworth, Enrique Gomez, Adrienne Guss, Daniel LeCheminant, Chelsea Lerner, Lili Longden, Meghan Longden, Patty Lozano, Caleb Walker and Henry Wolfe.

This Dickens classic come to life with the leadership of Michael Montgomery (director), Jana Ellsworth (music director), Adam Delka & Dru Wisner (choreographers), David Dean (sound design), Ron Putterman (light design), Barbara Terry (costume design), and Stephanie Wisdom (stage manager). Performances of *Oliver!* are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m., November 25 – December 18 on the Garza Mainstage at Stageworks Theatre. There will be two special Saturday matinees on Saturday, November 26 and December 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online at stageworkstx.org, or by phone at (281) 587-6100. Special pricing is available for groups of 10 or more.

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Performance Location:

Stageworks Theatre
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Performances:

- Friday, November 25th at 7:30 p.m.
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- Saturday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 26th at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 27th at 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 17th at 2 p.m.
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Even if you use a biodegradable cleaner, the soapy water that runs off your car when you hose it down not only contains detergent, but residue from automobile fluids like oil, gasoline and antifreeze. Each time you rinse your car, the contaminated water flows untreated directly into the stormwater system and eventually makes its way into streams and rivers. And, as the water runs out of your driveway and down the street toward the storm sewer, it also picks up other toxic

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- 1/2 teaspoon basil
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 gallon clam stock or juice
- 3 large peeled and diced potatoes
- Roux (3/4 pound butter and 1 1/2 cups flour)
- 2 cups drained, chopped clams

*Yield: 10 to 12 servings.
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 1 hour 20 minutes*

In large pot, sauté the oil and garlic about 2 minutes. Add diced vegetables and sauté for 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add herbs and salt. Add clam stock and bring to a boil. Add potatoes and bring to a boil again. Add roux and chopped clams, reduce heat and simmer for one hour.

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