



CYPRESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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CHS To Host “Do You Remember” Event at Juergen Hall on Saturday, October 5th!

CHS Members, and their families and guests, are invited to a free lunchtime event at Juergen Hall on Saturday, October 5th, from 11:00am-2:00pm. Our featured entertainment will be to watch an episode of “Houston: Remember When” where Ray Miller reviews Hot Wells, The Cy-Fair Rodeo, and the F&M Dairy! This aired in 1999 on PBS, and contains home movies and interviews from long-time Cypress residents that you will know well. We have also collected a few short home movie segments of other historical events in the Cypress-Fairbanks area that will be fun to watch.

The event will begin at 11:00am, and we will start showing the video clips at 11:30. Following the entertainment, we will serve a lunch of fried chicken, and side dishes and desserts from the recipes in our CHS Cookbook! We will also be raffling off a hand-made quilt and a T-shirt throw, made and donated by the St. John Lutheran Ladies quilting group. The drawing will be held at 12:30pm.

Bring your family and friends to this fun event, and reminisce about the places and experiences that made the Cy-Fair area such a close community. It will be the perfect time to show your families how you had fun back in the good old days!



W.L. Bane stopped by the Library to look over the photos and memories in our Fairbanks area collection, with Susan Lanier and Annie Hagler.

CHS Donates Two Baskets In Support of the Rosehill Social

CHS Board members and Library workers donated items towards two baskets to be raffled at this year’s Rosehill Social on May 19th. Proceeds raised at this annual fundraiser, held at the Tomball VFW, help out local families in the Rosehill area.

One basket contained State of Texas items, plus a CHS Calendar, Cookbook, and T-Shirt. The other was a Texas A&M theme, which included a 50” x 60” throw and other Aggie items. The two baskets were raffled for over \$1,000 in donations!



Putting together the CHS Baskets for the Rosehill Social raffle, held on May 19th at the Tomball VFW, was Helen Callender, Levern Smith, and Karen Krumpholz.



Do You Remember When? . . . Memories and Recollections

(The following was taken from a 1989 booklet, written by Willie Beth Millsap McWhorter)

- The only transportation for school was one large passenger car that carried a few students from Cypress to school?
- You could count the number in your class with the fingers of one hand and have two left over?
- The teachers in 1932 numbered three, including Mr. Millsap?
- The community schools of Brink, Winkler, Sewell, Fuchs, Neidorf, Rosehill and Fairbanks were consolidated with Cypress School?
- The Consolidation of Cypress-Fairbanks in 1939-1940 had such an impact on the community as well as making it one of the largest independent schools in the state, area wise?
- Calvin Hargrave, Eddie Juergen and Willie Roebeck were our first bus drivers?
- How proud we were when the Home Economic and Vocational Agriculture departments were added to our School?
- Lillian Stockton instilled in us her expertise in typing shorthand and business skills?
- How proud and wonderful we looked in the beautiful new maroon & white satin basketball and volleyball suits and sweat suits in 1938?
- The addition of the first school band, uniforms and director, the first football team, uniforms and coach gave us such pride?
- The night of the sports awards banquet that Mary Purvis and Forest Arnold announced their engagement and how happy we were for them?
- We had such exciting basketball games with Klein, Addicks, Alief, Tomball, Waller and Spring along with others?
- The many county meets for Tennis, Choir, Speech, debates one act plays, softball, track, basketball and Volley ball. How much fun they were?
- The beauty of our new gymnasium floor--No one entered with out Tennis shoes, bare feet, or sock feet--We didn't dare break this rule!
- The day Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt visited the Cypress Campus to inspect the results of the N.Y.A. project of the school building and teacherage which had just been completed.
- When Mr. & Mrs. Dunkerly first began serving lunches at school? What a wonderful change from the bag lunches for those whose parents could afford it.--Not many could.
- Did you attend the chivaree for the Claude Smiths when they lived at Satsuma? How Exciting!!!!
- Mr. Vandervinter was the staunch and dependable custodian for our school and how we all learned the song "The Yellow Rose of Texas" from him singing it as he pushed the broom?
- You felt that your class was without a doubt the best class to graduate from this school?
- The sad and terrible day of the big fire which destroyed the building of which we were so proud and housed so many wonderful memories.

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Photo from the Maynard Hagler Collection

1939 Fairbanks Baseball Team: (Front) L. Keng, (Middle Row) Keith Parker, E. McPherson, B.R. Smith, Billy Ray Kirk, James Arnt, L. Denman, R.C. Swonke, Dale Pryor, M. Keng, (Back Row) Johnnie Andrews, Emmitt Smith, Jesse Nichols, Billy Moore, C. Goodgain, R. Denman, W.T. McBride, Truman Smith, J.D. Morehead, Leon Farrar, Coach G.A. Lamkin.

Mark Your Calendars!

Jun 24-28 – Hands-On History Day Camp

(Members children going into Grades 4-6)
Daily 9:00am-2:30pm at CHS Library, Kleb Woods, and the Cypress Top Historic Park

Jul 20 – CHS Board Mtg

(All Members welcome)
Saturday, 9:00am at Darline Roth Library
Cypress Top Historic Park

Aug 17 – CHS Board Mtg

(All Members welcome)
Saturday, 9:00am at Darline Roth Library
Cypress Top Historic Park

Sep 21 – CHS Board Mtg

(All Members welcome)
Saturday, 9:00am at Darline Roth Library
Cypress Top Historic Park

(Save the Date)

Oct 5th – CHS “Do You Remember” Event!

(All Members and their Guests are welcome)
Saturday, 11:00am- 2:00pm at Juergen Hall
Cypress Top Historic Park

“Batter Up!”

by Jim Sigmund

Summer is baseball time! As we watch our Houston Astros “Take It Back” this season, we can remember the group of sluggers that was the Fairbanks ball team of 1939. They lost to Humble 7-6 in the Semi-Finals, and won 3rd Place in the County meet, beating Aldine 3-1.

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“Remembering My One-Room School”

by Robert Rivera

When I started school in Hearn, Texas (I don't remember the year) I started late. I think I was 8 years old, or going on 8 years old. Anyway, the school was a one-room school house. (It) had one light bulb in the middle of the room. We had three kerosene lamps in case the lights went out. School had two out houses . . . one for boys, one for girls. Outside there were two swings and a merry-go-round, and also the water well.

On Friday, before we went home, the boys took the erasers outside, and beat the dust off. We ended up playing and throwing them at each other! The girls washed the blackboards and swept the floors. Then we went home.

Education Update

by Jay Gavitt

We have been quite busy since our last newsletter. Presentations on "The Early History of Cypress" were made to the Cy-Fair Women's Network and later to the Towne Lakes Women's Organization. The presentations included a PowerPoint on the history of the area as well as viewing a number of artifacts from our library's collection. Another two-session workshop was held at Lone Star College. This workshop had participants create model historic buildings from the Cypress area. A "step-by-step" PowerPoint created at CHS was used to demonstrate building with cardboard. Additional workshops are scheduled for next year.

CHS has been actively involved with the Houston Archeological Society. Members have worked digs at Kleb Woods and have done "shovel testing" at San Filipe de Austin. They have also been helping as docents for the Elmer Kleb House for festivals and various school groups.

CHS hosted a two-day visit to CHS and Cypress Top Historic Park for the "Daisy Scouts". These youngsters are between the ages of 5 and 6. They toured the park on Saturday with their parents and were able to play the washboards in a Zydeco band at the park. The following Tuesday they completed a number of projects for their "Community Service", and for their "My Story Is a Texas Story" patch, developed by the Bullock Museum, and offered through the Cypress Historical Society.

We were also proud to be able to join Uyen Tong as she was awarded the CHS "Delphine and Gene Zaboroski Scholarship" at the Cy-Ranch High School Senior Awards Program.



CHS treasurer, Becky Martin, with Uyen Tong, who received the 2019 "Gene and Delphine Scholarship". Uyen also received an award from the Social Studies Department as an "Outstanding Social Studies Student".



Local "Daisy" Scouts work on history projects at CHS.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!

Cypress Historical Society's

"Hands-on History" Camp

**Hosted by Cypress Top Historic Park and
Kleb Woods Nature Center/Heritage Farm**

When:

June 24th-28th from 9:00 am- 2:30 pm

Who:

Youngsters going into Grades 4-6

Cost:

Free with CHS Family Membership – \$25

Finally, we are getting ready for our Third Annual "Hands-On-History" Camp. The camp is run by CHS and co-sponsored by Cypress Top Historic Park and Kleb Woods Nature Preserve and Farm. The camp will run from June 24th to June 28th. CHS members Jay Gavitt, and Christopher Fonte have been working along with Uyen Tong on preparations for the camp. Campers will explore the Cypress area's history by taking part in a number of activities during the week. These include tours of the Cypress Top Historic Park and Kleb building, comparing life on a farm with that of a growing town. They will engage in interpreting pictures, creating maps, and model building. A portion of the camp will be set aside for campers to explore their family trees as well as interviewing long-time CHS members. The final day will be devoted to the campers explaining their the museum exhibits they created during the week and giving individual tours for family and friends. If you know anyone who has children going into grades 4, 5 or 6, please let them know about the camp. Registration materials are on our website at cypresshistoricalsociety.com

We are looking for CHS members to be interviewed by the campers on Thursday, June 27th in the morning. Through these interviews, the campers will be exploring what it was like living in the Cypress areas years ago. These oral interviews have always been a highlight for the campers (and for the folks being interviewed!) Please contact Jay Gavitt at CHS if you can help out.

CHS Library News

by Jim Sigmund

Our volunteers are busy researching and organizing, and new historical artifacts and photos keep coming in:

- Since tattoos are so popular these days, it seemed appropriate to show you the latest donation from Frank Litt. Last year, Frank brought us a set of Livestock Ear Tattoo Pliers, but he had misplaced the the number insets. He found them recently while cleaning up his shop, and sent them to us. This is a great addition to our display case on Ranching.
- Don Stieghan has been using his computer detective skills to help us track down folks in his Cy-Fair Class of 1948, and also his brother, Billie's 1940 class!
- Celeste Haltom's brought in the latest updated version of the "Groschke Family from Bear Creek" genealogy book by Ginger Stahman Snider-Osborne. This outstanding publication tracks the family from Konigsberg, Germany to the Bear Creek-Addicks, area, through their modern descendants. The family histories includes Edworthy, Groschke, Grisbee, Hoffman, Hohmann, Kitzmann, Stahman, Telschow and a lot more names . The annual Groschke-Shultz Family reunion was held May 5, 2019.
- Joyce Davis brought us a great old photo of the Rosehill Band, and some Hirsch and Borgstedt family photos, including one of "Grandpa and Grandma", Carl and Christine (Michel) Hirsch, and their family.



Livestock Ear Tattoo Pliers, used by E. M. Neal in the 1940's. (Donated by Frank Litt)

Do You Remember . . .

. . . Hoppin' and boppin' at the Hot Wells Dance pavilion! Looking through our Cy-Fair High School yearbook collection, we ran across this ad for Hot Wells in the 1958 Bobcat Annual. CHS has a great collection of photos, history, and written memories of Hot Wells. There is even a DVD of the television series Ray Miller's "Houston: Remember When" that features Hot Wells, made from home movies of the Louis Cantele family in the late 50's and early 60's.

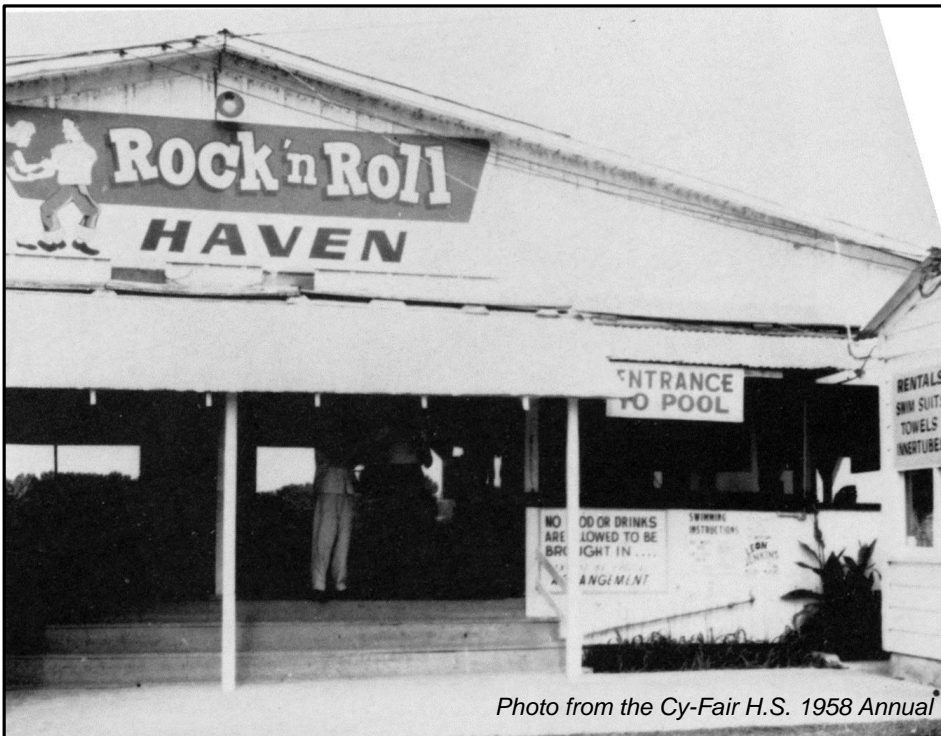


Photo from the Cy-Fair H.S. 1958 Annual

The Hot Wells pavilion turns into "Rock 'n Roll Haven" in 1958.

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