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atthew McClung of Fulshear plans to make his mark on the PGA tour someday. Right now he's a fifth-year senior at Grand Canyon University. He previously attended Schreiner University in the Hill Country of Texas for three years.

While attending Schreiner University, McClung helped the golf team win two conference championships and a Team Division 3 National Championship. At Grand Canyon University, he won the Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate Tournament at New Mexico State University last fall shooting a 65,69 and 68. His team won Western Athletic Conference golf title in GCU's first year as a Division 1 progam.

In August of last year he played in the Arizona Open as an amateur and shot 66, 68 and 71, good enough for a third-place finish. At the GCU Invitation, he finished eighth with a 71, 72 and 69.

Making the move to GCU and Arizona was a good move.

"I was looking to transfer from Schreiner, looking at a few places in Texas, but they didn't seem to be working out," said McClung. "I found out about Grand Canyon through my girlfriend at the time. I researched it, and they had my major, sports management. GCU is building a pretty good golf program. I knew I liked Arizona so I checked it out and made the decision to move out here."

With a sports management degree possible job opportunities include, but not limited to, being a sports agent, work in the front office of a sports team or organization, or go into coaching.

"It's been a good major; I have enjoyed it. It looks at the business side of sports," McClung said.

When asked what his golf strengths are he replied putting and patience.

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"Putting, a pretty good putter, and my mental game is the best part of my game. I'm pretty good at being patient, or being aggressive when I need to. I like it when a bunch of my family comes to watch me when I play a tournament; I think it helps me play better," McClung said.

He comes from a family of golfers. His father, Sid, started playing golf when he was in his late 20s. His grandfather and uncle played golf. His father, before golf, was a professional tennis player.

"I just kind of grew up around golf and sports," McClung said.

During McClung's junior high school years he played football. At Cinco Ranch High School he had to choose one sport to play.

"It's kind of tough to play more than one sport. I tried out for the varsity golf team as a freshman and made the team. After that I just stuck with golf. I knew I wanted to play in college somewhere. Schreiner, a small school, was the best for me at the time, but I kept getting better. I eventually wanted to play Division 1 golf. I found a way to make that happen," McClung said.

And McClung is not ruling out playing on the professional golf tour either.

"Yes, that's my plan after I graduate in April. I'm going to stay in Arizona and turn professional, start making some good money. To turn professional means I am able to accept money. When I played in the Arizona Open, I played as an amateur. If I was a professional, I would have won \$8,000 for third place, but I couldn't take the money. Once I sign up for one tournament as a professional I can't go back to the amateur ranks," McClung said.

His plans include participating in local and state opens, advance to the What.com Tour, and then on to the PGA tour.



KWLB executive director winner of 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award

by TOM BEHRENS

eep Texas Beautiful recently announced Carol Fairbanks, co-founder and 2017 Executive Director of Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful, as 2018 Volunteer of the Year, one of the awards it bestows to honor those who protect the Texas environment and support the organization's mission to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation.

"It was quite a surprise; I was overwhelmed, quite a shock," said Fairbanks on learning that she had won the award.

"Carol was in competition against other nominations from Houston, Dallas, all of those established Keep Texas Beautiful organizations from all over Texas," said Nancy Case, a Weston Lakes resident and former Keep Texas Beautiful Board Member. "She won, which is wonderful; she deserved it."

The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes the single individual in the state of Texas who, during 2017, supported the mission of KTB through extraordinary efforts and contributed to the betterment of their community.

In late 2016, Case realized how Weston Lakes would benefit from the KTB environmental and beautification education programs, and approached Carol, along with several other women from the garden club and the Weston Lakes Women's Club. Together, with Fairbanks as an unpaid executive director, a nine-member board was formed and began a fundraising campaign to gather financial and community support.

Fairbanks, 57, moved to Texas from California in 2015, and her commitment to volunteerism and dedication to community service came with her.

She has two children.

"All have four legs and fur," Fairbanks said.

Her husband, Ty, has three grown children from his first marriage.

"I love all animals," said Fairbanks. "We have two 'girls,' an 18and 12-year-old poodle mixes. I used to do poodle rescue in California. I grew up having horses, living on a farm. I'm a country girl at heart."

She says her real job is an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay for 15 years.

Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful now has a volunteer base of 200 that includes men, women and children in a city of only 2,482

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population. The volunteers contribute in all areas of recycling, clean up, including the Don't Mess with Texas, Adopt-a-Highway, Fall Sweep and other beautification and education programs in accordance with the KTB mission statement.

In KWLB's first year, some of the accomplishments in 2017 include earning Silver Star Affiliate status, and third place in the prestigious KTB Governor's Community Achievement Award.

"Though we didn't win the award (first place), little ole Weston Lakes came in third place, which is amazing for our first year," said Fairbanks.

Additional grants include a \$1,000 H-E-B Green Bag Grant, a \$5,000 beautification grant from Aqua Texas (the largest award in the company's history), established a native wildflower garden, multiple recycling, educational events, and most importantly, the

PHOTO ON OPPOSITE PAGE: Carol Fairbanks, left, is pictured with Nancy Case after she was honored with the 2018 Volunteer of the Year honor. Fairbanks is the co-founder and 2017 executive director of Keep Weston Lakes Beautiful.

beautification and restoration of Weston Lakes Historical Randon Bottom Cemetery.

The awards are based on the population of a city; Weston Lakes category is a population of 3,000 and under.

"The goal is to reach into every segment of the community, raise the pride level of the community," said Case.

All winners will be recognized at the Keep Texas Beautiful 51st Annual Conference in Georgetown scheduled for June 11-13.

"We will get our plaques for our Governor's Achievement Award there," said Fairbanks.

A full list of winners and award descriptions, as well as information about the conference can be found at www.ktb.org.



HARPER

— ready to take over reins as — FULSHEAR CITY MANAGER

by JIMMY GALVAN

Tack Harper and his wife Julie were looking for the next challenge in their lives.

That challenge was found when Harper was named the city manager for the city of Fulshear March 20.

"I was really impressed with the chance to be a part of their process to move that city and community forward," Harper said. "I have worked for some pretty fast-growth cities already. One thing that I have been used to in my 25 years of experience was that those areas had a lot of growth already in its infrastructure and the canvas was already painted.

"One of the exciting this for me about Fulshear and the primary drivers was the ability to help shape, craft and mold that vision and bring it to reality," Harper said.

Harper, a native Texan, has more than 25 years of municipal experience. He had served as an assistant city manager with the city of Waco, a role he has held since 2014. Prior to that, he served as city manager of Hillsboro and has also worked in Lubbock, San Antonio, Abilene and Stamford.

Harper is active in both the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and the Texas City Management Association (TCMA).

Harper holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration from Texas Tech University. Additionally, he is a Credentialed Manager through the International City Management Association (ICMA), a Certified Public Manager (CPM), and a graduate of numerous leadership and public executive institutes. He is also a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) through the International Association of Emergency Managers, and a Texas Emergency Manager (TEM) through the Emergency Management Association of Texas. He is certified as both a Housing Economic Development Finance

Professional and an Economic Development Finance Professional through the National Development Council.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to work for the City of Fulshear," continued Harper. "The city is in the midst of rapid growth and change and has many ongoing projects. I look forward to meeting everyone, and in working with the city council, city staff, and all stakeholders in working together to best position Fulshear for the future."

Harper and his wife were looking to locate to the Houston area when the Fulshear position became available.

"I saw the brochure for the city of Fulshear and really fell in love with it," Harper said. "I had never spent any time in the Fulshear area but after reading the flyer, I was really impressed with what the future would hold there.

"My wife and I really thought and prayed about it and we decided that I would apply for the position," Harper said.

His wife, Julie, works as a retail manager and was looking to move to a city where advancement in a company might be possible.

"I am excited for the challenge that lies ahead of me in Fulshear," Harper said. "Waco is a really great place as well and we have had a lot of growth there but city manager in Texas don't have this kind of opportunity too often.

"I can only think of another four or five places in Texas that really have this kind of opportunity for growth like Fulshear has right now," Harper said. "I am really looking forward to being in Fulshear and meeting with everyone.





Scenter opens doors on new location in Fulshear

by VALERIE SWEETEN

urturing your child begins in the early years, so finding the perfect place where a hands-on approach and environment of fostering creativity is how children thrive.

Lifetime Learners Development Center, which has a location in Katy, is expanding to Fulshear and presents this exact model for all the children that come to them, ages six weeks old to 12-years-

This family owned operation, which was founded by Dana Jones Lagarde, is based on her strong background in education.

Lagarde has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education as well as a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education with an Emphasis in Curriculum & Instruction. She also taught first grade in Katy ISD for several years.

Lagarde, who has been the director Lifetime Learners CDC for eight years, said their expansion was based research that identified an enormous need for child care in the Waller and Fort Bend County west of Katy, south of Interstate 10.

"Katy ISD recently opened Bryant Elementary School. This school is located on Kingsland Blvd. Amazon Fulfillment Center just broke ground less than five miles from Jordan Ranch and Young Ranch on a 1-million-square-foot Fulfillment Center North of Interstate 10. This will provide more than 1,000 new jobs. Our second location is directly in the middle of all the growth on Kingsland and Jordan Ranch Blvd," Lagarde said.

The Fulshear/Brookshire location will have a capacity of 175 students, when they open in November 2018. Early enrollment is strongly encouraged.

According to Lagarde, they exceed the states minimum standards when it comes to student/teacher ratios.

"Our low ratios allow us to provide before and after child care, homework support and operate our tutoring program, A-Team. Our summer camp programs also have low student/teacher ratios," she said.

Lagarde's teachers are also trained on infectious disease control, injury prevention, child abuse awareness, CPR and First Aid. To encourage staff to further their education, teachers are provided scholarships to earn their CDA. Professional development and continual learning for all staff members is highly supported.

"We are extremely proud of our valued staff," Lagarde said. "Our teachers are passionate about students learning and providing quality care for everyone. Together, we provide a rich learning environment for children to excel and grow. Students enjoy our hands-on approach to learning. We have received great feedback on the impact our accelerated curriculum has on later school success. Every child is made to feel special. We strive to make each child's heart smile."

As a mother to three children, Lagarde said she feels blessed to have realized her calling early in life, which is to serve children. The most rewarding aspect is preparing children for the future. Lagarde oversees day-to-day activities at Lifetime Learners CDC to ensure her vision for their students is implemented.

"I did not choose this as my career. To some this may be a job, but for me it's pure enjoyment. I enjoy nurturing and educating young children. Children inspire my vision. My many years of experience enables me to know what is important for children to be successful 'Lifetime Learners.' I believe that teachers should guide students by helping them to engage, explore, explain, elaborate and evaluate activities as well as the world around them," said Lagarde.

For more information, go to www.lifetimelearnerskaty.com.

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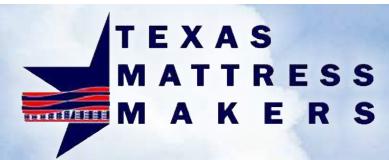






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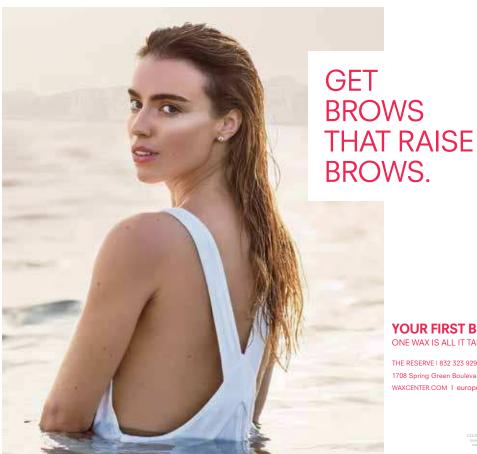
The new 2018 Miss Fulshear Beauty Queens were crowned recently. They are: Little Miss Fulshear – Emily Huerta; Young Miss Fulshear – Gracy Bury; Teen Miss Fulshear – Taryn Cornell and Miss Fulshear – Kayla Muse.

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U.S. Congressman Pete Olson is pictured with some of the Miss Fulshear Beauty queen candidates during the Fulshear St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Shindig 2018.







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Fulshear House Concerts will welcome Taimee Harris & The Earl Sanders Jr. Band ON MAY 20TH



ulshear House Concerts will present the musical talents of Jaimee Harris with The Earl Sanders, Jr. Band on May 20.

Doors are set to open at 4:30 p.m. with the first set beginning at 5:15 p.m. with a pot-luck dinner.

A \$30 artist donation will be taken at the door with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the artists.

Jaimee Harris is poised to become the next queen of Americana-Folk, a slightly edgier Emmylou Harris for the younger generation.

Her new album draws comparisons to Patty Griffin, Ryan Adams, and Kathleen Edwards - all writers who know how to craft a heartbreakingly beautiful song with just enough grit to keep you enthralled. Harris writes about the basic human experience, in a way that is simple, poetic, and often painfully relatable.

"You keep comin over... I keep goin under..."

Harris isn't afraid to get personal, but her vulnerability never veers into the self-indulgent. Each little confessional gem she puts out there is something the listener will connect to; these are things we've all felt, though many of us are less than likely to admit them.

"In a depressive state... how long will I feel this way?"

Harris's songs have a depth to them, and her lyrics betray a wisdom beyond her years. "I write as a way of dealing with things," she says. "There's also a lot of acknowledging my own faults. These songs feel pretty vulnerable... to the point where I wonder if people are going to ask me 'Are you okay?' But I really just hope they see a little bit of themselves in the songs and find something they can connect to."

Jaimee grew up in Waco, TX, a child to young parents, high school sweethearts. When she was five years old, her father noticed that she had taken an interest in music, and got her a guitar for Christmas. Soon after, she discovered Emmylou Harris and Fleetwood Mac, and before long, the kid was hooked. Harris's

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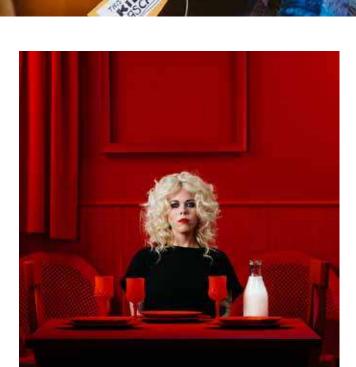


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father took her down to Austin for the first ever Austin City Limits Festival, and there she saw Emmylou, Buddy & Julie Miller, and Patty Griffin all perform live. Her father had only brought enough extra money to pay for a hotel in Austin that evening, but when he saw how much Jaimee wanted those CDs in the merch tent, he ponied up the cash and drove all the way back to Waco late that night.

Harris grew up, as kids do, and moved to Austin in 2009. She intended to throw herself into the local music scene, playing shows and singing songs late into the night at friend's houses, but she fell into a hard-partying crowd, and soon enough, things started to fall apart.

"After I got arrested for the second time, I knew I needed to get sober," says Harris. "By that point, I knew I was really on my own... everyone close to me had stopped enabling me. I knew I had to get myself together in order to stand on my own feet."

Once she was able to clean up her act, Harris says, everything just seemed easier. That's when she began writing the songs that would make up her debut record, including "Snow White Knuckles" which chronicles her path to sobriety. It's also when she started meeting the musicians who would soon join her live band, and the artists, including people like BettySoo and Jimmy

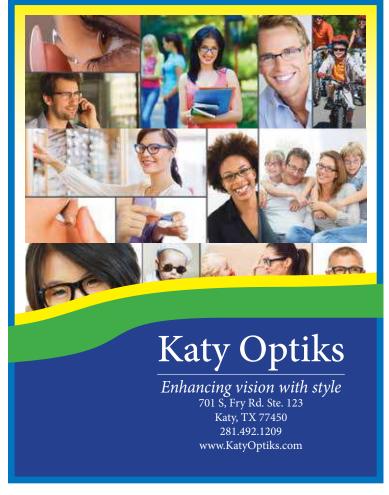
LaFave, who would be become her creative mentors.

"I am especially impressed with some of the new songwriters that have hit town in the last few years, like my new favorite Jaimee Harris," commented LaFave. And he's not the only one who was impressed. Peter Blackstock of the Austin-American Statesman has called Harris "one of Austin's most promising young singer-songwriters." And all this before she even released her first record.

Harris's talent is undeniable. But what sets her apart more than anything is her admittedly "obsessive" love of music. "Jaimee is, deep down, a true music fan; she is passionate about consuming as much great music as she can," says BettySoo. "Jaimee is known among our circle of friends for attending more shows than seems humanly possible, and she's not doing it out of FOMO or to be 'seen on the scene.' She goes because she's a fan."

"Music is my whole life," says Harris, "If I'm not writing or playing, I'm going to see a band, or reading a book about Woody Guthrie. I live in a city where I can walk in and see an amazing show like James McMurtry practically for free, every week. I only made it through one semester of college, but being around these amazing songwriters here in Austin... It's like getting an education."

Since 1996, The Earl Sanders Jr. Band from Brookshire, Texas has created a style of country music that is a blend of the best and most original. Fans and followers feel the influence of the legends like Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, David Allan Coe, Johnny Cash, and Kris Kristofferson. Classic and traditional country music dominates their shows, but southern rock and Texas music infiltrate their sets regularly. Jimmy and Bobby Sanders, a brother duo, have performed all over Texas in bars, clubs, dancehalls, and for private events like weddings and corporate parties. They've opened for legends such as John Conlee and Junior Brown. The brothers are backed by bass, rhythm, and steel guitars with Jimmy on lead guitar and vocals and Bobby on drums and vocals. The Earl Sanders Jr. Band has recorded three independently released CD's and have received radio airplay in Houston, Conroe, and Bryan/College Station.





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Fulshear House Concerts is a laid back venue — shows are held in our family room with the furniture cleared out the day of the show. Doors open a half hour before each show for us to socialize, share food, mingle with the artist.

Address and food details are shared with committed attendees prior to each show, and food is pot-luck — bring a dish to share and Fulshear House Concerts will provide a chair. There are two 45 minutes sets while we are in "listening room" mode for the performance, and there's a break in the middle to refresh beverages, use restrooms, reconnect with artist or buy CD's and other merchandise.

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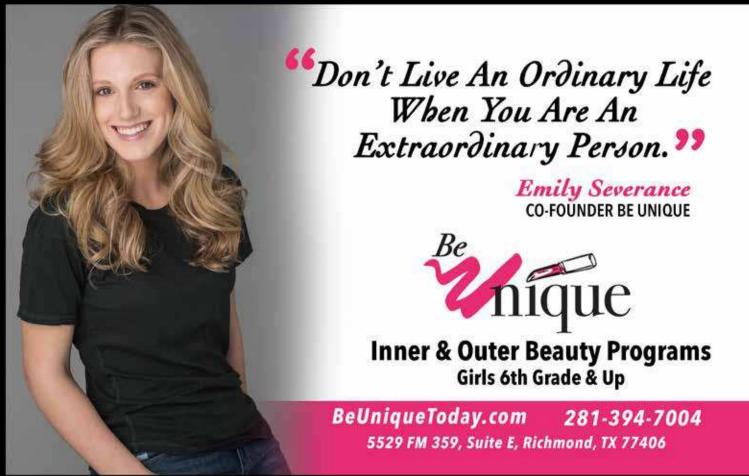
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- paper or canvas
- finger paints or water based acrylic paint
 - brown construction paper
 - paper plates
 - scissors
 - glue stick or craft glue
 - newspapers (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

Parents may need to help/supervise younger children with this craft.

- 1. Lay out the newspaper on the work surface so as not to get paint on the furniture.
- 2. Select the paint colors you would like to use and pour onto the paper plates.
- 3. Start with the green paint. Place hand in paint so palm and fingers are covered and then place hand on paper or canvas. Then wash your hands.
- 4. Using your thumb or index finger in yellow paint press onto the top of each finger print on canvas.
- 5. Choose the flower colors and for each petal use your index (pointer) finger or thumb to press around the yellow centers.
- 6. Cut out a flower pot shape and glue onto the bottom of the handprint.
- 7. You can handwrite or type out the poem if you would like:

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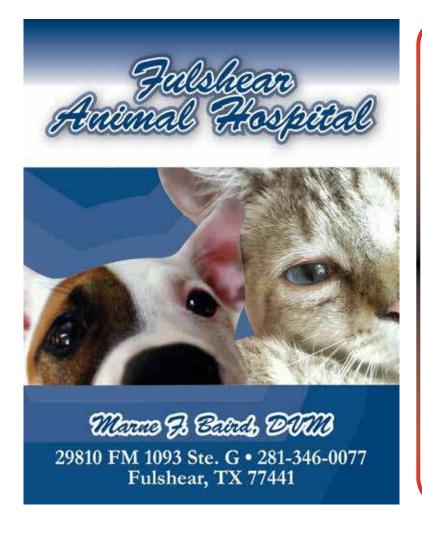


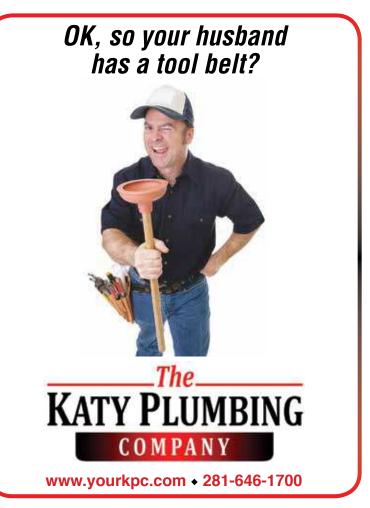












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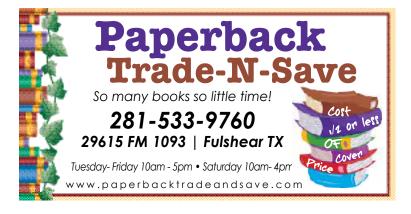


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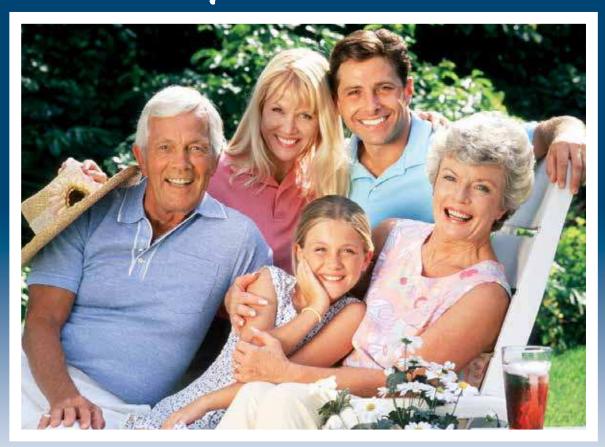
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