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*Dear Residents,*

As we make our way into March, *Spring Valley Village Magazine* is celebrating our publication! A year worthy of stories recognizing our beautiful community.

From Spring Valley's beginnings to now, this community is rich in history and we are very proud of it.

As the spring weather starts to warm up our community, make sure you take a look at our calendar that is filled with many events throughout this month.

From sporting events at our local schools to educational activities at the Spring Branch Memorial Branch Library, there is something to do each day.

From the *Spring Valley Village Magazine* staff, we want to thank our residents for sharing their stories. We are blessed to celebrate our 1-year anniversary of our magazine and we will continue writing stories about our community that we love so much. Here's to our 1st year and to many more!



*Dawn Gunther*  
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**ST. PATRICK**, the patron saint of Ireland was born in the second half of the 4th century. St. Patrick's real name was Maewyn Succat. His father was, Calpornius a Roman-British army officer and a deacon. Although his family was religious, young Patrick was not a believer but certain events changed that.

Patrick was kidnapped with others by Irish pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. For six years he was imprisoned on the island, where he worked as a herdsman of sheep and pigs on Mount Slemish in Co. Antrim.

During his imprisonment, he became religious because he realized he was being punished for his lack of faith and spent a lot of time in prayer.

After a vision, he escaped on a boat bound for Britain to reunite with his family. When he returned he had a dream that the Irish were calling him back to Ireland to tell them about God. Later this inspired him to return to Ireland as a priest.

Before returning to Ireland as a priest, he studied in France in a monastery, possibly under St. Hermain, the bishop of Auxerre, where he dedicated this period of his life to learning. 12 years later he returned to Ireland as a bishop sent with the Pope's blessing.

He landed at Strangford Loch, Co. Down. He is credited with having brought Christianity to Ireland, he was not the first. During his second return to Ireland, there was periods of imprisonments when his teachings had upset local chieftains or Celtic Druids. But he escaped or gained freedom by presenting his captors with gifts.

For 2 years he travelled all of the island, baptizing people and establishing monasteries, schools and churches.

# St. Patrick's DAY HISTORY

By Lidia Herrera

He died, on the March 17th and was buried either in Downpatrick, Co Down, or in Armagh.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY TRADITIONS:

**Shamrock:** Since the 17 or 18th century, the shamrock plant symbolizes the message of the Christian Holy Trinity. St. Patrick wore the Shamrock to demonstrate his defiance to the ruling British class. Now, the Shamrock symbol is widely recognized as the symbol

of Ireland.

**Patrick's Day Parade:** There is an estimated 34 million US Citizens of Irish descent. Many emigrants liked to commemorate their heritage and that's how the St. Patrick's Day begun. It was first celebrated with banquets at elite clubs in cities like Boston, New York, etc. 1762 was the earliest record of a parade in 1762, when Irish soldiers serving in the British Army held a parade in New York City. New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade is the longest running civilian parade in the world.

**Greening of Buildings and Rivers:** In 1962, Chicago dyed part of the Chicago River green. Since then, multiple landmarks have turned green for this day including the Irish Parliament building, the Empire State Building, the Sydney Opera House, Niagara Falls and even the Pyramids of Giza.

**Dressing Up in Green:** Many dress up in green, as a Leprechaun or even St. Patrick. Wearing green is a way of honoring Irish heritage and if you are not wearing green this day you get pinched. Getting pinched is a way of shaming people who do not wear green.

**Patrick's Dinner:** Corned beef and cabbage is a traditional Irish meal served on this day. Traditional Irish music is played in the background during the dinner.

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**Hotel ZaZa Memorial City Tipping Point Restaurant & Terrace**

By Lidia Herrera



**M**et Jacob Weaver, Hotel ZaZa Memorial City's Corporate Director of Food & Beverage

**Q: What do you recommend to someone first coming into Hotel ZaZa Memorial City's Tipping Point Restaurant and Terrace?**

**A:** Of course we are proud of our entire menu but to me, some standout dishes are our Gulf Coast Crab Cakes, Crispy Tuna Tartar Tacos and I am really loving

our Blackened Red Snapper which we serve with dirty risotto and a crawfish and crab sauce that is similar to an etouffee.

**Q: What made you choose Hotel ZaZa/why did you decide to take this position?**

**A:** Having spent most of my career in independent restaurants, I hadn't imagined myself at a hotel until I stepped in to a Hotel ZaZa. Everything from the vibe to the rooms to the company culture are unique and are very attractive to me. When I learned that there were plans to expand, the prospect was even more alluring. I'm drawn to the expansion as I am passionate about restaurant and kitchen design, especially figuring out the day to day logistics in a new restaurant space. I love to provide solutions and I love to create systems, both of which I feel are strengths I bring to the table for ZaZa and I think ZaZa will continue to challenge me throughout my career in those areas among many others.

**Q: What can guests expect from you and your vision for ZaZa in the future?**

**A:** I have reached a point in my career where hospitality and serving our guests needs is paramount. I know it sounds silly for a lifelong hospitality professional to say that, but there is no denying sometimes we chefs and restaurateurs get caught up in serving the opinions of colleagues and our own egos. I say that because I have firsthand experience with it and have witnessed it on a large scale. I gain satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment by making our dining experience easy on the diner by providing intuitive service and delivering the product that our guests expect and desire from us.

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# ALICE BURROUGHS:

## *A Lifetime Spring Valley Resident*

By Lidia Herrera | Photographs by David Postma/Genesis Photographers

**A**lice Burroughs has called Spring Valley Village her home for 64 years. Here she helped her husband grow his TV business, raised her daughters, created her paintings, hosted parties, renovated her house, and so much more.

Originally from Illinois, Alice moved to Houston with her husband, Ralph Burroughs in 1949. They met their senior year in high school and fell in love.

"I married Ralph when I was 18 and he was 19 years old," said Alice. "We were married for 65 years and were very much in love. We had a full, happy life. We were never apart from each other and even waited for each other to go to bed together every night."

She supported Ralph in everything he pursued and moved with him to different states such as Denver and North Carolina. After Ralph served in the army, instead of moving back to Illinois they decided to move to warmer weather bringing them to Houston.

"Houston was a small town back then before it became a large city," said Alice. "We moved to Spring Valley Village in 1955 and have lived in the same house ever since. Spring Valley Village is a wonderful place to live!"

Ralph and Alice raised their two daughters, Vicky and Connie in the

Spring Valley community. Both graduated from Spring Branch High School.

For 25 years, Ralph and Alice worked together at their business called Texas Television which was located on Washington. They began rebuilding picture tubes for Channel 2 and later helped NASA fix their monitors. Later they opened a second store in the Heights on 6th street called Tex-Video.

"In the business, I was his secretary and took care of all the paperwork. We worked every day together," said Alice.



love giving my paintings to my friends and family."

In the community, Alice is known as the 'Deer Lady of Spring Valley' because of the pine deer on her lawn. Rudolph the deer, was a birthday gift from her daughters and for every occasion she decorates him.

After they retired from their business, they bought a motorhome which they renovated and traveled across the country to places like Florida, Canada, and California. They were part of the FMCA, a motor home club.

"We met a lot of people like us who retired from their business and traveled. It was lots of fun," said Alice.

When Alice was not busy working or traveling she enjoyed painting.

"In 1977, I was President of Houston's Conservative Arts. Painting was my hobby and my house is filled with my paintings," said Alice. "I



"I have gotten over 45 letters from people who have passed by and seen Rudolph. They enjoy him, especially the kids," said Alice. "I received a letter from a school bus driver, she said every time she passes by all the kids go to the side of the bus to see Rudolph. I really enjoy doing it because the community likes it."



The white-roof house she has called home for the past 64 years has welcomed many people. From birthday parties to gatherings to even swimming lessons.

"For 15 years, we lent our pool to Long Point Church School. Ms. Hamilton and other teachers brought groups of kids to our pool to learn how to swim," said Alice. "Many people have come up to me and said they still remember when their daughters, sons or even they learned how to swim at my house."

A friend that has impacted her life is Sandra Selmsler who is her neighbor and helps Alice with anything she needs.

"Sandra helps me in a lot of ways from



*Do you know a neighbor who has a story to share?*

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making dinner, to groceries to my laundry," said Alice. "But she is more than my helper she is my best friend and I love her."

Family is also very important to Alice and she loves when her family gathers at her house.

"My whole family came to Christmas this past year," said Alice. "It was a big deal and we ate dinner all together. We're a big close family and I love them."

Alice will celebrate her 98th birthday this October.

"I have had a long wonderful life and I am really proud of my life," said Alice. "I have a big family with great-grand kids now! I have lots of friends that I go with to Second Baptist Church and they bring me flowers. My house is filled with flowers and paintings."

Alice continues to bring joy to her family, friends, and community. She always shares her wisdom with many who come visit her.

"Work hard everyday and be madly in love with each another. So find a man, stay married, be good to him and he will be good to you. Do things together, don't just go your separate ways. And remember communication is important."



# TOP 10 REASONS WE LOVE SPRING THING MARKET

By Spring Thing Market Committee

On February 26-28th, Seventy vendors packed into Chapelwood United Methodist Church, selling everything from the latest trends in jewelry and clothing to some gorgeous flowers and plants that will make our front yards pop this spring!

## HERE'S WHY WE, SPRING VALLEY LADIES LOVE THIS LEGENDARY MARKET...

- We love the Tuesday Preview Party Night! We have made it our annual Girl's Night Out! We love finding new vendors and supporting entrepreneurs! - *Samantha Knecht & Kim Ross*
- Spring Thing brings us so much joy! We look forward to the amazing lunch with girlfriends in Betty's Tea Room. It helps me get ready for Easter...The cheerful Easter decorations for our home, Easter basket toys & books like The Be Good Bunny, and Easter outfits from The Smocked Frock! - *Jamie Kelley & Cindy Lyons*
- I love giving back 15% of my proceeds from all sales, knowing it's going to women & children right here in Spring Branch! - *Sarah Austin & LeAnn Bratcher (vendors)*
- With Spring Break & Rodeo around the corner, I always grab a new outfit & accessories from vendors like Milla & Ella & French Cuff! Spring Thing Market is a great place to stock up on unique gifts! - *Angela Bray & Erin Land*
- Brookwood's Plants & Flowers will give your garden the most gorgeous colors & fragrance. I love that buying these plants which helps provide local, special needs adults with a job and loving community! And my favorite thing of all is running into friends while shopping & lunching! - *Kay Crockett & Kathy Jacobson*
- A really fun girl's day of shopping! - *Susan McDuffie & Martye Armstrong*
- 100% of the the Silent Auction goes to charity, so I love to bid on several parties for my 4 kids. Plus there's wonderful unique jewelry by Fig Tree! I've made it a tradition to go with my girlfriends. - *Heather Boyle*
- I love going every year knowing I'm supporting small businesses like local designer Susan McVicker Jewelry & Walla Walla Texas Toffee - *Cindi Carr*
- I love attending the Preview Party! It is a great evening where you can have some delicious light bites, and shop great vendors like Simply Sassy Apparel, for a good cause with great friends. - *Jackie Harrison, Jennifer Hill, Cathy Finck & Becky Carson*
- Everyone is so happy to be there and I always find hidden gems like the Champagne Coconola Candles. - *Brenda Boeckman*
- For 56 years, the UMW have presented this amazing outreach all for missions. You can't beat the amazing food, fellowship or the prices. - *Pamela Moore*
- At Spring Thing Market I know I'm shopping with a purpose! The market raises around \$100,000 each year for women and children in need in places like Africa to Spring Branch. We do all this from right here in Memorial. - *Alex Loyd*

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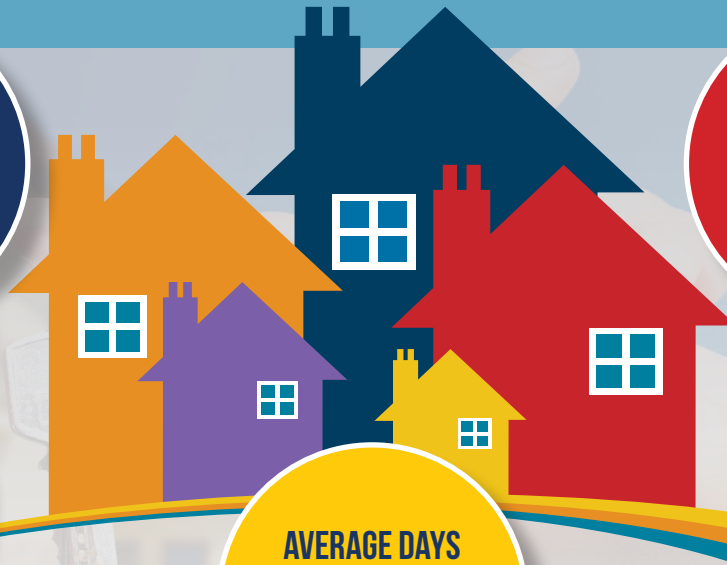
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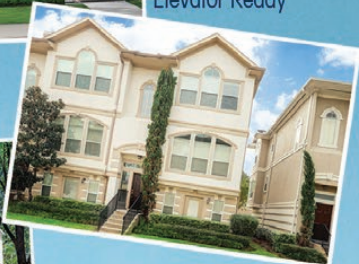


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| <p><b>3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Anthem Day</li> <li>• Prayer Gathering - Grace Community Church @ 8:40am</li> <li>• Coffee &amp; Donuts - Grace Community Church @8:45-9:10am</li> <li>• Sunday School - Grace Community Church @9-9:50am</li> <li>• Workshop and the Word - Grace Community Church @10:10-11:11am</li> </ul>   | <p><b>4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Grammar Day</li> <li>• ESL Conversation Class @ SBMB Library @1pm</li> <li>• Mardi Gras &amp; St. Patrick's March-On-In &amp; March-On-Out - Landauer Art @4-8pm</li> <li>• Storytime @Frolic's Castle @10-11:30am</li> </ul> | <p><b>5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Pancake Day (IHOP)</li> <li>• Fat Tuesday</li> <li>• Citizenship Class @ SBMB Library @ 10am</li> <li>• Beginner ESL @SBMB Library @ 11:30am</li> <li>• Mardi Gras Celebration @ The Square @5-9pm</li> <li>• Square Fit: Boot Camp w/Fit Factor @The Square @6-7pm</li> </ul>                           | <p><b>6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Dentist's Day</li> <li>• National Oreo Cookie Day</li> <li>• Ash Wednesday</li> <li>• School Day SAT for Junior @ MHS @7:45 AM - 3:00 PM</li> <li>• Basketball Banquet @MHS Cafeteria @6:30-8:30pm</li> <li>• Kidtastic @Frolic's Castle @11:30am</li> <li>• Stars &amp; Stripes @The Lawn @5-5:30pm</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Mario Day</li> <li>• Return of Daylight Savings</li> <li>• Prayer Gathering - Grace Community Church @ 8:40am</li> <li>• Coffee &amp; Donuts - Grace Community Church @8:45-9:10am</li> <li>• Sunday School - Grace Community Church @9-9:50am</li> <li>• Workshop and the Word - Grace Community Church @10:10-11:11am</li> </ul>   | <p><b>11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Promposal Day</li> <li>• National Napping Day</li> <li>• Spring Break</li> <li>• ESL Conversation Class @ SBMB Library @1pm</li> <li>• HIT Camp</li> <li>• Storytime @Frolic's Castle @10-11:30am</li> </ul>                 | <p><b>12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Girl Scout Day</li> <li>• National Plant a Flower Day</li> <li>• Spring Break</li> <li>• Planning &amp; Zoning Commission Meeting @Council Chambers in City Hall @7pm</li> <li>• Citizenship Class @ SBMB Library @ 10am</li> <li>• Beginner ESL @SBMB Library @ 11:30am</li> <li>• HIT Camp</li> </ul> | <p><b>13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Good Samaritan Day</li> <li>• Spring Break</li> <li>• HIT Camp</li> <li>• Kidtastic @Frolic's Castle @11:30am</li> <li>• Stars &amp; Stripes @The Lawn @5-5:30pm</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>17</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Patrick's Day</li> <li>• Family Friendly ST Patrick's Day Festivities @Karbach Brewing Company/Biergarten @2:30-10pm</li> <li>• Prayer Gathering - Grace Community Church @ 8:40am</li> <li>• Coffee &amp; Donuts - Grace Community Church @8:45-9:10am</li> <li>• Sunday School - Grace Community Church @9-9:50am</li> <li>• Workshop and the Word - Grace Community Church @10:10-11:11am</li> </ul> | <p><b>18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Sloppy Joe Day</li> <li>• Civic Activities Board Meeting @Council Chambers in City Hall @7pm</li> <li>• ESL Conversation Class @ SBMB Library @1pm</li> <li>• Storytime @Frolic's Castle @10-11:30am</li> </ul>              | <p><b>19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Let's Laugh Day</li> <li>• Coding for Teens: JavaScript Game Development @SBMB Library @ 4pm</li> <li>• Square Fit: Boot Camp with Fit Factor @The Square @6-7pm</li> </ul>   | <p><b>20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Proposal Day</li> <li>• Spring Begins</li> <li>• National Ravioli Day</li> <li>• Kidtastic @Frolic's Castle @11:30am</li> <li>• Stars &amp; Stripes @The Lawn @5-5:30pm</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day</li> <li>• Prayer Gathering - Grace Community Church @ 8:40am</li> <li>• Coffee &amp; Donuts - Grace Community Church @8:45-9:10am</li> <li>• Sunday School - Grace Community Church @9-9:50am</li> <li>• Workshop and the Word - Grace Community Church @10:10-11:11am</li> </ul>  | <p><b>25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Medal of Honor Day</li> <li>• ESL Conversation Class @ SBMB Library @1pm</li> <li>• Storytime @Frolic's Castle @10-11:30am</li> </ul>  | <p><b>26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Spinach Day</li> <li>• City Council Meeting @Council Chambers in City Hall @6pm</li> <li>• Teen Book Club @SBMB Library @4pm</li> <li>• Square Fit: Boot Camp with Fit Factor @The Square @6-7pm</li> </ul>   | <p><b>27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Scribble Day</li> <li>• National Spanish Paella Day</li> <li>• Kidtastic @Frolic's Castle @11:30am</li> <li>• Stars &amp; Stripes @The Lawn @5-5:30pm</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>SUN. 31</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Crayon Day</li> <li>• National Prom Day</li> <li>• Prayer Gathering @Grace Community Church @ 8:40am</li> <li>• Coffee &amp; Donuts @Grace Community Church @8:45-9:10am</li> <li>• Sunday School @ Grace Community Church @9-9:50am</li> <li>• Workshop and the Word @ Grace Community Church @10:10-11:11am</li> </ul>  |   |  |   |



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<p><b>7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Hospitalist Day</li> <li>• National Cereal Day</li> <li>• Circus Night @TheSquare @7-8:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Women's Day</li> <li>• Broad Game Nation @SBMB Library 24pm</li> <li>• Friday Family Movie Night @The Square @7pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Barbie Day</li> <li>• National Meatball Day</li> <li>• SAT @MHS Campus @ 7am-2pm</li> <li>• Eddie's Walk for Life @ Memorial City Central @9am</li> <li>• The Square Live! @The Square @7-9pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Potato Chip Day</li> <li>• National Pi Day</li> <li>• National Children's Craft Day</li> <li>• Spring Break</li> <li>• HIT Camp</li> <li>• Circus Night @TheSquare @7-8:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Shoe the World Day</li> <li>• Spring Break</li> <li>• HIT Camp</li> <li>• Friday Family Movie Night @The Square @7pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>16</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Panda Day</li> <li>• National Corn Dog Day</li> <li>• The Square Live! @The Square @7-9pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Common Courtesy Day</li> <li>• Circus Night @TheSquare @7-8:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Puppy Day</li> <li>• Friday Family Movie Night @The Square @7pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Chia Day</li> <li>• Choir Car Wash @MHS Front Lot @9am-1pm</li> <li>• The Square Live! @The Square @7-9pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Black Forest Cake Day</li> <li>• Circus Night @The Square @7-8:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Vietnam War Veterans Day</li> <li>• Friday Family Movie Night @The Square @7pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Take a Walk in the Park Day</li> <li>• National Doctors Day</li> <li>• National Pencil Day</li> <li>• Teen Mentorship Camp @Page Parkes</li> <li>• Yoga @The Lawn @9am</li> <li>• Circus Night @The Lawn @7-8:30pm</li> <li>• The Square Live! The Square @7-9pm</li> </ul>



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## YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

By Lidia Herrera

From extracurricular activities to a small business, Carson Montgomery is a busy teenager. He is part of his school FFA's program, works as an empire, and has a business.

As a student he is part of FFA, where he is currently working on a livestock project in which he is raising a goat for a show and sale in a couple of weeks. In his free time he loves to spend time on the coast and fish, that is one of his passions.

"He loves the outdoors, he's an outdoorsman and Texan through and through. He loves hunting, fishing, camping, and shooting," said Ms. Montgomery.

For 5 years, he has umpired for Spring Branch Memorial Sports Association. This year as a junior, he took on the tough position of being one of the head umpires for the whole league.

"Big accomplishment, big deal to start that young and to stick with that; I know a lot of kids couldn't but I always knew he could," said Ms. Montgomery. "He always shakes

every coach's hand before and after a game and sometimes they don't shake his hand. It's a good lesson in humanity for him because it just shows you the good and the worst in people."

Carson is known for being a young entrepreneur by doing different small businesses over the years such as pressure washing, assembling toys for parents during the holidays and starting his small business called, Red & White True Texan..

"The business started by [making] 13 wooden flags and ended up selling 100. My mom, my stepdad and some other family members helped me a lot," said Carson. "After that we decided to expand the business to t-shirts, hats, decal and much more."

His future plan for Red & White True Texan is that it continues to grow.

"We (would) like to be carried in stores; we were carried in Silly Silly Girls for a couple of weeks. Right now we're in a toy store near Meyerland and sell online on social media," said Carson. "But our goal is to be carried in Academy and Buc-ees."

The support of the community helped Red & White True Texan be successful.

"The moms in the area are definitely good about supporting local business and high school students, kids in general," said Carson.

His family is proud of Carson for starting the business and managing it throughout the year.

"I'm really proud of him for having the incentive to start a business and work at it constantly while going to school," said Ms. Montgomery. "And through FFA, he is really motivated and I think it is a good lesson for his future [which] I can see him as a business owner."

His mother hopes that he attends college and goes into business for himself one day.

"I hope he takes what he has learned from these small businesses and makes a big business one day."

Starting a business at a young age can be difficult but it is possible.

"You have to have the idea but also the way to market it and get it out there. Also the organization of a business [plays] a big part and also the drive to run a business whether it's to save money for something specific or just to make money," said Carson.

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# AMERICAN WHEEL AND TIRE

{ By Lidia Herrera }



American Wheel and Tire provides a variety of services such as tires, custom and factory wheels, wheel repair, alignments, repair and maintenance on all foreign cars, performance enhancements, and car and truck accessories, lift kits, custom leather interior, LED lighting, bumpers, winches and custom powder coating.

“We have always put our customers first and we do what we say,” said Gust. “We always stand behind our product and we stay true to the core values of the company: exceed expectations, always consider the customer first, to employees: company’s success equals your success.”

American Wheel and Tire was started by a mother and son, Barbara and Mike Gust. They began their business in 1985 with 300 used tires on Hempstead HWY between the railroad tracks and Hempstead.

“After a few years we branched off into custom wheels and new tires,” said Mike Gust. “When my mom retired, my wife began working in the business too.”

This business was created by family and today family plays an important role in its success.

“My biggest inspiration is my family. I love my family more than anything and I would rather be with them than doing anything else,” said Gust. “Our kids have all worked a little in the business growing up doing filing, driving, answering phones, working in the warehouse, cleaning, filling



vending machines and learning how to mount and balance tires.”

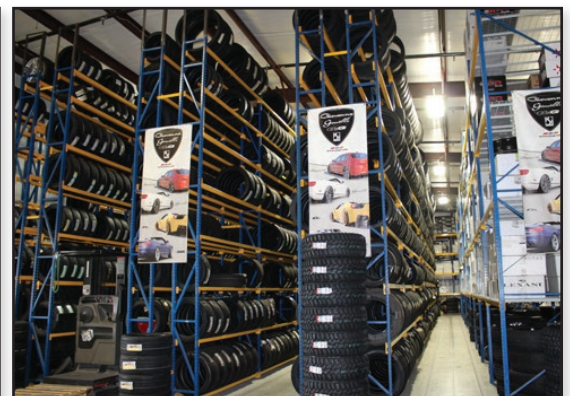
Gust and his employees provide the best services while creating a family work environment.

“Our work day is full of constant deadlines, it is tough to play around but we find ways to bring toy snakes and other crazy items to scare each other, even though the work load is tough we still find ways to have some fun,” said Gust. “I always say we are one big dysfunctional family.”

Gust’s passion on working on cars at a young age has led his business to be a success.

“I love what I do, I have been working on cars since I was a kid; my dad has always been in some form of car business,” said Gust. “I personally enjoy working and dealing with my customers; some customers have been dealing with me since I opened and that itself is success.”

It has been 34 years since American Wheel and Tire has opened their doors to serve their customers and will continue to do so in the future.





# MEMORIAL CITY COFFEE & CARS

By Lidia Herrera

On the first Saturday of every month, Memorial City Mall becomes the epicenter of dreams for car enthusiasts.

Coffee and Cars began as an information gathering of exotic car owners and their fans, and has grown to become one of Memorial City's most popular events. Dozens of McLarens, Ferraris, Lamborghinis and even more exotic and unique vehicles fill the west parking lot where thousands of fans can get up close to these amazing machines.

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# Glass Hair is a Trend of the Season

By Gabe Elliot



**G**lass hair and shiny hair is one of the biggest trends this season. Seen on Jennifer Lopez in sexy, glamour waves; Kim Kardashian in her ultra-sleek straight bob or her luxurious long flat waves; Heidi Klum with her luscious and shiny locks on AGT, Sophia Vergara on Modern Family- the list goes on and on. The trend is consistent, no matter the length, cut or style; the hair must be shiny. Glass hair is most noticed on short lengths but can also be seen on longer hair as well.

In order to obtain shiny hair, first and foremost your hair must be healthy. If it isn't, cut it off. Holding on to beat up ends is only doing you a disservice, it will never look healthy or shiny. Talk to your stylist about ways to improve the health of your hair. Regular trims keep split ends from traveling up and will actually help you obtain the length you desire, while keeping your hair looking and feeling healthy.

Make sure to use heat protectants daily. A good heat protectant should protect

your hair from damage due to blow dryers, curling irons, flat irons and even from environmental and UV damage. One of my favorite heat protectants is Oribe Featherbalm, it is lightweight, feels like nothing is in the hair and will protect the hair up to 450; although I recommend to never use an iron at home that hot.

Do in salon treatments to make sure your cuticle is closed and will encourage shine. An open hair cuticle will never be shiny. Talk to your stylist about what option is right for you. I love adding Goldwell Pure Pigments into your hair color or glaze to ensure ultimate and long lasting shine. I also love the Oribe Glaze for Beautiful color, not only does it give the hair the ultimate in shine but it has UV protection AND is available for home use! You can do this once a week to make sure you always have salon, shiny hair!

I also have a couple favorite products that really help me achieve this shiny look. I start with moisture as the foundation or

primer; my favorites are Oribe Supershine or Oribe Supershine Light. It has crushed pearl protein for the ultimate shine and luxurious finish. Once I have hair 80% dry I lightly mist with Oribe Royal Blowout, it decreases drying time, seals the cuticle and gives even more shine. Once hair is styled, I seal the style with a small amount of Oribe Smooth Style Serum which has moisture and hold or Oribe Air Style

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# SNOW DAY

By Lidia Herrera

Spring Valley Village held its annual Snow Day on January 26th at the City Park. Snow Day was scheduled back in December but due to inclement weather was canceled.

Kona Ice, Dapper Doughnuts, Back to Rock and Adventure Kids Playcare was there handing out snow cones, hot chocolate, coffee, and doughnuts.

There was also music, face painting, arts, crafts and many more activities. But the main attraction was the park's hill completely covered in snow.

Kids of all ages sled down the hill and also a couple of adults enjoyed sledding down the hill. Many also joined in a snow ball fight or made snow angels.

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