

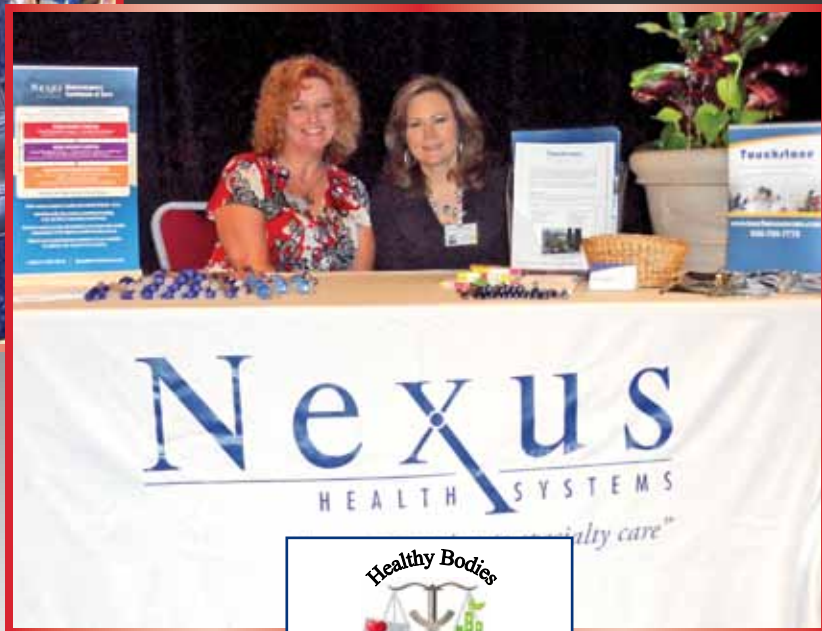


# BUSINESS TODAY

April 2013



**Community  
Job Fair**  
Connecting Employers & Employees  
*April 18*



Healthy Bodies  
for Healthy Businesses  
*May 3*



**KIDNNECTED ACQUIRES "BIG BOOK"**

Kerri Chaney, Kidnnected magazine's Publisher/CEO, is the new owner of The Woodlands' Big Book of Parties, formerly owned by WoodlandsMommy.com. It is the premier party-planning resource for The Woodlands, Spring, North Houston, and area. Chaney purchased the rights last November; her first publication will be the 2014 edition.



Kerri Chaney was featured on ABC and Live Well Network

**MARIS BLAIR JOINS BLAIR LAW FIRM**

Maris A. Blair, formerly Firm Partner in the Houston Office of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, has joined The Blair Law Firm in The Woodlands as an Attorney.



Maris Blair

The Blair Law Firm provides legal consulting services in Montgomery County and the Greater Houston Region to select clientele.

**"WINEFEST" RETURNING ON APRIL 25**

If you haven't heard it through the grapevine, Montgomery County Women's Center's annual WineFest will return on April 25th from 6-9 PM at Macy's Furniture Gallery. The community gathering will present samplings of signature dishes from several restaurants along with fine wine tastings. This year's theme is "Heard It Through The Grapevine."

For information or reservations call 936-441-4044 ext. 29.



L-R are President/CEO Sarah Raleigh, Board Chairman Tom Cox and WineFest Chair Ally Seder.

**PHOTO BOOTH HELPS LSC-MONTGOMERY**

Market Street Photo Booth recently provided photo services at Lone Star College-Montgomery's Montgomery County Book Festival.

All photo strips were co-branded with logos from Market Street Photo Booth and LSC-Montgomery to enhance marketing for this popular and free event featuring more than 40 authors and 2,000 attendees.

**BAR ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Woodlands Bar Association has established its Future Lawyers Scholarship program, which awards one outstanding high school senior a \$1,500 scholarship to a 4-year university. This will encourage a spirit of community involvement and good citizenship among high school students, and allows WBA to support the next generation of lawyers.

**RALPH SCHROEDER HONORED AS TOP ADVISOR**

Ralph Schroeder, private wealth advisor with Ameriprise Financial, was named to Barron's® "Top 1,000 Advisors: State-by-State Listings" in Barron's Magazine.

Rankings are based on data from 3,000 of the nation's most productive advisers. Schroeder was chosen based on assets under management, revenue produced, client satisfaction, and regulatory and compliance record.

**DR. GARCIA HOSTS WORKSHOPS**

Michelle Garcia PsyD & Associates held workshops for educators, parents, and professionals with Houston ISD on improving compliance and maximizing the effects of parenting. In addition, they held a workshop to support agencies with providing behavioral services while meeting state guidelines and working with staffing issues.

**MEMORIAL HERMANN IN TOP 5%**

Memorial Hermann is one of the nation's top systems and leaders in quality outcomes. Five campuses were named Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence™ by Healthgrades.

Placing in top 5% for superior clinical performance are Memorial Hermann NW, Memorial Hermann SE, Memorial Hermann SW, Memorial Hermann The Woodlands, and Memorial Hermann Memorial City.

**TWFG APPROACHING 300 BRANCHES**

The Woodlands Financial Group continues its rapid growth with announcement of five branches in Texas, California, and Georgia. Gordy Bunch, president and CEO, announced TWFG managers/locations: Michael Rice, Kennesaw, Georgia; Charles Choi, Los Angeles, CA; Frank Clarke, Huntington Beach, CA; Kathy Dumanski, Richardson, TX; and Amber Pillsbury, The Woodlands, TX.

**STRYKERS HIRE MANAGER**

In their second season, The Woodlands Strykers hired Texas College Head Baseball Coach Freddy Rodriguez.

He had been with that program for seven years. In 2011, they broke the school record for wins with 27; they were ranked 5th nationally in triples with 28 and 11th in stolen bases with 132.



Pictured at Ellis & Ellis' check presentation to United Way are (L-R) Byron Ellis, Barry Ellis, Ron Folwell, Kiernan O'Connor, Karen Britanik, Nancy Etchison, Merrilee Brown and Julie Martineau.

**CVB ADDS FALKNOR**

The Woodlands CVB added Stefanie Falknor as Group Sales Specialist. This fulfills their expanded role of promoting The Woodlands to businesses, associations, and groups.

Falknor was Destination Sales/Media Coordinator for JW Marriott San Antonio Resort and Western South Central liaison for events. She served on the sales team of the Flagstaff CVB.



Stefanie Falknor

**TEA ON THE LAWN WILL BE APRIL 26TH**

New Danville's "Tea on the Lawn" will be April 26, from 11 AM to 2 PM at their pastoral community at 10951 Shepard Hill Road in Willis. Don your prettiest hat and festive frock. Join the ladies for lunch, shopping and fun in the beautiful community. Info: www.NewDanville.org.



Jeff Shipley, Interfaith's Chairman, announced Board appointments of Alex Sutton, Roland Ramirez, and Nancy Decker Lent. L-R are Dr. Snyder, Ramirez, Lent, Shipley and Sutton.

**ARTIST EXPO NAMES MOTTO**

Tim Mulvey, founder of Artist Expo, plans to donate its profits to Greater Woodlands Public Art Foundation. He will remain active with AE and serve on GWPAF's board, where he will assist with contribution allocation.

In order to fulfill his new role, Mulvey has appointed Tony Motto to head up Administration for Artist Expo.



LSC-Montgomery's Brian Nutt (L) and Scott Straubel (R) won first place in the National Collegiate Golf Championship with five under par, beating University of Texas by one stroke.



Pictured are volunteers at Lone Star Family Health Center's Tax Kick-Off.

**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

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