



# EXCHANGE

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB  
America's Service Club

## EXCEL CLUB OF COPPERAS COVE HIGH SCHOOL

Our Vision – A strong America, safe communities, and unified people.

Our Mission – Exchange, inspiring communities to become better places to live.

Our Motto – Unity for Service

**THE**

### BANNER

**OCTOBER 30, 2017**

**MAILING ADDRESS**

570 Summers Rd  
Copperas Cove, Texas 76522

**BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month  
4:15 pm at Room 199  
Copperas Cove High School

3d Saturday of each month  
Time/location TBD

**OFFICERS 2017-2018**

President: Amari Johnson  
President-Elect: Winston Vazquez III  
Past-President: Taylor Flores  
Secretary: Taylor Dudden  
Treasurer: Taylor Dudden

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

To be filled

**HISTORIAN**

Mathew Aquino



### MATHEW AQUINO NAMED CCHS EXCEL YOUTH OF THE QUARTER



27 Oct 17. Mathew Aquino, a Senior at Copperas Cove High School and EXCEL Club Historian, is presented a plaque by Noon Exchange Club President Mike Blount for being selected as EXCEL Youth of the Quarter, by the Noon Exchange Club. Mathew will be one of four finalist at the end of the year competing for EXCEL Youth of the Year.



EXCEL Clubs of Copperas Cove

**Celebrate Our Heritage**

**One Nation Under God**

Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 12:00  
Copperas Cove High School Cafeteria

**OUR SPONSORING CLUB  
THE NOON EXCHANGE CLUB  
OF COPPERAS COVE**



**NOON EXCHANGE CLUB OFFICERS**  
President Mike Blount, Past-President Inez Faison

**EXCHANGE COVENANT OF  
SERVICE**

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's Noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political and Business ideals;

To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served And sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine;

To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowmen, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country;

To implant the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and Comradeship in my social and business relationships;

To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.

**PROGRAMS OF SERVICE**

Community Service, Youth Programs, Americanism, Child Abuse Prevention



28 Oct 17. Morning Exchange Club, Noon Exchange Club and Copperas Cove HS EXCEL Club members pose for picture after completing grounds at the Exchange Sunshine Apartments on Make A Difference Day National Day of Service), on Saturday, October 28, 2017.



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# BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



8 Oct 17. Members of the Copperas Cove High School EXCEL Club helped to sponsor a breakfast fundraiser with My Brothers House Food Pantry. The fundraiser was held at the Holy Family Catholic Church meeting hall.

My Brother's House Food Pantry distributes food to needy families five times a week. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used by My Brother's House to purchase additional food items for distribution.



In the USA, Veterans Day annually falls on November 11. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans are thanked for their services to the United States on Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. It is marked by parades and church services and in many places the American flag is hung at half mast. A period of silence lasting two minutes may be held at 11am. Some schools are closed on Veterans Day, while others do not close, but choose to mark the occasion with special assemblies or other activities.

Veterans Day is officially observed on November 11. However, if it falls on a week day, many communities hold their celebrations on the weekend closest to this date. This is to enable more people to attend and participate in the events. Federal Government offices are closed on November 11. If Veterans Day falls on a Saturday, they are closed on Friday November 10. If Veterans Day falls on a Sunday, they are closed on Monday November 12. State and local governments, schools and non-governmental businesses are not required to close and may decide to remain open or closed. Public transit systems may follow a regular or holiday schedule.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory". There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11am.

In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all

## COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

21 Oct 17. Members of the CCHS High School and H.U.T.S. EXCEL Clubs conducted a food drive at the Copperas Cove Walmart. Proceeds benefited My Brother's House Food Bank.



## One Nation Under God

This powerful program not only aims to increase appreciation of our rich religious heritage, but also seeks to remind Americans that we must always trust in a higher power for guidance, protection and strength. The famous words of the program's title are, of course, taken from the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. One Nation Under God Month is observed annually during November. Exchange Clubs can implement this program in a variety of worthwhile ways, such as organizing community-wide prayer breakfasts, distributing pamphlets describing the American Flag's history and proper flag etiquette, sponsoring One Nation Under God essay or poster contests in schools and encouraging attendance at religious services.

The One Nation Under God project was adopted on July 30, 1964, by Exchange leaders seeking to heighten awareness of our rich religious heritage. November, observed nationally as One Nation Under God Month, is a special time of year when Exchangites join together to increase public appreciation of the important roles religious faith and freedom have played in our nation's history. This page contains a variety of simple but effective project ideas that will enable your Exchange Club to help remind all Americans of our religious freedoms. Also keep in mind that although November is One Nation Under God Month, these suggested projects can be equally effective at any time of the year.

The aims of the program are to:

- Build greater respect for the Pledge of Allegiance;
- Promote increased use of the Pledge in schools and at public gatherings;
- Combat all efforts to remove the words "under God" from the Pledge;
- Encourage and promote religious services by local churches on Thanksgiving Day or Thanksgiving eve;
- Promote attendance at such services to members and nonmembers alike;
- Prayerfully thank God for the blessings of liberty bestowed on America.



**MORE PICTURES FROM  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY  
ON OCTOBER 21, 2017**



**The Pledge  
Of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the republic for which it stands,  
one nation under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.

**EXCEL CLUB MEMBER ANNOUNCED AS  
EXCHANGE CLUB YOUTH OF THE QUARTER**



Copperas Cove Exchange Club President Ronnie Viss presents the Youth of the Quarter award to Copperas Cove High School senior Carleigh Ross. Ross has amassed more than 2,000 hours of community service during high school, is ranked in the top 10 of the senior class with a 3.98 GPA and is a three-time all-American cheerleader.

**FREEDOM  
SHRINE**



17 Oct 17. Members of the H.U.T.S. EXCEL Club attend the Freedom Shrine dedication at the Copperas Cove City Council chambers.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## EXCHANGE

# Give A Kid A Flag To Wave

Cove Veteran's Day Parade

## FEAST OF SHARING



**16 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**THE NOON EXCHANGE CLUB OF COPPERAS COVE**  
**THE CITY OF COPPERAS COVE**



EXCEL Clubs of Copperas Cove

## Celebrate Our Heritage

# One Nation Under God

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## Laying of the Wreaths



**Saturday, Nov 25, 2017 –**  
**10:00 am, Central Texas State**  
**Veterans Cemetery**



Alan Jimenez  
 Breanna Souther  
 Matthew Lanning



Carleigh Ross



Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.” An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the word “Armistice” to “Veterans”. Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

In 1968 the Uniforms Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) made an attempt to move Veterans Day to the fourth Monday of October. The bill took effect in 1971. However, this caused a lot of confusion as many states disagreed with this decision and continued to hold Veterans Day activities on November 11. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which stated that Veterans Day would again be observed on November 11 from 1978 onwards. Veterans Day is still observed on November 11.