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REWARD



WANTED FOR VANDALISM

As you will have read in several of these Newsletters, there have been some acts of vandalism in the community. The Board has decided to offer a reward of up to \$200, which will be paid to anyone who provides information that leads to the successful prosecution of any act of senseless vandalism within Lakes on Eldridge.

Please call AMI at 713-932-1122 with your information - if you prefer to remain anonymous you will be given a unique code to allow you to claim the reward.

If more than one person calls to provide information about the same act of vandalism, the LOE Board will decide how the reward should be divided.

Sales Tax Holiday August 5-7, 2005

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 5, 6, and 7--the state's seventh annual tax holiday. Layaway plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Cypress Fairbanks ISD Information

August 10 – First day of Classes

For school supply list visit: http://www.cfisd.net/aboutour/supplies/supplies.htm Visit http://www.cfisd.net/newsmedia/inside/0506-

Back%20To%20School.pdf for back to school information for CFISD.

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is looking for dedicated individuals to serve as mentors to our students in grades K-12. No experience required. The only qualification to join is a strong commitment to helping students with their personal and educational development.

Once trained, a criminal background check processed, and the application accepted, the mentor meets with the student once a week at the selected school during regular school hours. The mentor will provide the individualized positive attention that many children need to be successful in school and life.

Mentors also benefit from the special bond that forms between mentor and mentee. Mentors report an overwhelming sense of selfsatisfaction with the mentoring relationship and the program. They often return to the school year after year to successfully mentor more students.

Unfortunately, there is a long waiting list of children in need of an adult, caring friend. Schools throughout the district are

seeking mentors to fill this need.

Mentors are extraordinary volunteers who love to share their knowledge, experiences and commitment to education with a special student. If you would like to become a mentor or require more information, call the CFISD Partners in Education office at 218-807-8604.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AMI	713-932-1122
Gate Attendant	
Sheriff - (non-emergency)	713-221-6000
Cy-Fair Fire Department - (emergency)	
(non-emergency)	
Poison Control 1	
Texas DPS	713-681-1761
Waste Management	713-695-4055
(trash collection Mondays & Thursdays)	
Aqua Source	. 713-983-3602
(Service or emergencies 24hrs)	713-983-3604
Harris County Tax Office	713-224-1919
Reliant Energy	. 713-207-7777
(give pole # of street which is out)	
Entex (gas)	713-659-2111
Time Warner Cable	713-462-9000
Houston Chronicle	713-220-7211
Metro Transit Info	713-635-4000
Kirk Elementary	. 713-849-8250
Truitt Middle School	281-856-1100
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Visit the Association Website: www.lakesoneldridge.net

Airport Noise

LOE is now in the flight pattern for both Intercontinental and Hobby Airports, which means air traffic has significantly increased. If you are concerned over the noise make a call to one or all of the numbers below. It is the number of calls and the people taking time to make them that make the most effective appeal for change for this situation.

- Houston Airport Noise Complaints Hotline: 281 233-3900
- Air Traffic Approach Number: 281 230-8441
- FAA Hotline: 1-800-255-1111

LOE Stitchers



The stitchers regularly meet at the clubhouse on Thursdays from 9:30am-12:00 pm. This group consists of beginners to veterans, so if you want to learn or maybe share what you know, come join us. We also welcome residents that want to just meet neighbors, enjoy fun conversation and have coffee, juice and light refreshments.

For more information, contact LOE Stitchers organizer, Catherine Spellings, at 713-896-1652, 713-628-7083 or catherinespellings@msn. com.

Meeting dates: August 4, 11, 18, 25 and September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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Ann Knoche is Getting the Word Out on...



Back to School time at ... Kirk Elementary 2005 Fall & 2006 Winter Semester School Calendar*

August 8	Meet the Teacher night					
August 10	First Day of School					
Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday					
Sept. 16	End of 1 st 6 weeks					
Oct. 7	Professional Day/Parent Conferences					
Oct. 10	Professional Day					
Oct. 28	End of 2 nd 6 weeks					
Nov. 21-25	Thanksgiving Holiday					
Dec. 15	End of 3 rd 6 weeks					
Dec. 16-Jan 3	Student Holiday					
January 4, 2006	School Resumes/First Day of 2 nd Semester					
February 17	End of 4 th 6 weeks					
March 6-10	Spring Break					
April 7	End of 5 th 6 weeks					
April 14	Student Holiday					
April 28	Student Holiday					
May 24	Last day of school					

* Dates/Times subject to change



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July Yard of the Month

The Yard of the Month program (YOM) was started with the goal of increasing interest in keeping our neighborhoods looking good. Each month, an anonymous committee chooses a property as Yard of the Month to honor property owners who have made a special effort to enhance their properties. Yard of the Month is chosen on the merits of its landscaping. This month, 25 nominations were sent in and 3 yards were chosen for yard of the month.

The whole idea is to say thank you to those residents working hard to make their property and the Lakes on Eldridge community more attractive. Each winner gets to display a

YOM sign for the month.

Congratulations to our July 2005 Yard of the Month Winners!!!

- 12510 Whispering Sands
- · 12534 Cherry Creek Bend
- 5310 Bristol Banks Court

If you would like to nominate your neighbor for Yard of the Month call

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School Year



Lakes on Eldridge Yards of the Month

Right: 12510 Whispering Sands Bottom Left: 12534 Cherry Creek Bend Bottom Right: 5310 Bristol Banks Court

Congratulations





CONGRATUATIONS LOE DOIPHIN Swim Team on 3rd Place at Divisionals!

to the 11 & 12 boys for the

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This year has been an active year for visiting the Beach Club Pool. The amount of residents using the pool has increased this summer and everyone every one is taking advantage of the chance to beat the heat!

The LOE Board has upgraded the restrooms and added new depth markings to comply with the new public pool regulations. Further we are working to upgrade the Beach Club by adding new paint, carpet, window tinting, window curtain swags, and new furniture. All these improvements should be completed in the next few months. We also would like to take this time to thank the LOE residents that sent in donations to help cover the cost of the renovations so we can add nice furniture to compliment all the upgrades.

Keeping this in mind, now is a good time to cover some reminders to help keep our facilities in tip top shape.

For people using the Beach Club for parties:

- Please do not tape or staple any decorations to the walls or windows as these damage the paint. Also balloons can cause lots of problems

Beach Club Pool Notes

when they get stuck in the ceiling fans so please secure these items to chairs or a table.

- We now have a vacuum cleaner to use for cleaning up after the party.

- If alcohol will be served then it is MANDATORY for the renting party to arrange for a police officer to be present for security measures.

- Wet swimsuits are not allowed inside the Beach Club.

- All parties are limited to a maximum of 50 people.

- A comprehensive list on all guidelines is available through AMI.

For people having pool parties (this includes Beach Club parties)

- Pool parties are required to have (1) lifeguard for every (20) people. Residents will need to contact Greater Houston Pool Management at (713) 771-7665 to make the proper arrangements.

For all LOE residents using the pool:

- Please remember to bring your pool key and shut the gate behind you. This will help to ensure that only LOE residents and escorted guests use the facilities.

- Please pick up any trash and make sure it is deposited in the trash containers around the pool. Further, if you are having a party, it will be greatly appreciated if you will collect the garbage in trash bags and take them back to your residence for trash pick up. This will help us keep the pool area clean and nice for all the residents.

- If you have children playing in the sand pit, please help keep the pool clean by making sure the children use the water spray nozzles to rinse off the sand from their feet and swim suits.

- Please use the showers in the restrooms and help keep the facilities clean.

Again, we look forward to using the Beach Club and pool facilities throughout the year. We appreciate your assistance in helping to keep this area clean and respecting your neighbors by following these simple guidelines. If you have any questions regarding the Beach Club or the pool area, please contact AMI immediately.

Have a great summer!



Lakes on Eldridge

LOE Book Club

Book-aholics – join us in the clubhouse the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. for the L.O.E. Book Club. We try to read a wide variety of material, so if this month's selection doesn't appeal to you, maybe next month's will. Do join us when we tackle a book on which you have comments or opinions. Call or e-mail Celeste Fritz, 713-896-6942. cfritztx@houston.rr.com for additional information.

August 25th – Tim by Colleen McCullough. Written by the author of The Thornbirds, Tim is the story of Mary Horton, a woman content with her comfortable, solitary existence until she meets Tim. A beautiful young man with the mind of a child -- a gentle outcast in a cruel, unbending world -- he illuminates the darkness of Mary's days with his boyish innocence. And he will shatter the lonely, middle-aged spinster's respectable, ordered life with a forbidden promise of a very special love.

September 22nd - SARAH by Marek Halter Thought-provoking and engrossing, SARAH brings us into the mind of an elusive biblical figure, a woman shrouded in mystery and shadowed by myth; Halter renders her human, complex and fascinating, flawed and ultimately real. The book's unique blend of biblical mysticism and feminist overtones drew comparisons to Anita Diamant's THE

RED TENT. But Halter's novel stands alone in its spellbinding depiction of the lives of the women of The Old Testament. and specifically, that of Sarah, the wife of Abraham and the mother of the Israelite nation.



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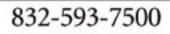
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Dolphins Finish Season Strong

Congratulations to the Dolphin Swim Team Eleven and Twelve Year old Boys. They won first place at the Red, White and Blue Invitational meet. These swimmers include: Sander Barsingerhorn, Nick Carroll, Alex Carroll, Carter Taylor, Ross Gordon, Winston Kint, Lee Grant, and Michael Gamble. Special recognition should also go to our 2005 swim season high point winners: Souheil Moufarrej, Leila Kent, Adam Vinall, McKenna Keith, Danny Ceballos, Audry Vinall, Nick Carroll, Molly Styslinger, Rory Davidson, Alex Durkee, Jasper Barsingerhorn and Katie Ruppe. Additionally, two swimmers were awarded with Sportsmanship awards for their willingness to swim in an older age group at Divisionals to help score crucial points for our team. These two 11 year old boys are Carter Taylor and Alex Carroll.

Our end of season Divisional Meet was equally exciting. After a disappointing 0-5 season, the Dolphins won third place out of the six teams in our division. We were able to redeem ourselves after suffering several very close losses during

the regular season. This made the trophy party at Pecans a true celebration. Everyone came out an enjoyed great food and even a slide show. During the celebration, Coaches Sabrina and Angie announced they would be back next year. Even more reason to celebrate. We all had a great time.

Individuals who had outstanding individual performances at Divisionals include:

William Redfield 5th 100 freestyle, 6th 50 backstroke, 5th 50 butterfly

Adam Vinall 5th 25 freestyle, 2nd 25 breaststroke, 2nd 25 butterfly

McKenna Keith 4th 25 freestyle, 3rd 25 backstroke, 5th 25 butterfly

Molly Styslinger 1st 50 freestyle, 2nd 100 IM, 1st 50 backstroke

Rory Davidson 3rd 50 freestyle, 2nd 50 breaststroke, 4th 25 backstroke

Alex Durkee 1st 50 freestyle, 3rd 100 IM, 1st 50 butterfly

Jasper Barsingerhorn 3rd 50 freestyle, 4th 50 breaststroke, 4th 100 IM

Souheil Moufarrej 3rd 25 freestyle, 5th 25

backstroke

Blair Thoman 6th 25 freestyle, 5th 25 butterfly **Brittany Bowles** 6th 25 freestyle, 4th 25 butterfly

Danny Ceballos 4th 25 freestyle, 4th 25 breaststroke

Charlie Mansour 5th 50 freestyle, 5th 50 breaststroke

Sander Barsingerhorn 6th 50 breaststroke, 5th 25 backstroke

Sarah Meyer 3rd 50 breaststroke, 6th 50 butterfly

Christie Gamble 6th 50 breaststroke, 5th 50 backstroke

Nick Carroll 5th 100 IM, 3rd 25 backstroke Ross Gordon 5th 50 freestyle

Harrison Kint 4th 25 breaststroke

Michael Gebara 5th 25 breaststroke

Maddy Rudge 6th 25 breaststroke Jordan Zeal 2nd 25 breaststroke Katie Ruppe 4th 50 breaststroke Grace Lawson 6th 25 backstroke

Drew Applegate 5th 25 backstroke Mira Moufarrej 3rd 25 backstroke



Ripe Peaches

If you have ever dreamed of a sweet, ripe, juicy peach but only found hard green things in the supermarket, here is a method for ripening peaches. This method works on Southern and Midwestern peaches but may not work on peaches grown in California.

1. Pick out peaches without bruises in the supermarket.

2. Place the peaches in a single layer, not touching each other in a clean cardboard box or plastic tray.

3. Set the peaches in a warm dark place, my garage works great. Check the peaches daily.

It took 3 days to ripen the peaches, the last time I did this. Some peaches will ripen in less time than others.

The green color will completely disappear and the peaches will be slightly soft to the touch.

Ripe peaches have an extremely short shelf life, hours. The easiest way to peel peaches is to dunk them in boiling water for a few seconds. The peeling just slips off then. Fruit Fresh will keep the sliced peaches from turning brown. Of course, I like to peel and eat immediately. One of my favorite desserts is sliced fresh peaches with vanilla ice cream. Another dessert is made by putting some sliced fresh peaches on top of a piece of unfrosted yellow cake

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and toping with whipped cream.

If you prefer peach pie, cook your pie filling on top of the stove before putting it in the piecrust.

I know this is not the way my mother and grandmother did it but you will have a better pie, which is not soupy.

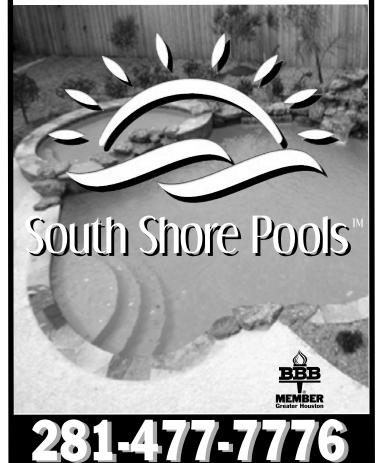
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Who's In Charge, Anyway?

Does life seem a little crazy sometimes? Do you think you're in control and then suddenly everything changes, leaving you wondering what happened? The ladies' Living Free Bible Study will begin on September 6, 2005, with a study that will help you "Become A Woman God Can Use", not matter the circumstances. Even when life seems crazy, God is still working. You can cultivate an attitude that will get you through the tough times with peace and perseverance. You will learn what sources are the best to consult when you need help. You have a spirit that needs nourishment. How you feed it influences those around you. This study is food for the soul.

Author Judith Couchman uses the Book of Esther from the Bible as her basis for Becoming A Woman God Can Use. Every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 AM Living Free Bible Study will meet in the Beach Club at Lakes On Eldridge on Lake Center Run, beginning September 6 and ending October 11, 2005. The study guides are \$10.00. Praise, prayer, small group study, and lecture offers a time to fellowship with neighbors and feed your soul. This is a non-denominational study. Everyone is invited. For reservations please call Martha 281-560-5111 or e-mail your name and telephone number to SABLeggett@aol.com.

ALPHA IS COMING!

Alpha? Alpha is for anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith—people investigating Christianity or Christians who want to brush up on the basics. Adults of all ages are welcome.

Alpha is about learning and laughter. It is about meeting people and discussing questions in a non-judgmental environment. No question is regarded as too simple or too complex. Topics discussed include: Who is Jesus? Why and how do I pray? Who is the Holy Spirit? Dos God heal today? And more.

The Alpha course is being hosted by Messiah Lutheran Church on Tuesday evenings beginning August 23 for 12 weeks, 6-8:30 PM. The evenings begin with a shared supper provided by the church. Childcare is provided. All people are invited to participate in the Alpha course. Bring a friend. Register by calling the church office.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are 6 PM on Saturday evenings (a casual service of song and sacrament), and traditional worship at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, call 281-890-3013, or www.messiahlc.org . All people are welcome at Messiah.





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4 bedrooms	58	120	\$95.3	52	82	\$99.5	22	101	\$90.2
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1 story	15	104	\$94.7	23	110	\$110.5	0	0	\$0
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Without Pool	67	115	\$93.6	79	109	\$106.7	11	102	\$87.8
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Built 1990-99	64	108	\$88.3	1	54	\$89.8	21	105	\$90.6
Built after2000	9	165	\$112.6	60	80	\$97.2	1	6	\$96.3
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2000-2500 sqft	2	35	\$94.3	4	148	\$121.3	0	0	\$0
2500-3000 sqft	21	121	\$86.2	9	103	\$107.4	0	0	\$0
3000-3500 sqft	26	134	\$89.7	30	92	\$97.7	3	74	\$92.9
3500-4000 sqft	14	92	\$93.3	23	63	\$95.02	7	103	\$86.1
4000-4500 sqft	11	100	\$114.6	19	90	\$98.29	6	91	\$93.0
4500+ sqft	10	136	\$109.5	10	183	\$159.9	8	152	\$88.0

Summary of Trends in your area for the last 12 months prior to July 11, 2005.

*DOM=Days On Market

** this number reflects trends for all homes, new and resale. If only resale homes are cosidered, homes with a pool have sold for an average of \$5 more than resale homes without a pool.

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4, 11, 18, 25—KEMAH: Rock the Dock Concert Series Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 Gulf Coast

5—TOMBALL: Tomball Night Includes shopping, bands, carnival rides for kids and night parade. E-mail: admin@tomballchamber.org • www. tomballchamber.org 281/351-7222

5-6—ORANGE: OCARC Fishing Tournament Includes fishing tournament and weigh-in. 409/886-1363

5-7—HOUSTON: Houston International Jazz Festival Take some Latin rhythms, mix in some smokin' soul sounds and add a few Asian jazz licks. Toss in some smooth jazz tunes so cool people will forget it is summer in Houston and people can get an idea what to expect at this 15th annual event. Verizon Wireless Theater/Bayou Place. www. jazzeducation.org 713/839-7000 or 713/629-3700

5-7, 11-14, 19-20—BAYTOWN: Brigadoon Baytown Little Theater. 281/424-7617

5-Sep. 10—ROSENBERG: The Downfall of a Trusting Heart Downtown Theater. E-mail: casttheater@ev1.net 281/437-1458

6—ANGLETON: Kidfest Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brazos River County Park. 979/864-1541 or 281/331-6101

6—WEST COLUMBIA: Homemade Ice Cream & Lemonade Demonstrations Learn how to make old-time, hand-cranked ice cream and fresh-squeezed lemonade. Help turn the crank. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site. 979/345-4656

6, 13, 19-20, 27—LAKE JACKSON: Story Time Storytellers read books about the sea and nature from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday and 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Saturday. Stories are for preschool age but entertain all ages. Donations appreciated. Sea Center Texas. 979/292-0100

7—KEMAH: 37th Annual Blessing of the Shrimp & Pleasure Fleet Boat Parade As brightly decorated shrimp boats and pleasure craft file past the Kemah Boardwalk at 1:30 p.m., an officiating priest and minister bless each boat. Kemah Boardwalk. E-mail: ralph@underwaterinc.com • www.kemah.net 281/334-2303 or 832/347-8837

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Texas Events - (Continued from Page 12)

12-13—HITCHCOCK: Good Ole Days Festival Enjoy a barbecue cookoff, parade, live entertainment, carnival, crafts, food, petting zoo, relay games, raffles, drawings and pageant. Hours are 5 p.m. to midnight Friday and 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday. Good Ole Days Grounds, 8300 Hwy. 6. E-mail: hcofc662@msn.com 409/986-9224 or 409/986-7420 19-21—PORT NECHES: Port Neches Trade Days Find arts & crafts vendors, antiques, food vendors, local entertainment, Longaberger baskets, special order baked goods, custom painted furniture and more. Port Neches Avenue. E-mail: pncoc@swbell.net 409/722-4023

20—VICTORIA: Market Days Special Events Area in Riverside Park. 361/552-9347

20-21—KEMAH: Steel Drum Festival Kemah Boardwalk. www. kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624

20-21—PORT ARTHUR: Triangle Bird Show Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/982-7404

20-21—ROSENBERG: 31st Annual Festival of Glass & Antique Show & Sale Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. www.houstonglassclub.org 281/342-4876 or 713/729-4267

25—VICTORIA: Charity Concert Series Songwriter's Night with Alan Shamblin Leo J. Welder Performing Arts Center. E-mail: yeates@hospice-vic.org 361/572-4300

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27—GALVESTON: Artwalk Wine stroll takes people through art galleries, antique shops, designer clothing stores and exclusive boutiques. Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Historic Strand District. 409/763-2403

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In an effort to provide you with important information about Cy-Fair College, "Perspective" was developed. This column provides the latest information about news and events. Here is a sampling of what's going on:

Fall classes at Cy-Fair College start Aug. 29

Don't procrastinate any longer. Classes start Aug. 29. In a partnership with Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, Cy-Fair College offers new evening classes at the Windfern High School. Registration for courses at all three locations - the new Windfern High School satellite location (12630 Windfern) the Fairbanks Center (14955 Northwest Freeway) and the Cy-Fair College comprehensive Barker Cypress campus (9191 Barker Cypress Road) - is available online at www. nhmccd.edu or call 281-290-3200 or 832-782-5000 for information.

Add a Little L.I.F.E. to Your Week

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) Among the August programs are soap making, basics of American Sign Language, hurricanes, virtual museum tour and family cookbooks. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at cy-faircollege.com/library.

Film Series Comes to Close with "Casablanca"

The Cy-Fair College Summer Film Series comes to a close in August with "eXinstenZ" at 1 p.m. Aug. 4, "Harvey" at 1 p.m. Aug. 9 and "Casablanca" at 7 p.m. Aug. 16. Films, shown as a continuing education class, are held and discussed at Barker Cypress campus, Art 102, at no charge to students or the community. Go online at: http:// faculty.nhmccd.edu/robobrien/Film_Series.html for information and a complete schedule.

Free Hands-on Computer Workshops Open to Community

The Harris County Public Library Cy-Fair College Branch offers free computer workshops, including a family-friendly class and instruction in Spanish. Introduction workshops cover working with templates in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Topics range from basic computer functions like copying and pasting to saving and file management to introductions to the Internet and various software programs. Classes are held Thursdays and Saturdays in the library's computer classroom, LRNC 212. Open Lab is available for one-onone assistance or specific computer questions. Sessions are designed for community members high-school age and older. No registration is required. For a complete schedule, visit the library web site news and events page at http://www.cy-faircollege.com/Library/information/ news.cfm or call the reference desk at 281-290-3213.

Help Our Community Garden Grow

The Cy-Fair College community garden was recently dedicated as the Diane K. Troyer Garden, in honor of the continuous support of college president Dr. Diane Troyer. The garden is flourishing and produce has been donated to area food pantries. Join this group Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the garden (west of the library) or in the Cy-ber Café when raining. Anybody interested in helping out Wednesdays at 1 p.m., contact Charles Beresford at charles.e.beresford@nhmccd.edu or 281-550-7338. Enrollment in the "Community Gardening" CE course is required for membership, but volunteers and the "just curious" are always welcome. Old muddy shoes and work gloves are recommended. For information, contact Rob Coyle at robert.a.coyle@nhmccd.edu or visit http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/rocoyle/Garden.htm.

Cy-Fair College Library

Library Resumes Regular Hours -

The Cy-Fair College Library will resume regular hours beginning the week of Aug. 8. Regular library hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For library program information, call 281-290-3210 or go online to www.cy-faircollege.com.

Children and Teen News at the Library

For children, summer programming continues through Aug. 25.

Family Story time is held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, while Toddler Time is at 9:30 a.m. Fridays.

Teen-agers should keep an eye out on the web for fall teen book clubs and activities at http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/elsheppard/activities.htm and for other information, contact Elise Sheppard, Teen Librarian, at 281-290-5248, or elise.j.sheppard@nhmccd.edu.

Join One of Cy-Fair College's Book Clubs

The Go Time Travelin' History Book Club reads materials that pertain to numerous aspects of history. The next book and discussion is Thomas Cahill's "How the Irish Saved Civilization" Aug. 16.

The Women of the World Book Club's reading list includes fiction and nonfiction books, which reflect the lives of women from diverse backgrounds. The next book and discussion is Julia Alvarez's "In the Time of Butterflies" Aug. 17.

Both groups, open to all interested, meet on their respective dates at 6 p.m. in the Learning Commons, room 131.

For information, contact Rose Botkin at 281-290-5937 or go online to www. cy-faircollege.com.



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•••••• Light And Easy Lemonade Cake •••••

(NAPSA) This year's most popular cake at the block party could be the one that tastes like fresh lemonade and blueberries. It may well be the one everyone wants to try and, even better, it is low fat.

It begins with a great tasting fat-free blueberry muffin mix, so it's a breeze to make. All you add is lemonade concentrate, water, an egg and freshly grated lemon zest. The cake bakes up with a light texture and a tasty golden top.

Because it packs well and is so delicious, you'll have it made-in-theshade when you bake it for warm weather picnics and potlucks.

Fresh, lemony and good to go, it may well become everyone's hands-down favorite. So when life hands out lemons, just make Blueberry Lemonade Cake.



Low Fat Blueberry Lemonade Cake

- package Krusteaz Fat Free Blueberry Muffin Mix (1 pouch muffin mix and 1 can blueberries)
- 1/2 cup lemonade concentrate
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 egg

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1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest powdered sugar (optional) fresh blueberries (optional) Preheat oven to 350F. Drain and rinse blueberries and place on a paper towel to drain; set aside. Place muffin mix, lemonade concentrate, water, egg and lemon zest in medium bowl. Stir together until moistened, about 40 strokes. Gently fold in drained blueberries. Spoon batter into lightly greased, 9-inch round cake pan. Bake 27-32 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely. Dust with powdered sugar and serve with fresh blueberries, if desired.

*Nutrients Per Serving (1/8 cake): Calories 220, Total Fat 1.5g, Sat. Fat 0g, Cholesterol 25mg, Sodium 440mg, Total Carb. 50g, Dietary Fiber 3g, Protein 3g *Nutrient contribution from optional ingredients not included.



The Hidden Dangers Of Computer Disposal

(NAPSA)-To millions of computer users worldwide, an outdated or malfunctioning computer is no different than a broken toaster; they simply toss it in the trash and buy a new one. However, unlike a busted kitchen appliance, a computer should not be thrown away for two critical reasons: it can lead to identity theft and poison the environment.

Protect The Environment

Some pieces of hardware may contain toxic materials. Much like used motor oil or old paint, certain computer parts must not be disposed of in a public landfill in order to prevent toxic substances from leaching into the ground and contaminating water supplies. These components should be disposed of properly by trained professionals who participate in computer recycling.

Protect Your Identity

The hard drive inside your computer contains an extensive amount of private information, such as financial records, personal e-mails, family photos and critical documents. To prevent this data from falling into the wrong hands-which could lead to identity theft-it is



Discarding your old computer can put your personal information and data at risk.

imperative that you delete it prior to selling, recycling or disposing of your computer.

To erase files in a safe, permanent manner, you must do more than delete them and empty the Windows "recycle bin." While these actions may remove the information from Windows, they do not expunge the files from the hard drive itself. The only ways to ensure that your private files are permanently erased are to use special "shredder" software programs.

A word of caution: if your hard drive is on the fritz or appears to be "dead," don't assume that your data is incapable of being retrieved. A crafty thief could rummage through your trash, steal the malfunctioning hard drive you threw out, then use special hardware or software tools to recover your data. Before throwing away any hard drive that appears to be inaccessible or severely damaged, make certain the drive is truly dead by physically smashing it several times with a hammer or similar tool.

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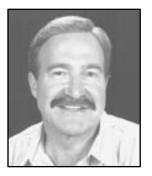
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