

# Trail Writer

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Winchester Trails  
Maintenance Assoc. Social Committee*

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## Board Message

Winchester Trails Residents,

When I asked for your vote for the honor of representing you on the Board this past fall, I indicated that we wanted to enhance communications. While we are still working to achieve that goal, we are making considerable progress. When you have time, please visit the website at <http://www.winchestertrails.com>. Also, under Sherry Wright's leadership, the Newsletter is becoming very useful. Finally, visit with your neighbors to talk about what is going on around the Trails. In addition, we will be revising the directory with current data. If you have not updated your information in the past couple of years or perhaps have never provided information, there is a form called "Community Directory Request Form" on the website in the "Helpful Links & Documents" section.

Many have asked me about the progress in repairing or replacing the fence West Road. In past years, the Board has made limited repairs including the replacement of boards and the staining of the entire fence. In the past two to three years the fence has deteriorated to the point where it reflects poorly on our neighborhood and could negatively impact the values of our homes. While it is a complicated issue regarding the location of the fence, whose property it resides and who is responsible for its upkeep and maintenance, the Board believes it is for the good of the community to bring the fence to standards for which we have all become accustomed. In the coming weeks, a letter will be sent to each homeowner discussing a vote to change the deed restrictions to allow the Board to formally take responsibility for the fence. We will need a very high level of participation to enact the changes. That means we will need your signature on a form that will be filed with Harris County. Please read the letter carefully and make an effort to vote for the changes. Also, encourage your neighbors to do the same.

I was also asked about the status of the house that burned on South Pass Lane. The Board and PCMI have been in contact with the owner of the house and we have been presented with a plan to remove the house and the foundation in the coming weeks. Once the work is complete, the Owner plans to sell the lot.

Finally, we will be discussing security at an upcoming board meeting in either June or July or perhaps both meetings to make sure we can have as many attend as possible. We will discuss our current situation and plans to move forward. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Walter

## Yards of the Month



*10406 Wagon Trail Road - Kyle and Kelley Nesbitt*



*8926 Crazy Horse Trail - Bill and Sally Patin*

### Upcoming Events

May 4	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
May 6 & 13	Pool Registration 10am-2pm
May 14	Mother's Day
May 24	Last Day of School CFISD
May 27	Pool Opens 10am
May 28	VHS Graduation 12:30pm
May 29	Memorial Day
June 1	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm

# Winchester Trails

## Winchester Trails Social Committee Officers

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Tennis Representative	
Alice Brunson.....	281-955-9045
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Lesa Smith .....	281-615-0335
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Sherry Wright.....	281-955-9737

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Holly Calbat.....	281-894-4535
Jim Malone.....	281-890-3803
David Othold.....	281-890-1799
Walter Sonne.....	281-894-7117

Open  
Jim Malone is the security representative for WT.  
His email can be found on the Security page of the Trails website.

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To ask questions or report problems concerning the Winchester Trails Subdivision, call

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**281-870-0585**

Sheriff, Non-911 Calls .....	713-221-600
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## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May newsletter is May 10. All items should be sent to [heggs23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heggs23@sbcglobal.net).

## Pool Info

If you missed it in the last newsletter, all pool information and a pool tag form can be found on our website, at [www.winchestertrails.com](http://www.winchestertrails.com).



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### New Teenagers – Happy 13th!

5/5 - Brooke Williford

### New Drivers – Happy 16th!

5/14 - Eric Lee

5/29 - Lauren Weber

### New Voters – Happy 18th!

5/3 - Thomas Allen

5/10 - Rashad Dawoudi

5/13 - Mike Wamhoff

### New Adults – Happy 21st!

5/6 - Brian Beckman

5/15 - David Durrett

5/18 - Brandon Stolte

### Happy 5th Anniversary!

5/19 - Ed & Ianthe Sarrazin

### Happy 15th Anniversary!

5/3 - Clay & Connie Hudgins

5/7 - Mark & Kathy Farrow

### Happy 20th Anniversary!

5/24 - Joe & Julie Norton

*Sherry Wright*  
281-955-9737

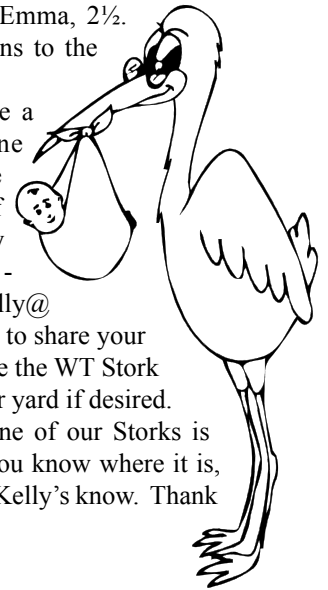
## Stork Report

Ian and Deborah McCrory of Great Plains welcomed their new son, Ryder Colton, on April 4th. Ryder made his appearance at 6:47 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz., and measuring 19 inches. Waiting at home to welcome him is big sister, Emma, 2½.

Congratulations to the whole family!

If you have a new little one due, please contact Jeff and Julie Kelly at 281-970-5441 or [jw.kelly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jw.kelly@sbcglobal.net) to share your news and have the WT Stork appear in your yard if desired.

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Parents--We will be looking for information on our kids graduating from high school and college this spring. If your child is one of these, please send your information to [heggs23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heggs23@sbcglobal.net). I would also appreciate it if someone could provide me with a JVHS program after graduation in May. Please leave at 10303 Cutting Horse. Thanks!

## START SOMETHING

**Online, on site and phone registration is under way for Summer sessions.**

High school students can also register for dual credit courses with their high school counselors.

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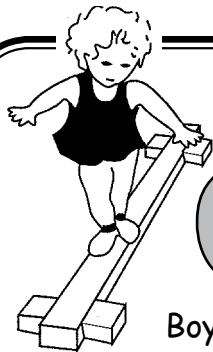
## CFISD Grant

CFISD received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education for student drug testing. High school students who participate in school-sponsored, competitive extracurricular activities in 06-07 will be randomly tested for drugs and alcohol. Parents of current 8th, 9th, 10th and 11 graders may attend ANY one of the following meetings for information. All meetings are from 7 - 8 p.m.

Mon	April 24	Cy Creek
Tues	April 25	Langham
Tues	May 9	Cy-Fair
Wed	May 10	Cy Spring
Thurs	May 11	Cy Falls
Tues	May 16	Jersey Village
Wed	May 17	Cy Ridge

Information about the grant is posted on the district website under Safe Schools AND on the intranet.

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## Green Thumb Corner

The weather is warming up and the colorful bedding plants of spring and early summer are making a welcome appearance to provide color throughout the neighborhood. Don't worry if you haven't had chance to get your yard in shape yet - there's still a good selection of bedding plants at the nurseries, and May is a good time for planting annuals (or perennials) to provide summer color. Summer bulbs may still be planted, but make sure you plan the appropriate plant height for your intended location and take account of exposure. Vinca, petunia, lantana, marigolds and begonias are sun loving favorites, but keep impatiens and caladiums to the shaded areas. Consider plants like euryops (a yellow daisy like evergreen shrub), Dahlberg daisy (a low growing daisy with a profusion of yellow blooms) and Mexican heather, all of which have become popular in recent years. And don't forget reliable standbys like shasta daisies (actually a chrysanthemum) and Gerber daisies.

Keep beds well mulched to preserve soil moisture as the weather warms up, and stay on top of the weeds by pulling a few at a time whenever you have a few moments to spare - don't wait until they become a major problem.

This is a good time to feed crape myrtles with a balanced fertilizer to promote summer bloom.. This shrub is very susceptible to white powdery mildew, but you can take care of it with Consan Triple Action 20, which delivers a "quick kill" and biodegrades within 24 hours.

Or you can use a general-purpose fungicide (such as Daconyl) that will have a longer lasting effect. Also watch out for powdery mildew on golden euonymus.

If you fed the lawn in early spring, you can consider supplementing with a high nitrogen fertilizer or with the usual 15-5-10 or 16-8-8 ratio recommended for Texas grass. And it's often worth paying an extra couple of dollars to get a fertilizer with added nutrients such as iron and sulfur to increase acidity - particularly useful around the pine trees if they're looking "tired" and showing yellowish needles. Treat with Diazinon granules for chinch bugs and to control fleas and ants; apply Terraclor granules if you have a problem with brown patch fungus.

Azaleas can be pruned and should be fed lightly every few weeks until the end of June (but no later than that), preferably with one of the special high-acid formulas. Or you can use general purpose 12-24-12 and add a soil acidifier such as copperas. The high-phosphorous 12-24-12 is also good for roses and hibiscus, both of which benefit from a monthly feeding schedule. You can save yourself a lot of time and trouble with roses if you use one of the products that contain systemic fungicide and pesticide, so that you don't have to mess with regular spraying. All spring flowering shrubs may be safely pruned after blooming.

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## Green Thumb Corner - (Continued from page 5)

In the vegetable garden, it's time to complete the main planting of summer vegetables. Peppers, eggplant and okra plants can go in now (they love the summer heat) and you can plant seeds for beans, black-eyed peas, melons, cantaloupe and pumpkin. Consider multiple plantings of beans at three-week intervals to provide a succession of crops through the summer, and use a space saving trellis or other arrangement for vertical climbing (or you can try the bush variety).

If you ran into trouble with those voracious green caterpillars on broccoli or other green vegetables, there are a couple of solutions. One approach (if you're not too squeamish!) is picking them off and squashing the little pests. The other is to use *Bacillus Thuringiensis* (just call it BT). This is not a chemical pesticide but is a natural bacteriological method that causes the caterpillars to become sick, quit eating and then die. It may be applied as a dust or in spray form, and does not appear to harm beneficial insects such as ladybugs.

**THIS MONTH'S TIP:** Marigolds are reputed to be effective natural pest repellents when planted amongst the tomatoes.  
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## Welcoming Committee

The Welcoming Committee is now ready to meet and greet all our new Trails residents. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not been welcomed, please call Carolyn Stone at 832-237-8178 or email her at [cstone@swrg.com](mailto:cstone@swrg.com). We want to stop by and say hello, get some information to introduce your family to the neighbors through the Howdy Partner article, and give you a handy packet of information to help familiarize you with your new neighborhood. We also have Trails information available on our website at [www.winchestertrails.com](http://www.winchestertrails.com). Welcome to the Trails!

**The Maintenance Board meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the clubhouse. All residents are encouraged to attend.**

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## The Trails Website

The Trails has a new website: [www.winchestertrails.com](http://www.winchestertrails.com).

Please visit it often for updates on committees and important contacts. You can also find links for deed restrictions, the newsletter and school info. You can even load money in your child's lunch account from there! As always your feedback is important so let me know what you think.

Lesa Smith

## Vacation Bible School June 2006

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## *Texas Events - May 2006*

10—SAN BENITO: El Segundo Weensdee Enjoy an oral history series on conjunto music. Begins at 7 p.m. Narciso Martinez Cultural Art Center, 225 E. Stenger St. 956/361-0110

11-13—HOUSTON: Grand Prix of Houston Offers three days and nights of speed and entertainment featuring world-class Champ Car and American Le Mans Series auto racing. One Reliant Park. [www.grandprixofhouston.com](http://www.grandprixofhouston.com) 713/659-7223 or 713/867-3180

1-14—POaRT NECHES: Riverfest "Thunder on the Neches" Features boat races, food and craft vendors, carnival and more. Port Neches Park. E-mail: [pncoc@swbell.net](mailto:pncoc@swbell.net) • [www.portnecheschamber.com](http://www.portnecheschamber.com) 409/722-9154

12—HARLINGEN: Sixth Annual Chamber Golf Tournament Format is a three-man Texas scramble. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. [www.harlingen.com](http://www.harlingen.com) 956/423-5440

12-14—CRYSTAL BEACH: Texas Crab Festival Celebrate Mother's Day Weekend with live music, Crab Legs Contest, crab races, Texas Crab Festival Weiner Dog Nationals, shopping, carnival, festival foods and a cook-off of the tastiest crab dishes on the Texas Gulf Coast. Gregory Park, Hwy. 87. 409/684-5940 or 800/386-7863 Gulf

2-14, 18-19—VICTORIA: The Odd Couple (Female Version) Shows are 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Leo J. Welder Center

13—HARLINGEN: "Blues on the Hill" Features blues music with several bands performing. Lawn chairs and beach towels are welcome. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. McKelvey Park, 1325 S. 77 Sunshine Strip. 956/427-8870

13—HOUSTON: Everyones Art Car Parade Showcases Houston's most outlandish folk art creations on wheels. The Fruit Mobile, a 1967 Ford station wagon, started the craze in 1986. [www.orangeshow.org](http://www.orangeshow.org) 713/926-6368

3—PASADENA: Bayou Boil Annual fund-raising event includes crayfish boil, silent and live auctions, music and crafts demonstrations. Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd. [www.abnc.org](http://www.abnc.org) 281/474-5221

13—WEST COLUMBIA: Brazoria County Bluegrass Concert Bluegrass bands perform beginning at 7 p.m. American Legion Hall, 213 N. 14th St. [www.westcolumbia.org](http://www.westcolumbia.org) 979/265-4757

13-14—PORT ARANSAS: Anglers on Wheels Sponsored by Door in the Wall Inc., this fishing tournament is for the physically challenged. Woody's Sport Center. 210/637-8316

14—BROWNSVILLE: Pedal to Padre! Adventurous bicycle tour begins at the Brownsville Event Center and ends at Louie's Backyard on South Padre Island. [www.RiverRockets.com](http://www.RiverRockets.com) 956/451-1500

15—PORT ARANSAS: Songwriter's Showcase Local singers/songwriters perform in the courtyard of the historic Tarpon Inn. 361/749-7334

18—HARLINGEN: Golden Palms Luau Reservations required. Golden Palms Retirement & Health Center. [www.goldenpalmsrgv.com](http://www.goldenpalmsrgv.com) 956/389-4014

19—VICTORIA: Victoria Country Opry Community Center Annex. 361/552-9347

19-21—INGLESIDE: Round Up Days Festival dates back to 1974 but was fashioned after the Great Cattle Round Up of the 1800s. Live Oak Park, 1874 Port Ave. [www.inglesidetxchamber.com](http://www.inglesidetxchamber.com) 888/899-2906 or 361/776-2906

19-21—PASADENA: Strawberry Festival Offers a wide variety of food, arts & crafts, activities and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. Pasadena Convention Center & Municipal Fairgrounds, 7902 Fairmont Parkway at Red Bluff Road. [www.strawberryfest.org](http://www.strawberryfest.org) 281/991-9500

19-21, 26-28—BROWNSVILLE: The Graduate Camille Lightner Playhouse. [www.camilleplayers.cjb.net](http://www.camilleplayers.cjb.net) 956/542-8900

20—BAYTOWN: Giant Yard Sale Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bicentennial Park. [www.baytown.org](http://www.baytown.org) 281/420-6597

20—LAKE JACKSON: Brazosport Symphony Orchestra Concert Begins at 7:30 p.m. The Clarion at Brazosport College. 979/265-7331

20—LAKE JACKSON: Gordon the Grouper's Birthday Party Hours are 10 a.m. to noon. Sea Center Texas. 979/292-0100

20—PORT NECHES: Trade Day on the Avenue Port Neches Avenue. 409/722-4023

20—RICHMOND: A Day on the Farm George Ranch Historical Park. [www.georgeranch.org](http://www.georgeranch.org) 281/343-0218

20—WHARTON: Southern Pacific Railroad Depot Restoration Dedication & Parade 979/532-8550

20-21—HARLINGEN: Super Rolling Thunder USSSA Tournament Begins at noon. Sports Complex Ball Park, 3139 Wilson Road. 956/245-0264

21—LA PORTE: 16th Annual Monumental Bug Bash The Bay Area Volkswagen Club hosts this annual car picnic. All makes and models of VWs are welcome. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. 713/398-0183 or 281/479-2431

23-Jun. 4—HOUSTON: Bombay Dreams Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby. [www.tuts.com](http://www.tuts.com) 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

24-Jun. 11—HOUSTON: Nickel & Dime: On (Not) Getting by in America Play adapts Barbara Ehrenreich's New York Times bestseller. [www.stagetheatre.com](http://www.stagetheatre.com) 713/527-0123

25, 27-28—HOUSTON: Classical X 3 Includes the American premiere of Stanton Welch's hyper-kinetic tutu ballet Velocity; company premiere of Play, Welch's quirky take on modern city life set to the music of DJ/techno artist Moby; and Sir Kenneth Mac Millan's neo-classical masterpiece Gloria rounds out the program. Wortham Theater Center. [www.houstonballet.org](http://www.houstonballet.org) 713/227-2787

25-Aug. 20—HOUSTON: Frank Stella 1958 Exhibition tracks the many changes of a young painter experimenting with the wide array of styles and formal possibilities available to him at a vital juncture in American art history. The Menil Collection. [www.menil.org](http://www.menil.org) 713/525-9400

27-29—PORT ARTHUR: S.A.L.T. Fishing Rodeo Pleasure Island. 409/735-4488 or 409/718-8787

29—BAYTOWN: Memorial Day Ceremony Honors veterans and heroes. Begins at 11 a.m. Veterans' Plaza at Bicentennial Park. [www.baytown.org](http://www.baytown.org) 281/420-6597

29—FREEPORT: Memorial Day Regatta Bridge Harbor Yacht Club. 979/233-2101

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## Happy Mother's Day



**May 14 is Mothers Day!**

***DON'T FORGET to remind Mom how much you appreciate all she does for you.***

Happiness, like most things, comes from mothers.

An amniotic universe is rare.

Paradises aren't found with others,

Perhaps because we must breathe our own air.

Yet even after paradise, we find

Mothers are a bath of warm affection.

Only mothers' love is truly blind

To guarantee all errant souls protection.

However we find love, it can be only

Evanescences of memories

Retained from when we never could be lonely,

'Ere we left our mother's outsized knees.

So good it is to have that happiness

Designed to grace each subsequent caress,

All future love and joy to underlie,

Yearning backwards towards a mother's sigh.

*Nicholas Gordon*



**"Boy this class is gonna come in handy for when we write home for money!"**

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