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# **Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins Swim Team**

We have 202 swimmers on our swim team ranging from 4 to 18 years old. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun season! Below is a calendar of events, please cut and keep by the fridge for easy access or you can always visit us at www.loedolphins.org

### **LOE SWIM TEAM 2008 CALENDAR**

- MAY 3- TIME TRIALS WITH CONCORD BRIDGE @ LOE POOL
- MAY 5- PICTURES @ 5:00 LOE POOL
- MAY 10- RAIN DATE FOR TIME TRIALS WITH CONCORD BRIDGE @ LOE POOL
- MAY 16- PEP-RALLY 7-9 PM
- MAY 17- HOME VS. COPPERFIELD NON-DIVISIONAL
- MAY 23- PEP-RALLY, 7 9 PM
- MAY 24- AWAY VS. CONCORD BRIDGE
- MAY 26- NO PRACTICE HOLIDAY MEMORIAL DAY
- MAY 30- PEP-RALLY 7-9 PM
- MAY 31- HOME VS. FAIRFIELD
- JUNE 6- PEP-RALLY 7-9 PM
- JUNE 7- AWAY VS. DEERFIELD VILLAGE
- JUNE 13- PEP-RALLY 7-9 PM
- JUNE 14- HOME VS. JERSEY VILLAGE
- JUNE 21- DIVISIONAL TBA
- JUNE 23- BANQUET LOCATION TBA
- JUNE 27-29- INVITATIONAL RED, WHITE AND BLUE

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# **Autism Support Group**

The next Autism Support Group meeting will take place on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM at the Lakes on Eldridge North Community Center.

The Autism Support Group meets the 4th Thursday of odd months. We have had two very successful meetings so far this year. In January, the group got started with a get-to-know-you meeting. At our last meeting in March, we discussed summer opportunities such as ESY (Extended School Year), therapies, summer camps, and appropriate recreational activities.

If you have a child with autism in your life, we hope you, will join us at our next meeting on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet parents of children on the autism spectrum, become informed, and share resources. The topic of our next meeting will be announced via e-mail. Suggestions and/or ideas for possible speakers are welcome.

Directions to the meeting: Take Tanner Rd. from Eldridge. Pass Kirk Elementary and enter Lakes on Eldridge North at Tanner on the left. Once inside, take the 1st right onto Catalina Shores Dr. Follow this around until you see the Community Center on your left.

There is no charge to attend this meeting; however, we cannot provide childcare at this time. For questions, information, or to RSVP, e-mail Kathleen at tas\_@hotmail.com or call (713) 856-9968.

To be put on our e-mail list or for more information, e-mail Kathleen at tas @hotmail.com or call (713) 856-9968.

# **Cypress Christian School Chamber Choir wins Gold!**

Congratulations to the members of Cypress Christian School Chamber Choir for an excellent performance at the San Antonio Heritage Music Festival. Each choir was rated on a point scale from 0-100. All three adjudicators gave the CCS Chamber Choir scores in the 90s! This qualified the students for a Gold Award. In addition to the scoring, the students received an on-stage clinic with an adjudicator, Dr. Brumley (Director of Shreveport Singers), where he shared valuable choral insight. The CCS Choir was also invited to attend the National Festival of Gold in 2009!

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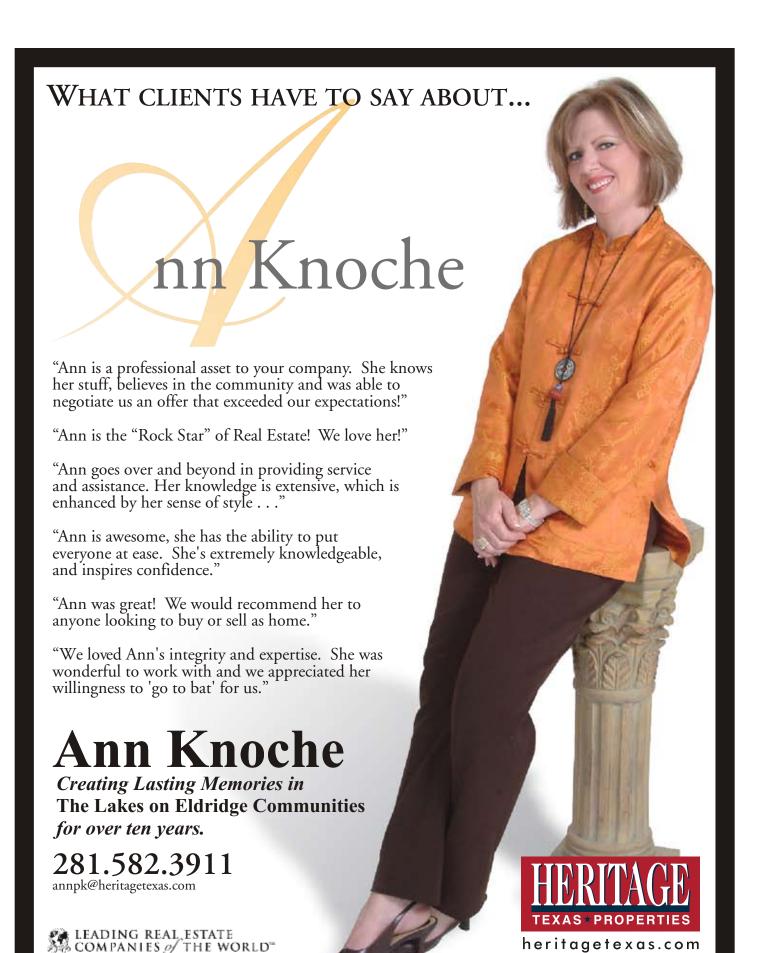
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# HURRICANE & FLOOD INFORMATION

Hurricane season begins June 1st and we want you to be aware of the importance of flood insurance!

Most people didn't think about the possibility of a flood in their area until Tropical Storm Allison slammed into Houston in June 2001. Now, few of us don't know someone who didn't have a loss. And of the nearly 50,000 properties that were damaged or destroyed, only half of the victims had flood insurance.

What this means is even though you may have a Personal or Commercial Property policy, you are NOT covered if you do not have a separate flood insurance policy. In addition, if you already have an existing flood insurance policy, the coverage may not be sufficient to fully protect all of the buildings or structures you may have on your property.

We want to help you be prepared to battle and win against these possible high waters. A Hurricane Checklist is attached to assist you in preparing for future storms and the flooding conditions that many times accompany hurricanes and severe storms. A flood is one of the most devastating natural disasters that could happen to you but you do not have to surrender to Mother Nature any longer!

Call your insurance agent to discuss putting flood coverage in effect for you or evaluating your existing flood coverage. There is a mandatory 30 day waiting period before flood coverage goes into effect on a currently owned building, SO DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.

Check out the National Hurricane Center's website (www.nhc.noaa.gov) for up to date and detailed information on the 2006 Hurricane Season. The Harris County Flood Control District also has a good animated tracking chart you can download from www. hcfd.org.

In the event of a possible hurricane hitting the Houston area, all exterior gates in Lakes on Eldridge will be locked open to ensure the fastest possible access and egress by both residents and emergency vehicles.

### HURRICANE CHECKLIST

- Have you planned an evacuation route?
   Do you know where the nearest shelter is?
- Trim dead or weak branches from trees.
- Do you have flood insurance? There is a 30-day waiting period before coverage is effective. Property insurance normally excludes flood damage.

### DURING A HURRICANE WATCH: LISTEN TO THE RADIO OR TV FOR HURRICANE PROGRESS REPORTS.

- Check to be sure you have emergency supplies (see the following page).
- Fill all your vehicles with fuel.
- Bring in all outdoor objects like lawn furniture, garden tools, etc. Anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Protect your windows. While permanent shutters are the best protection, 1/2" plywood panels may be cut to fit each window. Mark which board fits which window and screw them into pre-drilled holes 18" apart.
- Turn refrigerator & freezer to the coldest setting. Open only when absolutely necessary.
- Move boats to a designated safe place, or moor them securely. Secure boats to a trailer with a chain or rope. Use tie-downs to anchor the trailer to the ground.

# DURING A HURRICANE WARNING: KEEP YOUR RADIO OR TV ON AT ALL TIMES.

- Get to shelter. When inside, avoid elevators and stay away from windows, skylights, and glass doors.
- Fill all sinks, bathtubs, jugs, bottles, pots & pans with water.

# IF POWER IS LOST, TURN OFF MAJOR APPLIANCES TO REDUCE POWER SURGES WHEN ELECTRICITY IS RESTORED.

### IF YOU MUST EVACUATE:

 Leave as soon as possible, avoiding flooded roads. Watch for washed out bridges.

- Unplug all computers and appliances.
   Turn off electricity and main water valve
- Bring important papers in a waterproof bag along with a valid ID.
- Tell someone outside the storm area where you are going.
- If time permits, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding.
- Take emergency supplies, warm protective clothing and blankets or sleeping bags with you.
- Don't forget your cellular phone and battery pack for recharging.
- Lock all doors on your property.

# EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO HAVE ON HAND...

- Flashlight with extra batteries.
- Portable radio with extra batteries.
- Telephone that doesn't require electricity to operate.
- First aid kit.
- Emergency food and water (bottled water and food that doesn't require refrigeration or cooking)
- Manual can opener.
- Essential medicines (at least a 5 day supply)
- Cash & Credit Cards (to buy necessities for at least 5 days)
- Sanitation Supplies.
- Sturdy shoes and work gloves.
- An extra pair of glasses.

### AFTER THE STORM:

- Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company, police or fire department.
- Beware of snakes, insects or animals driven to higher ground by floodwater.
- Check gas, electrical and water lines for damage. Wear heavy shoes and work gloves to protect against debris and broken glass.
- Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry the interior of your building.
- Check refrigerated foods for spoilage.
- If you sustain any damage from the storm, report it as soon as possible to your insurance agent.



# Houston continues to **BEAT ALL ODDS** in the Real Estate Market.

Current statistics for Lakes on Eldridge and Lakes on Eldridge North combined from January 1 through April 8, 2008\*.

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### Number of Homes sold: 29

Ranging in price from \$245,000 to \$775,000 Average price per square foot: \$109.19 Average days on the market: 70

### **Active Listings: 40**

Ranging from \$259,000 to \$932,500

Average sales price to list price ratio: 96%.

# **KAY HORSCH**

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### **NatureWatch**

by Jim and Lynne Weber

### **Pollinators: A Flower's Best Friend**

With their beautiful colors, interesting shapes, and enticing scents, the main purpose of flowers is to attract pollinators and ensure the reproduction of the flowering plant. A pollinator is the biotic agent that moves pollen from the male parts of a flower (anthers) to the female parts of a flower (stigma) to accomplish fertilization. Why is this so important? Aside from the propagation of native plant species, over 150 grain and fruit food crops depend on this process – without it we would have no almonds, coffee, apples, or chocolate!

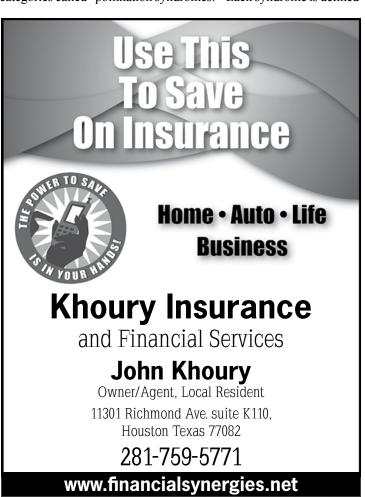
While there are some birds, bats, and small mammals (and even a lizard in some parts of the world) that act as pollinators, the vast majority of this job is done by flying insects. The most recognized pollinators are various species of bees, which are clearly adapted to pollination. Their surface is fuzzy and carries an electrostatic charge, and both of these features help pollen grains to adhere to their bodies. Bees often also have structures on their abdomen or legs that have evolved to carry pollen. Honey bees gather both nectar and pollen, using them to nurture their young, inadvertently transferring pollen between flowers as they are working.

Hummingbirds act as pollinators for various species of deepthroated flowers, a perfect example of how plants fall into different categories called "pollination syndromes." Each syndrome is defined by a collection of characteristics that attract a certain type of pollinator. Hummingbirds love to visit red flowers with long narrow tubes and lots of nectar, but are not as strongly attracted to wide flowers with little nectar and copious amounts of pollen. Butterfly-pollinated flowers tend to be showy, pink or lavender in color, frequently have a good landing area, and are usually scented. Among the more important moth pollinators are the hawk moths, whose behavior is similar to hummingbirds except that they are nocturnal or crepuscular (active at dawn & dusk). As such, moth-pollinated flowers tend to be white, night-opening, with large blooms that produce a strong, sweet scent in the evening or early morning.

Today, there is alarming evidence that the pollinator population is in decline, threatened by habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation. When native pollination syndromes are modified by planting nonnative and unfamiliar plant species in our yards and public places, pollinator visitation declines. This helps to explain why it is important to the overall health of an ecosystem to not break the natural lifecycle and interrelationships of highly-evolved, coexisting native species by introducing or replacing them with non-native ones.

Thanks to the wonderful work of bees, butterflies, birds, and other animal pollinators, flowering plants are able to reproduce and bear

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### Nature Watch - (Continued from page 6)

fruit, providing many of the foods we eat, the plant materials we and other organisms use, and the natural beauty we see around us. If you are interested in doing your part to create a pollinator-friendly habitat, plan to use a variety of native plants that bloom from spring to fall, eliminate the use of chemical pesticides, include larval host plants to encourage caterpillars, and construct bee condos or manmade nesting blocks. Encouraging pollinators can "bee" a project the whole family can enjoy!



Now that Spring is upon us and the weather is pleasant, most of us will be outside more often and taking our pets walking with us. To most of us, pets are members of the family and sometimes forget that even though our "best friend" won't snap at us, he or she may snap at an unfamiliar face. Harris County law and your Governing Documents require that when your pet is outside the confines of your property, he or she must be leashed and under

the direct supervision of a responsible person.



# ATTENTION MATING SEASON IN LOE!

Remember our lovely swans can be dangerous at this time of year. It is still mating, nesting, and egg laying season and they feel the need to protect their territory against predators such as humans, dogs and waterfowl. Please stay clear of their territory when walking past the lakes.





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# Recipe of the Month:



### **Picante Sauce**

1 lb. peppers (bell, banana, & jalapeno; according to how hot you want the sauce; the seeds of the jalapeno peppers add a lot of WARMTH!)

3/4 C sugar

3 onions

3 qts. tomatoes

4-5 cloves garlic 1 C vinegar

2 T salt

Scald tomatoes and peel. Quarter and place in large pot. Chop peppers, onions, and garlic; and mix with tomatoes. Add sugar, vinegar and salt. Simmer slowly several hours until the sauce is the desired consistency.

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# Cy-Ridge Juniors !!! After Prom Update – RAP '09

RAP '09 met at Pizza Factory at Little York and Eldridge in February and March. We discussed the plans for giving out RAP bucks. The talk centered around how many RAP Bucks would be given for each event, activity or fundraiser and how to give out the RAP bucks at the After Prom Party. We now have a table that lists the points to be given and our record keeper will make sure all points are recorded for each student.

Some parents in the group have been involved since day one of our kid's freshman year. Others joined in later years. But, the sad fact is that we have about a dozen volunteers right now. These few people will raise the money so that all of our kids can have fun, win great prizes and take home some awesome free stuff!! That event will cost a bunch of money!!! And it will depend on corporate donations and student and parent involvement. Please think about participating.

Class of 2009 has set the date for the Prom. Of course, the After Prom Party will be that evening. We have 1 year to pull everything together. Please visit us online to see where we can use your talents to help out. If you, your child or your spouse can help with any of these ideas, please send one of us an email or give us a call. If you can help one time, ten times, every month or every week, we would like to meet you.

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### **Diet and Your Health**

By Jeannette Quickenden S.A.C. Dip, MICHT, AADP

Welcome to our new feature 'what you eat and your health' our aim is to help you help you.

The old saying "we are what we eat" is so true. Everything we consume is digested and absorbed into our bloodstream to 'fuel' our bodies. At the same time, without realizing it, we are feeding ourselves large quantities of chemical additives and preservatives, which can cause numerous health issues.

A large number of the things on your grocery list contain food additives that are intentionally added to modify visual appearance, taste, texture, processing, or the storage life of food. Not all of us can tolerate these additives. A reaction for some can lead to major health issues.

We all know that eating too much junk food is bad for the waistline but did you know that there are also numbers of 'good' foods that can have an adverse effect on some individuals?

For example do you or a family member suffer with any of the following?

- headaches
- indigestion
- depression
- candida
- difficulty sleeping
- poor memory
- constipation
- poor digestion
- menstrual problems
- irritability
- fatigue

And these are to name just a few ailments which can be diet related.

Finding the right dietary combination has also been known to help those suffering

from autism, heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and certain cancers – while increasing your energy and stamina. Healthy eating can even lower "bad" LDL cholesterol.

Our first article will hit home to many parents - A hyperactive nightmare on two legs – does this sound like your child? We will be looking at possible dietary causes for behavioral problems.

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# Messina Hof Winery Announces the 31st Anniversary Annual Harvest Celebration

Messina Hof, the fastest growing award-winning winery and resort in Texas, is celebrating their Harvest from July 18 to August 17, 2008, announced Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo, co-founders of Messina Hof Winery & Resort in Bryan, Texas.

Harvest is a time when guests can experience the century-old tradition of making wine by picking and stomping of the grapes. Wine lovers, including special guests and local celebrities, will roll up their sleeves and pants and partake in the first phase of wine making with the Messina Hof Family. After guests hand-pick the grapes straight from the vine, the fun of squashing begins. Not only will they get their feet wet, they will be rewarded for their hard work with a Harvest Cuisine prepared by Award winning culinary team of The Vintage House restaurant.

"Harvest is our favorite time of year here at Messina Hof Winery," said Paul Bonarrigo. "It gives us a chance to share our love of making award-wining wine with people who not only love wine, but love having a good time!"

The second annual Moonlit Harvest will be an enchanted evening not to be forgotten. The romantic evening

will kick off the first harvesting of the grapes as guests pick grapes from the vineyards, then stomp them under a beautiful sunset on Friday, July 18, 2008. Guests also receive a Messina Hof Harvest

souvenir t-shirt to imprint with their purple feet after stomping. After the grapes have been crushed, they will enjoy a multiple-course special dinner at The Vintage House Restaurant.

Harvest is an exciting five-week event featuring a wide variety of food and wine events including

the Moonlit Harvest, Harvest, Harvest Murder Mystery Dinners, and the Harvest Vintner's Dinner each weekend. Harvest events in chronological order:

### Moonlit Harvest

### Friday, July 18, 2008

The second annual "Moonlit Harvest" includes picking and stomping the grapes, a souvenir t-shirt, and a Vineyard Cuisine dinner at The Vintage House.

### **Harvest**

Saturday, July 19, 2008 – Sunday, August 17, 2008 (Saturday and Sunday only)

### **Murder Mystery Dinners**

Saturday, July 21, 2008 – Saturday, August 18, 2008 (All Murder Mystery Dinners begin at 6:30 PM)

Mystery Dinner theme's are as follows:

July 19 - "Pirate Murder Mystery"

July 26 – "Celebrity Celebrations"

August 2 – "Storm Survivors"

August 9 – "Case of the Missing Matchmaker"

August 15 – "Murder on the Mound"

### **Harvest Vintner's Dinners**

Friday, July 25, 2008 – Saturday, August 16, 2008 (All Vintner's Dinners begin at 6:30 PM)

Harvest Vintner's Dinner's are as follows:

July 25

August 1

August 8

August 16 – Grand Finale

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# **COMPOST & AERATION:** Keys to a Healthy Lawn

By David Hunsaker

Compost and Aeration are key ingredients to a healthy, vibrant green turf. The combination of both Compost and Aeration help to improve the lawn's root system, soil compaction and soil composition.

The first key ingredient is Aeration. This is the process of perforating the soil with small holes that allow water, air and fertilizer to get closer to the roots. This enables the roots to grow more deeply producing a healthier, greener turf. The aeration process removes thin, cigar-shaped plugs of dirt and then deposits them on the surface of the lawn. These plugs are left on the lawn in order to get oxygen to the root system.

When lawns are not aerated, air gets squeezed out of the soil and roots cannot grow as efficiently. "The soil under the lawn tends to compact readily because, unlike garden soil, it is virtually never worked or turned.

For the lawn, aerating is the alternative to tilling."\*

The second key ingredient is the compost or top soil. Compost is an all natural, organic fertilizer that dispenses nutrients into your soil. The lawn is top dressed with compost after aerating. As it slowly decomposes throughout the year, it leaves you with a strong, green and lush lawn. Compost also has more of a significant amount of additional nutrients than any "brand name" fertilizer you can buy at your local home and garden center.

The process of Aerating and applying compost decreases the soil compaction, allows nutrients into the soil and strengthens your lawn root system during the stresses of summer. Both Aerating and Composting are key factors to a healthy lawn.

\* All About Lawns, Ortho Books

# Recycle your Crocs

Learning Express is proud to announce our participation in the SolesUnited program. Started by Crocs, SolesUnited is the first of its kind footwear recycling program. Here's how it works:

- 1. Wear your Crocs shoes until the tread becomes worn or they reach their end-of-life.
- 2. Donate your worn-our Crocs at a participating retail location.
- 3. Once worn-out Crocs are received, they are sorted, ground up and made into new SolesUnited recycled shoes.
- 4. SolesUnited shipping partners work with organizations that assure the shoes will be delivered to those who need them.

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# 10 Ideas to Help You Get Organized this Spring!

**Computer:** Examine your desktop for icons or shortcuts you no longer use. Delete those and organize the remaining ones on the desktop in an order that makes sense for how you use them. Then add any extra icons of frequently used programs.

**Pantry:** On a pantry door, place a clear shoe organizer. It can be a useful place to store gravy/soup/sauce mixes, flavored rice and pasta packs, dry marinades and sauces, Jell-O, extra utensils, spices, or other small items. Shoeboxes are also great to use as inexpensive organizers for small pantry items.

**Refrigerator:** Before grocery shopping, examine your fridge. Discard any stale food & clean shelves with a damp cloth. Upon return, the new groceries can go right in.

**Freezer/Fridge:** For food in the freezer/refrigerator, rotate the oldest to the front and newest in back. Use adhesive labels to date items in storage containers.

**Laundry:** Before putting small articles of clothing into the washing machine, get a few inexpensive mesh bags (used for hosiery) and separate each family member's socks, undergarments, and other small items into them. When washing is complete, these bags can be tossed into the dryer and dropped in everyone's room to put away.

**Cleaning Supplies:** Use a caddy with a handle to carry around cleaning products (sprays, rags, wipes, sponges) from room to room with ease. Also, items stay in one place and are quick to locate when needed.

**Drawers:** Use ice-cube trays and empty check boxes as drawer organizers to hold loose coin, pins, buttons, earrings, rubber-bands, etc.

**Paper Data:** Information on Post-It Notes and business cards with important names, numbers, and addresses should be transferred to your electronic database or address book.

**Garage:** Use a tall trashcan or umbrella stand for holding long items such as baseball bats, fishing rods, etc.

**Games:** Use Ziploc bags to store small game pieces, and then put those bags back in their correct boxes.

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Since Boys and Girls Country does not apply for state or federal grants or United Way funding, the Home must raise over \$4 million annually. This is accomplished from individual and corporate donations, special events, and foundation funding.

One of the significant special events held each year is the Spring Festival which will be held at Boys and Girls Country on Roberts Road on Saturday, May 3rd, from 10:00-5:00. This is a fun event for all ages of children and adults, and admission is free.

There will be games such as the Bugs Life Obstacle Course, the Amazon Extreme Obstacle Course, and even a hay ride on the ranch. For food there will be a Texas style barbecue along with all kinds of desserts, popcorn, funnel cakes, and ice cream. And then for adults, there will be a great auction where you can bid on a trip to Jamaica, to Montana, or a hunting trip to a ranch near Fredericksburg. People attending Spring Festival will also have the opportunity to visit a cottage and see where the children live.

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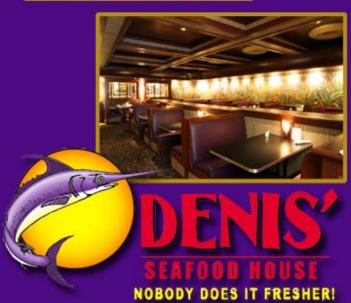
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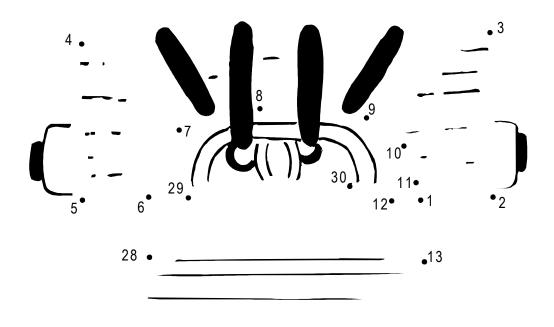
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