

# RANCH RECORD

*News For The Residents of  
Blackhorse Ranch*

## Inspiring Possibilities Fall Fundraiser

Inspiring possibilities, a non profit organization for children with special needs, is excited to host an adult only casino night and silent auction on **Saturday, November 1st** from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. This event will be held at the Coles Crossing Clubhouse, located on the corner of Barker Cypress and Jarvis. The cost is \$50 per person which includes all alcoholic beverages, food and \$100 of casino play money. Please join us and join the fun in making this organization and event successful. Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Christy Lieder at 281-744-0568 or [christy@allstarma.com](mailto:christy@allstarma.com). You may also visit our website at [www.allstarma.com](http://www.allstarma.com) for more information on our program and donations.

## Creating Strong Vibrant Communities

It's a fact of our global economy that consumers are drawn to the Internet because of convenience. But as residents of NW Houston and in the wake of Ike, we may need to remind ourselves why it is important to "Think Local Business First."

1. Local businesses are often collectively our largest local employer. The largest growth of jobs is from small business owners.
2. When one dollar is spent at a local business, economists indicate it is circulated four to seven additional times in the local economy.
3. Every dollar spent locally generates up to 75% more tax revenue to our community and State.
4. Local businesses are often the largest financial supporters of neighborhood school programs, local charities and youth sports activities.
5. Strong local business helps maintain property values and contribute to the character of our community by offering a diverse selection of goods and services.
6. Local business is most often the first job for our children but also is the first introduction into the "real world" of economics. Many of us in NW Houston have had a small business owner in their family at one time or another.
7. Small business often innovates quicker and thus grows faster and can have a greater impact on our community.

*Creating a Strong Vibrant Community when we  
"Think Local Business First"*

## Halloween safety tips

### Some tips for the little ghouls and goblins for a fun night:

1. Always look both ways when crossing the street!
2. Carry a flashlight and walk with a group of friends/family.
3. Have an adult check all candy/goodies before eating anything.
4. Only go up to homes with their front porch light on.
5. Report any suspicious activity to an adult.

Follow these simple tips, along with your parents/guardians rules, and you'll be sure to have a great time on this frightful night!

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Thursday, November 13th at 6:30pm

Friday, November 14th at 6:30pm.

Saturday, November 15th at 2:00pm

Tickets at the door  
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## 15th Annual Wow Craft Show

Good Shepherd Umc - Fairfield

Saturday, October 11 , 9:00 – 4:00

The Women of the Word invite you to our annual craft show. We have indoor and outdoor vendors offering many beautiful and useful items - from jewelry, candles, purses, baby items, wooden arts, and yard art to Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations. This is your chance to get ahead of the holiday shopping rush!

There will be a Silent Auction, a Bake Sale sponsored by Women of the Word, and delicious food sold by Boy Scout Troop 533.

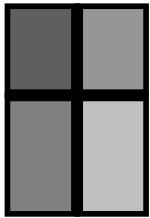
Our United Methodist Men will be sponsoring their annual Pumpkin Patch. So bring your family, browse through stacks of pumpkins and capture that "Kodak" moment!

Admission to the Craft Show is \$1 for adults and kids are free.

All proceeds go to support our local missions, including Boys and Girls Country, CareNet Pregnancy Center and Cypress Assistance Ministries as well as our missionary families.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is located in the Fairfield Subdivision at 290 and Mason. From Mason, turn right on Cypresswood Drive and follow the signs to the church located at 20155 Cypresswood Drive. The Craft Show will be inside the gym and in the parking lot.

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- Clean, disinfect toilets, tubs, showers
- Hand wash, disinfect floors

#### All Rooms

- Pick up and straighten
- Dust sills, ledges, wall hangings
- Remove cobwebs
- Dust/vacuum furniture
- Vacuum floors, carpets
- Vacuum stairs
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## Cy-Fair ISD & Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS): A Winning Combination

VIPS is an acronym for Volunteers in Public Schools. VIPS in Cy-Fair ISD center the attention of their service on supporting students and staff and making a significant contribution to the education of children. These dedicated individuals, who give freely of their time and resources, impact the academic and personal development of Cy-Fair students. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is fortunate to be able to draw from a diversity of skills and knowledge in its community.

The district VIPS Executive Board spearheads the business of the VIPS. This board is comprised of volunteers elected to take on specific responsibilities offering support, guidance, and training to all volunteers in the district. The VIPS Executive Board meets monthly to evaluate and address the needs of the district and distribute information relating to volunteer and community activities and strengthen parental involvement in education.

If you are interested in becoming part of the winning combination at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer, and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

### Cy-Fair ISD & Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS): A Winning Combination October 2008 Upcoming Events

Oct. 1 - Math Training

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

Participants will have an opportunity to review the first semester curriculum in grades 1-5, use some of the technology applications available to teachers and students, learn more about the 4-step problem solving process, and explore some of the components of Singapore Math being used with students in elementary math.

Oct. 7 - Junior Achievement Coordinator Training  
9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

Specifically for those who will take responsibility for implementing the JA program for their campus.

Oct. 7 - Junior Achievement Volunteer Training  
9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics, and be workforce ready.

Oct. 9 - Sooper Puppy Training

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

Sooper Puppy is a first grade class series dealing with life lessons, facing dilemmas and arriving at solutions by making good choices.

Oct. 15 - Hearing Certification Training

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Berry Center

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## **Cy-Fair ISD & Volunteers-** (Continued from Page 8)

Become a State certified trained volunteer to assist your CFISD school in hearing testing for the students. Please RSVP to your school nurse by October 10.

### **Oct. 16 - Vision Certification Training**

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Berry Center

Become a State certified trained volunteer to assist your CFISD school in vision testing for the students. Please RSVP to your school nurse by October 10.

### **October 23 - Classroom Assistance**

10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., ISC West

Learn basic classroom technology tips to assist students in the classroom. A campus administrator or VIPS liaison approval signature is required for this free technology training.

### **October 28 - Junior Achievement Volunteer Training**

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

### **October 28 - Microsoft Word I & II**

10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., ISC West

Learn simple to moderate applications of Microsoft Word software. Administrator signature approval required to register for this free technology training.

### **October 30 - Fall Conference**

8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., Berry Center

A day of informative workshops is offered to volunteers, staff, parents and community members designed to support the work of volunteers in all district schools.

**How to register for training** - With the exception of Hearing and Vision Certification, register for training by emailing the PIE office at [vipsrsvp@cfisd.net](mailto:vipsrsvp@cfisd.net). Provide your name and the name and date of the training you wish to attend. Registration is required to guarantee a seat and training materials.

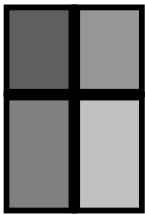
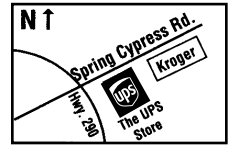
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9:15am Sunday School for All Ages

10:30am Worship

### **Wednesday Schedule**

6:00pm Dinner

6:30pm Worship

6:45pm Classes for All Ages

### **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

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**Place:** Fairfield Athletic Center, 16055 Mason Road

**Race packet pickup:** 7 to 8 p.m. Friday evening at the Fairfield Athletic Club; 7:00 a.m. race day

**Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Male & Female overall; Boy under 12 & Girl under 12 (5K)

**Fees:** 5K--\$20 before 10/11; \$25 after 10/11

50-yard dash for kids 10 and under--\$10 before 10/11; \$15 after 10/11

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## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Please be aware of children walking and biking to and from school. Of course, we want all children to be safe and school buses are relatively safe. However, accidents and injuries involving school buses do happen. More often than not these injuries happen when children are entering or exiting the bus. Here are some safety tips for school bus riders.

- Have a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- Hold onto the handrails when entering or exiting the bus.
- Once on the bus, take your seat and remain seated face forward.
- Talk quietly so that you don't distract the driver.
- Never throw things on the bus and keep your hands to yourself.
- When you exit the bus, take ten giant steps



away from the bus. When you are closer than 10 feet from the bus, the driver might not see you. This is known as the DANGER ZONE.

- If you forget something on the bus, do not return to the bus to get it. The driver might not see you.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you.
- If you need to cross the street, cross in front of the bus never behind the bus.

Motorists should follow safety rules around school buses. Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop. Motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights indicate that the bus has stopped and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red flashing lights are turned off. Here are a few more traffic safety tips for motorists.

- When backing out of the driveway or garage, watch out for children.
- When driving through neighborhoods and especially in school zones, watch out for children. Children don't always pay attention to traffic and don't always know that motorists have trouble seeing them.
- Slow down. Watch out for children walking or playing in the street.
- Be alert and ready to stop. Children sometimes dart into the street.

Basically "Watch out for our Blackhorse Ranch children!".

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## Six Basic Tenants to Successful Investing

*Submitted by Kai A. Lamb*

While no two investors are alike, these are some basic guidelines that I believe most investors should follow for successful investing.

### 1. Invest in top-rated, quality investments.

Sounds very basic, but you would be amazed at how often I see an individual assets are not allocated to quality investments. Below are two ways to make sure you are in top-rated, quality investments:

- If investing in individual equities, one should only invest in well-managed, quality stocks. A well-known television personality refers to this as investing in the “best of breed”. These are usually the stocks of high quality companies when compared to their competitors within the same sector or industry.
- If investing in mutual funds, one should use free Internet tools, such as Morningstar.com, to ensure that their funds are top rated. While mutual fund portfolios should not be constructed purely on Morningstar® star-ratings, investors should stick the best managed funds with low expenses – typically these garner 4 and 5 star ratings by Morningstar®.

### 2. Understand that Potential Higher Reward could mean Higher Risk.

A couple of years ago, someone asked me what type of return they could reasonably expect to receive from an investment classified

as moderate to conservative. Since interest rates were higher at that time, I told them they could typically expect about a 6% to 7% annual return. They disputed why they would have to settle for such low rates because they said they could purchase something called a first trust-deed and receive interest payments of 12%-14% annually. Today, many of those same first trust-deeds in Las Vegas and Phoenix are in default and have stopped all interest payments. Therefore it is important to understand that there is a direct relationship between higher reward and higher risk.

### 3. Be Disciplined.

All too often, investors make emotional decisions based on daily market activity or newspaper headlines. Successful investing for the every day investor is a long-term endeavor that requires disciplined diversification, not short-sighted or market timing trading.

### 4. Incorporate Non-Correlated asset classes into your portfolio diversification.

While not appropriate for all investors, some investors should incorporate a small percentage of non-correlated asset classes in their portfolios. This may potentially increase a portfolio's return while actually reducing its overall risk. Correlation measures how closely

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two assets relate to one another. For example, stocks and bonds are considered to have an inverse correlation – where if one goes up in value, the other is expected to go down in value. Asset classes such as natural resources, commodities and even real estate are considered non-correlated asset classes – their price movements are not directly tied to the prices of stocks or bonds.

### 5. Understand your investments.

While every investor does not need to be a securities analyst and understand each of their investments' alpha, beta or standard deviation – they should have a fundamental understanding of what they own, why they own it and what type of return they can reasonably expect from their investments. A good rule of thumb is that if you cannot explain your investments to another individual, then you probably should not be investing in that investment.

Variable annuities are a prime example of this. This type of annuity typically has so many bells and whistles, confusing riders and underlying fees that I personally believe that a large percentage of annuity holders do not truly understand the details of their annuities and how they work.

### 6. If you work with a “financial advisor” you should...

- Check your advisors background on [www.FINRA.org](http://www.FINRA.org) - Broker Check. I have seen far too many advisors that were selling cars one year, pass a few securities exams and now they are advising

clients on how to manage their wealth.

- Ask questions – lots of them. All too often, investors will not question the advice given by their advisor. Very appropriate questions include “How long have you worked as a Financial Advisor?”, “How much can you discount this trading commission?” or even “How much do you earn from this trade?” This is your hard earned money and the investing of such may directly impact your future financial well-being – ask questions. Good advisors have nothing to hide.
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## Benefit for "Help Lauren Learn"

Lauren is 5 years old. She has a twin sister Elizabeth and a younger brother Jack. Lauren laughs, explores, plays and loves just like many 5 year olds. Lauren is deaf blind. Lauren will learn to communicate with her hands - but she needs an intervener to open these doors. In the United States, interveners are not recognized as licensed professionals as they are in Canada. All interveners in the United States must be privately funded. So providing an intervener for a child in Texas becomes the sole responsibility of the family. Interveners are \$1,000-\$1,500 a week. Lauren's family is looking for help in the form of donations to pay for Lauren's intervener.

On the morning of Saturday, October 18, the Northwest Houston Mothers of Multiples (NWHMOM) will hold a Bake Sale during their Fall "Garage Sale" at the Outback Steakhouse Parking lot (7070 Highway 6 North, Houston, TX 77095; in the Best Buy/Barnes & Nobles shopping center). The proceeds from the Bake Sale will be donated to Lauren's family to help with the costs of Lauren's intervener.

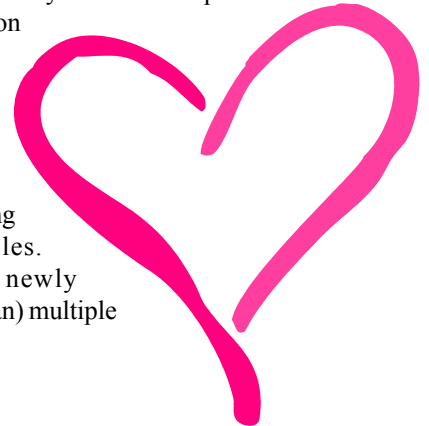
In addition, NWHMOM will host a Vendor Day on Saturday, October 25 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Coles Crossing subdivision clubhouse (13050 Barker Cypress, Cypress, TX 77429) to further help support Lauren's intervener costs. The Vendor Day will have a

variety of merchandise: from home décor to clothing and accessories, jewelry, fall and holiday decorations and gifts, food items and much, much more. Come out and start your holiday shopping early!

For more information about Lauren please visit her website: [www.HelpLaurenLearn.net](http://www.HelpLaurenLearn.net). NWHMOM hopes to see everyone at the Bake Sale and/or the Vendor Day. Please come out and support Lauren!

The Northwest Houston Mothers of Multiples (NWHMOM) meet the third Thursday of every month at 7 pm at the Coles Crossing subdivision clubhouse (13050 Barker Cypress in Cypress). NWHMOM assists mothers of multiple birth children by lending them support, sharing information and relating experiences raising multiples. Welcoming all expectant, newly delivered and seasoned (veteran) multiple mothers.

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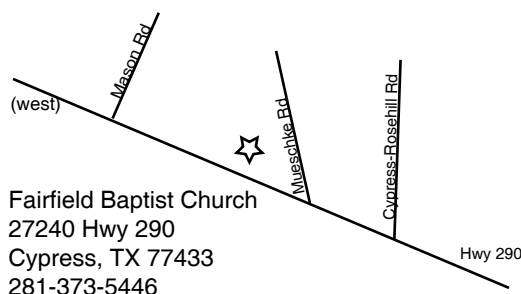
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Mrs. Stumbaugh's education and experience include the following:

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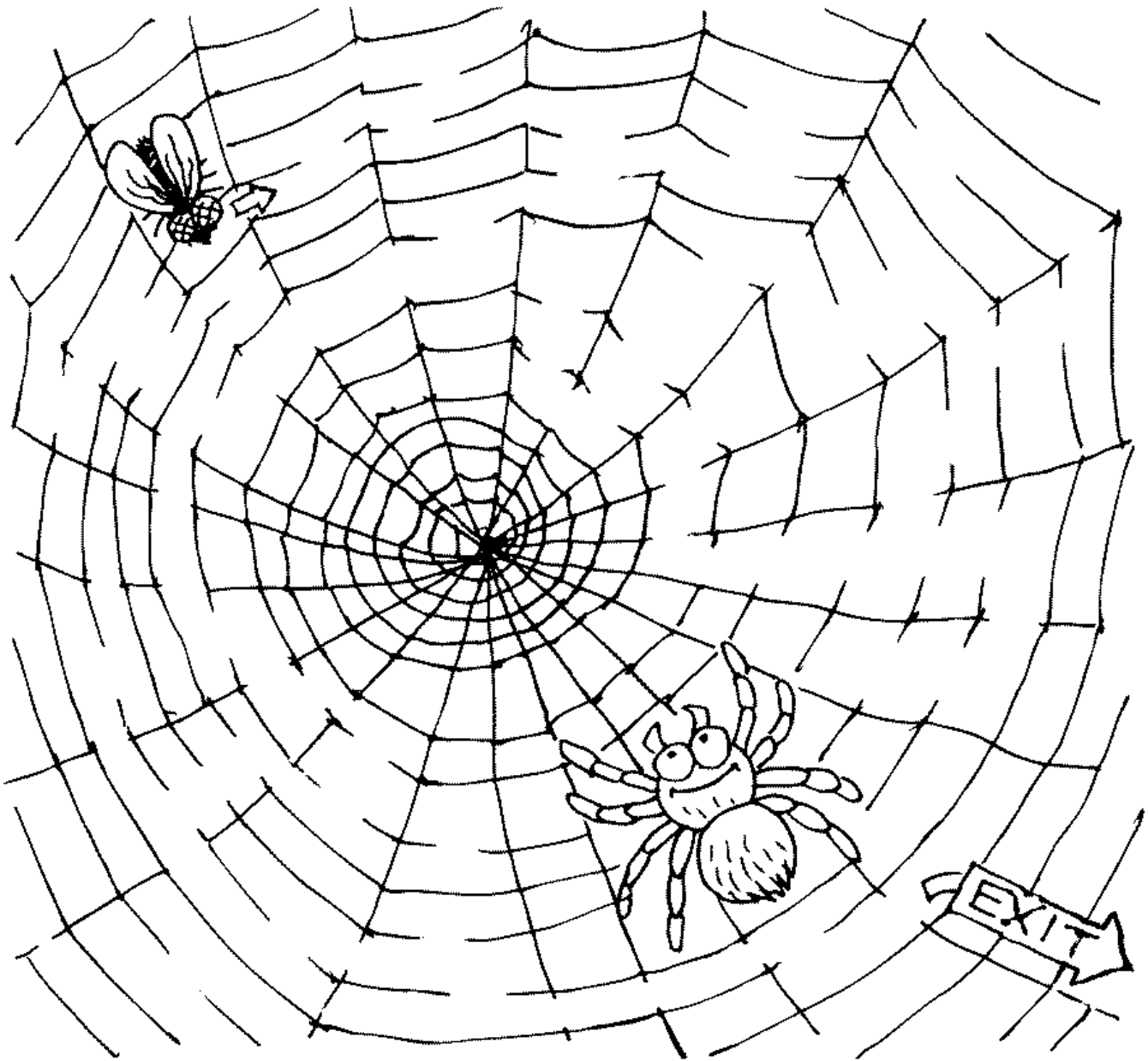
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- 2) Correct tire pressure: This one has gotten a lot of press recently, but improper tire pressure can cost 3% in fuel economy.
- 3) Replace dirty air filters: Replacing your air filter every 12,000 miles will save up to 10% fuel.
- 4) Pay attention to the Orange engine light: This light warns you when something is wrong in your fuel or emission system. A faulty Oxygen sensor or fuel injector can waste 35% more fuel and increase the harmful pollutants your vehicle emits.
- 5) Check the gas cap: 147 million gallons of gas vaporizes annually in the U.S. due to loose gas caps.
- 6) Avoid jack-rabbit starts: The key to good fuel economy is smooth starts and stops. Driving like a grandma may not be fun, but it will raise your fuel mileage by up to 33%.
- 7) Slow down: Every 5 miles per hour over 60 mph is like paying an additional .26 cents per gallon for gas.
- 8) Remove excess weight: Every 100 pounds of weight reduces your mpg by 2%.
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\$276,000--\$350,000			1		3	2	0	0	2	1
\$231,000--\$275,000		2			0	1	0	1	1	1
\$201,000--\$230,000		1			1	0	0	1	0	0
\$200,000 and below					0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
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