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5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CANDY CARNIVAL

Fellowship Church Southwest and Bowie High School announce their joint partnership hosting the 5th Annual Community Candy Carnival on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. This annual event is a free community initiative that benefits Bowie High School clubs and organizations, Capital Area Food Bank of Texas, and serves south Austin by providing a safe environment for a family-friendly Halloween alternative. The carnival event offers free admission, games, prizes, candy, activities, entertainment, and free or very inexpensive food, even public service demonstrations provided by the Austin Fire Department and Austin Police Department.

"Our past four years have been such a huge success that we are bringing back everything, adding more attractions and teaming up with Bowie High School to bridge into our community," exclaimed Fellowship Lead Pastor, Bob Reed. "This free carnival provides a safe place the whole family can come to and have a blast!"

Bowie High School Principal Steven Kane is pleased that his staff, students and their families, and nearby businesses have embraced this unique relationship with Fellowship Church Austin to provide the community with such a successful event. Principal Kane stated that "...the success of this event can be measured in its growing attendance—what began serving several hundred now serves upwards of 10,000 people! We are proud to be an integral part of this enormous production."

The event includes free games, activities and candy that is distributed throughout the carnival. Food and drink, such as pizza and a soda, will be available for a nominal fee. Attendees will enjoy great live music for the length of the event, while having full access to the variety of festivities for all ages. Carnival attendees are encouraged and welcome to wear family-friendly costumes.

The Community Candy Carnival creates an environment for people to conveniently meet their neighbors in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

The 2008 Community Candy Carnival sponsors include Fellowship Church Southwest, Bowie High School, The River 102.3, Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department.

Bowie High School is part of the Austin Independent School District. Principal is Steven Kane. The school is located at 4103 Slaughter Lane West, Austin, TX 78749.

Fellowship Church Southwest meets at Bowie High School Sundays at 9:15 am and 11:00 am. The church office and Community Center is located at 3870 FM 967, Buda, Texas 78610.

For more information on the Community Candy Carnival contact Jeff Moore at

jeff@fcsouthwest.com or 512-312-2131.

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Bowie City Limits Music Festival

Got your tickets yet? Get 'em now and get ready for the first annual **Bowie City Limits Music Festival** on Saturday, November 1, 2008. The music starts at 4 pm and includes **Cheap Sunglasses** (ZZ Top cover band), **DrumJam**, **The Steps** (with a new release), and **Mikey Powell and Villain's Trust** (the Mikey Powell - professional lacrosse player and singer/songwriter - and his band playing their first gig in Austin). Our headliner is Austin's very own Bob Schneider.

Be a part of this cool Bowie community event and enjoy great music in the spacious courtyard. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold, and prices will be going up soon, so don't dawdle.

Proceeds from the music festival benefit Bowie High School Boy's Lacrosse. Details on bands, tickets, and limited edition t-shirts at www.bowiecylimits.com.



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Music Festival

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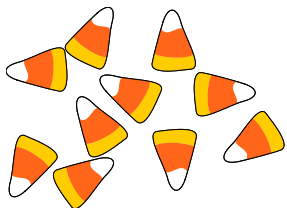
The pink Box Top official coupons can be found on many items, including General Mills cereals, Nature Valley granola bars and Kleenex tissues. Mills earns 10 cents for each coupon it redeems.

The Campbell's Labels for Education can be found on Campbell's soups, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish, and other products. Mills redeems these labels for points it can use to obtain teaching aids and other materials for use at the school.

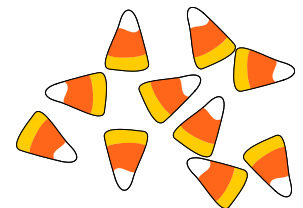
If you would like to support Mills, get out those scissors! You can pass the Box Tops and Labels along to a Mills student, or drop them off at the school. A Box Tops collection bin is located in the lobby at the main Mills entrance.

Thank you for supporting our local school.

Introducing:



Trunk-or-Treat



Date: Saturday, Oct. 25 Time: 6 PM until 8 PM

Where: Oak Hill United Methodist Church - 7815 Hwy 290W Austin, TX 78736

What is "Trunk-or-Treat"?

Trunk-or-Treat is an exciting NEW event sponsored by OHUMC's Fellowship Committee. Church members are being invited to DECORATE their automobiles' tailgates, hatchbacks, and trunks in a fun, not-too-scary Halloween theme. Children and their families of our Church and the Oak Hill community will be invited to "trunk-or-treat" in our Church parking lot and enjoy Hot Dogs, Frito Pies and Nachos for dinner in our Fellowship Hall. Other fun events during the evening include a Carved Pumpkin Contest, Decorated Trunk Contest, and a Costume Contest!

This event is FREE!!

Candy and treats are to be provided by the tailgaters, hatchbackers and trunkers who have decorated their automobiles for trunk-or-treat.

Decorated automobiles must be PARKED at OHUMC by 5:30 PM on Saturday, Oct 25.

Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 6 PM until 7:15 PM.

Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the hot dogs, frito pies, and nachos.

Certified To Vote: The Deadline Countdown Begins!

If you are not registered to vote or not registered at the correct residence address, its time to get signed up. Monday, October 6 is the deadline to register for voting in the November 4 Presidential Election. If you have an orange voter certificate with correct residence address, you are registered to vote.

Within the next 30 days, the demand will increase for voter registration information and service as tens of thousands of applications and record changes hit the voter registrars office. "If you have moved, you must register to vote at your current residence address", said Nelda Wells Spears. Voters can pick up a voter registration application in their neighborhood tax office at one of these locations:

- East Austin - 4705 Heflin Lane at Springdale and MLK Blvd (drive through service)
- Oak Hill Office 8656 Highway 71 W (turn right at Covered Bridge light) Building B, second floor
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In addition, many grocery stores, post offices, libraries, schools, places of worship and apartment offices provide applications. Find them online at <http://www.co.travis.tx.us> and at (512) 854-9473.

Voters who do not register by Monday, October 6 will not be eligible to vote in November. An application postmarked on or before the deadline will be considered timely for the Presidential election upon receipt. Travis County voters who do not update their residence address by October 6 and who choose to vote on election day (rather than early voting) will be guided to their previous neighborhood to cast a ballot.

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Nature Watch

by Jim and Lynne Weber



Fabulous Fall Grasses

The hill country of central Texas is home to many species of fall-blooming native grasses. These “warm season grasses”, called such as their growth period occurs during our hottest weather and their dormancy period occurs in winter, provide extremely valuable habitat for ground-nesting birds as well as many mammals. They can be very deep-rooted, making for a long-lasting, stress-tolerant, low maintenance plant.

The root biomass of native warm season grasses far exceeds that of the introduced, non-native turf grasses, which enables these plants to provide increased organic matter in our soils and allow for more rapid water infiltration rates, both of which are beneficial to soil and water quality. In addition, these native grasses tend to grow in bunches, which naturally allows the inclusion of native forbs, wildflowers, and legumes to further improve the quality of wildlife habitat through species biodiversity.

Aside from being highly deer-resistant, the native grasses described below all provide seed for winter birds and are larval host plants for the skipper family of butterflies. Their foliage is used by birds and mammals for nesting material, and they can be very effective at controlling erosion and helping to build soil on steep slopes that are common in central Texas.

Growing 2-5 feet tall, Bushy Bluestem prefers the moist soil of a wetland area, and its’ showy fall blooms on coppery-red stems resemble tufts of cotton candy. Slightly smaller at 2-3 feet tall, Little Bluestem grows in drier areas with sun or part-shade, its’ blue-green foliage in summer turning mahogany-red with white tufts of blooms in the fall.

Found mainly in sunny, well-drained areas like the limestone uplands near streams, Lindheimer’s Muhly is a 2-5 foot grass with silvery seed heads that is an excellent soft-textured substitute for non-native pampas grass. The hill country version of Gulf Muhly, Seep Muhly grows 2-3 feet tall on grassy limestone slopes in dense tufts of slender stems and curled foliage, with a frothy pink bloom in the fall.

Sideoats Grama, the State Grass of Texas, is not choosy about soils and at 2-3 feet is a good companion for wildflowers. Purplish, oat-like spikelets uniformly line one side of the stem, bleaching to a tan color in the fall. Staying low most of the year at 2 feet then getting tall before blooming in October, Indian Grass sports a plume-like seed head up to 6 feet tall, made up of gold and purplish-red sprays of small flowers and seeds. Like Bushy Bluestem and Little Bluestem, it is an important component species in the tallgrass prairie.

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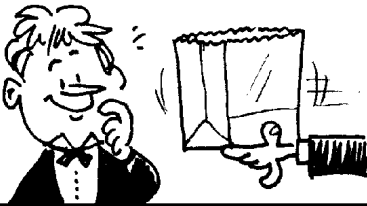
Nature Watch - (Continued from page 6)

Now is the time to consider planting some of these warm season grasses on your property. They require little (if any) water or fertilizer after planting, and not only will they provide food & shelter for our native wildlife, but their showy seed heads will hold well into winter, adding movement, texture, and color to your wildscape!

Send your nature-related questions to naturewatch@austin.rr.com and we'll do our best to answer them.



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Goblins in the Garden

4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, October 26

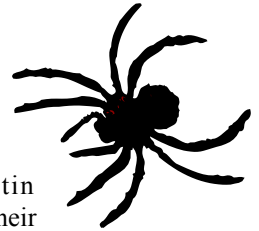
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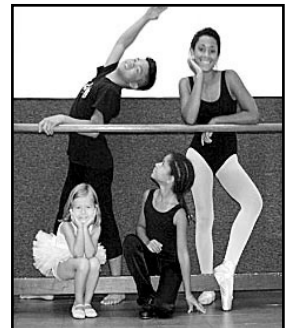
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Stork Report

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Follow Our Top 10 Ways To Save Gas!


Submitted by Leonard Johnson

If you are serious about saving more gas, it is important to understand that you will see the largest savings when you practice a combination of proper car care and smart driving behaviors. An aggressive attack plan can save you hundreds of dollars per year in fuel.

- 1) Drive fewer miles: Combine errands, carpool when possible, eliminate unnecessary trips. The average vehicle uses a gallon of fuel for every 20 miles driven. A few thousand less miles per year adds up to big money!
- 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

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- 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.
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Recipe of the Month:

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12 vanilla wafers ½ C sugar
 1 8 oz. packages cream cheese, softened 1 tsp. vanilla
 2 eggs

Directions

Line muffin tin with foil liners.
 Place one vanilla wafer in each liner. Mix cream cheese, vanilla, and sugar on medium speed until well-blended. Add eggs. Mix well. Pour over wafers, filling 3/4 full. Bake 25 min. at 325°.
 Remove from pan when cool. Chill. Top with fruit, preserves, nuts or chocolate.

If you would like to submit YOUR recipe email it to articles@peelinc.com.

Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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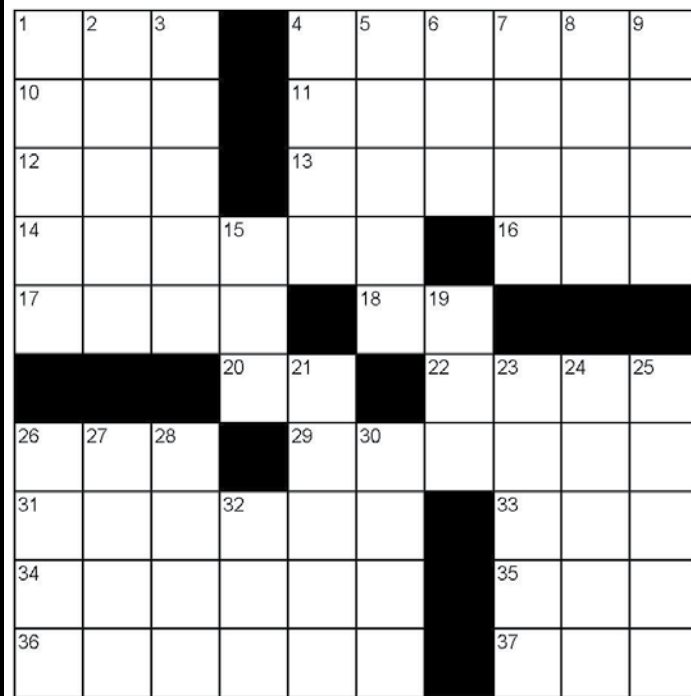
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1. Advertisements
4. Be good
10. Christmas month
11. Like some clothing
12. Wing
13. Eye part
14. Mucus
16. Admiral (abbr.)
17. Level
18. Yard (abbr.)
20. Spielberg's alien
22. Adjoin
26. Wield
29. Lubricators
31. Seizes
33. Mouser
34. Cover Girl's competitor
35. Snacked
36. Aflame
37. Distant

DOWN

1. Adjust
2. Headquarters of British India
3. Balancer
4. Small town
5. Opposite of ally
6. Clash
7. East
8. Sell
9. Student's dread
15. Before, poetically
19. Eastern state
21. Transparent gem
23. Coffee shop order
24. Non __
25. Organic compound
26. Ca. University
27. Pig
28. Royalty
30. Island
32. Body of water

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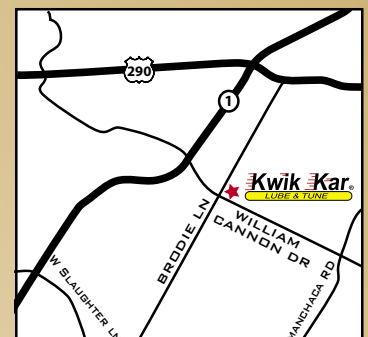
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	6 Months Sold History (Mar '08 - Aug '08)						TOTAL	
	TOTAL	AVERAGE					Available	Pending Sale
Homes Sold	Square Feet	Price / Sq. Foot	Price \$K	Year Built	Days On Market			
Belterra	41	3,075	\$ 110	\$ 339	2006	106	55	10
Circle C Ranch	162	2,757	\$ 120	\$ 332	2000	52	108	13
Heights at Loma Vista	6	3,140	\$ 123	\$ 385	2005	75	4	1
Highpointe	22	3,626	\$ 103	\$ 372	2007	74	20	6
Legend Oaks	32	2,327	\$ 110	\$ 256	1994	31	16	5
Maple Run	49	1,698	\$ 108	\$ 184	1987	42	25	12
Meridian	21	3,342	\$ 118	\$ 394	2007	94	18	7
Sendra	32	2,019	\$ 114	\$ 230	1999	33	17	5
Shady Hollow	26	2,620	\$ 119	\$ 313	1990	32	18	2
Villages at Western Oaks	92	2,119	\$ 121	\$ 256	1995	33	48	11
Western Oaks	8	2,363	\$ 123	\$ 290	1983	37	3	1
Grand Total	491	2,537	\$ 116	\$ 295	1998	51	332	73
% Change Mo/Mo	2%	0%	-4%	-4%	0%	-11%	-2%	-28%

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