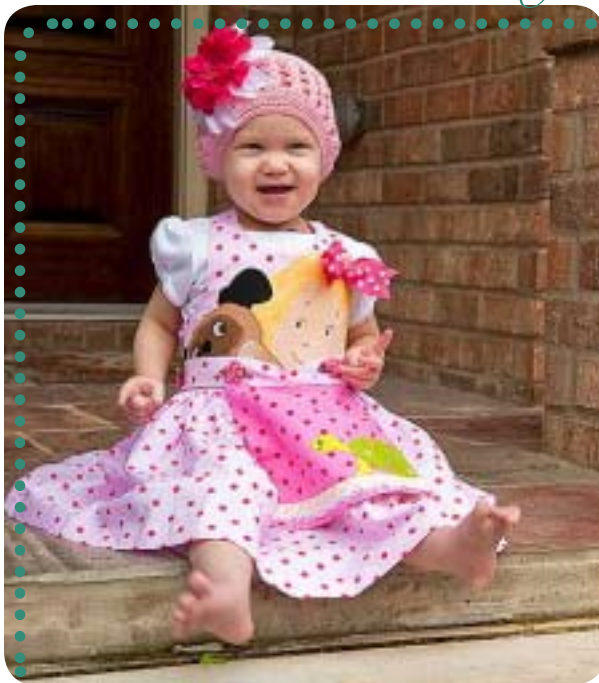


# THE TIMES



## CYPRESS RANCH KEY CLUB

### *Looking out for Layla Grace*



Layla Grace is a beautiful twenty-two month old girl. On May 7, 2009 Layla was diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma, a tumor that develops from nerve tissue, in her kidney. She had a massive tumor in her abdomen that extended from above her left kidney, around her side, over her belly and around her aorta. Her grandmother is a faculty member at Cypress Ranch High School.

When the Cypress Ranch Key Club learned about Layla's illness, they took action. The Key Club held a Lock-In in September and designated funds raised from Macy's "Shop for a Cause" to help Layla Grace.

On September 18, 2009 a Lock-In was held at our school. Students paid \$30 to attend or \$25 and a donation of two new children's books. At the Lock-In students enjoyed activities such as food, friends, karaoke, movies, and video games. Every hour door prizes were awarded, and games such as four square, volleyball, soccer, and twister were played all night long. The Cypress Ranch Key Club raised over \$6,000, and \$4,500 was donated to Layla Grace's medical bills. The other \$1,500 will be split among the Key Club's Lieutenant Governor's and District Governor's Projects.

Macy's "Shop for a Cause" was October 17, 2009. Cypress Ranch Key Club members sold Macy's discount coupons for \$5. The proceeds from coupons sales were also designated for Layla Grace's medical bills. The members raised a total of \$1,100 for Layla Grace selling a total of 220 coupons.

Our total donation towards Layla Grace to date is \$5,600. The total will continue to grow. To learn more about this precious little girl and how you can help, visit [www.laylagrace.org](http://www.laylagrace.org).

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## Cy-Fair High School Project Prom 2010

*It's Finally Here --- Senior Year 2010*

There will be much going on in the lives of our senior students this school year, and two of those exciting events will be Prom and Project Prom, April 30, 2010. Project Prom is a year-long fundraising effort by senior parents for the purpose of providing a fun, drug- and alcohol-free overnight lock-in event for our seniors and their dates after the Prom.

Our next general meeting is Monday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cy-Fair High School cafeteria. Take this opportunity to be involved in your senior's BIG NIGHT! There are many ways parents and community members can help. Fundraising and donations are vital to the success of Project Prom. We are a non-profit 501C3 organization. No donation is too small. A list of fundraising opportunities and more detailed information is available on-line at [www.cyfairprojectprom.org](http://www.cyfairprojectprom.org).

### IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Meeting Dates: December 21, 2009; January 25, 2010; February 22, 2010; March 22, 2010; April 26, 2010

McDonalds Fundraiser is Nov. 23 at Cypress N. Houston and Huffmeister, from 5 - 8pm. Invite all your friends to come by and eat and McDonalds will donate 20% of the sales to Project Prom. In December we will be collecting receipts from the Cypress N. Houston/Huffmeister

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Randall's and Kroger's Grocery Store – You can link your Kroger or Randall's card to Cy-Fair Project Prom. For Randall's cards use charity # 3374. You can obtain the barcode for Kroger from the Cy-Fair Project Prom web page.

Upcoming events : Mulch sales- March 6, 2010 sales in Stonegate, Barwood, Wortham Prom Dress Boutique- ongoing collection of gently used formal clothes ( girls and guys) for sale in early spring 2010; Denim and Diamonds- Dinner/Dance and silent auction happening in Feb 2010 looking for table sponsors and silent auction items; Lollipops & T-shirt sales- ongoing and during CFHS lunches \$10.00 each ; Casseroles To Go – Orders due Jan. 15th

Cy-Fair Project Prom Golf Tournament – Date to be announced And finally Cyfair Projectprom is on Facebook.

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The December general meeting will be Monday, December 21, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cy-Fair High School cafeteria. Please join us!



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## Cy-Fair Republican Women Recap Great Year

Cy-Fair Republican Women had a terrific 2009. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30, usually at Carraba's on Hwy 6 just south of Longenbaugh. Our speakers in 2009 addressed issues that affect our everyday lives. A few examples are TxDot gave us an update on the 290 corridor, the head of the Harris County Juvenile Courts spoke on gang activity, Operation Military Embrace - a group that does outreach for our wounded troops and their families spoke, a local doctor gave a talk on Health Care Reform and a member of the Baker Institute that deals with crime in Mexico and along the border informed the club. In addition the Harris County Tax Assessor/Collector Leo Vasquez spoke and then deputized many in the group as voter registrars. We have held voter registrations at Lone Star College and other locations. Many of our members do volunteer work for various campaigns and have attended district and state conventions. We do our best to be good members of the community and have helped out an elementary school in an economically depressed area by giving dictionaries, Texas and US flags and Constitution Handbooks. This is a fun way to make a difference in our local, state and federal government. For information please see our website at CFRW.net or call Mary Moss at 281-550-9415.



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## HAVE A HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON

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Immediately after Halloween, people begin to focus on holiday shopping, decorating, baking and parties, parties, parties! Between office parties, happy hours, school functions for the kids, in-store food samples and large family gatherings, it is not surprising that the average American gains

anywhere from two to seven pounds (or more!) between Thanksgiving and New Years!

This year, you don't have to wait until you make your 2010 New Year's resolutions to make some

changes. Here are some helpful tips to help you avoid packing on the pounds this holiday season:

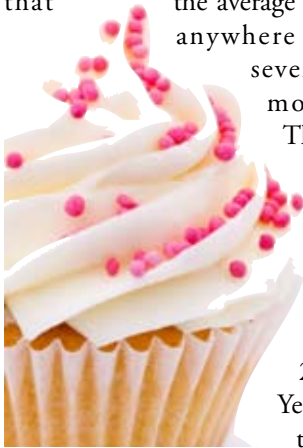
- You don't have to go to every party or dinner!
- Don't show up to a party hungry
- Size up the buffet before you grab a plate
- Decide what you really want to eat ahead of time
- Limit yourself to one trip to the buffet
- Fill your plate three-quarters full with fruits and veggies first
- Limit your alcohol intake
- Don't stand near the buffet table
- Eat with your non-dominant hand
- Chew gum when not eating
- Dance, talk and socialize—it's not all about the food!

The small appetizers typically served at

parties are packed with a lot of calories. Here are some examples of popular party foods, the amount of calories they contain, and how much activity would be needed to burn off those calories:

- Two hot chicken wings with two tablespoons of blue cheese dressing contain 550 calories, and it would take a 150 pound person over two hours of vigorous housework to work off those calories.
- One-half of a cup of mixed nuts contains 400 calories, and it would take a 150 pound person over one-and-a-half hours of walking to burn off those calories.
- One ounce of cheese served with one ounce of crackers contains 225 calories and it would take a 150 pound person almost 45 minutes of fast dancing to burn off those calories.

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## Have a Healthy Holiday Season - (Continued from Page 6)

There are some healthier options that you should choose or serve on a buffet line at your next holiday party:

- Boiled shrimp with cocktail sauce
- Bruschetta (tomato appetizer served with small pieces of toasted bread)
- Rather than the standard carrot and celery sticks, try an Asian theme with baby corn, snow peas and red pepper slices served with low-fat sesame or ginger dressing.
- Another option is to replace the standard chips and salsa with a mix of corn, black beans and salsa scooped inside of a bell pepper half.
- For a tasty dessert, make an eggnog flavored dip to serve with fruit, angel food cake or small gingerbread cookies.

In addition to choosing healthier options, try to eat normally throughout the day. Don't try to starve yourself to "save up" calories before a party or dinner. Also, be sure to exercise regularly and get enough sleep. Most importantly, put the emphasis on spending time with family and friends, not on the food!

Thinking of giving cookies, fudge or a box of chocolates as a holiday gift? This year, try to give your family, friends and co-workers a healthier gift, such as a cookbook with quick and healthy recipes, sign them up for a cooking class or fill a recipe box with some of your own healthy recipes. You can also give gifts that encourage outdoor activity. Purchase pedometers, compasses or other gear that will encourage those you care about to be outside and active, they'll thank you later! - **Tarie Beldin**

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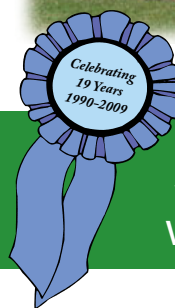


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The Aggie Mom's Club meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the Houston Distribution Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. Please come enjoy refreshments provided at 7 pm and learn about valuable information regarding student activities, scholarships, the Aggie Boutique, door prizes, and more. Help support our outstanding Aggie students!

The Aggie Mom's Club is accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications must be postmarked no later than Feb. 7, 2010. Last year 8 scholarships totaling \$8,750 were awarded to area students.

For more information, check out our website at [www.nwhcaggie moms.com](http://www.nwhcaggie moms.com).

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December 28, 1:00

### Christmas Break Service Project for Cy Fair Students

Cypress Cares has received more thank you notes from the troops who have received packages. Visit our website, [www.cypress-cares.org](http://www.cypress-cares.org) to view the troop responses, as well as more current information about upcoming events, donation ideas and more.



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### L.I.F.E. LESSONS IN DECEMBER

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in December include: learning about the Texas Rangers Dec. 2, tips for permanent weight loss, Dec. 9 and creating a holiday wreath Dec. 16. Programs will resume Jan. 13, 2010. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu).

### HOLIDAY HAPPENING WITH A.L.L.

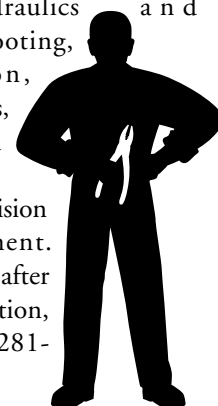
Celebrate the season with music, food and friends at the Dec. 10 Holiday Happening with LSC-CyFair's Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) This event will be held at 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Lodge at Towne Lake. A.L.L. is designed for adults age 50 and better. For information, send an e-mail to [LSCCFCE@lonestar.edu](mailto:LSCCFCE@lonestar.edu) or call 281-290-3460.

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## FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL ALLERGIES

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When introducing your newborn to new foods, be sure to look out for signs of food allergies, said an expert at Baylor College of Medicine.

"Food allergies can occur in babies as young as six months old," said Dr. Carla Davis, assistant professor of pediatrics - allergy and immunology at BCM.

There are eight foods that cause 90 percent of allergies in kids, said Davis. These include: cow's milk, egg, soy beans, wheat, tree nuts, peanuts, fish and shellfish.

Davis, who sees patients at Texas Children's Hospital, emphasizes the importance of introducing one food at a time to infants, so it is easier to recognize if an infant is having an allergic reaction to a specific food.

"Wait one or two days between foods," said Davis.

Signs of a reaction include allergic skin conditions such as eczema and hives. Davis recommends consulting with a pediatrician to conduct allergy tests if these symptoms are present. Allergies can be detected through skin tests or blood tests. If there are allergies present, it's a good idea to consult with a pediatric allergist, said Davis.

Although food allergies can be detected early, environmental allergies do not usually occur until after two years of age, said Davis.

"A child's immune system needs to be exposed to the environmental allergen for at least two seasons before an allergic reaction occurs," said Davis.

Environmental allergies can also be detected through blood tests or skin tests. Common allergies include grass, weeds, tree, mold, cockroaches, cats, dogs, feathers and dust mites. Tree allergies occur in the spring, grass allergies are most common in the summer and weed allergies are present in the fall.

Treatment for both food and environmental allergies includes medication and avoiding the allergen. For older children, allergy shots are an option.

Ignoring food allergies can be dangerous to a child, said Davis.

"It can lead to anaphylaxis, a severe reaction that can even lead to death," said Davis.

Although anaphylaxis is less common in environmental allergies, Davis emphasizes the importance of treating a child's allergies and minimizing their exposure to the allergen.



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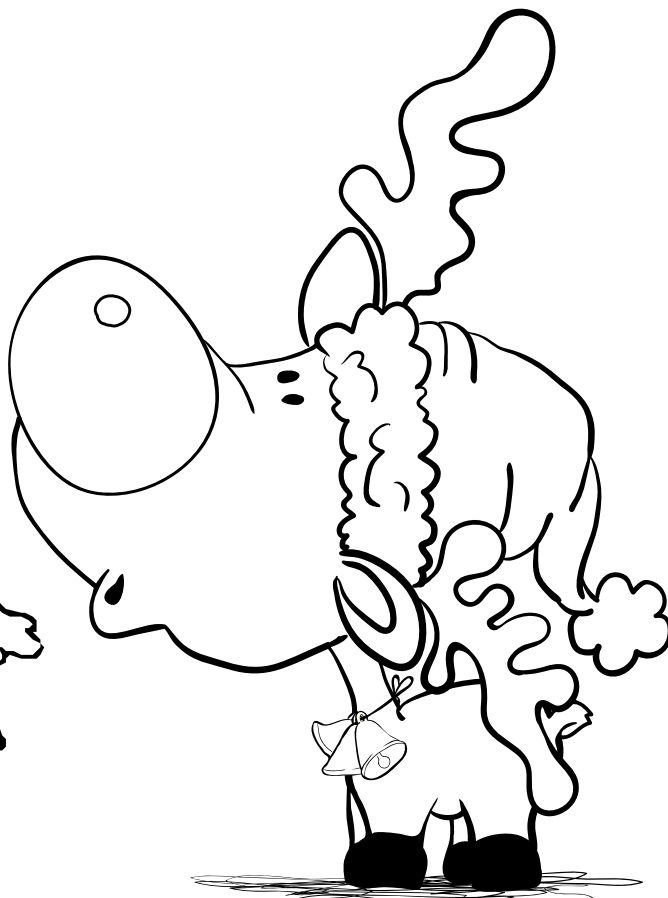
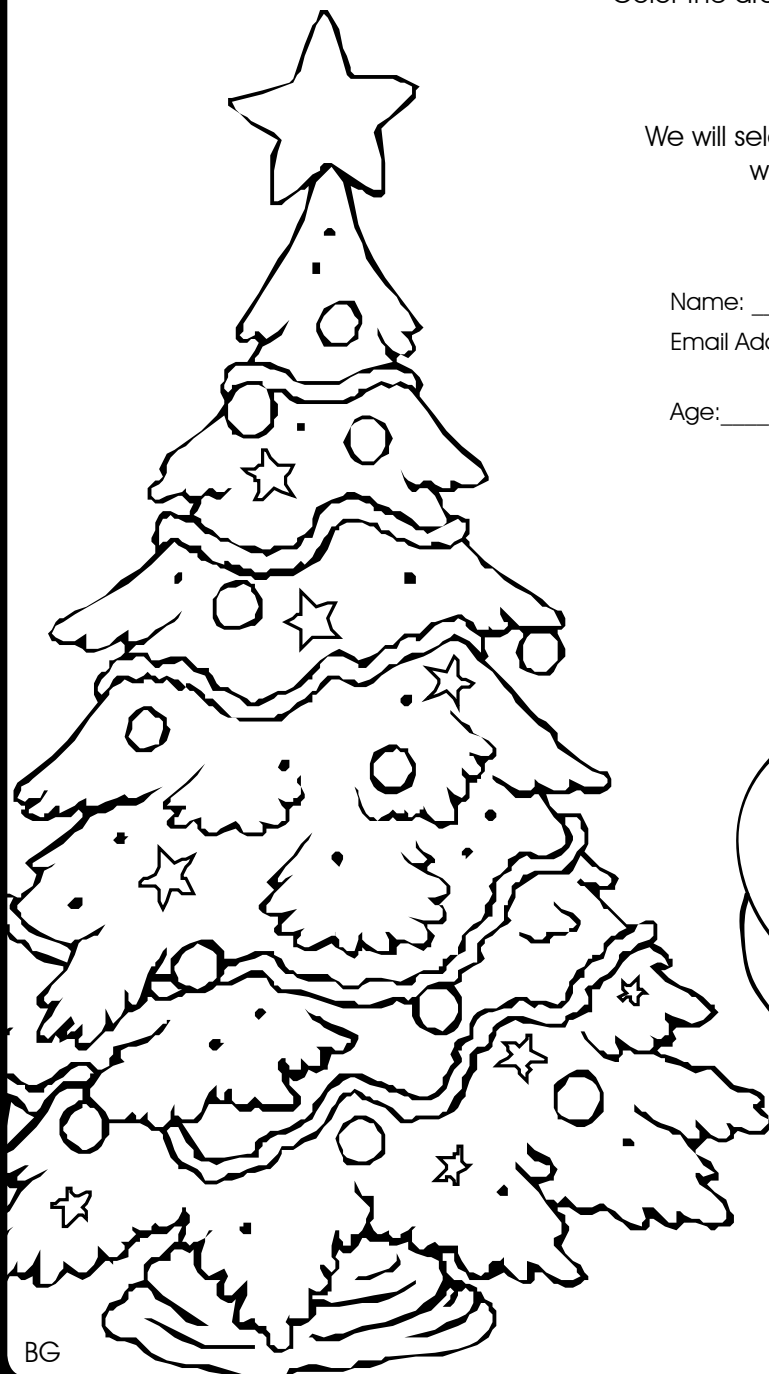
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	3							
	9		2		6	3		1
							2	
7	2						9	
		5	4			1		
			5				7	
			9					
	1				8			
2	8	6	3		1			4

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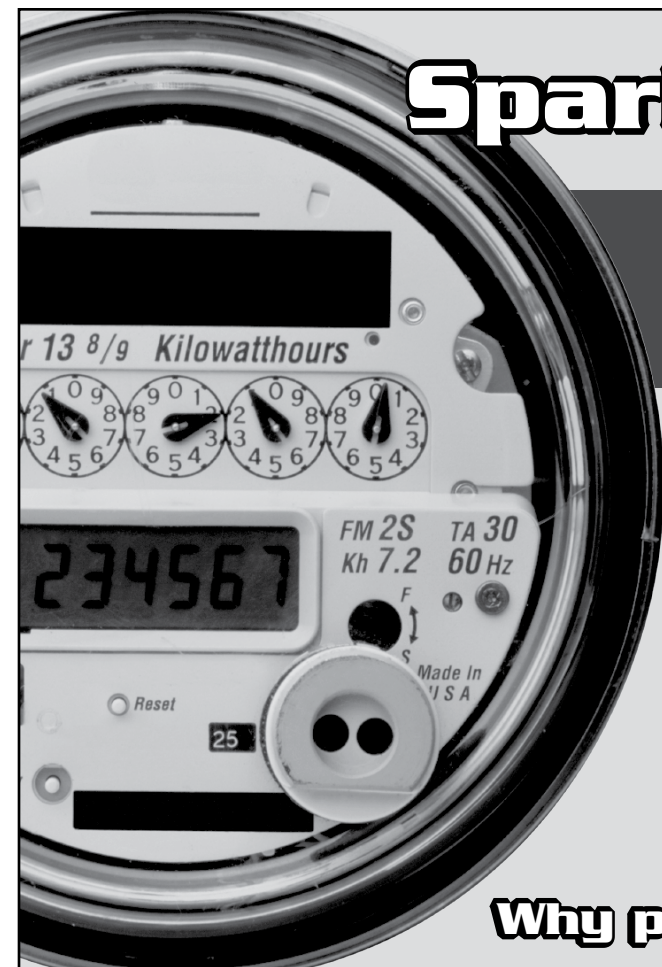
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\$500,000 and above	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
\$451,000--\$499,999	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	0
\$351,000--\$450,000	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	5	1
\$276,000--\$350,000	4	0	3	3	3	2	3	5	1	1
\$231,000--\$275,000	1	1	1	0	0	2	3	0	2	2
\$201,000--\$230,000	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	3	0
\$200,000 and below	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Highest \$/sq ft</b>	<b>\$92.42</b>	<b>\$118.16</b>	<b>\$101.67</b>	<b>\$99.74</b>	<b>\$100.68</b>	<b>\$112.90</b>	<b>\$133.96</b>	<b>\$127.56</b>	<b>\$118.25</b>	<b>\$115.21</b>

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