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*Top from Left to Right*

Coaches- Don Broseman, Daryl Plaisance, James Jorgensen, Mike Nelson, Jim Bacon, Cheer Coaches Julie Wagner, Stacie Griffin

2nd row- Cheerleader Abby Burns, Football player Dylan Crippen, Seth Broseman, Roderick Gray, Jake Plaisance, Michael Nelson

3rd row- Cheerleader Mackenzie Janes, Football player Sam Bacon, Matthew Kinchen, Trey Sykes, Tyler Martin, Sincere Blackmon

4th row Cheerleader Kailey Hatter, Dylan Broadway, Cason Johnson, Kyle Dickey, Jax Jorgensen, Bryce Bickham, Justin Jorgensen, Cheerleader Emerson Sykes, Chloe Griffin, Bella Griffin, Avery Wagner, and Hope Griffin

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## **2nd place**

The Kuhn Family at  
15214 Hillside Parkway

## **3rd place**

The Robertson Family at  
20519 Bougavilla Blossom

## **4th place**

The Cooper Family at  
16238 Bloom Meadow Trail

## **Honorable Mention**

The Robbins Family at  
20930 Twisted Leaf Drive

The Smith Family at  
15919 Crooked Lake Way

King Family at  
14818 South Gray Heron Court

*\*Pictures are listed in order*







## Fairfield's Fifty Plus Fun-Loving Group The Fairfield Seniors

*The Seniors of Fairfield are an active, fifty plus, fun-loving group of couples and singles who enjoy fellowship, monthly trips, and various activities together. If you or your spouse is fifty or older, a newcomer to Fairfield Village or have lived here in Fairfield for some time but have never attended one of our functions, you are cordially invited. Come be a part of our fun-loving group. We're sure you will enjoy it.*

### OUR FEBRUARY BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR:

**Tuesday, February 16, 2010 - MFA,  
Houston, Texas.**

We will be going to the MFA (Museum of Fine Arts). The museum's main feature will be paintings of John Singer Sargent from his "Sargent and the Sea" collection. We will also be visiting the De Menil Museum.

After visiting these museums we will have lunch at Katz Deli. Then after a delicious lunch we will make a stop at the Chocolate Shoppe where you will have ample time to shop and pick up some luscious chocolate.

The cost for this trip will be \$12.00 for the guided tour, plus the cost of your lunch. You can get your name on the list for this trip, by calling

Tom Wurth @ 281-304-0805. Make checks out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. The departure time will be 08:30 a.m. from the Fairfield Village parking lot. Please be there by 08:15 a.m. We will have additional information later, so check our trip page on our web site.

### OUR MARCH BUSTRIIP PLANS ARE FOR:

**Friday, March 19, Bayou Bend  
Gardens, Houston, Texas.**

This will be a self-guided tour of the gardens at the Imma Hogg's home. While the gardens are extensive, you have a choice of about how much you want to walk. There are benches along the way.

We will be stopping for lunch prior to the tour.

The cost for this trip is \$12.00, for adults, and \$10.50 if over 65, plus the cost of your lunch. You can get your name on the list for this trip by calling Bernie or Mary Ann Sexton @ 281-758-2006. Make checks out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. The departure will be 10:45 a.m. from the Fairfield Village parking lot. Please be there by 10:30 a.m.

### OUR FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES PLANS:

**Sunday, February 14. Happy  
Valentine's Day**

Our Monthly Committee meeting and pot luck this month has been moved from the 2nd Thursday to...

**Monday, February 15: The Monthly  
Planning Committee meeting** is at

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### *Fairfield Fifty Plus - (Continued from Page 8)*

1:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Trails Club House. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings and participate in our upcoming trip plans.

Then later, around 6:30 p.m. that evening, we have our Monthly Pot Luck. Since our Christmas dinner was provided last month, the club will be providing the meal this month. Desserts will be welcome should you care to bring one.

Our monthly pot lucks are also at the Lakeside Trails Club House. However, plan on being there early. Doors open around 6:00 p.m. for socializing and fellowship. Then stay and join many of our members that stay to play games after the meal and to finish up the deserts.

**Tuesday, February 16: Game Night at the Cooks' House.** Has been cancelled this month, because our monthly bus outing is on that day.

**Thursday, February 25: Game Night at Lakeside Trails Club House.** It starts around 6:30 p.m. and we have plenty of room at the club house. We would like to see you there to

enjoy an evening of games and fellowship with us. Just bring a little snack and plan on having lots of fun. There are some card games and of course dominoes.

For additional information on activities other than trips:

Call Mary Lou Cook @ 281-304-8359

We recommend that you check our website regularly. Things do change occasionally from the time this article was submitted, and it is possible that some of the information in this article has changed. [www.fairfieldseniorgroup.com](http://www.fairfieldseniorgroup.com)

### **OUR FUN-LOVERS WEEKLY EMAIL:**

An event reminder. It is emailed each week to our members and others who have requested it. It provides updated information and any changes from what appears here in the Gazette. We also include member birthdays and prayer requests, along with other news and items of interest. If you would like to receive our weekly emails, send your email address... to: [Fairfield-Seniors@comcast.net](mailto:Fairfield-Seniors@comcast.net)

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For more information, please visit [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org) or contact Melinda Sims, Organizing Senior Society President, at 281-856-2536 or email -- [melinda@mazzaroth.net](mailto:melinda@mazzaroth.net).

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For more information, please contact  
Keri Whitt, Membership VP,  
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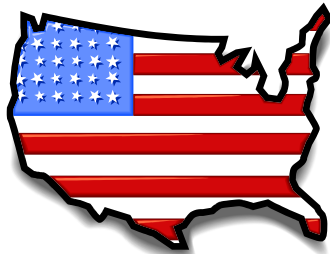
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Come by have a cup of coffee and get the latest events and happenings in the Industry. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at [Kevin.Kays@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kevin.Kays@sbcglobal.net)

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Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR meets every third Thursday at Meson 1910 Mexican Restaurant on Mason Rd. The Daughters of the American Revolution is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove direct lineage to an ancestor who fought in the American Revolution or provided patriot service. Our new chapter is looking for members. If you are interested in joining, please stop by and say hello...meetings start at 7 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: Laura Neal at [lizardsareicky@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lizardsareicky@sbcglobal.net) or 281-256-3545.

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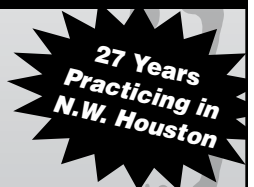
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The Houston Northwest Kappa Delta Alumnae Association holds meetings the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.kdhnwaa.com](http://www.kdhnwaa.com) for all the details.

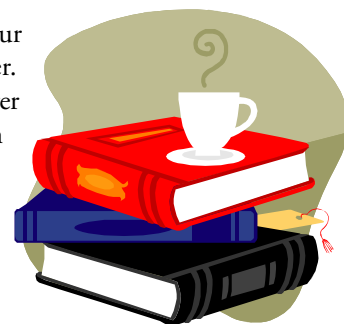
## Fairfield Book Club

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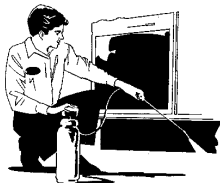


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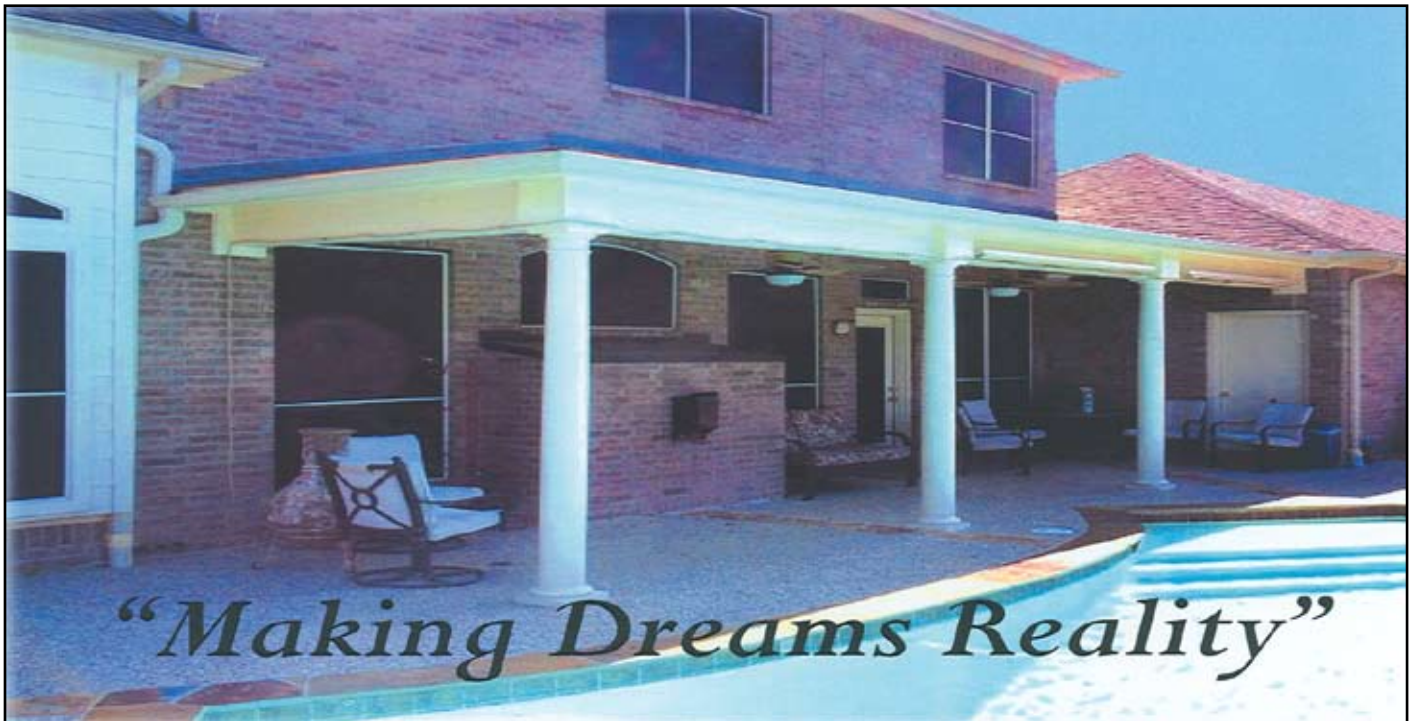
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Regrettably, should you chose not to do this, the County has the authority to trim them back and will not take the time to groom them properly.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Pending Resolution

Your Boards of Directors are reviewing a resolution for adoption regarding new reporting requirements for tax exempt associations. The resolution is titled "Confidentiality, Disclosure of Interest and Acceptance of Nonstandard Gifts". The complete document can be viewed on your website at [www.fairfieldvillage.org](http://www.fairfieldvillage.org). As always, please feel free to contact AMI at 713-932-1122 if you have any questions.



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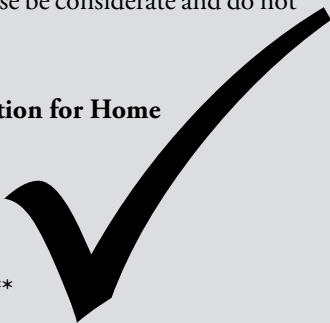
## CHECK LIST

*(Property Reviews are done monthly)*

- ☐ Check for weeds in lawn (including clover)
- ☐ Weed and Feed as necessary
- ☐ Mow lawn as needed
- ☐ Edge lawn
- ☐ Weed tree wells and shrub beds, remove growth from expansion joints if necessary
- ☐ Shrubbery trim as needed
- ☐ Add mulch to tree wells and bed areas
- ☐ Trees: Trim trees as necessary, (especially the street trees) remove any dead material – if you need to replace a tree please apply for replacement type and requirements
- ☐ Remove mildew on the house
- ☐ Paint exterior (Please submit ARC Application\*)
- ☐ Fence (replace broken pickets or secure if necessary)
- ☐ Trash Cans (removed from view at the end of pick- up day)
- ☐ Holidays decorations need to be removed
- ☐ Toys need to be stored out of public view when not in use – except approved basketball goals
- ☐ Parking on the street – Please be considerate and do not park on the street

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Harris County MUD 322 meets at 12:00 pm every fourth Wednesday  
Harris County MUD 354 meets at 11:30 am every third Monday  
Harris County MUD 396 meets at 10:30 am every second Wednesday

Harris County MUD 397 meets at 11:30 am every third Tuesday  
Harris County WCID 155 meets at 12:00 pm as needed on the second Tuesday

All of these meetings normally occur at the offices of Fulbright and Jaworski, LLP, 47th Floor, South Conference Room. The address is Fulbright Tower, 1301 McKinney, Suite 5100, Houston, Texas 77010-3095.

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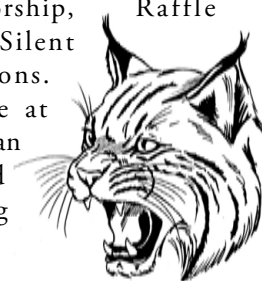
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## Tag Team Volunteer Training Scheduled

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD needs caring members of the community to join the VIPs TAG Team (Targeting Achievement Globally). This team of volunteers works with the district's helping teachers to tutor students in science on selected elementary school campuses. You do not need to be a parent or family member of a student to become a team member. You can become a global volunteer – a generous, concerned resident of the community who wants to help children reach their full academic potential. No specialized knowledge or training is necessary. We do ask that team members be willing to work on a consistent, weekly schedule so that the students receive the utmost benefit from their work.

An informal orientation meeting will be held on February 11, 2010, from 9:30-11:30, at the Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road. This meeting is a great opportunity to gather with district administrators, current TAG Team members and your fellow volunteers to learn more about the program. In order to keep up with increasing demand for tutors, we need your help! For more information, please contact Kim Nash (kfnash1@sbcglobal.net or 281-550-2685) or the CFISD Partners in Education Office (Pamela.scott@cfisd.net or 281-894-3950). To RSVP for this informational meeting, please send an email with your name and meeting date to vipssvp@cfisd.net.

## ATTENTION

### 2010 Seniors of Cy-Fair Schools who graduated from Ault Elementary

The Ault Elementary PTO awards a \$500 scholarship to one male and one female applicant who is graduating from a Cy-Fair High School and graduated from Ault Elementary. Scholarship applications and guidelines can be obtained from the Counselors' office. The deadline for submitting applications is April 9, 2010.

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**By: Kevin Henkes**

**Cy-Woods Theatre to present**  
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The Cy-Woods High School Theatre Company is proud to announce they will present their very first main stage children's show, Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, adapted from the popular children's book by Kevin Henkes. The stage production of this story will be brought to life to represent the adventures and imagination of young mice as they go to school, encounter bullies, interact with their families, and make new friends. Directed by senior students Katie Bennett and Allison Houser, "Lilly's" will perform from February 4th - 6th at 6:00 PM, with a Saturday matinee at 2:00 PM. Performances will be in the Cypress Woods High School Auditorium, 16825 Spring Cypress Rd. Ticket prices are \$7 for Adults and \$5 for Students. Reduced ticket prices of \$1 will be available for children ages 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

## Cypress Ranch Mustang Band Garage Sale

Love to shop at garage sales? Made a New Year's resolution to save money or get organized? Cleaning out your garage or closets and wondering what to do with all that great "stuff"? The Cypress Ranch Mustang Band is sponsoring a garage sale on February 27, 2010 and could use your help whether you have things to donate or like to shop for bargains!

The garage sale will be held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church located at 14223 Hargrave Road, Houston from 8 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, February 27, 2010. St. Timothy Lutheran Church is located in the Willowbrook area, just north of Methodist hospital off of Highway 249.

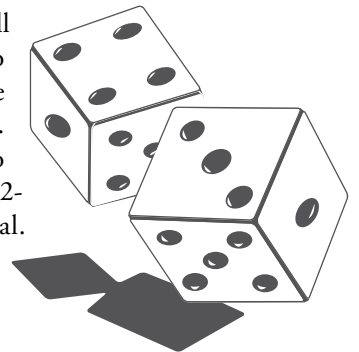
Donations of toys, clothing, baby items, furniture, household items, working appliances, and electronics are all welcome. Pick up dates for items are: Saturday afternoon, February 7, 14, and 21 from 1 PM to 5 PM. Please call 281-373-5889 to arrange for a pickup.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Mustang Band. The Cypress Ranch Mustang Band is now in its second year and is rapidly growing in both size and skill including receiving a 5A first division rating in the UIL Marching Competition this fall. The band is under the direction of Russell Holcombe, with assistance from Kyle Stahl.

## "What Happens in Vegas ..."

The 2010 S.N.A.P. (Senior Night After Prom) Committee of Cypress Creek High School will host a Las Vegas-style Parent Night Out on Sunday, February 21st, 2010 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This fun evening, featuring dinner, casino games, silent and live auctions will be held at Parkway Chevrolet, 25500 Hwy. 249. Tickets are \$25 per person, and include dinner, \$3,000 casino money and 2 drink tickets. The event is open to everyone – being a Cy Creek parent is not required. For casino night tickets and/or contributions, please contact Jeannette Harris at 713-560-6666 or [jharrissix@comcast.net](mailto:jharrissix@comcast.net).

A 2010 Cougar Blue Camaro will also be raffled off during the casino night in support of S.N.A.P. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. You do not have to be present to win. Contact Mike Wilson at 832-496-2748 or [mew0954@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mew0954@sbcglobal.net) for raffle tickets. Details about the 2010 S.N.A.P. are at [www.cycreeksnap.org](http://www.cycreeksnap.org).



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# School News

## CY-FAIR ISD & VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (VIPS): "Volunteers Rock!"

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 ISD 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 being involved at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer who "Rocks" and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

### HOW TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING

Register for training by emailing the PIE office at [viprsvp@cfisd.net](mailto:viprsvp@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.

Adults only please.

### February 2010 Upcoming Events

#### FEBRUARY 2 - VIPS MULTICULTURAL MEETING – 9:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M., BERRY CENTER

Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, parents and community members. The purpose of the CFISD Multicultural Committee is to raise the level of cultural understanding and respect by sharing information with the CFISD community to encourage cultural sensitivity and parental involvement to strengthen student success.

#### FEBRUARY 9 - GALVESTON BAY TRAINING – 9:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M., BERRY CENTER

Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, and parents. Learn how to present a TEKS based science lesson to 4th grade students at your school. Students will learn about the importance of our bay and waterways and what measures can be taken to protect this life-giving estuary.

#### FEBRUARY 11 - VIPS TAG TEAM MEETING – 9:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M., BERRY CENTER

Training for individuals who are interested in working directly with students to help them reach their full academic potential.

#### FEBRUARY 18 - VIPS GENERAL MEETING – 9:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M., BERRY CENTER

Open to all CFISD volunteers, parents, staff and community members. Get the latest information on CFISD volunteering and learn through networking!

#### FEBRUARY 23 - GALVESTON BAY TRAINING – 9:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M., BERRY CENTER

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## BAK-PAK Critters Reading Program Wags into Keith Elementary

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Keith Elementary is participating in a very exciting reading program called BAK-PAK Critters Reading Program. This program is dedicated to helping children improve their reading skills by using specially trained therapy dogs. Teams consist of a handle and their therapy animal. Two teams work with 20 students during the school day on a one-on-one basis to help at-risk students improve their reading skills. Research shows that children who are below their peers in reading skills are often intimidated by reading aloud. The use of therapy pets reduces stress and students are more willing to interact with an animal than with another person.

Keith Elementary gives a special thanks to Lori King and Becky Talash for volunteering countless hours training their own pets to be certified therapy dogs. Their dogs kicked off the program in January and it has been a huge success.

More dogs are needed. You and your pet can become involved in this specialized animal assisted reading program which is sponsored by Oaks Presbyterian Church and partially funded by a grant for Williams. For more information please contact Mary Kegarise at 832-326-4112 or mary\_kegarise@hotmail.com

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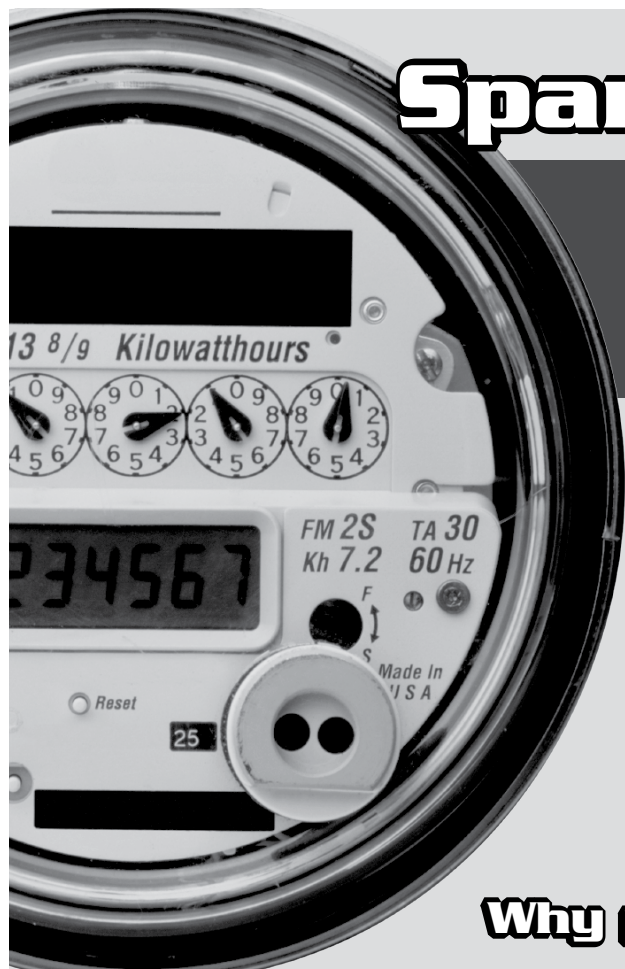
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### Important Dates

Aug. 12-13	.....	New Staff Orientation
Aug. 16-20	.....	Professional Days
Aug. 23	.....	1st Day of School
Sept. 6	.....	Student Holiday
Oct. 11	.....	Professional Day /
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Nov. 24-26	.....	Student Holidays
Dec. 20, 21	.....	Inclement Weather Days/ Student/Staff Holidays
Dec. 22-31	.....	Student Holidays
Jan. 3-4	.....	Professional Days
Jan. 17	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
Feb. 21	.....	Professional Day /
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March 14-18	.....	Student/Staff Holidays
April 22	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
May 30	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
June 1	.....	Last Day of School
June 2	.....	Professional Day /
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### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

1st 9 Weeks: Aug. 23-Oct. 22  
2nd 9 Weeks: Oct. 25-Jan. 14  
3rd 9 Weeks: Jan. 18-March 25  
4th 9 Weeks: March 28-June 1

### SECONDARY SCHOOLS






#### 1st Semester

1st 6 Weeks: Aug. 23-Sept. 29  
2nd 6 Weeks: Sept. 30-Nov. 5  
3rd 6 Weeks: Nov. 8-Dec. 17

#### 2nd Semester

4th 6 Weeks: Jan. 5-Feb. 18  
5th 6 Weeks: Feb. 22-April 15  
6th 6 Weeks: April 18-June 1

### LEGEND

	STUDENT/STAFF HOLIDAY
	PROFESSIONAL DAY (Student Holiday)
	FIRST & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
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## God's Timing

By Bethany K. Scanlon

Did you know patience causes a supernatural pulling in of God's promises? Read below:

*We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.* Hebrews 6:12 NIV

Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. Hebrews 10:36 NLT

When I think about the word patience I imagine myself sitting around doing absolutely nothing waiting for something to happen. However, look what the word patience means in Greek in the above scriptures:

**Patience - (Greek) - hypomonē - steadfastness, constancy, endurance; in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose**

**and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings.**

According to the bible, patience means that you consistently do God's will without giving up! This type of patience pulls in the promises! Here is another scripture:

Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds. 2 Corinthians 12:12 KJV

Again, the word patience in the above scripture is the Greek word; hypomonē! One of the signs of an apostle (apostle means "sent by God") is that they consistently do the will of God without giving up, in addition to bearing signs, wonders, and mighty deeds. Has God sent you on an assignment? If God has specifically assigned you to a task, this is an apostolic work! You can have an apostolic assignment without being called to the fivefold ministry of an apostle. Have

you given up on an assignment? Or have you been patiently doing what God has called you to do? If you have, you will bear evidence of signs, wonders, and mighty deeds!

**Prayer:** Father God, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ that you give me the spirit of patience to do what you've called me to do. Amen

One afternoon, in the middle of working on one of my books called Win Your Battles, it suddenly felt like something was gripping my head. It actually felt like something was railing against my mind. I stopped typing immediately and began to pray. I asked the Lord if I was typing something incorrect.

I got up from the computer and began to walk around my home praying and quoting scripture. Still, nothing changed and I sensed a large amount of confusion. Finally, in exasperation I stood on Hebrews 4:16 and

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cried out "Father God I come boldly before your throne of grace to obtain mercy and help in my time of need. I need you to tell me right now what is going on!" Instantly the Lord dropped in my spirit this: "Satan is petitioning me right now for the (He named a big promise Luke and I had been believing God for) not to come to pass. He wants to block it from happening. Do you have anything to say?" I began boldly reminding God of some personal promises he gave me. I spouted out as fast as possible anything I could think of! Then I said, "Father, I'm asking in the name of Jesus Christ that you tell Satan NO!" As soon as the word NO came out of my mouth, the grip that I felt on my mind snapped off and I heard the spirit of the Lord say "There are two things you can do every day so that Satan doesn't petition me anymore. Would you like to know what they are?" Of course I immediately answered YES! And He said, "Ask me everyday what you want me to do for you and remind me everyday what I have covenanted with you for."

After I wrote down the instructions, I returned in complete peace to my computer. As I sat down and began to type, suddenly, I was overwhelmed with a spirit of praise and I began to weep and thank God the battle was won for the promise He had given us. The next day, when my husband and I were out of town doing research for a book I was writing called The Prosperity Preacher, I decided to take a nap in our hotel room. While I was resting comfortably with my

eyes closed, the Holy Spirit spoke very strongly to my spirit, "Read Psalm 34:7" I did what he said and the Holy Spirit said that I was going to go through a season in which he showed me scriptures to pray daily for my personal life. So I prayed that scripture over Luke and I and then put my head back down on the pillow. Then I heard the Holy Spirit say, "Shield of favor." So again, I sat back up and did a search for that scripture on my phone. It was Psalm 5:12. Then he led me to Psalm 37:6 and I prayed that too. Later that night, Luke and I went and checked out a bowling alley I was thinking about using for a scene in my novel. As I began to walk into the arcade section, I sensed very strongly the presence of the Lord press against my chest. I quietly asked the Lord what that was and he said "Shield of favor." Luke and I pray together every morning so I have a list typed out under the category of "What I want God to do for me" Here is part of that list. We also pray for personal things as well, but these are many of the scriptures we use:

1. That angels of the Lord surround, guard and defend us.  
*Psalm 34:7 (NLT) For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him.*
2. God will cause our innocence to radiate like the dawn and the justice of our causes to shine like the noonday sun.  
*Psalm 37:6 (NLT) He will make your innocence radiate like the*  
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# Church News

## Fountain of Life Fellowship

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### JESUS IS THE ANSWER

Jesus is the answer, regardless of the question. 2010 brings a new opportunity to learn more of God's character and get 'Plugged In' to our services and programs. Our Sunday morning schedule begins at 9:30 a.m. with age appropriate Bible teaching; followed by the Morning Service at 10:45 a.m. During the Morning Service there is Nursery and Children's Church for 12 and under. Our Wednesday evening Service starts at 7:00 p.m. with Firehouse Kids for elementary aged children, BRING IT for Youth 6th through 12th grade. College age and up will gather for a time of praise and Bible study in the sanctuary, followed by Care and Prayer in small groups. Please call the church office Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for more details.

### THE WORD OF GOD

Did you know that every passage of the Bible carries a message from God to His people? Well, it does. We, as His people, have the freedom of reading the Bible and the joy of learning His true meaning of each passage. Once we learn what the Bible says we can then apply that truth to our lives. It's through the application of that Word that we are transformed. As you set your goals for this

year, let the reading, understanding, and application of the Bible move to Number 1 on your list. But this time when you read it try reading a passage numerous times, and then ask the Holy Spirit to explain that passage to you. As you receive understanding of that passage then immediately begin to apply it to your life. By the end of this year your life will be transformed forever! We at Fountain of Life Fellowship are dedicated to the process of Transforming Lives, Transforming Families.

### FIREHOUSE KIDS

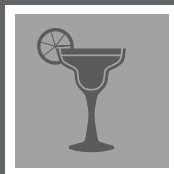
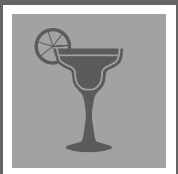
Calling all 1st through 5th graders, come join our Firehouse Kids on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. as we learn Bible verses, answer Bible trivia questions, scavenger hunt or do the Limbo or race while Hula Hooping. At church we have fun and learn about Jesus at the same time... WOW!!!

### BRING IT

Pre-teen and teen years can be very challenging times of learning how to handle those "heavy" questions that come-up about bullies at school, dating do's and don'ts and how to honor your parents while learning how to think independently. Calling all 6TH – 12h graders, to come, Acquire the Fire for the Lord with Youth as you

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### **Fountain of Life-** (Continued from Page 32)

"BRING IT" to Him on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Jesus has an answer to these and every question, in His Word. Our Youth leaders, John and Stephanie Schmidt, are much attuned to the world and the Word. They will lead, guide, and direct Youth in the way they should go.

### **COME GROW WITH US**

Come, join us and learn how the Holy Spirit equips Christians to live victorious lives in today's challenging world. We are located just 1.5 miles off Hwy 90 at 15919 Mueschke Rd. For prayer or more information, please call us at 281-373-9337 Tuesday – Thursday between 9 am and 4 pm.

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### **God's Timing-** (Continued from Page 31)

*dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.*

3. The Lord will surround us with a shield of favor.

*Psalm 5:12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.*

1. God will place His full and complete armor on us.

*Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

1. The Lord will order our steps

*Psalm 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.*

1. We commit all of the work that we have to do that day and ask that the Lord would establish our thoughts in those areas

*Proverbs 16:3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.*

1. We ask that the Oil of Unity is poured out over us. Our marriage in particular.

*Psalm 133:1,2 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*

1. That God will make our enemies be at peace with us.

*Proverbs 17:7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.*

I also have a list typed out with personal promises, (covenants) that God has given me and I daily remind him of those too. If you read the story of Job in the bible, you will find out how even though Job was in right standing with God, and had done nothing wrong, Satan petitioned to take away some of Job's promises too (Job 1:6-12).

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# Church News

## Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

### Music Ministry News

A new HANDBELL CHOIR is in the works! This group will meet on a weekday (TBA) and will focus on beginner to intermediate ringers. There is room for you even if you do not read music. You do not have to be a member of Good Shepherd to participate and there are no age limitations, just be available one day a week plus occasional Sunday worship performances. To put your name on the list or for more information, please contact Wayne F. Miller, Director of Music and Worship Arts at GSUMC.

### GS Kids Events

February 14 is Jesus Loves Me Sunday! We will be celebrating and sharing the love of Jesus with our friends and neighbors this day. Bring a friend and join us for a great morning of fellowship, crafts, snacks, and an official Jesus Loves Me Sunday balloon release.

### Upcoming Women's Bible Studies

The Tuesday Morning and Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Studies will be doing the newest Beth Moore study on Revelation, Here and Now, Then and There, beginning February 2nd. For more information, please email Kathy Juenke at [kljuenke1968@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kljuenke1968@sbcglobal.net) for the morning study or Aynne Daugherty at [aynnedaugherty@yahoo.com](mailto:aynnedaugherty@yahoo.com) for the evening study.

### Women's Retreat 2010

Ladies, it's almost Retreat time again!! If you've never come to the Women's Retreat, we hope you'll join us this year! Shannon Perry, who spoke at our Spring Brunch, will be our guest speaker for the weekend. Registration forms are available in the front office and online. Here are the details: Friday-Sunday, Feb 19-21, 2010

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Topic: "If the Shoe Fits"

Retreat registration deadline is February 12th, so register soon!

### G! Groups are forming NOW!

G! Groups, special interest groups for women that focus on activities like walking, scrapbooking, movies, cooking, etc., offer women the chance to develop friendships and share their hobbies with others in a small group setting. Plus, they often commit to giving back through projects within our community. It's fun with a purpose! Groups are forming now so if you are interested in movies, reading, cooking, scrapbooking, photography, walking, prayer groups, breastfeeding support, mommy and me playgroup or missions please contact Missy Owles at [missyowles@gmail.com](mailto:missyowles@gmail.com).

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**48 Days To the Job You Love** Can you imagine going to bed Sunday night, eager for Monday morning to come and your workday to begin? Prepare to have your world rocked when we uncover and lay out what is wrong with "work" in today's world. Join us for 48 Days To The Work You Love Workshop. Orientation is Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 7 pm. For a one-week fast-track class. April 21-28. Prepare to get excited about your passions and work week!

**Are you seeking greater joy?** It is not too late to join our Spring Ladies Bible Study. Classes meet Wednesdays, at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. Learn to have exceptional joy in an ordinary world. EnJOY is a video-based women's study of the book of Philippians offering an enduring biblical perspective on the meaning and source of true joy. Everyday life in these uncertain times can erode the feeling of happiness—unless a foundation of joy is already in place. That foundation comes from seeing life through God's perspective. Childcare is provided for all studies. Morning Bible Study childcare includes Gymboree Playtime every other week.

**Sonshine MDO Fall Registration**—Open registration begins Tuesday, February 9. Sonshine MDO is a Tuesday-Thursday program, meeting from 9 am to 2 pm and following the Cy-Fair calendar. Sonshine MDO offers classes for ages 18 mos as of Sept 1 to pre-K and a special bridge class for those turning 5 by October 1. For more information contact [mdo@fairfieldbaptist.com](mailto:mdo@fairfieldbaptist.com)

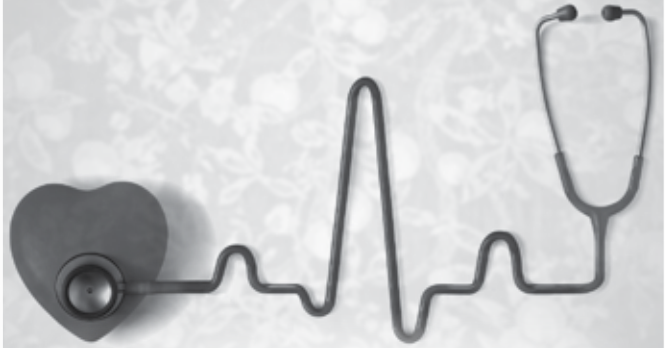
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## Harvest Bible Church

### *Did You Know?*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Peter 1:3)... Now in vv. 1-2, Peter proclaims that God elects some people for salvation based upon His foreknowledge of them. Now humans can have prior knowledge of some events (Acts 26:5; 2 Pet. 3:17), but when God is the subject of a passage “foreknow” means to “choose or determine before” (Acts 2:23; Rom. 11:2; 1 Pet. 1:2, 20). And He doesn’t simply know the decisions those whom He foreknew will make (like choosing Christ for salvation), He foreknows them as His own children. Thus, God’s intimate knowledge of them before the foundation of the world is the basis for His electing them for salvation. All are His creation, but all were not foreknown. Note that in Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus rejects some who call him “Lord, Lord,” saying, “I never knew you. Depart from me you workers of lawlessness.”

Note Peter’s response to this doctrine: he blesses God; he worships Him. The word is a compound Greek word from “well” and “word”; hence, “well-spoken of.” The English word “eulogy” stems from this Greek word, used at funeral for saying kind things about the dead.

What Peter is doing is describing the reality of the believer’s salvation and his necessary response to it. That response, according to the usage of the word “blessed be God...,” is something along the

lines of God is “worthy of praise.” The point is that worship followed Peter’s introduction of God’s foreknowledge and election. Contrary to how most so-called Christians deal with the doctrine of election today with hatred, Peter found it worthy of praise! And why not? His praise and worship was the result of his proper understanding God’s grace and peace in the fullest (v. 1). So although reject the doctrine of God’s predestinating grace for His chosen and foreknown people, true believers not only receive it, they rejoice in it like Peter did. True believers rejoice in all of God’s works, for that’s what makes a Christian a Christian.

Of course blessing God sounds more like an action for God toward man, but Peter shows that it can and should actually take place by those who love God. It is what worship is, and it is prompted by the knowledge of how God saves through His foreknowledge and election through Christ. Whereas God has blessed His people with salvation and the ability to live, give, worship, and enjoy what He has created, those who realize such have the awesome privilege of offering praise and blessing right back to God. Christians must realize that what God has given to them, they are offer back in the form of praise and worship which is a blessing offered to God.

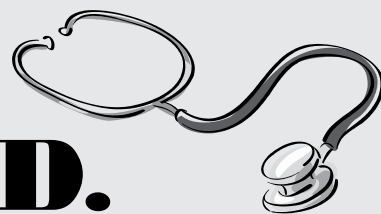
In the OT the Jews had blessed God as the One who led them

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# Jennifer Kwak, M.D.

## *Welcomes*

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out of Egypt. They also blessed Him for His creation which accentuated His supreme rule over all things. Now in the NT dispensation, Peter models that Christians are to bless God as the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. So, any discussion of God apart from the mention of Jesus is no discussion of God at all! Jesus Himself said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him" (John 14:6-7). The deity of Christ was not only stated by Jesus but also shown through miracles and healings which demonstrated his mercy toward hurting people who were suffering in this fallen world (Matt. 9:5-13; Mark 2:3-12). These actually proved that the OT God of the Jews was indeed merciful (Ex. 34:6; Ps. 108:4; Lam. 3:22; Mic. 7:18).

Right out of the gate Peter introduced the doctrines of grace: foreknowledge and election—doctrines that separate the men from the boys, as it were. These doctrines, along with the understanding that Jesus Christ IS God, are the ones that spur true worship. It's not about music firing us up to "worship," it's about blessing God for what He has done in eternity.

Harvest Bible Church: teaching God's truth verse by verse. [www.harvestbiblechurch.net](http://www.harvestbiblechurch.net)

**Good Shepherd** - (Continued from Page 30)

Shepherd again this Spring. Attend the preview on February 14 at 4:30 pm at Good Shepherd to learn how this year can be a new start for you to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. Please direct any questions to [office@goodchurch.us](mailto:office@goodchurch.us).

**Come Visit, Come Join**

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## Fairfield Church Of Christ

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As she tucked them in, she said, "Now, Joe, before you go to sleep, you need to forgive your brother for the mistake he made."

Joe thought for a few moments and then replied, "Well, okay. I'll forgive him tonight, but if I don't die before I wake up, he'd better look out in the morning."

Holding a grudge or blowing a mistake out of proportion drives a wedge between two people, and if allowed to remain, that wedge can destroy a relationship. Be quick to recognize that some mistakes are not worth mentioning and some errors are not matters of eternal importance.

Those who are quick to forgive others tend to be those who are forgiven quickly. And we all must admit it's nice to be on the forgiven

side of a mistake. -Author Unknown

**Forgiveness! What a great theme to carry on in 2010!** Thanks be to our Holy Father in Heaven that forgiveness is given through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you need help in understanding His forgiveness, we invite you to Fairfield Church of Christ, where we all are studying to understand His forgiveness and put it into practice.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Infants to Adults): 9:30AM – To learn God's Word together to strengthen our Faith.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:** 10:30AM – To give God the Glory for His incredible forgiveness to all and help each person realize how wonderful it is when you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

**NEW YOUTH PROGRAM STARTING:** Come and meet our New Youth Leaders, Jonathan And Melanie Owens. If you have Junior High & Senior High young people, this is a great program for them to learn

about Jesus and also build relationships with other teens. This is your invitation to bring your young people and help them grow up in the Lord.


**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES** (Infants to Adults): 7:30pm – This is a great time to pause in the middle of a busy week and be re-energized by fellowship, prayer and the study of God's Word.

We offer free personal, one-on-one Bible studies, as well as, free Bible correspondence lessons for those who wish to study on their own time.

If you have a need for prayer, questions or help in any way, please let us know by calling the Church Office at 281-373-1900 or by visiting our web site at [www.fairfieldchurch.org](http://www.fairfieldchurch.org). We would be more than willing to help.

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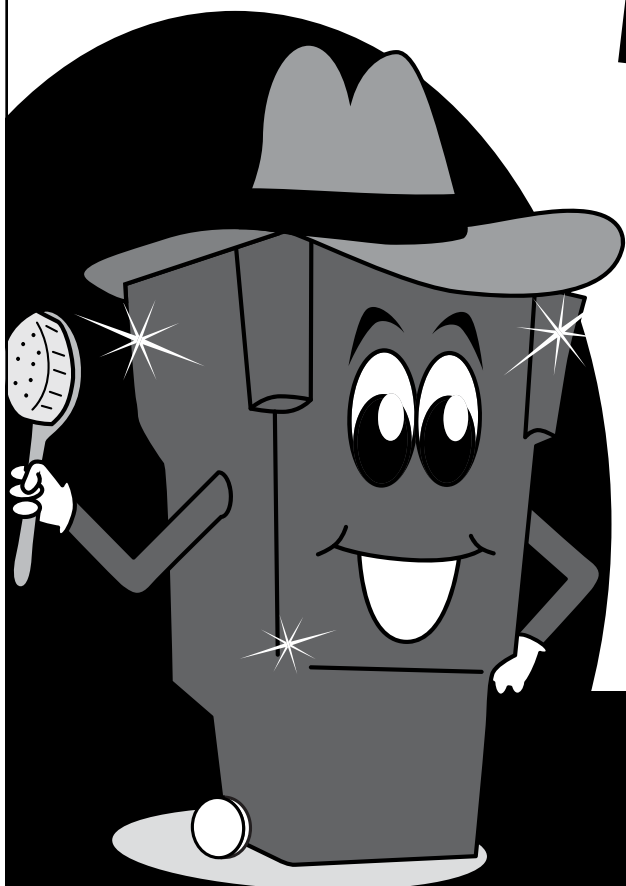
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## PERSONAL FINANCE

### *Debt Stacking - Get Out of Debt!*

Modern financial planning has to address consumer debt to be realistic. Debt is the biggest blocker to financial success that I know of. And getting out of debt seems to be something most Americans want to do these days. This discussion will focus only on what is known as "bad debt" which includes credit cards and revolving charge accounts. If you would truly like to get out of debt, the first thing you need to do is stop incurring more debt on your credit cards. Pay cash for a month and track your "latte factor." There are several strategies to use from this point. You can transfer your balance to a lower rate card, but beware of the fees associated with transferring the balance. As I am fond of saying, the large print giveth and the fine print taketh away. You can also ask your lender or credit card company to lower your interest rate, but it has become tougher to achieve this.

Many clients benefit from doing a debt consolidation loan which can free up hundreds of dollars a month in cash flow. A powerful method which I recommend is called "Debt Stacking". Debt stacking allows you to use less money to pay off the same amount

of debt more quickly. The method of Debt Stacking states that you pay off the highest interest rate debt first, while making just the minimum payments on all the other credit cards. When you pay off that high interest rate credit card, you then transfer the amount that you were paying monthly on that card to the next highest interest rate credit card. Let's look at an example. First, arrange your credit cards in order of highest to lowest interest rate:

- Revolving Charge Card A: \$4,000 at 24% APR, minimum payment \$100
- Credit Card B: \$5,000 at 18% APR, minimum payment \$100
- Credit Card C: \$3,000 at 12% APR, minimum payment \$100

Assuming that you are able to pay \$400 per month towards all credit cards, use the Debt Stacking method to pay \$200 towards Revolving Charge Card A until it is paid off. Then you would add that \$200 to the \$100 equaling \$300 that you would pay on Credit card B until it was paid off. Finally you would add the \$300 you were paying on Credit Card B to Credit Card C for a total of \$400 dollars

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until the last one is paid off. In a comparatively short time you are out of debt. You will have paid less interest and gotten out of debt more quickly than if you had you paid the same amount of money spread equally over the three credit cards.

In conclusion, your steps to get out of debt are to stop incurring more debt, pay less interest on the debt you do have, spend smarter, and use the Debt Stacking Method. You'll be debt free much faster, and you will save a lot of money!

**-RICH KEITH**

# Recipe of the Month

## Italian Bread

### Ingredients

- 1 package Hot Roll Mix
- 4 ozs. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
- 1 - 8 oz. Ricotta cheese or 1 cup cottage cheese
- 8 oz. shredded Mozzarella cheese
- 4 ozs. Pepperoni, diced fine
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 egg

### Directions

Follow instructions on Hot Roll Mix. Punch down & roll out to a rectangle about 18 x 12". Beat the egg with the ricotta or cottage cheese and spread on the dough. Sprinkle all remaining ingredients over the dough. Roll up and place in a curved shape on a greased cookie sheet. Cut the dough almost through the roll about every inch. Let rise again for about 1 hour. Bake in 350° oven for about 40 minutes or until browned.



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### WHY BUY GIRL SCOUT COOKIES? BECAUSE YOUR SUPPORT:

- Helps girls develop courage, confidence and character
- Teaches girls about teamwork, goal-setting and fiscal responsibility
- Helps troops raise funds for community service projects, troop activities and more

Next time you hear, "Would you like to buy some Girl Scout cookies?" know that your support is developing future leaders who will make the world a better place!

### PURCHASING GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Enjoy delicious Girl Scout Cookies and support a worthy cause! If you've been unable to purchase cookies from a Girl Scout in your area, call 1-888-GS-COOKIE to find a troop near you. Also, visit Cookie Finder to locate a "Cookie Booth" in your neighborhood.

### WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

All of the revenue earned through the Girl Scout cookie program benefits our community and Girl Scouts in San Jacinto Council. The volunteer board of directors determines how the Council's share of the proceeds is spent. Among other things, at the Council level, proceeds are used to:

- maintain campsites
- provide financial assistance to girls
- offer training for adult volunteers
- keep camp and program fees at a minimum
- support special initiatives, such as offering Girl Scout programs in underprivileged communities like public housing facilities and detention centers



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Less than a third of the selling price of a package of Girl Scout cookies goes toward the actual cost of the cookies. This means that more than two thirds of every Girl Scout cookie purchase goes toward programs and services to benefit girls. A portion of that goes directly to the troop/group selling the cookies.

Each Girl Scout council's volunteer board of directors determines the baker, the price per package of cookies, how revenue will be used to provide vital services in the community and how much money will be returned to troops/groups selling cookies for their projects and activities.

Within our Council, approximately half of the operating budget is funded by the Cookie Sale. The price for a package of cookies is \$3.50. Troops receive 56 to 63 cents of every cookie package they sell. Service units receive 3 cents per package. Troops/Groups and Service Units decide how they want to spend their bonus money. The national organization receives no funding from the cookie sale.

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## Feeling Stuck? How to Cope

You know the feeling-you have been working in your job for several years, you feel that you have stopped learning, there does not appear to be any room for advancement at the moment, and frankly, you're just bored! With the downturn of the economy over the past couple years and the resulting reductions in workforce, the number of growth opportunities have been greatly reduced. Your plans of moving into

a manager role in x number of years, director in y number of year may now appear to be nothing but a pipedream. However, you still want to hold on to the security of your current job rather than jumping ship. So-how do you cope?

### Get involved in special projects.

There are always opportunities and new challenges you can take on. Most companies have cross-functional task forces where you can represent your department. This gives you exposure to new people and the new responsibilities are a departure from the hum-drum of your normal job. You will also learn more about your company and the value that your role provides.

### Learn about people who are successful.

Get inspired by reading about those who are successful in your line of work. Study their achievements, their career path, and their

values. Look at successful professionals in other lines of work, athletes, people who have overcome adversity, and learn about how they handled their career and life roadblocks.

### Get a mentor.

Select someone you admire that is at least 2 levels higher than you. It does not have to be someone in your chosen field, though a person in your field will have the wisdom of experience in your line of work. Set up recurring meetings to talk with them about what they are working on, what you would like to do, and ask their advice on how to get there. The mentor/mentee role is an extremely valuable one that can have long-lasting career benefits.

### Take professional development courses.

If your company has a learning and development center, stimulate your mind by taking some courses to better your business and technical skills. If your company does not have this resource, check out the extended learning opportunities at your local universities.

### Talk to a career counselor.

There may be a deeper issue behind the boredom or lack of advancement. It is worth considering that you might be in a job that is not a good fit for you. Talking with a career counselor will enable you to examine your skills and interests, and help you to determine

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whether a career change is needed.

#### **Develop more outside interests.**

It is always healthy to have a good work/life balance. But you may be placing so much energy into the frustrations of your current position that you have abandoned the activities that make you happy. Fill your life up with hobbies, exercise, time with family and friends—just take time to enjoy life! Remember the common expression: “Work to live, not live to work.”

#### **Look for the positive.**

Consider the benefits of the job that you have. Perhaps your company has a good medical and retirement plan. You may work on a great team, or have developed some significant friendships with your co-workers. Your office hours may be flexible. Consider the security that you have that many other professionals don't. Anything you can think of—just try to stay positive!

While feeling stuck is certainly frustrating—know that every professional has experienced this at some point in their life, and it is a temporary situation. Remember it is YOUR career. Only you can breathe life back into it!

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in an eye that appears to be normal. Two common causes are crossed eyes and a difference in the refractive error between the two eyes. If untreated, amblyopia can cause irreversible visual loss in the affected eye. (By then, the brain's "programming" will ignore signals from that eye.) Amblyopia is best treated during the preschool years.

- **Strabismus** is a misalignment of the eyes; they may turn in, out, up, or down. If the same eye is chronically misaligned, amblyopia may develop in that eye. With early detection, vision can be restored by patching the properly aligned eye, which forces the misaligned one to work. Surgery or specially designed glasses also may help the eyes to align.
- **Refractive errors** mean that the shape of the eye doesn't refract, or bend, light properly, so images appear blurred. Refractive errors also can cause eyestrain and/or amblyopia. Nearsightedness is the most common refractive error; others include farsightedness and astigmatism:
  - **Nearsightedness** is poor distance vision (also called myopia), which is usually treated with glasses or contacts.
  - **Farsightedness** is poor near vision (also called hyperopia), which is usually treated with glasses or contacts.

- **Astigmatism** is imperfect curvature of the front surface of the eye, which is usually treated with glasses if it causes blurred vision or discomfort.

Other eye conditions require immediate attention, such as retinopathy of prematurity (a disease that affects the eyes of premature babies) and those associated with a family history, including:

- **Retinoblastoma** is a malignant tumor that usually appears in the first 3 years of life. The affected eye may have visual loss and whiteness in the pupil.
- **Infantile cataracts** can occur in newborns. A cataract is a gradual clouding of the eye's lens.
- **Congenital glaucoma** in infants is a rare condition that may be inherited. It is the result of incorrect or incomplete development of the eye drainage canals before birth and can be treated with medication and surgery.
- **Genetic or metabolic diseases of the eye**, such as inherited disorders that make a child more likely to develop retinoblastoma or cataracts, may require kids to have eye exams at an early age and regular screenings.

Be sure to talk to your doctor if your child is at risk for any of these conditions.

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## GLASSES AND CONTACTS

Kids of all ages — even babies — can wear glasses and contacts. Keep these tips in mind for kids who wear glasses:

- Allow kids to pick their own frames.
- Plastic frames are best for children younger than 2.
- If older kids wear metal frames, make sure they have spring hinges, which are more durable.
- An elastic strap attached to the glasses will help keep them in place for active toddlers.
- Kids with severe eye problems may need special lenses called high-index lenses, which are thinner and lighter than plastic lenses.
- Polycarbonate lenses are recommended, especially for kids who play sports. Polycarbonate is a tough, transparent thermoplastic used to make thin, light lenses. However, although they're very impact-resistant, these lenses scratch more easily than plastic lenses.

Infants born with congenital cataracts may need to have their cataracts surgically removed during the first few weeks of life. Some children born with cataracts wear contact lenses at 6 months of age.

Around age 10, kids may express a desire to get contact lenses for cosmetic purposes or convenience if they play sports. Allowing a child to wear contacts depends on his or her ability to insert and remove lenses properly, faithfully take them out as required, and clean them as recommended by the doctor.

Your eye doctor can help you decide what type of vision correction is best for your child.

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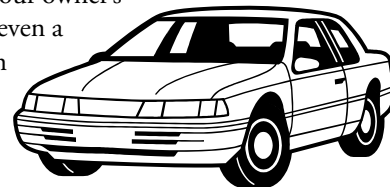


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*Written by Chris Yarger*

There are more benefits to maintaining a regular schedule of preventative maintenance than just a longer car life. A well serviced vehicle will not only perform as it should but will run more efficiently, saving its owner money and avoid unplanned or potentially unsafe situations. Following these simple steps provide cost-saving benefits to protect your vehicle life-span:

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- **CHECK FLUIDS MONTHLY** – Your engines vital fluids including antifreeze, transmission and brake fluids must be kept at their proper levels to prevent rust and dirt build-up which can ultimately clog or restrict the flow of fluids and damage internal parts. An engine deprived of clean fluids will struggle to operate efficiently and ultimately burn more fuel.
- **CHECK TIRE PRESSURE WEEKLY FOR MAXIMUM FUEL EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY** -- Properly inflated tire pressure is key for fuel efficiency. An under inflated tire causes increased road resistance which makes the vehicles computer to allocate more fuel to the engine. Tires should also be rotated every 5,000 miles to prevent uneven wear and prevent a potential blowout and hazardous situation on the road.
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## THE GIVER BY LOIS LOWRY

*"A Perfect World?"*

The Giver by Lois Lowry won the 1994 Newbery Medal. Considered a young adult book, I purchased it for my nephew, but wanted to preview it before giving it to him. While I thoroughly enjoyed the book (it is intensely deep and invited more thought and examination than any other book I've read in a long time), I don't think the content is appropriate for young adults. I'll explain this in more detail, but in preparation for writing this review, I noticed that The Giver is on many middle school reading lists, but it is also on many banned book lists and appeared on the American Library Association's list of the most challenged books of the 1990's.

Although I didn't give the book to my nephew, I think it is an excellent adult read. This book makes you really think. It describes a community that lives in what the author describes as a "perfect" world—one without pain, emotion (including love), color, decisions, surprises, memories, inconvenience and even temperature variations. While this is definitely not my idea of a perfect world, the people of this community of people live their daily lives in a very robotic and extremely organized way.

Each member of this community is assigned a specific role at the age of 12 and the main character, Jonas, is given the role of Giver. He is given all the memories of past generations where there was pain, love, hunger, the brilliance of color and he is responsible for holding all of these memories so no one else has to live through them. The way the Receiver transfers these memories to Jonas and the horrifically hard life that awaits Jonas is extremely interesting and creative.

When Jonas questions things—which he has never been permitted to do—he understands the very hard, but accepted way of life in his community. In particular, the "releasing" of the rule breakers, elders and anyone else who stands out or is an inconvenience to the group is heart wrenching—this is the part that is not for young adults.

The book is extremely creative; from the way the community and each family are structured to the unique role each person is assigned. It begs the question, "What would you give up to live in a more secure world?" and on the other hand, "What would you sacrifice to live life to the fullest?"

I definitely have Gathering Blue and Messenger on my reading list, two other books that are companion reads to The Giver.

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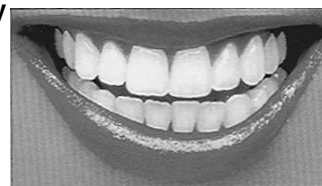
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### Quick Fix

First, evaluate your current routine to determine what really bores you. A new variation on your favorite activity — such as cardio-funk or kickboxing instead of step aerobics, or hoisting free weights instead of working on machines — may be enough to reinvigorate a stale routine.

If you've always worked out indoors, logging miles on a treadmill, stairclimber or stationary bike, move your workout outside for a welcome change of scenery. Run, hike or bike on trails; swim in a lake or ocean.

### Bigger Changes

When tweaking your routine isn't enough, make bigger changes. Take up an entirely new activity — especially something you never thought you'd do. If you've always stuck to solitary pursuits, sign up for a team sport, such as volleyball, basketball or even doubles tennis. Or tackle something you've always shied away from — indulge your thirst for adventure with a rock-climbing class (start on an indoor wall, then move to the real thing as your skills improve).

### Good Company

Working out alone often is an oasis of solitude in a busy day, but maybe you need some company. Exercise companions add a social element to any routine. Ask a friend to be your workout partner—you won't skip a workout if someone is waiting for you.

Just about every sport or activity has a club; to find one, ask around at gyms or local community centers. Keeping up with the crowd also means you'll be challenged to improve your skills. Ask about organized workouts and fun runs offered by local track clubs, as well as group rides hosted by cycling clubs.

### Challenge Yourself

Many exercisers work out simply to stay in shape, and most of the time that's just fine. But setting a goal, such as

finishing a 10K race or completing a rough-water swim, will give your daily workouts more meaning.

Start by incorporating bursts of speed into your workouts. After a gentle warm-up, alternate a fast pace with a slower one for recovery. This can be as simple as sprinting to the next tree, or as structured as running intervals on a track or sprinting laps in the pool.

### Add Variety

Elite triathletes pioneered the cross-training concept, and it works for the rest of us, too. If you usually focus on one activity, substitute another a few days a week. Ideally, any exercise program includes elements of cardiovascular exercise, weight training and flexibility.

### New Toys

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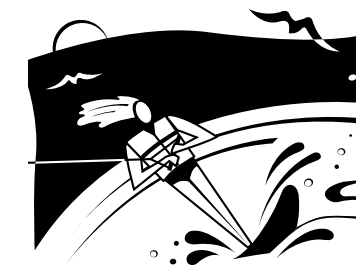
### Take a Break

Sometimes you really do need time off. In that case, cut back on your usual routine, and substitute other activities. You might even find one that you enjoy more than your old favorites.

Once you've fought your first battle with boredom, you'll know the tricks to keep exercise from becoming too routine. Trying new sports, new classes and new activities — and learning how to throw a little variety into old favorites — can help you overcome the nagging inclination to devise those creative excuses for not working out.

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- 2-26—HOUSTON:** Virtuous Realities: New Digital Paintings by Chalda Maloff Maloff's art explores the powerful aesthetic potential of the digital medium. She describes her new body of work as decisively spiritual, upbeat and emotionally evocative. The Jung Center of Houston. [www.junghouston.org](http://www.junghouston.org)
- 9-21—HOUSTON:** Miss Saigon In the chaos of the Vietnam War, young lovers are separated. They spend years searching for one another. Theatre Under the Stars. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. [www.tuts.com](http://www.tuts.com) 713/558-2600 or 888/558-3882
- 10—SAN BENITO:** El Second Weensdee The Narciso Martinez Cultural Art Center presents an oral history series on conjunto music. Begins at 7 p.m. 225 E. Stenger St. 956/399-0110 or 956/367-0335
- 11, 13-14—HOUSTON:** Romeo & Juliet Dominic Walsh Dance Theater performs this classic ballet production at the Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. [www.dwdt.org](http://www.dwdt.org) 713/315-2525
- 11-14—PORT ARTHUR:** Mardi Gras Southeast Texas Includes headliner bands, parades, carnival rides, arts & crafts, food vendors and strolling street entertainment. Procter Street, Downtown Port Arthur. [www.mardigras.portarthur.com](http://www.mardigras.portarthur.com) 409/721-8717
- 12-13—CYPRESS:** Tri-County Quilt Guild's First Quilt Show: Treasures of the Heart The featured quilt artist is Tom Russell. Includes a judged show, special exhibits, merchants' mall, quilt appraisals, tea room and more. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Fairfield Baptist Church, 27240 Hwy. 290 W. [www.tricountyquiltguild.org](http://www.tricountyquiltguild.org)
- 12-14—HOUSTON:** Stomp Popular show has been updated and restructured, including the addition of two new full-scale routines. Jones Hall. [www.spahouston.org](http://www.spahouston.org) 713/227-4SPA
- 12-14, 18-20—VICTORIA:** Side by Side by Sondheim Shows are 7:30 p.m. except for a 2 p.m. matinee on Feb. 14. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts. [www.theatrevictoria.org](http://www.theatrevictoria.org) 361/576-6277
- 12-14, 19-21—WHARTON:** Harvey Elwood P. Dowd's best friend is a six-foot-tall invisible rabbit, but his doting mother and sister are determined not to let that stand in the way of their social ambitions. The Plaza Theater, 120 S. Houston St. [www.whartonplazatheatre.org](http://www.whartonplazatheatre.org) 979/282-2226
- 13—BEAUMONT:** Free Family Arts Day Combines exploration of the exhibits with hands-on activities and storytelling. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. [www.amset.org](http://www.amset.org) 409/832-3432
- 13—CRYSTAL BEACH:** Light House Krewe Mardi Gras Parade Jacks Road to Gregory Park. [www.lighthousekrewe.com](http://www.lighthousekrewe.com)
- 13—KEMAH:** Yachty Gras Boat Parade Boaters cruise the Clear Creek Channel in lavishly decorated boats and toss beads to revelers along the channel at the Kemah Boardwalk and waterfront Seabrook restaurants. Begins at 7 p.m. [www.kemahboardwalk.com](http://www.kemahboardwalk.com) 281/334-9880
- 13—VICTORIA:** Black History Festival Community Center. 361/578-6325
- 13-14—HARLINGEN:** Jalapeno 100 Ride Run Walk Join Jalapeno Jack for a weekend of active family fun. Choose from five bicycle routes, a 5K walk or 10K run. [www.jalapeno100.com](http://www.jalapeno100.com) 956/423-5440
- 14—SAN BENITO:** Noche de Ronda Valentine Dance Features live music for a romantic evening. Hours are 8 p.m. to midnight. Knights of Columbus Hall, 826 E. Stenger. 956/245-1666
- 16—PORT ARTHUR:** Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Party Includes music, dancing, bead throwing and costumed royalty. Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/962-9860
- 18—ORANGE:** Leading Ladies Lutcher Theater, 707 Main. [www.lutcher.org](http://www.lutcher.org) 409/745-5535 or 800/828-5535
- 19—GALVESTON:** Montana Repertory Theatre — Leading Ladies Two down-on-their-luck English actors try to pass themselves off as long-lost relatives of a Pennsylvania dowager with a sizable estate. Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 800/821-1894
- 19-21—HOUSTON:** Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony Presented by the Houston Symphony. [www.houstonsymphony.com](http://www.houstonsymphony.com)
- 20—HOUSTON:** Birding Walk & Talk Walk is led by members of the Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park. Begins at 8:30 a.m. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800
- 20—HOUSTON:** Wings & Wheels See vintage aircraft and automobiles. Fly-ins welcome. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 1940 Air Terminal Museum. [www.1940airterminal.org](http://www.1940airterminal.org) 713/454-1940
- 23—HOUSTON:** Band of the Irish Guards Formed in 1900 on the express wish of Queen Victoria, the Irish Guards are part of the British Army tradition of bands providing musical support

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- to troops on active service. Jones Hall. [www.spahouston.org](http://www.spahouston.org) 713/227-4SPA
- 23—SAN BENITO:** San Benito High School Conjunto Band Concerts at the Amphitheater Enjoy the traditional sounds of conjunto music by San Benito's young musicians at 6:30 p.m. W.H. Heavin Amphitheater. 956/361-3804 ext. 302
- 23—WHARTON:** WCJC's Something Old, Something New Horton Foote Theatre. [www.wcjc.edu](http://www.wcjc.edu) 800/561-9252
- 23-Mar. 7—HOUSTON:** Cirque Dreams Illumination 713/622-7469
- 25—GALVESTON:** Harry the Dirty Dog Enjoy the exciting misadventures of this lovable canine hero. Begins at 10 a.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 800/821-1894
- 25-28—PORT ARANSAS:** Celebration of Whooping Cranes & Other Birds Includes birding bus and boat tours, renowned speakers, exhibits, trade show, seminars and demonstrations. Civic Center and UTMSI. [www.portaransas.org](http://www.portaransas.org) 800/452-6278
- 25-Mar. 1—VICTORIA:** Livestock Show Community Center. 361/573-3707
- 25, 27-28—HOUSTON:** La Bayadere (The Temple Dancer) Set in the Royal India of the past, this ballet is a story of eternal love, mystery, fate, vengeance and justice. [www.houstonballet.org](http://www.houstonballet.org) 713/227-2787

- 26—ORANGE:** Groovaloo This is a 15-member eclectic cast of the world's most renowned freestyle and hip hop dancers. Luther Theater. [www.lutcher.org](http://www.lutcher.org) 409/745-5535 or 800/828-5535
- 26-28—BEAUMONT:** Monster Nation Six monster trucks will compete in racing and freestyle on an oval track including Bigfoot, Tailgator and Equalizer. The world-class FMX East Freestyle Motocross team returns. [www.fordpark.com](http://www.fordpark.com) 409/951-5400
- 27—GALVESTON:** Tao — The Martial Art of Drumming Drawing on their diverse backgrounds, these energetic performers offer a young and vibrantly modern take on a traditional Japanese art form. Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 800/821-1894
- 27—SAN BENITO:** Texas Independence Day Festival Celebrate Texas history with re-enactments, demonstrations and displays. Includes pan de campo and food vendors, live music and storytellers. [www.cityofsanbenito.com](http://www.cityofsanbenito.com) 956/361-3804 ext. 302

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# News You Can Use

## MEET NICHOLAS

DOB: 02/1996

Nick is a friendly and sweet child, although he is shy when meeting new people. Nick enjoys interacting with other children in his class and in his home. He also likes to please others and enjoys helping when he can. Nick is all boy and enjoys throwing a football, playing outdoors, video games & board games. He also likes to draw and play with various action figures. Nick is also interested in collecting cars. Nick performs well in school and receives good reports from his teachers. Nick is most proud when he is reported for doing things well. His foster parent notes that he can be a very sweet and helpful child. He befriends other children easily. He catches on to various activities quickly and likes to figure things out, such as how to take things apart and put them back together. Nick's caseworker notes that he's competitive

when playing games and is a natural "practical joker" as he enjoys making people laugh. If you would like more information about Nick, or the adoption process, contact the Adoption Coalition of Texas at [info@adopttexas.org](mailto:info@adopttexas.org).

Remember ~ There are no fees to adopt from the foster care system, regardless of what agency you work with!

The Adoption Coalition of Texas is a nonprofit organization (operating under the Austin Community Foundation), created in 2003 to focus on finding forever families for children languishing in the foster care system. Adoption Coalition of Texas partner agencies include Arrow Child and Family Ministries, Child Protective Services, Lutheran Social Services of the South, Marywood Children and Family Services, and Pathways Youth and Family Services.



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	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM
Bluebonnet Glen	1	\$95.42	41
Baker's Ridge	1	\$75.11	144
Chappell Ridge	3	\$68.41	66
Cottage Glen	1	\$73.89	4
The Estates	1	\$85.29	24
Garden Grove	11	\$69.53	32
Glen	1	\$70.43	52
Inwood Glen	7	\$66.06	39
Inwood Meadows	5	\$75.50	61
Inwood Park	6	\$72.08	34
Lakes/Lake Ridge 2	7	\$78.48	44
Crossing/Landing/Reserve	5	\$78.08	44
Meadows/Park/Retreat	6	\$ 77.77	34
Oaks/Trails	6	\$71.81	43
Pines	0	-	-
Summer Crossing	4	\$73.00	77
Summer Ridge	5	\$69.34	49

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