

RANCH RECORD

*News For The Residents of
Blackhorse Ranch*



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Local Bluegrass and Old Time Music Jamming

The Fairfield Bluegrass Jammers are sponsoring Bluegrass music jamming at Kleb Woods Nature Center and Preserve where the fun begins on the 4th Saturday of each month at 12 noon and where everyone is invited to pick, sing, listen, fellowship, or walk the trails and watch the beautiful birds. You will find folks with their guitars, banjos, fiddles, mandolins, bases and dobros warming up to do a little picking and singing. When the music and singing begins so does the foot tapping and fun.

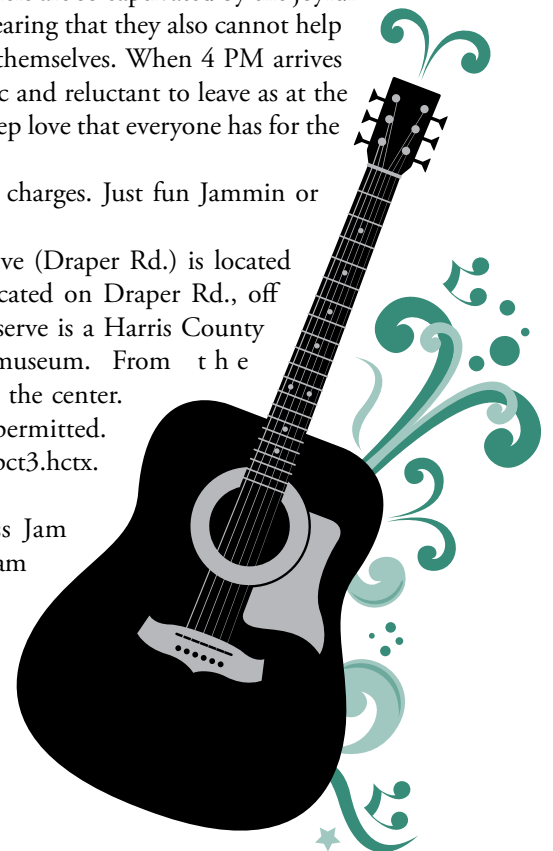
The musicians from beginner to pro are having a great ole time playing this old-time music of Bill Monroe and Ralph Stanley. There are 3 types of music played – Bluegrass, Gospel, and old-time country. The listeners are so captivated by the joyful energetic music and musicians they are hearing that they also cannot help but do a little toe tapping and clapping themselves. When 4 PM arrives you find the musicians just as enthusiastic and reluctant to leave as at the beginning. The energy comes from the deep love that everyone has for the music.

Pickers and listener are welcome. No charges. Just fun Jammin or listening.

Kleb Woods Nature Center and Reserve (Draper Rd.) is located about 15 to 20 minutes away and is located on Draper Rd., off Mueschke Rd. in Tomball area. The Reserve is a Harris County Park and a bird watchers paradise and museum. From the parking lot you will walk about 200ft to the center. No selling, soliciting, alcohol, or drugs permitted. Check out Kleb Woods web-site at: www.pct3.hctx.net/parks/klebwoodsnaturepres.aspx.

The Cypress/Tomball Area Bluegrass Jam (Northwest Harris County) 4th Saturday Jam is sponsored by The Fairfield Bluegrass Jammers and is being held at the nearby Kleb Woods Nature Center and Reserve outside Tomball, 12 Noon to 4 PM.

For more Information regarding the Bluegrass Jam contact - Nema Redding at: 281-373-1777 or 281-910-4395. E-Mail: tn.blugras@earthlink.net



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Eight Water Safety Rules for a Safe Summer



We are dedicated to promoting drowning prevention and helping equip residents with the best tools to keep families safe in and around water.

1. Always have a pool gate around home pools. This includes having a locked and securely fastened gate that is not accessible to little ones.
2. Continuously educate children on water safety. This is a great thing to do at home, on the boat, at the pool, wherever there is water. Each time you are getting your little one ready for a swim session or water play, go over the

rules of water safety. Repetition is key with small children. Make sure your swim instructor incorporates a "Safety Lesson of the Week" into its lesson curriculum. This includes questions about water safety and how to avoid dangerous situations.

3. Designate a "Water Watcher." This is a responsible adult who sticks to alcohol-free beverages during swim time and who is in charge of keeping both eyes on the pool while it is in use. Or, better yet: consider renting a Lifeguard for your party or group event.

4. Remove all pool toys, floaters, ring buoys and other child-enticing items from the pool area when it is not in use. One wrong reach for that floating rubber ducky could be disaster.
5. Clear homes of common household items that can be dangerous to a curious toddler. It takes just 2 inches of water for a child to drown in a bucket. Put all mop buckets, dog dishes and coolers out of children's reach.
6. Never leave a young child in the pool or bathtub--even "just to get the phone."
7. Enroll your child in swim classes. Start lessons early. The longer a child has lessons the more they understand water safety. A great time to do this is in the spring! This way your kids are already prepped and ready to roll for the summer swim season. You'll want to find an inside heated pool and lesson times geared towards working families.
8. Supervise, Supervise, Supervise! Try to have your eyes on your children in and around the pool at all times. Adults should always be present when any child is in the pool area.

Let's help our kids love the water while also respecting it by being safe and well-trained at all levels.

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Boys and Girls Country is not a United Way member agency; they receive their support from friends in the community through grants, mailings, e-mail, and special events. Because Boys and Girls Country does not rely on state or federal grants, they are able to continue to care for their kids past high school graduation. In 1997, Boys and Girls Country developed their College and Career Program to support their high school graduates as young adults. Whether they choose college, trade school, the military, or the workforce, Boys and Girls Country provides support as it is needed. Like any other family, they're still there, helping their kids reach their full potential and break the cycles of poverty and dysfunction that they have known.

On May 1st, Boys and Girls Country will host their annual Spring Festival. It takes place from 10:00 – 5:00, and it is a fun event for adults and children of all ages.

Boys and Girls Country turns their 250-acre ranch into a midway

jam-packed with booths, food, and fun. There will be a petting zoo with 25 animals, including a llama and a pot-bellied pig. Younger kids can go on a pony ride, or the whole family can take a hay ride around the ranch. There's a Bug's Life Obstacle Course, Volcano Rock Wall, and a Virtual Zone with Wii games and Dance Dance Revolution. Stay for the day and enjoy great food like barbeque, chicken sandwiches, and nachos. Adults will find plenty to enjoy with two stages of entertainment and live, big board, and silent auctions. Bid on items like a 4-night's stay at a resort in Galveston, signed sports memorabilia, or a hunting trip. While at Spring Festival, people will also have the opportunity to tour a cottage and see where the children live.

Spring Festival is a great, affordable outing for families. Admission is free. All-day activities passes are just \$15 per child, and lunch tickets are only \$6. All of the proceeds from Spring Festival will help provide for the day-to-day needs of the children who live at Boys and Girls Country.

Don't miss out on this fun-filled day and the opportunity to support a Home that provides vital services to Houston-area children in need of a safe place to grow up.

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CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB

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Come join us at the CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB and be a part of sponsoring children's activities, such as the Triathlon. CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair Schools; supports the Cerebral Palsy SIRE group, Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; provides scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provides assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations.

Membership is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the programs it promotes, we invite you to be our guest at one of our monthly meetings. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis meet at Hearthstone Country Club on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373 or George Crowl at 832-467-1998.

Kirk Elementary to Host Book Fair Event, April 12 to 16, 2010

WHAT: Kirk Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair on April 12, 2010 to April 16, 2010. The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 100 publishers. Families, teachers, and the community are invited to attend the Book Fair, featuring a fun theme: Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read!

On April 12, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the Book Fair will be having Family night. Please help support our school and join us for a sweet treat.

WHEN: The Book Fair will be open daily from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, April 12, 2010 to April 16, 2010.

WHERE: Kirk Elementary is located at 12421 Tanner Road, Houston, TX 77041.

MORE: Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List and One for Books® programs.

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Annual 12th Russian Children's Folk Festival 2010

Happy Families has been sponsoring orphaned children to participate in our Russian Children's Folk Festival since 1981! We plan to bring 15-20 children ages 6-12 from orphanages in the Kaliningrad region with their chaperones to Houston, TX in June 2010. The children will be staying with host families for 2 weeks.

School age children are one of the most deprived groups of Russian orphans. They have few chances for a bright future in Russia. The festival gives them a unique opportunity to see a different world outside of their orphanages.

These annual events have found much attention from the media, including coverage on ABC's Good Morning America and New York Times and many more. See details at www.happyfamilies.org.

What are the requirements to bring a child? Happy Families needs to raise about \$2,000 to bring each participant. This covers airfare, transportation in Russia, passports, visas, medical insurance, translation and coordination. We are asking for your support and participation in this project. Please contact us for additional information on how you can help.

Sincerely,

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GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 10, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church, 15235 Spring Cypress. The youth of St. John are hosting a garage sale to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering. Everyone welcome! If you wish to purchase a spot to hold your own sale or for more info call 281.373.0503.

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Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Session

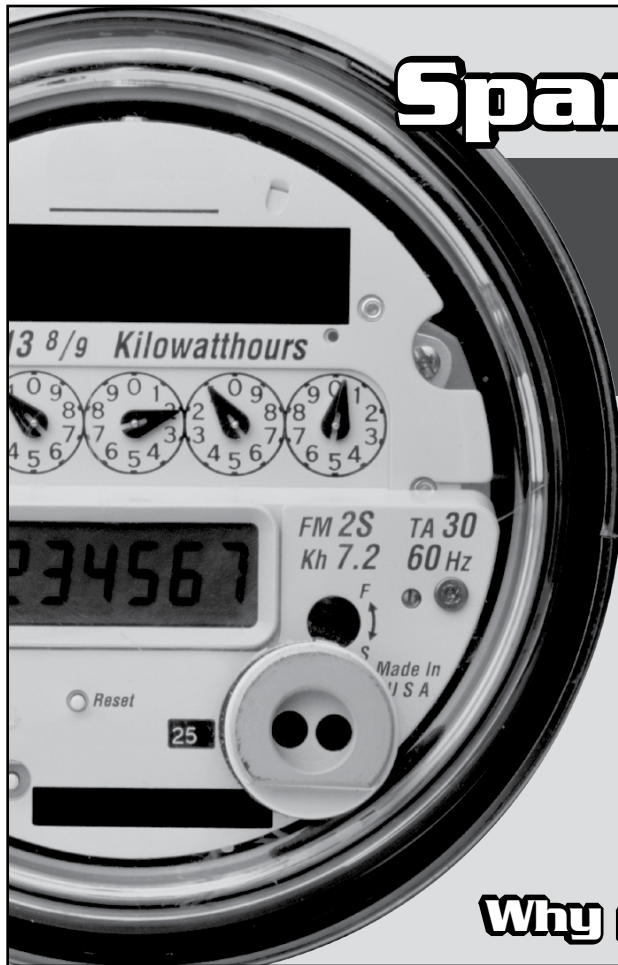
Monday Evening, April 12th, 2010

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host a free open house / registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2010 season. The event will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Cypress Room at the Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, 18220 Tomball Parkway, Houston, at the corner of FM 1960 and Highway 249. The session will begin with a very important program overview / orientation at 7:00 PM. All interested athletes and parents should report on time.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent "off-season" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.

The club was founded 23 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area. Last year, the Northwest Flyers qualified 42 young athletes to compete at the U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Greensboro, NC.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.



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Please Note: All Money Raised Will Be Donated to the Lupus Foundation of America.

When: Saturday, April 10th - 10:00 - 12:00

Where: Cypress Ranch High School - Football Field Track

Who: Cypress Ranch PALS class - (Peer Assistance & Leadership Service)

Why: To Help Raise Money for the Lupus Foundation in Honor of Kelsey Cannon

*Thank you for your continued prayers & support. For those of you who might not know, Kelsey was diagnosed with Lupus, Sjogren's Syndrome & Fibromyalgia in August. There is no cure for these autoimmune diseases; the doctors can only treat the symptoms. We feel extremely fortunate for the opportunity to help raise money and find a cure, thank you PALS! For additional information please call Lisa Cannon at 281.373.1969.

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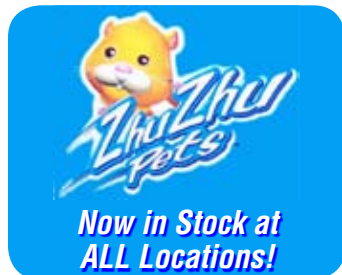
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The Texas Terrapins 12 & Under Finish Strong at the Spring Champs Meet

The Texas Terrapins Cypress's own year round swimming club finished off the season with a big splash. 27 of the 30 swimmers from area neighborhoods that participated achieve best times, and 18 swimmers moved up to new levels. Outstanding swims were achieved by swimmers of all ages in all the Terrapin training groups.

The following are the Terrapin Team highlights:

8 & Under

The girls' medley relay grabbed first place comprised of Komie Nguyen, Delaney Crowder, Beth McNeese, and Danica Gubic. Beth McNeese took first place honors in 100 back, 200 free, and 50 fly; Delaney Crowder took second in the 50 back and 3rd in the 50 fly; Danica Gubic to 3rd in the 100 IM, Byron Keller sped to first place in the 50 fly, and grabbed second in the 100 free and



IM; Jackson Dement was 4rd in the 50 free; Komie Nguyen was 2nd in the 100 IM; and Collin Stewart took 1st in the 100 IM, 2nd in the 50 breast, and 3rd in the 100 free.

9-10

Luke Bowman sped to a 1st place finish in the 50 fly, and 2nd in the 50 breast. Luke was cheered on by his grandfather – Coach Eddie Reese of the University of Texas. Matt Braswell was 1st in the 50 back. Jacob Eubanks cruised to 2nd place in the 50 back. Makenna Meyer was 3rd in the 50 breast. The girls and boys medley relay both took 4th place.

11-12

Abbie Jones achieve her 4th TAGs time in the 50 back and took 2nd place in both the 200 and 50 free; Lexi Bruno has now moved to the elite level with 3 A standards in the 50, 100 and 200 breaststroke events; Paige Fery placed 6th in the 100 fly, 100 and 200 back; Becca Taylor achieved her first A time in the 100 back placing 2nd, as well as 3rd in the 200 back. Aaron Thomson sped to 2nd in the 50 fly, and 4th in the 100 fly; Emi Strautman was 5th in the 100 free, and 100 % best times.

This was a tremendous team effort in the final meet of the Short Course season for the Terrapins. When you ask your swimmers and families who you want to train with not only to reach your full potential, but to do it in a nurturing atmosphere we hope you think one thing....TTST!!!

Jennifer Kwak, M.D.

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SKIM JAM³ 2010



What is Skimboarding?

Skimboarding is a sport similar to surfing which takes place in shallow water. Skimboarding is based primarily on the principle of hydroplaning, but combines many different aspects of other board sports. The board allows a rider to spin freely over the surface of the water, and the absence of bindings allows a rider to perform board spinning tricks creating a uniquely liberating ride.

Located in Cypress, Texas, Skim 2 Live is a non-profit organization made up of skim boarders and breast cancer advocates. All

profits from Skim 2 Live are donated to The Rose Foundation, where thousands of patients are able to receive treatment. We are always thinking up new ways to push breast cancer back and push skimboarding forwards. Early detection is key, and an active lifestyle is the best prevention. So get out there and SKIM TO LIVE! Literally.

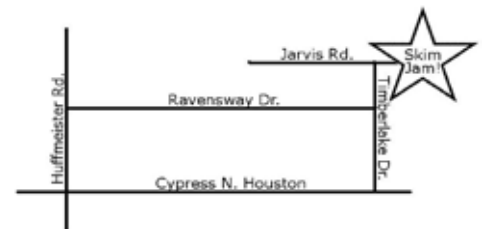
There is no admission cost, but donations are welcome. Please make checks payable to The Rose. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and will truly make a difference for the families affected by breast cancer. TheRose.org

Skim 2 Live, in support of The Rose, will be hosting the third annual Skim Jam on Saturday, April 17th at noon to raise money for those afflicted with breast cancer. The event will be in Cypress Creek behind the Ravensway neighborhood, and will consist of a skim boarding competition, silent auction, and a fun day in the sun. Even if you don't plan on skimboarding there will be plenty to do. Last year's event raised \$1,300 in only its second year, and this year, with your help, we aim to raise over \$3,000 in loving memory of Debi Seyler.



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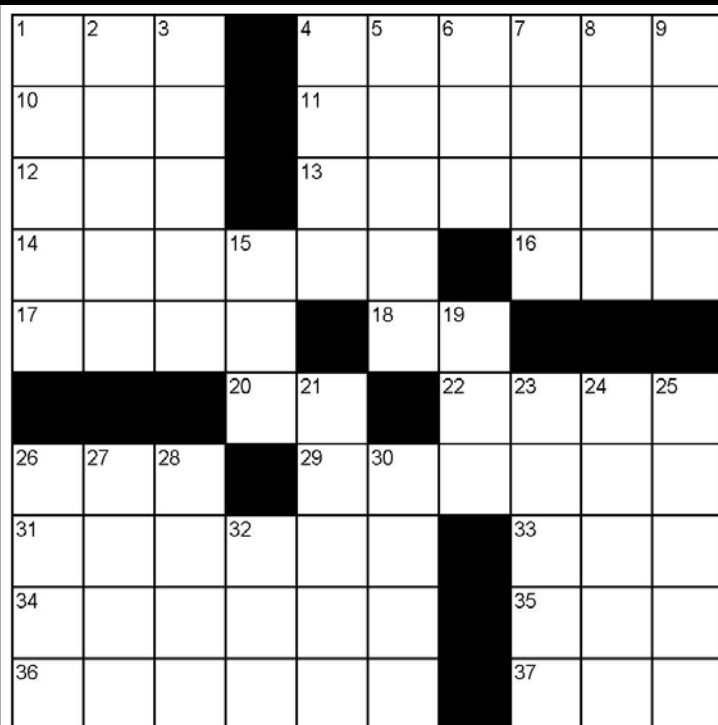


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ACROSS

1. Can
4. At sea
10. Maturity
11. Apt
12. Winter mo.
13. Cactus drug
14. Choose (2 wds.)
16. Long time
17. Tush
18. You
20. Hey!
22. Baby's "ball"
26. Fortify
29. Groove
31. Relating to the laity
33. Loose gown worn at mass
34. Accounts
35. Central Intelligence Agency
36. Stacking card game
37. Critical

DOWN

1. College field of study
2. Open mouthed
3. Rumormonger
4. Dog food brand
5. Zealous
6. Repose
7. Double-reed instrument
8. Singing voice
9. Adolescent
15. Saute
19. Move away
21. Toothbrush brand
23. Taken __ (shocked)
24. Negate
25. Treed (2 wds.)
26. Alack's partner
27. Standing
28. Short
30. Too
32. Hat

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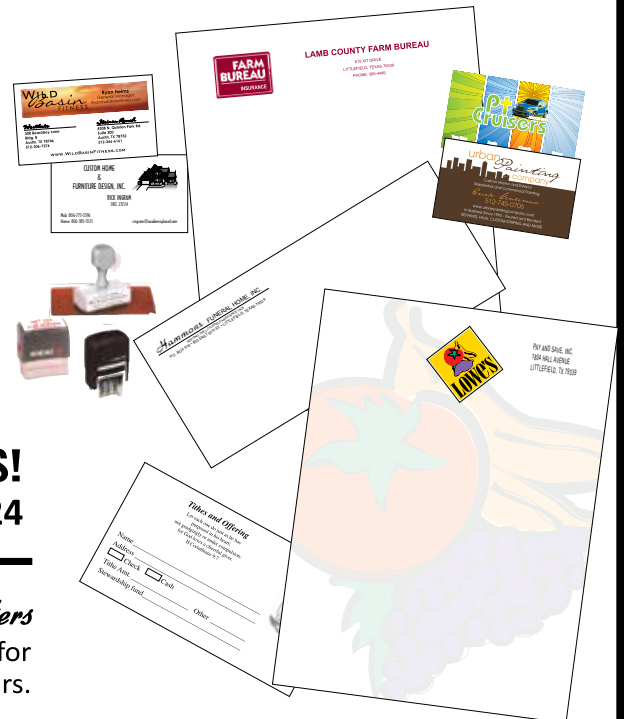
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\$451,000 and above	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
\$351,000--\$450,000	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
\$276,000--\$350,000	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$231,000--\$275,000	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0
\$201,000--\$230,000	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0
\$200,000 and below	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	3
Total	3	3	3	3	3	2	4	4	1	3
Highest \$/sq ft	\$95.09	\$85.34	\$96.37	\$112.57	\$80.11	\$93.18	\$95.07	\$145.25	\$84.70	\$74.26

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