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# The Beacon

News For The Residents at Lakes of Fairhaven

## KIRK ELEMENTARY *To Host Book Fair Event, Apr 12 - 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.

## 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.

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### Eight Water Safety Rules- (Continued from Cover Page)

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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## 5th Annual Young Life Golf Classic And Ultimate Putt

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LIONS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE  
12:30 SHOTGUN START**

Benefitting Greater Austin Young Life the 5th Annual YL Golf Classic and Ultimate Putt has fast become one of the Austin's top charity golf tournaments. Golfers every year tell us it is their favorite event they play each year. Some like the venue, others like the giveaways and many like the fact that after the tournament the golfer's spouses and kids join us for a fantastic evening of fun and inspiration. Spouses come for a fantastic dinner, get a fun spouse gift bag and presentation about YL. Kids get dinner, play in bounce houses and video game trailers while our amazing YL leaders play and care for them...they even go home with a YL t-shirt!!! The highlight of the day is our Ultimate Putt putting contest that caps off the event. After three rounds of pressure packed putts with a crowd hanging on every stroke a winner will go home with a boat club membership accessing a fleet of boats including a yacht from Freedom Boat Club valued at \$15,500.

Contact [staff@tx63.younglife.org](mailto:staff@tx63.younglife.org) or 512.328.7170 for more details and registration info.

## *"Adventures in Mothering" at The MET*



### ***Join the Adventure! Get Connected...with MOPS!***

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, a program led by mothers themselves and designed for mothers with children ages birth to 5. These mothers all have a shared desire...to be the best mothers they can be!

For more information on meetings in Fairfield, please contact Renate Wheeler at [renateqw@yahoo.com](mailto:renateqw@yahoo.com). They will meet on the second and fourth Fridays during the school year.



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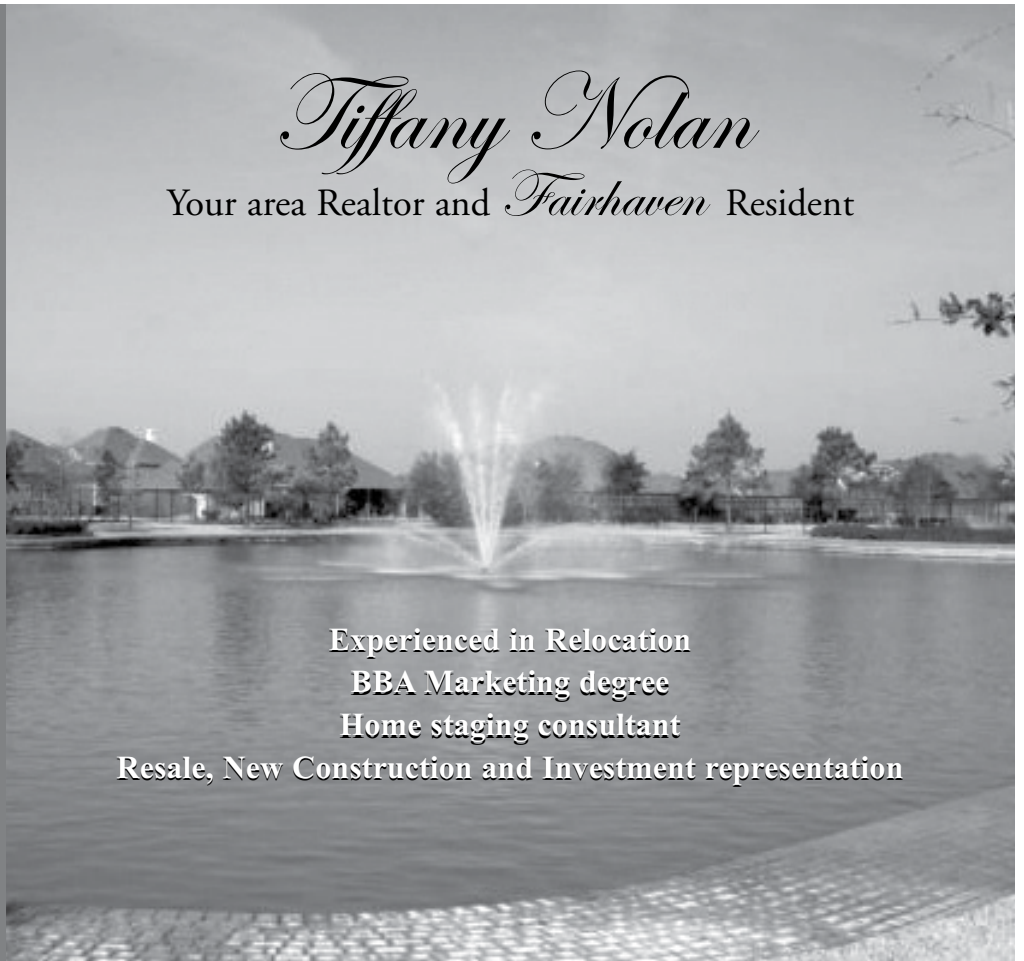
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# **GARAGE SALE**

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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](http://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,

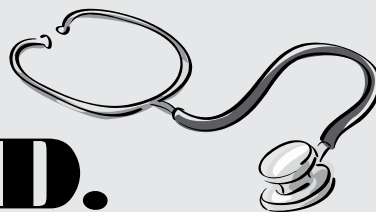
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## Cypress Ranch Classics Selected for All District Drill Team!

On December 12, 2009, the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District held its annual All District Drill Team Try-Outs for all junior and senior girls who are drill team members at the various 10 high schools in the Cy-Fair school district. Over 70 girls participated, but only 40 were chosen to represent CFISD. We are so proud of all of the girls, way to go CLASSICS!



*Pictured right:  
(center) Kelsi  
Lionberger, (left  
to right) Heather  
Hammond,  
Victoria Wright,  
and Kelsey  
Cannon.*

## AGGIE MOMS CLUB NW HARRIS COUNTY APRIL MEETING

Calling all Aggie Moms to the April 13th meeting to be held at 7 pm at the Houston Distribution Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. All current, future, and former Aggie Moms are encouraged to attend! One of the main goals for the Aggie Mom's Club is to fundraise in order to provide scholarships for our Aggie students, therefore the April meeting is all about scholarships! Join us as we listen to former Aggie scholarship winners and learn how these scholarships contributed to their Aggie experience. Find out which Aggie students will be recipients of the new 2010 Scholarship awards. Attend the meeting to vote for your favorite TAMU organization to receive club funds! Join us as we elect the new officers for the 2010-2011 Aggie Moms Club.

Other upcoming events include a "Boots N Whoops" western dance fundraiser to be held March 28th and a baseball tailgate party in April. For more information, please see our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.com](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.com).

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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](http://TheRose.org)

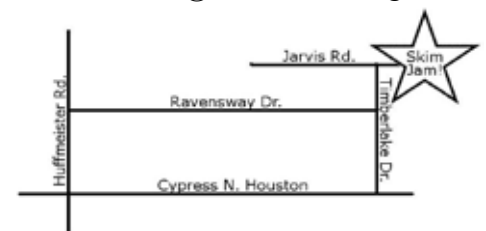
**Skim 2 Live**, in support of The Rose, will be hosting the third annual Skim Jam on Saturday, April 17th at noon to raise money for those afflicted with breast cancer. The event will be in Cypress Creek behind the Ravensway neighborhood, and will consist of a skim boarding competition, silent auction, 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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For you readers, here are a few of my favorite free software choices that won't get you into trouble:

For Windows machines, I like Picasa for doing simple editing and cleanup of photos. It's from the folks at Google and you can find it just by going to [www.Picasa.com](http://www.Picasa.com) (note that it's Picasa ending with an "a" and not Picasso like the painter with the additional "s"). Do you shop online and like to keep the receipts? Rather than printing them out and storing them in a filing cabinet, use CutePDF to "print" your receipts (or anything else that can be sent to a printer) into a PDF file that you can save on your hard drive. I buy a lot online and CutePDF lets me store all the receipts into a folder on my hard drive that makes life much easier at tax time for my accountant (which is this month if my calendar is correct.) You can download CutePDF at [www.CutePDF.com](http://www.CutePDF.com), just download the CutePDF Writer. It installs as if it were a printer and you're ready to go.

For the Mac, Anxiety is a useful to-do list manager to (hopefully) reduce the stress in your life in getting all the things you need to get

done, done. It works with iCal and Mail. You can download it at <http://www.anxietyapp.com/>. Carbon Copy Cloner lets you backup your entire hard drive to another, allowing you to boot to the 2nd drive should the first one fail completely (and it happens more often than you know.) Download it at <http://www.bombich.com/>.

Stay away from sites offering free music or movies (like LimeWire), this is an excellent way to contract a virus. If you think you're getting something that costs money in a store for free online, it's probably going to cost you more than you know by the time you get your computer cleaned up.

Be skeptical and be safe. One of the best places to go for free software is <http://sourceforge.net/>. You're not going to find Microsoft Office for free, but you might find a program that does something close. Want Photoshop but don't have \$400 to spend, then check out Gimp. There are a lot of genuinely nice people developing programs because they enjoy doing it. Some will ask for but not require a donation, that's only fair. If you like a program, throw a few dollars their way to encourage them to keep improving their program. If you can say "I wish I had a program that .....", then you'll probably find something at SourceForge.net that meets your needs. - Submitted by Laurie Scott

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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!!!

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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](http://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](mailto:tn.blugras@earthlink.net)



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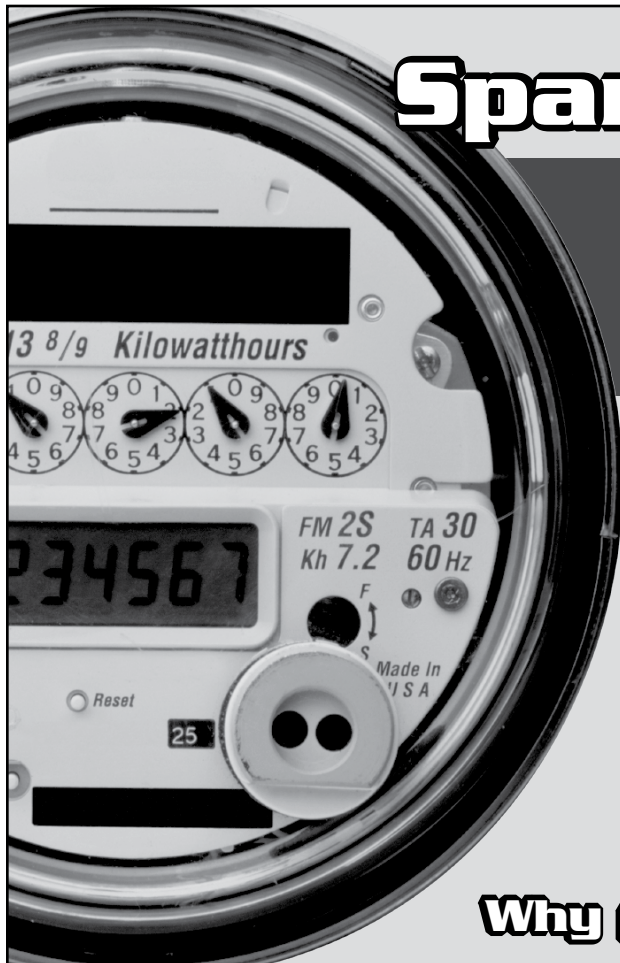
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