

# RANCH RECORD

*News For The Residents of  
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## **BUSINESS NETWORKING INTERNATIONAL OF NW AREA**

*Hosts First Annual Business  
Strategies Expo (Professionals  
throughout the community are  
invited to attend.)*

THE LOCAL CHAPTERS OF BNI, Business Networking International invites business professionals within the community to attend its "Business Strategies Expo" for innovative networking opportunities on September 9, 2010 at Northwest Forest Conference Center, from 10am -2pm. A light lunch will be available.

Based on the concept of "Givers Gain," or, by giving business to others, you will get business in return, the purpose of this dedicated event is to allow many individuals from diverse businesses to meet and exchange information as well as be able to introduce themselves and their businesses to first time attendees.

The economy is such where members of the northwest BNI chapters really wanted a light hearted, yet impactful way to tap into our resources to share referrals and opportunities within the community at large. Houston Executive Director, Kathy Mathy says, "We are excited to share the many benefits of BNI membership through such a unique venue. Our group expects this inaugural

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## **CYPRESS CHRISTIAN AMBASSADOR COUNCIL**



The Ambassador Council provides leadership opportunities for the students of Cypress Christian School. This important group of students supports the school in various roles throughout the school year. Leadership workshops are held during the school year and over the summer. Admissions Director Angie Ramirez commented about the ambassadors, "Our focus is on and will continue to be on the greatest servant-leader of all time, Jesus Christ. I really enjoy working alongside the students! Thanks to the following ambassadors for excellent service!"

*Fifth Grade: Olivia Crozier, Korey Cyr, Matthew Garcia, Mason Lehane, Chris Shadle, Shelby Wiley; Sixth Grade: Jacob Cyr, Emily Fredrickson, Karylina Parodi, Travis Parr, Kallie Rhea; Seventh Grade: Avery Barbisch, Kristin Beach, Ashlyn Boone, Jordan Crowhurst, Julian Logan, Andrew Rincon; Eighth Grade: Michael Boyd, Cody Callahan, Jade Harper, Amanda Swanton, Hunter Vick; Freshmen: Dillon Barbisch, Alyssa Beach, Dan Crozier, Shannen Longridge; Sophomores: Jase Clark, Lizzie Hilton; Juniors: Allison Mayo, Daniel Rodriguez; Seniors: Brian Fredrich, Alyssa Wynans*

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### Business Networking - (Continued from Cover Page)

expo to draw a sizeable crowd of professionals, members and potential members to future meetings, workshops on networking, tradeshow and other events.”

The event will also feature many local businesses, door prizes and other giveaways. The prime sponsor for this expo, is Home Comfort Solutions.

The West Houston chapters began in 1993 and includes than 850 members. They are part of BNI worldwide, which boasts 60,000+ members.

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### ABOUT BNI

Founded in 1985, BNI meetings are held weekly with a mission to help members increase their business through a structured, positive, and professional “word-of-mouth” program that enables them to develop long-term, meaningful relationships with quality business professionals. In total, BNI has generated over \$2.6 billion dollars (U.S.) worth of business for its members! BNI is a business and professional networking organization that allows only one person per professional classification or specialty to join a chapter.

## CYPRESS CHRISTIAN

### School's New Principal



Cypress Christian School welcomes Mr. Robert White and his family as he joins the school's Senior Administration Team and serves as Elementary Principal

Mr. Robert White holds ACSI certifications as both a superintendent and as a principal, and he has served as an elementary principal, high school principal, and head of school for a multi-campus Christian school district of over 670 students. His strong experience at every level of Christian school administration enables him to effectively lead and to help organizations achieve excellence in their mission. Mr. White's degrees include a Bachelor of Arts in Bible, a Master of Science in Educational Administration, and a Master of Ministry. Mr. White and his wife, Meredith, have three school age children: Joshua, Allison, and Benjamin. He has served in various ministry roles including Sunday School Teacher, VBS Leader, and Awana Director.

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## NORTH/WEST HOUSTON MOCHA MOMS

### *Promote Reading Amongst African-American Kids*

*Submitted by Kurchelle Piccolo, Cypress Mill Resident*

On September 18, 2010, the North/West Houston Chapter of Mocha Moms will launch a literacy program, Boys Booked on Barbershops (B-BOB)/ Girls Booked on Beauty-Shops (G-BOB) at "Sassy but Classy" Salon.

B-BOB/G-BOB is a program designed to promote literacy and the importance of reading to young, African-American children. The chapter will set up and stock a reading nook at Sassy's with age-appropriate books for children to read during their regular visits to the barbershop. These naturally-occurring encounters create a great opportunity for children to read and learn while making use of their wait time. The nook will feature books by and about African-Americans, with an emphasis on topics that interest the shop's clientele.

The program aligns with the Mocha Moms' national community service initiative, "Closing the Gap on Minority Prosperity, Health and Achievement." The North/West Houston chapter has collected

over 55 donated books for the event and Scholastic, which has teamed with Mocha Moms on a national level, will provide additional books. The Mocha Moms will also be on hand to discuss ways parents can support the development of reading and other literacy skills at home.

Hesma Stephens, President of the North/West Houston Chapter commented, "Painful reports have shown that despite some parent's level of education, African-American children have fewer resources available than other non-ethnic families. We are reinforcing our commitment to community by providing reading resources in social settings for boys and girls in an attempt to close the literacy gap".

The Mocha Moms anticipate over 30 families will attend the program's launch at Sassy's. The chapter plans to set up reading nooks at nine more locations at local barber and beauty-shops before year's end. Sassy's is located at South Barker Cypress Rd. (FM 1464) and Westheimer. The program will start at 11:00 a.m.

#### SEASONAL SALADS

**Asparagus Crab Salad & Preserve Lemon Vinaigrette...9**  
toasted almonds, shaved parmesan, baby greens

**Grilled Blackened Chicken Salad & Balsamic Vinaigrette...7**  
baby greens, cilantro, tomatoes, walnuts, avocado, shaved red onions

**Tuscan Tomato Mozzarella Salad & Balsamic Vinaigrette...7**  
extra virgin olive oil, fresh basil, garlic wheat croutons

#### FRESH GRILLED MEATS & SEAFOOD

**Salmon...19 / Halibut...24 / Shrimp...19 / Crab Cakes...16 / Tilapia...11**

**Grilled Beef Tenderloin 4oz, 6oz, 8oz.....18, 22, 26**  
**Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast 4oz, 6oz, 8oz.....8, 12, 15**  
sauteed asparagus & whipped potatoes

#### ITALIAN CLASSICS

**Chicken Parmesan...14**  
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**Fettuccini Alfredo & Chicken...15**  
light creamy alfredo, diced tomatoes, fresh basil, garlic bread

#### MEXICAN FAVORITES

**Beef & Chicken Fajitas Platter...14**  
spanish rice, charro beans, salsa, tortillas

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## Aggie Moms Gather for the New School Year

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Come join all the Aggie Moms in the Northwest Harris County area for a fun filled night at our "Howdy Party"! The August meeting includes an interactive evening in which you learn more about life at Aggieland, how we support our Aggie students, and also meet lots of great Aggie Moms. A wonderful group of former yell leaders will be there to help us learn more about the Aggie traditions and whoop it up!

The NW Harris County Aggie Moms supports our Aggie students through scholarships and donations to campus organizations that enrich the Texas A&M experience. We also support each other through shared experiences with our students at Texas A&M University and develop wonderful friendships.

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10th at 7 pm at the Houston Distributing Company conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road. Please check our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org) for more information or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494. We look forward to meeting all our Aggie Moms!



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## Fall Aggie Mom's Meeting

*Tuesday, September 14, 2010*

All Aggie Moms, new, current, and former, are invited to attend our September meeting for the Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Club. Our organization is designed to support our Aggie students through scholarships and donations to the many campus organizations. Aggie Moms support each other by sharing the joys and trials of parenting Aggie students through this important time in their lives.

You won't want to miss our first fall meeting with speaker, Jacob Robinson, the current Texas A&M University student body president. He is currently getting a degree in Public Relations and plans to graduate in 2011. His goal as president is to elevate the Aggie experience and preserve the traditions that define what it means to be an Aggie.

Please come and join us for refreshments and learn more about what Aggie students will experience at Texas A&M University. The meeting will be held at 7 pm at the Houston Distributing Company conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road.

Check our our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org) for important upcoming events or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494 for more information. Gig'Em Aggies!

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## Cypress Ranch High School MUSTANG CORAL DAYS

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**12TH GRADE:** Friday, August 13, 2010, 12:00P-2:00P

(Parking stickers available for 11th & 12th graders only – forms available at [schools.cfsd.net/cyranch/index.htm](http://schools.cfsd.net/cyranch/index.htm))

**9TH GRADE:** Saturday, August 14, 2010, 8:00A-11A  
(9th Grade Meeting at 8:00A in the Auditorium)

**11TH GRADE:** Saturday, August 14, 2010, 12:00P-2:00P

While you're at the Coral, be sure and visit your Cy-Ranch Athletic Booster Club table for Membership & Spirit Items!

They'll be lots of great items to choose from!

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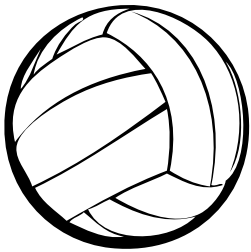
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## CYPRESS WOODS HIGH SCHOOL

### *Wildcat Band and Color Guard Casino Night and Silent Auction*

On Saturday, September 25th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. the Cy-Woods Band will be hosting their fifth annual Casino Night at Cypress Woods High School. This annual event is not only to raise funds for the band and color guard, but also to have fun with friends and family. Ages 12 and up can participate. Play to win a great prize in our Texas Hold'em Tournament! You don't want to miss the fabulous Silent Auction and grand prize drawings! Come join the fun and help support the Wildcat Band and Color Guard. For more information visit the band website at [www.cywoodsband.org](http://www.cywoodsband.org).



## Cy-Ranch Volleyball Try Outs

VolleyBall Tryouts will be held the first week of August.

Please visit [www.cypressranchathletics.com](http://www.cypressranchathletics.com) for more information

## Cy-Woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team

The Cy-Woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team will host their 5th annual dance clinic for K-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on August 11-13, 2010. This is a major fund-raiser for the team and enables them to participate in activities throughout the 2010 - 2011 school year. The fee is \$55 and includes dance technique, specially choreographed routines for each age group, t-shirt, drinks and snacks each day and a picture for each participant. Showoffs will held the last day at 11:30am. For more information email [pjbassine@aol.com](mailto:pjbassine@aol.com) or check out our website at [www.crimsoncadettes.com](http://www.crimsoncadettes.com). On the website, you will find a sign-up form and a link to PayPal for payment.



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## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

### *Bus Buddies Volunteer Program In Cypress-fairbanks Schools*

#### WHAT IS BUS BUDDIES?

Bus Buddies is a partnership between the Cy-Fair community and Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District to provide assistance to elementary students to help them in getting off the bus at the correct location. The program requires one "Bus Buddy" per elementary bus the first three days of school. The approximate time commitment is from 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on August 23, August 24 and August 25. Duties include assisting the bus driver with getting the children off the bus at their correct stops.



Training Sessions will be held at The Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Rd., Cypress, TX. on Monday, Aug. 16 (9:30 – 10:30 a.m.), Tuesday, Aug. 17 (7:30 – 8:30 a.m.) and Wednesday, Aug. 18 (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.).

The Partners in Education (PIE) department is looking for Bus Buddy support similar to the 2009-10 school year when approximately 400 volunteers in the Cy-Fair community rode buses to assist the nearly 9000 riders and their drivers.

Interested volunteers can RSVP and register for a training session by visiting <http://www.cfisd.net> and selecting Bus Buddies. For additional information about the program, please contact the CFISD Partners in Education Department at 281-894-3949.

#### WHAT IS REQUIRED?

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## LONE STAR COLLEGE

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**COURSES FOR AGES 50 AND BETTER AVAILABLE** - The Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) at Lone Star College-CyFair offers adults, 50 years and older, leisure classes, lectures and informal activities. A.L.L. class fall registration will be held 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 28 in the Conference Center. The fall session will include a diverse set of classes in areas such as gardening, travel, history, health care, photography, woodwork, art and many others. A.L.L. has an annual membership fee of \$20 (September 2010-August 2011), which entitles members to student discounts, and the use of the college's fitness center. Join A.L.L. for a great experience with like-minded people for whom learning has never gone out of style. For information, call the Continuing Education office at 281.290.3460 or go to [LoneStar.edu/cyfair-all](http://LoneStar.edu/cyfair-all).

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR FALL** - Fall registration continues at Lone Star College-CyFair and Lone Star College-Fairbanks Center. Workforce certificates, 2-year degrees and more are available. Choose day, evening, weekend or online classes. Weekday classes start Aug. 30. Weekend classes start Sept. 10-12. Call 281.290.3200 or 832.782.5000 for information; go online to [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu); or visit one of our conveniently located campuses at 9191 Barker Cypress or 14955 Northwest Freeway.

**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATIONS AND FREE PREMIERE DAY** - Take a tour, learn about campus programs, meet with an advisor, choose a schedule and register for summer and fall classes. Free sessions continue through August for new, transfer and non-traditional students as well as family orientations. Space is limited so pre-register online [LoneStar.edu/cyfair-orientation](http://LoneStar.edu/cyfair-orientation). Call 281.290.3430 or e-mail [cfoutreach@lonestar.edu](mailto:cfoutreach@lonestar.edu). The Student Activities Department will host a free Premiere Day Aug. 27 for new students with an overview of campus resources and services, "campus secrets", motivational keynote, prizes and more. RSVP to [cfcstudentactivities@lonestar.edu](mailto:cfcstudentactivities@lonestar.edu) by Aug. 18. Call 281.290.3270 for information.

**L.I.F.E. LESSONS IN AUGUST** - The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in August include "Cypress Once Had a Rodeo and a Hot Artesian Well!" Aug. 4; "If it Ain't Got That Swing" Aug. 11; "Touring Taste of Dance Salad Festival" Aug. 18 and "An Unexamined Life" Aug. 25. Call the library at 281.290.3214 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to [LoneStar.edu/library](http://LoneStar.edu/library).

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For information on these classes call 281.290.3292. Fall classes start Aug. 30 so register now at [lonestar.edu/registration](http://lonestar.edu/registration).

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## CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS

*From Budget to Big Bucks*

*Submitted by Susan Kostecky*

Custom window treatments are a decorative and functional complement to a home, and add color, texture and softness. Custom treatments can range in price from very reasonable to very expensive. If you are considering window treatments for your home, there are a number of factors to consider. Those factors are: style, budget and function.

### STYLE

You can accomplish great style in any budget range. You may already have ideas that you like, from model homes or decorating magazines. You may prefer light and airy, or richly luxurious, casual or formal. If you are working with a window treatment specialist or decorator to determine what style treatments will best fit your home, it is important to discuss the budget you have allotted for this project. You may decide to focus on one room at a time, which makes it easier on your wallet and also to make decisions. Knowing your budget helps your consultant present style ideas and fabrics that will keep the project in your price range.

Some treatment styles require considerably more fabric than others, which generally means more lining and more labor. Fabrics with a very large motif (such as a large bouquet of flowers) may require more yardage in order to center or match the motif throughout the project. Treatments with deep folds or pleats



require more fabric than a flat treatment. Flat does not mean boring: adding contrasting trim, banding, buttons or tassels adds interest. A flat treatment (like a roman shade, cornice or a straight valance) also lets the fabric print be seen completely. If you have fallen in love with a tulip floral print, a flat treatment showcases the tulips much better than a gathered treatment does.

If there are blinds in place, you have many choices to select from to accent your furnishings. Consider how the room is used: a bedroom might dictate room-darkening draperies to permit sleeping late on the weekends. A west-facing

window might require interlining or other linings to prevent light bleed-through, fabric fading and/or rot. Silk may be interlined to add lush body, insulation and to protect the silk from the sun. A kitchen window may only need a fabric accent valance for color and interest. These are options, depending on your goals for your room.

Fabric prices vary greatly. Retail fabric stores offer a good selection, reasonable prices and can generally order fabric for you if they do not have the quantity you require. Outlet stores have very low prices, stock that changes rapidly and cannot be reordered, and may sell "second quality" fabrics that may be flawed. If the price is right, you can purchase additional yardage to offset flaws. The stock changes rapidly, and if you mull over your sample options, the fabric may no longer be available when you go to purchase it. A designer or window treatment consultant has access to the Decorative Center of Houston, which has tens of thousands of fabrics available. The selection of fabric, rods, trimmings, tassels, etc. is far beyond that found in retail locations. This is a huge benefit if you are trying to coordinate with existing fabrics in your furnishings that may be discontinued and no longer available.

Custom window treatments should reflect your taste and lifestyle, and still leave money in the bank! Make your home your personal oasis by choosing a treatment that has style and personality and fits within your budget.



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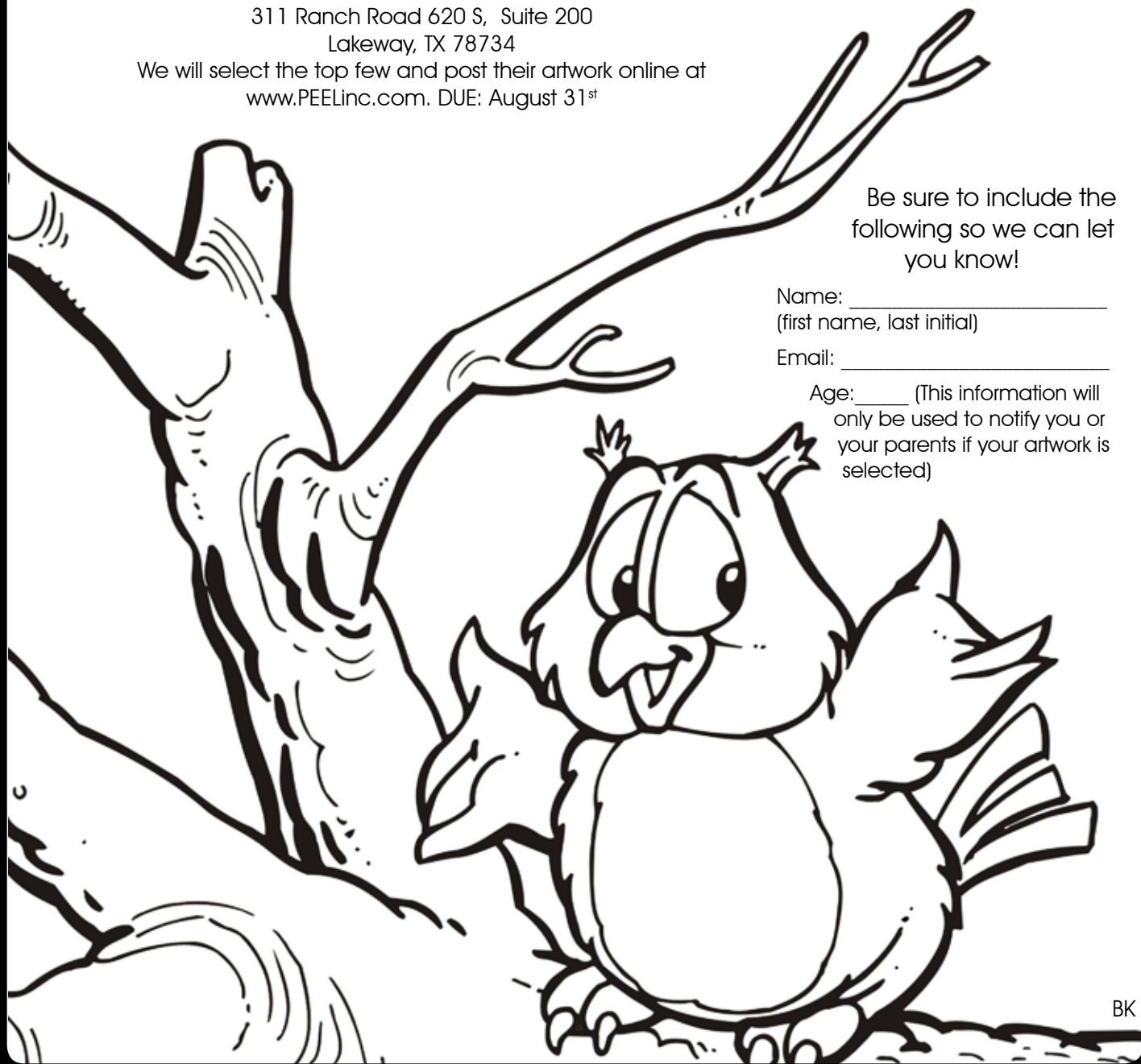
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\$351,000--\$450,000	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
\$276,000--\$350,000	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
\$231,000--\$275,000	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	1
\$201,000--\$230,000	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
\$200,000 and below	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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