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Cook-off Winners

Chicken

- 1st - Wade Koehl
- 2nd - Randy Yoder
- 3rd - Bob Heffernan

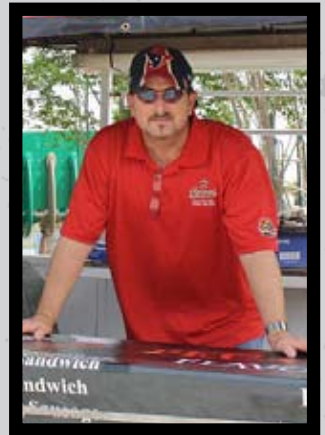
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- 1st - Randy Yoder
- 2nd - Jaime Bubela
- 3rd - Tom Fitzgerald

Brisket

- 1st - Randy Yoder
- 2nd - Jim Sims,
Jeff Sims
- 3rd - Greg
Scherbenske

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A newsletter for Bridgeland residents.

The Times is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Bridgeland residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com or you can email it bridgeland@peelinc.com. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome.

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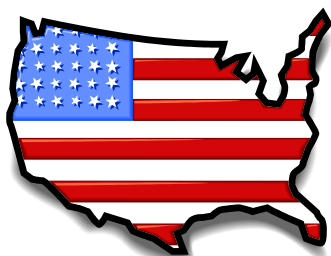
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AUDITIONS FOR RED RIDING HOOD

written by Jo Smith



The *Bridgeland Community Theatre* Players announce auditions for the 2nd Annual Play in the Park: ***Red Riding Hood***, a traditional English pantomime written by Jo Smith!

Adults! Teens! Kids! Actors and Actresses of all ages and experience are needed for this exciting show to be staged at our very own Lakeland Heights Pavilion. **Roles of every kind are available.** While not a traditional "musical", the play will feature singing and dancing as well as the traditional pantomime elements of comic wit and contemporary references. Auditions will be held May 15, 2011 1:00-5:00 pm at the Lakeland Activity Center. Please go to www.bridgelandlife.com to register.

Performances will be held on October 22 and 23 at the Lakeland Heights Pavilion. Seating will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the performance will begin at 5:00 pm. Encourage your family and friends to come out, bring a picnic and a blanket, and enjoy an evening of theatre!

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Auditions for Red Riding Hood - (Continued from Page 6)

Director and Bridgeland resident, Candice Koern, has her BFA in Theatre and Secondary Education from Texas State University. This year she was one of only seven master teachers in the state of Texas selected to serve on the University of Texas at Austin's Theatre Educators Forum. As Director of Theatre at Cy-Fair High School for 20 years, Koern coached her students to zone, district, area, regional and state competitions and directed over 70 productions.

Musical Director, Suzanne Walton, received a scholarship and studied piano at Texas State University before completing her BA in Secondary Music Education at ULL in Lafayette. Walton taught high school choir for 5 years and has directed musicals, chancel choirs, and youth/children's choirs in numerous churches throughout Texas and Louisiana. She has taught private piano for over 30 years. She loves working with people of all ages whether they are young or young at heart.

For more information please email Candice Koern at Candice.Koern@comcast.net.

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WRAP 2011 planning is underway! WRAP is Cy-Woods High School's parent-driven Project Prom organization. The purpose of WRAP is to provide a drug- and alcohol-free all-night party for the graduating seniors and their guests after their prom. This year WRAP will be held at ITZ on May 27, 2011, as an overnight lock-in party, it is a fun-filled evening of shows, games, activities, food, gifts and prizes!

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Every school should plan to send their VIPS Liaison and incoming VIPS Coordinators to the Spring Workshop. A variety of workshops will be offered covering everything you need to know to kick off a successful volunteer program in 2011-2012. There will be many opportunities to network with other schools and to share ideas on how to make the next school year the best ever at your school. Mark your calendars now to share in this fun-filled and rewarding day! Look for details about workshops in the coming weeks. New and experienced volunteer liaisons, coordinators, chairpersons, officers and all interested volunteer leaders are encouraged to attend. The CFISD VIPS Spring Workshop is being held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Berry Center. To attend this event, please email your name and name of your school to vipsrsvp@cfisd.net. For more information, please contact the Partners in Education Office at 281-894-3950. This is an adult only event.

Volunteer Appreciation

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District honored its district and state volunteer and business partner award winners during the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 13, 2011. The award winners were nominated by various schools in the district at which the volunteers and business partners donate their time and were anonymously judged by a panel of business partners and community members. These extraordinary men and women were first selected as our district award winners and then competed against others in their categories from large districts at the state level. The state award winners were recognized by the Texas Association of Partners in Education during their annual conference held in Austin at the State Awards Dinner on January 31.

The Award Winners Were As Follows:

- **Community Partnership, Academic Impact District Award** – Hemmenway Helpers – Sampson Elementary Volunteers.
- **Event District Award** – Lowery Elementary School Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Carnival

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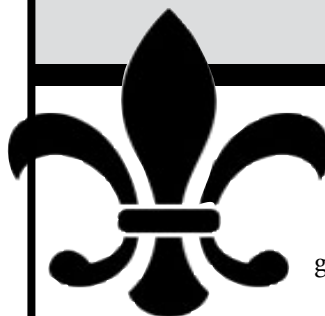
- **Business Partnership, Academic Impact District Award** – Caterpillar Global Petroleum – Holbrook Elementary School Partner
- **Individual Partnership, Role Model District and State Gold Award** – Leah Peroutek – Adam Elementary School Volunteer
- **Individual Partnership, Wisdom District and State Gold Award** – Don Bradford – Lamkin Elementary School Volunteer
- **Business Partnership, Career Education District and State Gold Award** – Mustang Engineering, L.P. – Watkins Middle School Partner
- **Community Partnership, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) District and State Crystal Award** – VIPS TAG (Target Achievement Globally) Team

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municipalities must still fund various projects, and even one bond payment default could impact their future ability to borrow money in the form of new municipal bonds.

So are munis right for you? The answer depends on your situation — your goals, need for investment income, current investment mix, risk tolerance and so on. But if you want to receive interest payments that are exempt from federal taxes, you may well be interested

Of course, taken to the extreme, the financial challenges of some state and local governments could conceivably affect their ability to fulfill the payment obligations on their municipal bonds. But investment-grade quality municipal bond default rates historically have been very low, especially when compared to those of corporate bonds. And municipalities are cutting spending, eliminating nonessential programs and, in some cases, raising taxes or fees. In short, they are taking steps that, while potentially painful to residents, are likely to help them continue making timely payments of interest and principal on their municipal bond obligations. Furthermore,

in exploring municipal bonds. Keep in mind, though, that municipal bonds may be subject to state and local taxes and the alternative minimum tax (AMT).

In addition, you’ll want to be familiar with “taxable-equivalent yield.” Typically, municipal bonds pay an interest rate that’s lower than those paid by taxable bonds. Since this interest is free from federal taxes, however, the rate may not be as low as it appears. The taxable-equivalent yield measures the rate you’d have to earn on a taxable bond to match the income from a tax-exempt municipal

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Keep in mind that, before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk. Bond investments are subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease, and you can lose principal value if the investment is sold prior to maturity. So it's best to discuss municipal bonds with your financial and tax advisors.

By adding quality municipal bonds to your portfolio, you can show faith in your municipality, your investment dollars can help support worthwhile projects in your area, and you receive a steady source of tax-exempt income.

Recipe of the Month **CHOCOLATE CRINKLES**

- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate (melted)
- 4 eggs 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups plus 2 level Tbsp. flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt

Mix oil, chocolate, & sugar. Blend in one egg at a time until well mixed. Add vanilla. Stir flour, baking powder, and salt into oil mixture. Chill several hours. Drop teaspoon of dough rolled into small balls into powdered sugar. Place 2" apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes at 350 °. Do not overbake!

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Why Exercise Is Cool

Kids exercise all the time without even thinking of it. Just being active, like when you run around outside or play kickball at school, is a kind of exercise. What else counts as exercise? Playing sports, dancing, doing push-ups, and even reaching down to touch your toes.

When you exercise, you're helping build a strong body that will be able to move around and do all the stuff you need it to do. Try to be active every day and your body will thank you later!

EXERCISE MAKES YOUR HEART HAPPY

You may know that your heart is a muscle. It works hard, pumping blood every day of your life. You can help this important muscle get stronger by doing aerobic (say: air-o-bik) exercise.

Aerobic means "with air," so aerobic exercise is a kind of activity that requires oxygen. When you breathe, you take in oxygen, and, if you're doing aerobic exercise, you may notice you're breathing faster than normal. Aerobic activity can get your heart pumping, make you sweaty, and quicken your breathing.

When you give your heart this kind of workout on a regular basis, your heart will get even better at its main job — delivering oxygen (in the form of oxygen-carrying blood cells) to all parts of your body. So you want to do some aerobic exercise right now? Try swimming, basketball, ice or roller hockey, jogging (or walking quickly), inline skating, soccer, cross-country skiing,

biking, or rowing. And don't forget that skipping, jumping rope, and playing hopscotch are aerobic activities, too!

EXERCISE STRENGTHENS MUSCLES

Another kind of exercise can help make your muscles stronger. Did you ever do a push-up or swing across the monkey bars at the playground? Those are exercises that can build strength. By using your muscles to do powerful things, you can make them stronger. For older teens and adults, this kind of workout can make muscles bigger, too.

Here are some exercises and activities to build strong muscles:

- push-ups
- pull-ups
- tug-of-war
- rowing
- running
- inline skating
- bike riding

EXERCISE MAKES YOU FLEXIBLE

Can you touch your toes easily without yelling ouch? Most kids are pretty flexible, which means that they can bend and stretch their bodies without much trouble. This kind of exercise often feels really good, like when you take a big stretch in the morning after waking up. Being flexible is having "full range of motion," which means you can move your arms and legs freely without feeling tightness or pain.

It's easy to find things to do for good flexibility:

- tumbling and gymnastics
- yoga
- dancing, especially ballet
- martial arts
- simple stretches, such as touching your toes or side stretches

EXERCISE KEEPS THE BALANCE

Food gives your body fuel in the form of calories, which are a kind of energy. Your body needs a certain amount of calories every day just to function, breathe, walk around, and do all the basic stuff. But if you're active, your body needs an extra measure of calories or energy. If you're not very active, your body won't need as many calories.

Whatever your calorie need is, if you eat enough to meet that need, your body weight will stay about the same. If you eat more calories than your body needs, it may be stored as excess fat.

EXERCISE MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD

It feels good to have a strong, flexible body that can do all the activities you enjoy — like running, jumping, and playing with your friends. It's also fun to be good at something, like scoring a basket, hitting a home run, or perfecting a dive.

But you may not know that exercising can actually put you in a better mood. When you exercise, your brain releases a chemical called endorphins (say: en-dor-funz), which may make you feel happier. It's just another reason why exercise is cool!

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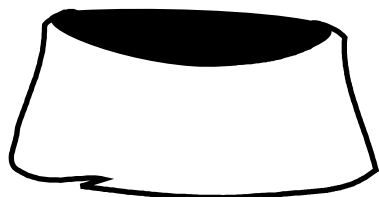
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Bridgeland Year-to-Date Sales Report

	June '10	July '10	Aug '10	Sept '10	Oct '10	Nov '10	Dec '10	Jan '11	Feb '11	Mar '11
\$500,000 and above	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
\$451,000--\$499,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2
\$351,000--\$450,999	9	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
\$276,000--\$350,999	3	4	2	4	3	1	5	4	1	4
\$231,000--\$275,999	2	1	4	1	1	2	1	0	4	2
\$201,000--\$230,999	5	0	3	0	1	4	3	0	1	2
\$200,999 and below	0	4	1	2	2	0	2	2	2	0
Total	20	13	11	8	8	8	14	7	11	12
Highest \$/sq ft	\$127.54	\$107.05	\$97.68	\$101.92	\$102.63	\$105.94	\$107.89	\$103.05		\$153.19

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