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SUCCESSFUL JULY 4TH PICNIC



The annual 4th of July parade and picnic was a huge success. Children of all ages, parents, grandparents, relatives and dogs all had a great time. The turnout was fabulous with at least 300 hot dogs served in addition to juicy sweet watermelon and other goodies. The fun included a clown and face painter, a bounce house, and a slip and slide. Special thanks to Joany Price and Dana Ivers for planning and organizing the event.



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COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

1 P.M. AT THE COURTYARD CLUB

"This book will leave dust and blood on your jeans," commented Bruce Barcottm, reviewer of *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History*, The Courtyard Book Club's selection for August. S.C. Gwynne, an Austinite and former editor at the *Texas Monthly* tells the life story of Quanah Parker and the Comanche nation at the same time. The Comanche tribe grew from hunters and gatherers to masters of the Great Plains, referred to as the greatest military force in the region as well as power brokers for all seeking entry to their domain. Anyone who studied Texas history as a child knows the story of Cynthia Ann Parker. Captured in a Comanche raid, she ultimately became the mother of chief, Quanah Parker. Gwynne uses meticulous research to tell the story of Cynthia and Quanah Parker with new information and captivating detail. The author does not overlook the violence and vengeance of the Comanche's and Quanah's encounters with settlers and invaders. However, he also shows how Quanah adapts as circumstances change. In his later years, he raised cattle, ran for school board and attended the inauguration of Theodore Roosevelt.

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford will be the September book for discussion. Ford's first novel is a bitter sweet historical novel which deals with clashes of generations and cultures in a story of love and family.

For information about the Courtyard Book Club, contact Jean Heath, heathcjb@yahoo.com or 512-231-9412.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that home owners are responsible for keeping plant materials (shrubs and trees) on their property that extend over public sidewalks and streets trimmed to a height of not less than seven feet (7') per the Courtyard deed restrictions and not less than fourteen feet (14') per City Code? Please make the effort to take a good look at your trees and see if there are some branches over sidewalks or streets that could use a trim.

**NOW IS THE SEASON FOR TRIMMING
YOUR OAK TREES (July through January).
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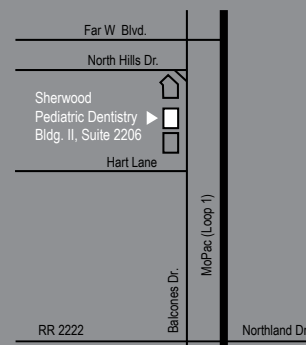
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Convenient office hours are

Monday 9 am - 5 pm

Tuesday – Thursday 8 am - 5 pm

Fridays are reserved for surgical procedures.



COURTYARD CALLER

KID'S KORNER

Two to Get Ready...

Fill in the blanks to complete four different words/phrases.

Example: Pill ____/____ Car Pill Box/ Box Car
Soap ____/____ Office Soap Box/ Box Office

1. Tow ____/____ Band
Egg ____/____ Cold

2. Wall ____/____ Plate
Sand ____/____ Back

3. Fruit ____/____ Catcher
Butter ____/____ Swatter

4. Bed ____/____ Frame
Spring ____/____ Bomb

5. Air ____/____ End
Water ____/____ Lipped

(Answers on page 7)

Culinary Classics SANTA FE CHICKEN

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 cup salsa
- 1 cup Mexican blend shredded cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place chicken in an oven-safe dish. Cover with salsa. Bake for 45 minutes. Top with cheese during the last 15 minutes. Serve with Mexican rice, black beans, and tortillas on the side.

AUGUST MOON PHASES

FIRST QUARTER MOON..... AUGUST 6TH
FULL MOON..... AUGUST 13TH
LAST QUARTER MOON..... AUGUST 21ST
NEW MOON..... AUGUST 28TH

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HOW TO SPEND THE LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER

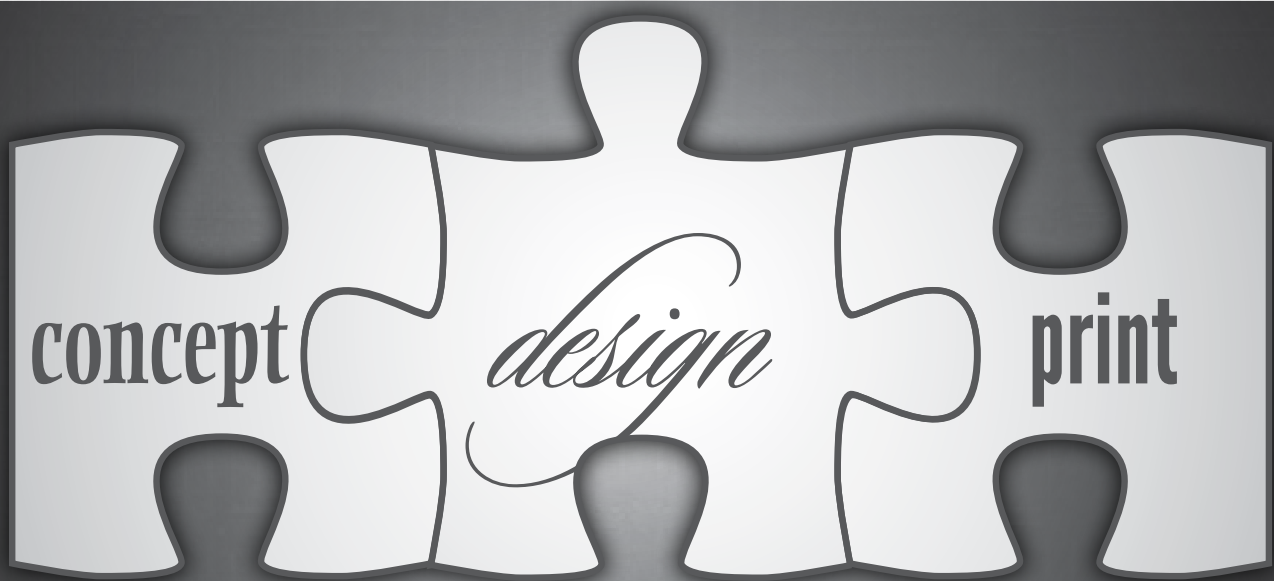
Try losing yourself in a great book – like the ones below.

See if you can match these memorable first lines with their well-known titles.

- 1. Charles Howard had the feel of a gigantic onrushing machine: You had to either climb on or leap out of the way.
- 2. It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.
- 3. You better not never tell nobody but God.
- 4. The village of Holcomb stands on the high wheat plains of western Kansas, a lonesome area that other Kansans call “out there.”
- 5. In my younger and more vulnerable years, my father gave me some advice that I’ve been turning over in my mind ever since.
- 6. When he was nearly 13, my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow.
- 7. This is a story about a man named Eddie and it begins at the end, with Eddie dying in the sun.
- 8. Renowned curator Jacques Sauniere staggered through The vaulted archway of the Museum’s Grand Gallery.

(Answers on page 7)

- A. *Pride and Prejudice*,
Jane Austen
- B. *In Cold Blood*,
Truman Capote
- C. *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*,
Mitch Albom
- D. *The Great Gatsby*,
Scott Fitzgerald
- E. *To Kill a Mockingbird*,
Harper Lee
- F. *The Da Vinci Code*
Dan Brown
- G. *Seabiscuit*,
Laura Hillenbrand
- H. *The Color Purple*,
Alice Walker



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WILL MY CHILD BE READY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

Submitted by: Brandi Muse

More and more parents are recognizing the importance of enrolling their children in preschool to help them develop the right foundation for success in elementary school and beyond. However, the best programs go beyond helping children master basic academic skills to supporting their development as happy, confident, well-rounded individuals.

Research shows that from birth to age five, development in all areas is rapid. Children form strong neural connections during this time as a result of experiences they have with everyone and everything they encounter. The quality of those early interactions determines how children continue to learn and form relationships, strongly influencing their future success and happiness.

"Parents should look for preschool, pre-K, kindergarten and first grade programs that take a balanced approach to developing motor,

social-emotional, creative and academic skills," said Brandi Muse, of Primrose School at Summerwood. "It takes quality instruction, a well-rounded curriculum and a positive teacher relationship to prepare a child to succeed."

- **Academics:** Let's go beyond concentrating only on basic math and reading skills. Academic success is not just about memorization – it requires learning how to think critically, use mathematical concepts, express curiosity and develop competence in language skills like listening, speaking and writing.
- **Technology:** In today's technology-rich world, children need to have a grasp of technology as a tool for creative expression and problem solving. Computers equipped with developmentally-appropriate educational software and online resources should be integrated into the classroom.

- **Physical Development:** Children who participate in daily physical activity develop basic motor skills like throwing, jumping and balance that help them become healthy adults. Physical activity also creates neural connections that support academic achievement.
- **Music and Art:** Young children naturally engage in "art," or spontaneous, creative play, but when educators involve children in music and art activities regularly from an early age, they encourage cognitive and emotional development.
- **Social-Emotional Development:** Preschool programs should focus on social and life skills to help your child establish positive relationships and transition easily to elementary school.



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COLIN'S HOPE KIDS TRIATHLON
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JOIN US IN HAVING A SAFE SUMMER IN THE WATER!

Sunday, August 28th The 3rd Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon

The Colin's Hope Kids Tri will once again take place in the Lake Pointe neighborhood on Sunday, August 28th. Almost 300 athletes (ages 5-15) are registered and now we need VOLUNTEERS to help us cheer them on! Volunteers are needed to help with packet pickup on Saturday, August 27th and at the race on Sunday, August 28th. This is a great family or group volunteer activity and there are variety of volunteer positions and shifts available! Please go online to volunteer at www.colinshope.org.

August-September 2011 The Hospital at Westlake Medical Center Flamingo Sale to Benefit Colin's Hope!

When the beloved garden center, Pots & Plants closed its doors- several flamingos were injured in the move. You can help them return for the best care in town at The Hospital at Westlake by donating \$15. ALL profit in July, August and September benefits Colin's Hope. You can add to The Hospital at Westlake's flock, or start your own flock at home. Visit www.westlakemedical.com for more details or stop in The Hospital's Waterfall Café, 5656 Bee Caves Road, Building L, level 3 to sponsor your flamingo. Spread the word on Facebook and raise even more funds for Colin's Hope!

Friday, September 2nd- The 2nd Annual Got2Swim 4 (and 8) Miles for Colin's Hope

In celebration of Colin's Birthday on September 2nd, 50 swimmers will be heading down Lake Austin to the Walsh Boat Landing (near the Tom Miller Dam). Some of the swimmers will be going 4 miles while others will be swimming 8 miles. Their journey will be safeguarded by kayak Water Guardians, a team of volunteers and The Expedition School. The goal of this swim is to raise \$50,000 for Colin's Hope while raising awareness for water safety and drowning prevention. Please go to www.tinych.org/got2swim to meet our swimmers and make a pledge towards our \$50,000 goal. All funds raised from this event will go directly to Colin's Hope. Visit www.colinshope.org to find out where you can go on September 2nd to cheer on the swimmers.

Children who drown often do not scream, splash, or struggle. They can silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

KIDS CORNER & LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER

ANSWERS

KID'S KORNER

Three to Get Ready...

1. Towhead/Headband
Egghead/Head Cold
2. Wallpaper/Paper Plate
Sandpaper/Paperback
3. Fruit Fly/Fly Catcher
Butterfly/Fly Swatter
4. Bedtime/Timeframe
Spring Time/Time Bomb
5. Air Tight/Tight End
Water Tight/Tight Lipped

HOW TO SPEND THE LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER

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4. B
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Health, Hope & Healing Mondays @ 7:00 pm

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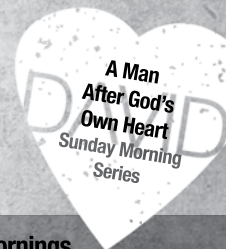
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