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ANDREW'S STORY

On December 15, 2011, our fellow Bee Cave neighbor, Andrew Kline was diagnosed with leukemia. Andrew is an energetic, sweet loving eight year-old, currently in 2nd grade at Bee Cave Elementary. His parents, Paul and Jenny Kline, residents in Falconhead West, also have five other children, Kaylie, 18, David 16, Michael, 14, Matthew, 11, and Kamie, 4.

The family has been told that his leukemia has a 3 year and 2 month process to treat, with the first 6 to 8 months being the most intensive. He has received platelet and blood transfusions and undergone surgery for a bone marrow biopsy and spinal fluid sample. He also had his first round of chemotherapy, which he has tolerated well.

Andrew will be withdrawing from school for the rest of the year and begin working with a private tutor to keep him on track. Athletic activity is also not an option, something Andrew is already missing very much.

A large group of Bee Cave Residents have rallied in support to help. A care calendar for meal delivery has been set up, as well as a care journal to update friends and family.

The Klines would like to say, "many, many thanks to all our wonderful friends and family who have stepped up to take care of our family...thanks for the hundreds of texts, and email messages of love and support. They are what is keeping us going right now".

People who'd like to donate in Andrew's name can go to the blood bank and make a donation for blood or platelets. While they don't guarantee that Andrew will get this exact blood, it does help reduce the hospital costs for the Klines. They are especially low now because of the holidays so any help would be a wonderful gift! Please make sure to mention that the donation is for Andrew Kline at Dell Children's Hospital. The Blood Center of Central Texas is located at 4300 N. Lamar and they are open everyday of the week. Or log on to www.inyourhands.org/cbc.php. Phone (512)206-1266.

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SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED: *Travis County Tax Bills for 2011 Should be in Your Hands!*

If you own property in Travis County, chances are you already received a 2011 property tax bill. And if you are among the 121,880 homeowners who escrow through a mortgage company or lending institution, don't worry, the mortgage company probably received the bill and will pay your property taxes. But you might want to check with them to be sure.

"All taxpayers or their mortgage companies should have received their bills," said Travis County Tax Collector Nelda Wells Spears. "Especially for owners of multiple properties, this is the time of year to make sure you have received all bills."

Spears said many taxpayers want the advantage of federal tax deductions that require paid taxes by the end of the year. Any payment postmarked by December 31 will be recorded as a December payment and the receipt issued will show the same.

"Some taxpayers believe that if they do not receive a bill, they are not liable for tax payment," Spears said. "Taxpayers are responsible for requesting a tax bill if they do not receive one."

Spears said anyone who needs a tax bill can download a copy at www.traviscountytax.org or call (512) 854-9473 to request a mailed copy.

Over the past several weeks, 266,953 bills hit mailboxes, Spears said. Seniors and disabled taxpayers may take advantage of a special provision in the law that allows for four installment payments with no penalty and interest provided payments are made before February 1, April 1, June 1 and August 1. Last year 3,234 persons participated in the program. Senior and disabled taxpayers interested in the installment payment plan should call (512) 854 9473 for details.

One of the most common questions this time of year concerns the ability to pay taxes. "If you can't pay any or all of your tax bill, please call or come in and make arrangements," Spears recommended.

The deadline to pay 2011 property taxes is January 31, 2012. Those who want a tax receipt showing payment in calendar year 2011 must make payment in the current calendar year. Payments postmarked December 31, 2011 will be recorded in 2011 regardless of when the payment arrives by mail. For those who wish to pay online, the deadline is midnight on December 31. Payment in person should be made Friday, December 30. All county offices will be closed Monday, January 2 in observance of New Year's Day. Finally, payment by check

or money order may be deposited in the tax office drop box by midnight, December 31.

The Travis County Tax Office main location is 5501 Airport Boulevard, between Koenig Lane and 531st Street. The office opens at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Drive-through service is available.

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Best-selling author Jeff Abbott will be the featured author for the 2012 LAKE TRAVIS READS, the “One Book, One Community” program now in its fifth year. Co-sponsored by Bee Cave Public Library, Lake Travis Community Library, and Spicewood Community Library, LAKE TRAVIS READS encourages the community to read from the acclaimed author’s body of work and then meet the author at a special evening event in February.

Abbott is the international-best-selling, award-winning author of thirteen mystery and suspense novels. His most recent thriller, *Adrenaline*, released in July, was picked by The Today Show as the “Best Beach Read” when it called him the next Robert Ludlum. His thrillers including *Panic* and *Fear* are tightly-wound and lightning-paced, and can be read as stand-alone titles. He is also the author of two very popular mystery series: the Whit Mosely series set on the Texas Gulf Coast

which author Harlan Coben described as “pure, white-knuckled suspense;” and his Jordan Poteet series set in the fictional, small town of Mirabeau, Texas, where everyone has something to hide.

“One Book, One Community” is a national program created by the Center for the Book in Washington, D.C., and adopted by communities around the nation. As part of LAKE TRAVIS READS JEFF ABBOTT, book clubs at all three libraries will host discussions of his novels. Check with your local library for dates and titles. “An Evening with Jeff Abbott” will conclude the 2012 LAKE TRAVIS READS program with an appearance by the author at Bee Cave Public Library on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

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All proceeds from the event benefit Seton Shoal Creek Psychiatric Hospital in Austin, the only acute care psychiatric hospital in Central Texas that treats children, teens and adults. The hospital offers both in-patient and outpatient programs for people struggling with mental disorders, chemical dependency, detoxification, emotional and/or behavioral problems.

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Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weighing at least 115 lbs, and be in generally good health. Donors should know their social security number and bring a photo ID. The process takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour

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Author Keija Parssinen at January Meeting

The Women's Club of Greater Lakeway meeting and luncheon will take place Monday, January 23rd in the Rio Grande Ballroom of the Lakeway Resort and Spa. Coffee will be served at 9:30am with the meeting beginning at 10:00am.

Keija Parssinen was born in Saudi Arabia and lived there for twelve years as a third generation expatriate. After graduating from Lake Travis High School in 1999, she earned a degree in English literature from Princeton University. She received her MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where she held a Truman Capote fellowship and a Teaching and Writing fellowship. For *The Ruins of Us*, her first novel, she received a Michener-Copernicus award. She lives with her husband in Columbia, Missouri.

Keija tells the story of a Saudi billionaire and the turmoil and heartbreak that rocks his family after his American wife discovers he has taken a second bride and his son begins an ominous journey towards radicalism. Set in the oil-rich Eastern Province amidst an unprecedented wave of terrorist violence, and exploring the loneliness of expatriatism and the immeasurable dangers of intolerance, *The Ruins of Us* is a timely story about the universality of family and the injustices we endure for love.

This interesting and enraging- meeting is free and open to all Greater Lakeway residents. To make luncheon reservations or for more information about the meeting call Karen Morter 261-4489 or Linda Goodwin 263-1274 or go to www.lakewaywomensclub.com

Anthony Swofford, author of *Jarhead*, says of the novel, "*The Ruins Of Us* is an arresting story of family and country. Parssinen's characters are richly conceived and her evocative petrol universe of wealth, privilege, and intrigue is unforgettable. Powerful storytelling that is refreshing and entertaining," Publishers Weekly calls it a "gripping, well-crafted debut," and Amanda Eyre Ward says "Parssinen teaches us that while cultural differences run deep, when it comes to matters of the heart, we are all the same. I was dazzled by this book."





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Approximately 250 people attended the gala that evening, enjoying music, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Final tallies haven't been made, but the car raffle was a successful fundraiser again this year and will provide the funds for the charitable activities of the club throughout the coming year. Foremost among these projects is the awarding of scholarships to our local Lake Travis High School graduating seniors.

Tommy was not present at the gala and had a hard time believing the phone call from Charles McClure, Wally El-Hitamy, LT Rotary Club President, and Barker Keith, informing him that he had won!

The Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary club thanks everyone for their support, both ticket buyers and sponsors. We appreciate you all! Unfortunately, not everyone can win, but we hope you will try again next year!

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Lake Travis Rotary Club

Wally El-Hitamy, President of the Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club recognized two Lake Travis High School students, Kilby Bench and James Ian DeVoglaer, as Students of the Month. These students were selected as a result of their academic achievements, extra-curricular activities and their community service that exemplifies the Rotary motto, Service above Self.

Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club President, Wally El-Hitamy, also welcomed four new members:

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- Francis Landreaux, Long Term Care Insurance and a former Lakeway Lake Travis Rotary member
- Dr. Jud Marking, General Practitioner, a Rotarian of over 20 years more recently from the Westlake Club, sponsored Jay Dolfuss

The Lakeway/Lake Travis Club meets on Thursdays at noon at the Lakeway Resort. We welcome all visitors interested in learning more about Rotary and our various projects such as Shelter Box.

For more information please contact club president, Wally El-Hitamy at info@lakewayeyecenter.com or visit www.laketravisrotary.org.

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Since the 2007 season, the Cavaliers are 77-3, including a state-record 30 straight post-season wins. Hank Carter picked up his second state title in as many years as the Cavs' head coach. In 2010, Carter guided the Cavaliers past Denton Ryan to win his first championship. Carter was the defensive coordinator during the 2008 and 2009 undefeated seasons at Lake Travis when those teams beat the Longview Lobos for consecutive state championships.

The University Interscholastic League named seniors Colin Lagasse and Jacob Standard the 2011 Class 4A-Division I State Final Offensive and Defensive Most Valuable Players, respectively.

"What an incredible journey this has been," stated Carter after the game. "Our victory today personifies the collective heart and soul of this team. I congratulate our players and coaching staff for their determination and resolve. I thank our parents as well as our school and district administration for their support of our students and our program."

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In 2007, the Cavs won the Class 4A – Division II football state championship by defeating the Highland Park Scots.



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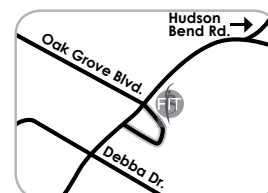
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LTHS Mid-Year Graduation



LTISD interim superintendent Susan Bohn and LTHS principal Kim Brents congratulate a group of the LTHS mid-year graduates during a ceremony held in their honor at the school's black box theatre on November 15. Graduates are (L-R): Travis Mohle, Miguel Reyes, Madison Ojeda, Alfredo Godinez, Jr., and Alejandro Villanueva. A total of 32 students received diplomas.



LTHS principal Kim Brents presents Miguel Reyes with his high school diploma during the mid-year graduation ceremony held November 15.

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Board Names Dr. Brad Lancaster as Superintendent of Schools



In a unanimous 7-0 vote, the Lake Travis Independent School District (LTISD) Board of Trustees has named Brad Lancaster, Ed.D. as the District's permanent superintendent of schools. The action was taken at a special called board meeting held Thursday, December 1 at the District's Educational Development Center.

"Our search firm did a wonderful job of attracting and recruiting some of the best superintendent candidates in the state, and without a doubt, we found a leader of the highest professional caliber and utmost character in Dr. Lancaster," said Jason Buddin, LTISD board president. "He brings to us an impressive and proven record of leadership outcomes and community involvement. We have much to celebrate—and yet much to do at LTISD. We firmly believe that Dr. Lancaster will continue to propel our students and staff to the highest levels of performance and success."

LTISD Deputy Superintendent and General Counsel Susan Bohn served as interim superintendent upon the resignation

of Dr. Rocky Kirk in early July. Since that time, the firm of School Executive Consulting, Inc. assisted the LTISD Board with an exhaustive search for a permanent superintendent.

"During the past five months, this District has been able to accomplish some incredible things," continued Mr. Buddin. "At the top of that list is the communication of our \$158.5 million bond issue approved by our voters last month. I thank Susan and her administrative team for their outstanding work."

Mostly recently, Dr. Lancaster served as superintendent of the Midway Independent School District (MISD). The District is comprised of the municipalities of Hewitt and Woodway; portions of Waco, Crawford, Lorena, McGregor, and Robinson; as well as unincorporated McLennan County in Central Texas.

During Dr. Lancaster's tenure at MISD, the District's enrollment grew by 18 percent, from 6,087 students to 7,158 students. The 2008 voter-approved bond of \$75.8 million responded to the increase in enrollment by adding 298,448 square feet in district facilities, including two new schools.

Dr. Lancaster is credited with bringing MISD from a Texas Education Agency (TEA) Acceptable rating to Recognized—falling short only three points from Exemplary in 2010. Additionally, Midway garnered state championships in volleyball (2007-08), girls' basketball (2008-09) and softball (2009-10),

as well as state gold medals in tennis (2010 and 2011), swimming (2010 and 2011), and track and field (2011). Collectively, the District's successful academic, fine arts and athletics programs have placed Midway High School in the UIL's Lone Star Cup top 10 schools in Texas for four straight years, placing second twice. MISD was also recognized as one of six state finalists for the HEB Excellence in Education Awards earlier this spring.

A former teacher, assistant principal, principal, executive director for curriculum, and assistant superintendent in the College Station, Ennis, and Allen school districts, Dr. Lancaster earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from Baylor University as well as Master of Science in Educational Administration and Doctorate of Education degrees from Texas A&M University in College Station. He currently serves on the TEA Commissioner's Cabinet of Superintendents, the Fast Growth Schools Coalition, and the Texas Association of School Administrators' Legislative Services Committee, among others. Dr. Lancaster and his wife Karen have two children, Julia and Will.

Dr. Lancaster becomes the District's sixth superintendent since LTISD was established in 1981. He is expected to begin his tenure on Monday, January 2, 2012 and will earn an annual salary of \$250,000 as LTISD's chief executive officer.

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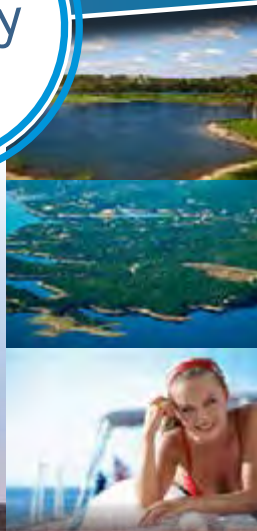
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- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 - 2 layer pkg. German chocolate cake mix
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup melted oleo
- 1 - 1lb. pkg. confectioners sugar

Sprinkle coconut and pecans in greased and floured 8 x 14" cake pan. Prepare cake mix using package directions. Pour into pan. Beat cream cheese and oleo in mixing bowl. Add confectioners sugar; mix well. Pour over batter. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until cake tests done. Yield 15 servings.

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