

# the TIMES

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## Informed Citizens Group

*January 3, 2012*

We are joining forces with our neighbors to promote activism in our neighborhoods and precincts. As we work together to research, educate and inform ourselves and our constituents about our state, local, and federal office holders. Our mission will be to support candidates and issues that most represent our core values. Together, we will stay educated, informed and uphold our duty as citizens -always working towards the mission of benefiting our Republic. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the LakelandActivityCenter. The Bridgeland Board of Directors and the Bridgeland Community Associations do not have any connection to any group that meets at the facilities, nor do they necessarily agree with or support the views or beliefs of these groups.

## Men's Poker Group

*January 5, 2012*

We meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm, if you would like to meet with us please RSVP. The first couple of games will be Texas Holdem Tournaments with a \$20 buy-in. We will rotate houses to meet at, after you RSVP you will be sent an e-vite invitation with the location of the tournament. As the group gets going, we will change up the structure (free play tournaments at the Lakeland Activity Center, different poker games and betting structures) to meet the needs of the group. We look forward to meeting you!



## Start 53 Now

We are a group interested on holding accountable our representatives and public employees for the promises that were given to us. A promise from the district was that an elementary school will be built in the Bridgeland site. The date was moved from 2011 to 2013, and we would like to make sure it gets done without any more delays. The district passed a bond in 2007 for funds to be allocated to the building of the school, it was supposed to be ready for 2010, and got postponed because of the economic times. The new opening day is set for Fall 2013.

Elementary kids in Bridgeland attend Bob and Bobbie Warner, excellent school, great teachers and staff, but is also overcrowded: the enrollment is over 1300, when it was designed for over 900 students. Just this week, several parents received a letter stating that the Texas law permitting a maximum of 22 students for classrooms in k-3rd grade was waived: several classrooms in lower elementary have now 23 students. This is happening in 43 out of 52 schools in the entire district, so the overcrowded schools are a widespread concern in the entire district.

This is an issue that affect us all, even if you don't have kids, or your kids are not in the district: PROPERTY VALUES. With an overcrowded school, grades may come down, and maybe causing Warner to loose their exemplary status, sending a red flag to any potential buyer. Lower home sales, will mean lower home values, lower tax revenue, lower growth of Bridgeland and it's amenities. This is something that hits us all in the place that hurts the most, the value of our homes. I urge you to take some action.

We need your support: Please send an email to [start53now@gmail.com](mailto:start53now@gmail.com) we will add you to the distribution list; as a group we are communicating and keeping informed and sending emails to our representatives. The goal is to send over 500 emails a week to the members of the board. We are gathering signatures and will submit a petition for the December meeting of the distric board.

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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](http://www.PEELinc.com) or you can email it [bridgeland@peelinc.com](mailto: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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### WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR 2012!

We had a wonderful closing of our 2011 year. December was a flurry of activity. The Holiday Concert was beautifully arranged with traditional carols and an eclectic mix of international seasonal songs with accompaniment. Labay men's choir shared their vocal talent to the festivities. It was a feast for the eyes, ears and soul. A perfect blending for a perfect start to the holidays.

The students threw a joyous party with admission being non perishable food items to help out our neighbors in need. Amongst the fun was dancing, singing, the museum game and hilarity of the white elephant gift exchange. Don't forget the mountains of cakes, cookies, flan, and more cookies!!!

Auditions for the Area choir will take place January 7th in San Antonio. We wish all our participating members courage as they meet this challenge head on.

Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) performance

for the men's choir will be this year. It is quite an honor to be chosen to participate and our men have been working diligently on their vocals. This will be in San Antonio and no doubt surrounded with fun as memories are made.

UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest takes place on the 27th. Sing steady Eagles! A sweepstakes will be the hopeful theme of the day!

Pizzazz is the annual variety show held in the auditorium of the high school. It is always well done, complete with choreography, costumes and set design. This family event will be on February 24th and 25th. Mark your calendars now as this is one show you do not want to miss! This is always a highlight to our school year.

As always, we want to thank Mrs. Douglas, Ms. Loftin and our family of volunteers for whom we could not function. GO EAGLES CHOIR!



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## Rosehill Christian School Boys Basketball Team *Wins Conroe Covenant Tournament*

With the sting of losing in the finals of the Irving Cistercian Tournament still fresh on their minds, the RCS Boys came out strong and defeated #3 ranked Austin Waldorf 47-37 in the title game of the Conroe Covenant tournament.

Keith Self tied for a team high 13 points with John Ogle, going a perfect 5 for 5 from the field including 3 for 3 from three point range. To get to the finals, Ogle led the team in scoring with 25 points in the semi-final match against host Conroe Covenant. It was RCS's first win against the school in three years.

With a record of 10 wins, 2 losses, #2 ranked RCS is off to their best start in four years after being just one basket away from a TAPPS 3A final four appearance last season. "It is important to these guys," RCS coach Ed Lamar said. "Hopefully they will look back and say they were part of a special team."

Lamar added, "I was very proud of how they took the loss two weeks ago in the finals of the Cistercian tournament by two points, and they took that adversity and used it as fuel to prevail this week."

In a smothering display of defense, the RCS Eagles held Waldorf to just 10 points in the first half, leading 24-10 at the break. Jimmy Courtright led the team with 7 rebounds. In addition to Courtright and Ogle, guard Wayne McCullough was also named to the all tournament team. RCS was the only school with three players selected to the squad. At the Cistercian tournament, Ogle and McCullough were also named to the team after leading the team to the title game.

To get to the finals of the Covenant tournament, RCS defeated Woodlands Prep Academy 63-48 in the first round, and were led the way by Ogle and Courtright

contributing 20 points each. In the second round, they routed Calvary Baptist 81-24, after leading 52-14 at the half. RCS was led in rebounding by Jeremy Michel, Ogle and McCullough all chipping in with 8 rebounds.

Currently ranked #2 in the State for TAPPS 3A Schools, prior to defeating the 3rd ranked Austin Waldorf, Rosehill Christian has also defeated #5 ranked Dallas Shelton, followed by a win against SPC division Trinity Valley. Earlier in the season, RCS defeated #4 ranked Northeast Christian. Irving Cistercian is ranked #21 in the large private school category. Pictured from L-R: Coach Ed Lamar, Wayne McCullough, Keith Self, Coach Jonathan Whitson, Jimmy Courtright, Jeremy Michel, Breck Powers, Ethan Stagg, Jon Ogle, Anthony Froelich and Will Swain.



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Start your new year by being actively involved with working to improve your community. Visit the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club and learn about the projects in which its members participate to enrich and improve life for citizens in our community. We sponsor the Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair and Katy communities and work with them in service to the Cy-Fair area. Internationally, both Kiwanis and Key Club are participating in the ELIMINATE PROJECT aimed at the eradication of maternal/neonatal tetanus. We welcome new members who would like to be involved.

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club meets at Hearthstone Country Club on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373, George Crowl at 832-467-1998 or Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127. We invite you to be our guest at one of the meetings and enjoy the fellowship of Kiwanians from your community as you learn about our organization.

CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs and one Builders' Club in the Cy-Fair School District; sponsors the Kids Triathlon; Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; awards scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provides assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations.


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*at Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Registration Breakfast on February 4th*

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 25th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free information / registration breakfast on Saturday, February 4, 2012, for all boys, girls and their parents who are interested in joining for the 2012 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The free breakfast is the opportunity for youth athletes to register for the club's 2012 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization. All new parents and athletes interested in joining the Northwest Flyers must attend.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 275 members. The club was founded 25 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with

integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net).



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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

"Give Back Night" at Raising Cane's every 1st & 3rd Wednesday!! 15% of your purchases all day long will be donated when you mention WRAP to the cashier. No Flier needed!!! Just mention WRAP. This is good for dine in, carry out, and drive thru!! WRAP is the very first booster club to get a Spirit Night at Raising Cane's, so let's make it count!

Night at Newk's – every 4th Monday. Come support WRAP by dining at Newk's and 20% of your purchase will be donated when you mention WRAP to the cashier at dinner time. For lunch purchases, you will need to bring the flier (see attachment or go to the website!)

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Keep your eyes open for more details about Mr. Cy-Woods and 'Rangler & Rhinestones Silent Auction & Dinner.

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### MEETINGS:

Other meeting will be the 2nd TUESDAY of each month is the Cy Woods Commons @ 7:00 pm

Next General Membership Meeting Dates: Jan 10th and Feb 14th

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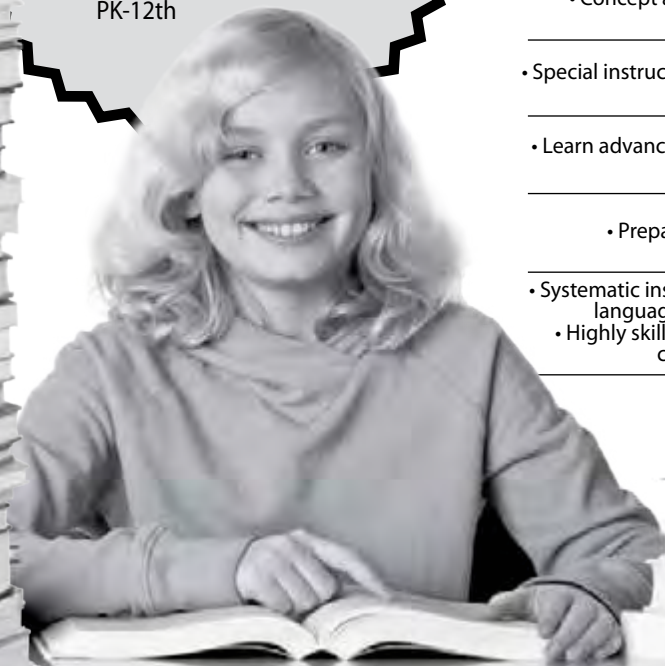
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Save the Date! The 3rd annual Cy-Fair Women's Expo sponsored by North Cypress Medical Center is Thursday, April 26, 2012, from 11am-2pm, at Houston National Golf Club. This event is free to the public. Vendor registration and additional information is available @ [www.cyfen.org](http://www.cyfen.org) or by emailing [expo@cyfen.org](mailto:expo@cyfen.org). Hurry, space is limited.

## Cypress Tomball Democrats

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**Houston, TX, December 3, 2011**  
**Cypress-Tomball Democrats January 18th Meeting**



The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 18th, at Rudy's Grill and Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd. at Lakewood Forest Dr., Cypress, TX 77429

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January's guest speaker will be Robert M. Stein, Ph.D., the fellow in urban politics at the Baker Institute and the Lena Grohlman Fox Professor of Political Science at Rice University. He will discuss "Hispanic voting potential in the Cypress-Tomball area."

All are welcome to join this growing club. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month. For more information, contact Olga Moya at [cytomdems@yahoo.com](mailto:cytomdems@yahoo.com).

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## Kick Off the New Year *With NWHC Aggie Moms' Club 2012*

"Kick Off" your new year by joining Aggie Moms at the first 2012 NWHC Aggie Moms' Club meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 10th at 7 pm. The Aggie Moms' Club is currently finalizing details for a truly special speaker for January and more details will be announced later on our website. All meetings are held at the Houston Distributing Company, Inc. conveniently located at 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road near Willowbrook Mall. The NWHC Aggie Moms' Club brings area Aggie Moms together to support Aggie students through donations for scholarships and for on campus organizations at Texas A&M University. Come join other Aggie Moms for food and fellowship!

At the January meeting, the Aggie Moms' boutique will feature our new "Aggie Traditions" pillows and other original Aggie gift items. These gift items are fabulous for birthdays and graduations and support a great cause!

Aggie student scholarship applications are also available online at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org) and must be postmarked no later than Monday, Feb. 7th, 2012. Last year the Aggie Moms' Club awarded more than \$11,000 in scholarships to future and current Aggie students. Check out our website for eligibility requirements for your Aggie student.

NWHC Aggie Moms will be hosting their annual spring fundraiser "Boots 'N Whoops!" on Sunday, April 22, 2012 from 1 to 5 pm. The event will feature country singer Kimberly Dunn and will be held at the Red Star Dance Hall on Hwy 249 near Tomball. The fundraiser will include a barbecue lunch, drinks, great music, dance performances, a silent auction, and other activities. Ticket information and more details will be available on our website.

For more information, go to our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org).

NW Harris County Aggie Moms' Meeting  
"Aggie Moms Go Green"

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012

Aggie Moms GO GREEN with Randy Lemmon, from the 740 KTRH weekend morning show, Gardenline. We encourage you to join NW Harris County Aggie Moms to learn how to turn ON your green thumb and transform your yard into a gorgeous garden! Guest speaker Randy Lemmon worked at Texas A&M University where he served as Communications Specialist for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Prior to that he was a freelance TV producer and he produced several agricultural documentaries and advertising campaigns. During his time at Gardenline, Randy has authored two books which will be for sale at our February meeting. You won't

want to miss this great opportunity!

Join us Tuesday, February 14th, 2012 at 7 pm at the Houston Distributing Company, Inc. conveniently located at 7100 High Life Drive by Cutten Road near Willowbrook Mall. The NWHC Aggie Moms' Club works to provide scholarships for Aggie students and funds for on-campus student run organizations. The Aggie Moms' Club is a great place to meet other Aggie Moms, find out important information about your student's experience at Texas A&M University, and provide support for all Aggie students.

Scholarship Monday is still available for Aggie students! NWHC Aggie Moms' Club awarded over \$11,000 in 2011 scholarships for Texas A&M students. There are Awesome Aggie students in the NW Harris County region and this could be your student! The scholarship DEADLINE is Monday, February 7th, 2012 (postmarked). Get more details on our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org).

Aggie Recording Artist, Kimberly Dunn, will be performing at our spring fundraiser "Boots 'N Whoops". Join us for this private performance on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at the Red River Dance Hall (SH 249). Visit our website [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org) for ticket information. This is a concert that you won't want to miss!

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VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) in Cy-Fair ISD center the attention of their service on supporting students and staff and making a significant contribution to the education of children. These dedicated individuals, who give freely of their time and resources, impact the academic and personal development of Cy-Fair ISD students. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is fortunate to be able to draw from a diversity of skills and knowledge in its community.

The district VIPS Executive Board spearheads the business of the VIPS. This board is comprised of volunteers elected to take on specific responsibilities offering support, guidance, and training to all volunteers in the district. The VIPS Executive Board meets monthly to evaluate and address the needs of the district and distribute information relating to volunteer and community activities and strengthen parental involvement in education.

If you are interested in being involved at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

### CY-FAIR ISD VOLUNTEERS WHERE “TEAMWORK IS KEY”

#### JANUARY 2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 12** VIPS General Meeting – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center
- Open to all CFISD volunteers, parents, staff and community members. Get the latest information on CFISD volunteering and learn through networking!
- **January 24** Junior Achievement Volunteer Training – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Berry Center
- The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics, and be workforce ready.
- **January 26** PIE Student Mentor Training – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Berry Center
- Training for individuals committed to serve as a role model and friend to CFISD students. District approved mentors meet with students weekly during school hours on school campuses. Along with this two hour training, an application and criminal background check are required.
- **January 31** Sooper Puppy Training – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

Sooper Puppy is a first grade class series dealing with age appropriate life lessons, facing dilemmas and arriving at solutions by making good choices. How to register for training

Register for training by emailing the PIE office at [vipsrsvp@cfisd.net](mailto:vipsrsvp@cfisd.net). Provide your name and the name and date of the training you wish to attend. Registration is required to guarantee a seat and training materials. Adults only please.

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\$500,000 and above	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$451,000--\$499,999	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
\$351,000--\$450,999	1	1	1	2	6	7	5	2	3	1
\$276,000--\$350,999	1	4	2	6	3	14	8	4	3	3
\$231,000--\$275,999	4	2	2	2	3	3	8	5	3	1
\$201,000--\$230,999	1	2	2	2	4	5	0	3	4	1
\$200,999 and below	2	0	1	4	2	3	6	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>
Highest \$/sq ft	\$108.22	\$153.19	\$100.12	\$141.24	\$121.69	\$113.95	\$114.28	\$108.29	\$110.28	\$110.43

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