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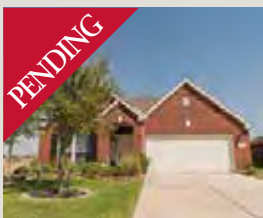
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To submit an article for consideration please email it to [fairfieldgazette@peelinc.com](mailto:fairfieldgazette@peelinc.com). The deadline is the 10th of the month prior to the issue.

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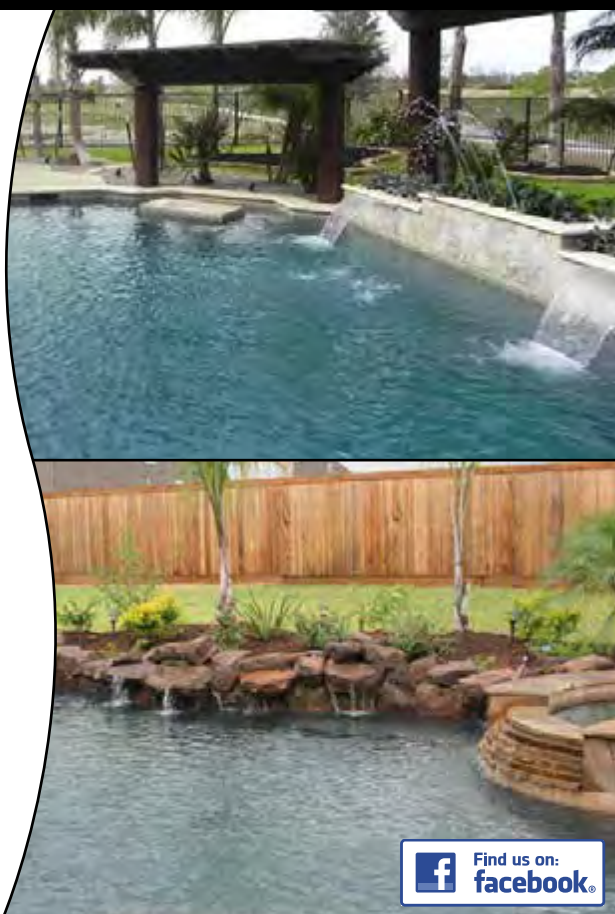
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*Come and be a part of our fun-loving group. We're sure you will enjoy it.*

#### OUR HISTORY:

Over these past ten plus years we've taken over a hundred trips. The Fairfield Gazette's web-site has back issues available from September, 2004. In order to go back to our beginning, we must thank Kelly Peel of Peel Inc. for locating all our articles from their archives and sending them to us. We now have every article submitted, which enabled us to put together Our History, and a complete listing of all our trips. Just go to Our History in our weekly email to read about our beginning and all the trips we've taken. You can get the complete listing at...

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#### OUR JULY BUSTRIP PLANS ARE FOR:

**Thursday, July 26th, this will be a theater trip.**

Yes, the July trip will take us to Stages Theater for a wonderful evening to watch the "Steel Magnolias", written 1987 by Robert Harling. It is a bittersweet classic that was adapted to the iconic film in 1989. Now Stages revisits these irresistible, unforgettable Southern women in a once-in-a-lifetime event showcasing a dream ensemble of Houston performers including Sally Edmundson, Susan O. Koozin and Holland Vavra Peters.

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To get your name on the list for this trip call: Jackie Wurth at 281-304-0805. Checks are to be made out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. Checks can be given to Jackie Wurth, or Mary Lou Cook, and can also be mailed to Jackie Wurth at 21119 North Yellow Bud Court, Cypress, Texas 77433.

We will depart from the Fairfield Village Parking Lot promptly at 4:45 p.m. Please be there by 4:30 p.m.

Note: Game night at the club will be cancelled for July.

#### OUR AUGUST BUSTRIP PLANS ARE FOR:

Friday, August 17, for our Seventh Annual Astros Ball Game Trip.

This is our seventh year to take in the great American summer pastime at the ballpark. Drum roll please! And off we go to Minute Maid Park to watch our Astros engage the Arizona Diamond Backs. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

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We really need to see more participation, especially from those that are taking trips. In fact, without more participation we may be forced to cut back on some trips, possibly one every other month.

Then later, around 6:30 p.m. that evening, we have our Monthly Pot Luck. It is also at the Lakeside Trails Club House. However, plan on being there early. Doors open around 6:00 p.m. for socializing and fellowship. Then plan on staying and join many of our members that stay to play games or socializing after the meal and to finish up the deserts.

**Tuesday, July 17:** Game Night at the Cooks' House.

It starts around 6:30 p.m. Just bring a little snack and a healthy appetite. This is always a fun evening with great fellowship. The directions are in the Activity page on our website and will also be in our July, 15 weekly newsletter.

**Thursday, July 26:** Game Night at Lakeside Trails Club House is cancelled this month due to our theater trip on that evening.

For additional information on activities other than trips: Call Mary Lou Cook @ 281-304-8359. We recommend that you check our website regularly. Things do change occasionally from the time this article was submitted, and it is possible that some of the information in this article has changed.

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# Around Fairfield

## FWC Graduation Tea



Front row (left to right): Loren Rager and Brittany Althaus. Second row (left to right): Heather Whitmire and Ashley Towne. Third row (left to right): Courtney Rhodes, Taylor Wright and Jordan Woods. Fourth row (left to right): Kendall Gough and Lauren McCallum.

On May 20th, the Fairfield Women's Club honored senior girls graduating from high school at the 22nd annual Mother / Daughter Graduation Tea held at the home of Lisa Cannon. We had a fantastic afternoon and enjoyed meeting all of the wonderful young ladies and their mothers. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend.

Best of luck to all of the graduating seniors in Fairfield as you begin a new chapter in your life!

## Fairfield Women's Club Triathlon

**FAIRFIELD WOMEN'S CLUB HOSTS**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fairfield Triathlon & Health Fair**  
**300 meter pool swim, 10 Mile Bike, 3 mile run**  
**Location: Fairfield Athletic Club**  
**Sunday, October 21, 2012**  
**8am start time, Transition Opens: 7am**

If you are 14 and under, woman, man, senior or a relay team,

you can do the Fairfield Tri. The pool swim is great for beginners, safe bike route within Fairfield, scenic run in and around lakes. Grab 2 friends and enter as a relay.

Great cross training for all 3 events! Have fun meeting other swimmers, cyclists or runners. Fairfield Women's Club rolls out the red carpet with hospitality. Fresh coffee, eggs and pancakes will be served to all racers and supporters.

Come out to the Health Fair sponsored by Cy-Fair Emergency and Imaging Center. Take advantage of FREE Health Screenings beginning at 8am.

To secure your spot, go to [fairfieldtriathlon.org](http://fairfieldtriathlon.org) and click on registration tab. Save before 7/16. The Fairfield Triathlon is a wonderful community event to promote fitness and support local charities.

We need vendors to participate in our health fair. If you have a health related product or business and you would like more information, volunteer or sponsor, please call Charlotte at (832)594-7656 or email [mbyrne9961@aol.com](mailto:mbyrne9961@aol.com).



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If you are a book lover or simply want to expand your reading and social network, please consider joining us. We invite you to attend one of our meetings as a guest or a member. We currently have openings; however, because we hold meetings in our homes, membership is limited. For membership inquiries, please contact Linda Locke by email ([linda15226@yahoo.com](mailto:linda15226@yahoo.com), subject heading "Book Club") or by phone (713-298-6514, evenings only).



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The MOMS Club has lots of fun summer time activities planned! Do you have young children and are looking for some fun things to do? Come



join other moms and kids in many great outdoor and indoor activities. Are you new to the area or a new mom and need a friend or support; we are here for you. Don't let yourself feel isolated being a stay at home mom. We invite you to attend two public events to decide if this is the right club for you and your children. Our membership fee is \$20 a year. This MOMS Club is a great opportunity for you and your kids to make new friends in your area. There is a lot of fun and support just waiting for you! Come visit us at our next Meet N' Greet and see for yourself! We meet on the second Tuesday of every month. As always, children welcomed!

For membership inquiries, please contact Julie H., Membership VP at 281-373-0234, [julieh07@sbcglobal.net](mailto:julieh07@sbcglobal.net) or Erica M., President at 281-755-7610, [ericamill@gmail.com](mailto:ericamill@gmail.com), so we can send you our club information and some upcoming public events for you to attend. You can also visit us on the web at [www.meetup.com/MOMS-Club-Cypress-NW-Fairfield](http://www.meetup.com/MOMS-Club-Cypress-NW-Fairfield) We look forward to hearing from you!

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## FAIRFIELD POOL SCHEDULES

### 2012 Fairfield Athletic Club Pool Schedule

**Saturday, May 5th - May 28th**  
(Weekends Only)

Saturday ..... 12:00pm-6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm-6:00pm

#### Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday ..... 12:00pm-6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm-6:00pm  
(Memorial Day) Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

**Friday, June 1st through  
Sunday, August 26th**

MONDAY ..... CLOSED  
Tuesday – Friday .. 12:00pm – 9:00pm  
Saturday ..... 11:00am – 6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm – 6:00pm

*The FAC Pool will be closed Monday – Friday  
starting Monday August 27th*

**Saturday, September 1st through Sunday,  
September 30th**

Saturday ..... 12:00pm – 6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm – 6:00pm

**Labor Day-September 3rd**  
12:00pm –6:00pm

*FAC Pool will be closed for the season starting  
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completion of the swim meet.

**Saturday, May 26th,** Central Park Pool and  
Splash Pad will be closed until 2:00pm due to  
a Swim Meet and will reopen upon completion  
of the swim meet.

**Sunday, June 3rd,** Central Park Pool and  
Central Park Splash Pad will be closed for FAST  
until 3:00pm.

**Saturday, June 9th,** and Saturday, June 16th,  
Central Park Pool and Splash Pad will be closed  
until 2:00pm due to a Swim Meet and will  
reopen upon completion of the swim meet.

### 2012 Bradford Creek Pool Schedule

**Saturday, May 5th - May 28th**  
(Weekends Only)

Saturday ..... 12:00pm-6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm-6:00pm

#### Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday ..... 12:00pm-6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm-6:00pm  
(Memorial Day) Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

**Friday, June 1st through  
Sunday, August 26th**

Mon. – Wed. .... 10:00am – 8:00pm  
THURSDAY ..... CLOSED  
Friday & Saturday 10:00am – 8:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm – 8:00pm

*The Bradford Creek Pool will be closed Monday  
– Friday starting Monday August 27th  
and will be open Labor Day Weekend*

#### Labor Day Weekend

Saturday ..... 12:00pm – 6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm – 6:00pm

**Labor Day-September 3 rd**  
12:00pm –6:00pm

### 2012 Central Park Pool Schedule

**Saturday, May 5th - May 28th**  
(Weekends Only)

Saturday ..... 12:00pm-6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm-6:00pm

#### Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday ..... 12:00pm-6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm-6:00pm  
(Memorial Day) Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

**Sunday, May 6th,** Central Park Pool and  
Splash Pad will be closed due to a Swim Meet  
and the splash pad only will reopen upon  
completion of the swim meet.

**Saturday, May 26th,** Central Park Pool and  
Splash Pad will be closed until 2:00pm due to  
a Swim Meet and will reopen upon completion  
of the swim meet.

**Friday, June 1st through Sunday, July 1st**  
MONDAY ..... CLOSED  
Tuesday – Friday .. 11:00am – 8:00pm  
Saturday ..... 11:00am – 6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm – 6:00pm

**Sunday, June 3rd,** Central Park Pool and  
Central Park Splash Pad will be closed for FAST  
until 3:00pm.

**Saturday, June 9th,** and Saturday, June 16th,  
Central Park Pool and Splash Pad will be closed  
until 2:00pm due to a Swim Meet and will  
reopen upon completion of the swim meet.

**Monday, July 2nd through  
Sunday, August 26th**

MONDAY ..... CLOSED  
Tuesday – Friday .. 12:00pm – 8:00pm  
Saturday ..... 12:00pm – 6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm – 6:00pm

*Central Park Pool will be closed for the season  
starting Monday August 27th.*

### 2012 Garden Grove Pool Schedule

**SAYOR (Swim at Your Own Risk)**  
**No Lifeguard on Duty**

**Saturday, May 5th - May 20th**  
(Weekends Only)

Saturday & Sunday ..... 8:00am – 8:00pm

#### Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, Sunday & (Memorial Day) Monday  
8:00am – 8:00pm

**Monday, May 21st through  
Sunday, July 1st**

*Garden Grove Pool will be close at 5:00pm  
Monday through Thursday from May 21st to  
July 1st for swim lessons*

Mon. – Thurs. .... 8:00am – 5:00pm  
FRIDAY ..... CLOSED  
Sat. & Sun. .... 8:00am – 8:00pm

**Monday, July 2nd through  
Sunday, July 8th**

Mon. – Thurs. .... 8:00am – 8:00pm  
FRIDAY ..... CLOSED  
Sat. & Sun. .... 8:00am – 8:00pm

**Monday, July 9th through  
Friday, July 20th**

*Garden Grove Pool will be close at 5:00pm  
Monday through Thursday from July 9th to July  
19th for swim lessons*

Mon. – Thurs. .... 8:00am – 5:00pm  
FRIDAY ..... CLOSED  
Sat. & Sun. .... 8:00am – 8:00pm

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**Fairfield Pool Schedules-**  
(Continued from Page 18)

**Saturday, July 21st through Sunday,  
September 23rd**

Mon. – Thurs. .... 8:00am – 8:00pm  
FRIDAY..... CLOSED  
Sat. & Sun..... 8:00am – 8:00pm

*Garden Park Pool will be closed starting  
Monday September 24th for the season.*

**2012 Inwood Park Pool  
Schedule**

**Saturday, May 5th - May 28th**  
(Weekends Only)

Saturday 12:00pm-6:00pm  
Sunday 1:00pm-6:00pm

**Memorial Day Weekend**

Saturday 12:00pm-6:00pm  
Sunday 1:00pm-6:00pm  
(Memorial Day) Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

**Friday, June 1st through Sunday, July 1st**

Monday..... 11:00am – 8:00pm  
TUESDAY..... CLOSED  
Wed. - Fri..... 11:00am – 8:00pm  
Saturday ..... 11:00pm – 6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm – 6:00pm

**Monday, July 2nd  
through Sunday, July 8th**

Monday..... 12:00pm – 8:00pm  
TUESDAY..... CLOSED  
Thurs. & Fri. .... 12:00pm – 8:00pm  
Saturday ..... 12:00pm – 6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm – 6:00pm

**Monday, July 9th  
through Sunday, August 26th**

Monday..... 12:00pm – 8:00pm  
TUESDAY..... CLOSED  
WEDNESDAY .... CLOSED  
Thurs. & Fri. .... 12:00pm – 8:00pm  
Saturday ..... 12:00pm – 6:00pm  
Sunday ..... 1:00pm – 6:00pm

*Inwood Park Pool will be closed starting  
Monday August 27th for the season.*

**2012 LAKESIDE TRAILS  
POOL SCHEDULE**

**SAYOR (Swim at Your Own Risk)  
No Lifeguard on Duty**

**Saturday, May 5th - May 20th**  
(Weekends Only)

Saturday ..... 8:00am – 8:00pm  
Sunday ..... 8:00am – 8:00pm

**Monday, May 21st  
through Sunday, September 23rd**  
Mon. – Wed. .... 8:00am – 8:00pm  
THURSDAY ..... CLOSED  
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# Around Fairfield

## From Cancer Survivor to World Champion WABDL Powerlifter

*JILL MEEKER PORTER*

Jill has been a National/American level athlete in seven sports and returned to Powerlifting after 25 years. Jill is also a proud volunteer for the Lance Armstrong Foundation's LIVESTRONG Global Cancer Initiative and an inspirational speaker for schools, cancer hospitals, and other organizations.

Millions of people are diagnosed with cancer each year. Some receive treatment and continue living their lives; others are not so fortunate. I am a cancer survivor and one of the fortunate.

From an athlete's standpoint, it is devastating for someone who depends on knowing all they can about their body. An athlete's self image is usually defined by their contribution to their sport and the potential for fame, glory and honor. We endure tremendous strains to our minds and bodies and rise to the challenge in sacrificing a lot to achieve our goals. However, there is nothing "special" or "glorious" about getting cancer, coping with treatment and entering life afterwards.

I am one of those athletes affected by cancer. Up to this time, I was training to challenge a National tennis hard court singles title. When I heard the diagnosis, I was terrified, but encouraged when I learned mine was non-life threatening. My life was thrown upside down with emotions ranging from frustration to fear of the unknown. As an athlete, I wanted to know I could continue training, maintain the great condition my body had finally achieved and compete nationally. Due to the location and size of my cancer, I was told radiation was the only option. I was blessed with meeting and working with Dr. Robert Behar, a world-renown cancer specialist, who would unknowingly protect my right shoulder area for future athletic endeavors. He ordered my individual treatment plan for 6 weeks (30 sessions) of radiation therapy once a day during the week with weekends off.

Side effects vary by patient. They began the second day and ranged from change in taste to severe muscle and mental fatigue and atrophy. Simple household chores and errands became extremely difficult and when my body finally succumbed, it put me in bed almost 24 hours a day the final 2 weeks (and the next 3 afterwards). I remember being in such a mental stupor that nothing seemed to matter except just lying there. Walking became difficult with balance issues. I'd move around the house holding on to walls and furniture, shuffling my feet in such a wide stance to stay up.

Training stopped for about 4 months. Then, I started back to tennis always seeing the National title as the goal. Strange physical affects began causing injuries and I was still unable to focus on one thought or sentence long enough for the necessary concentration. Then a major setback occurred when I ended up in emergency with what appeared to be a kidney stroke. This was thankfully a kidney stone, but one that was severe and took about a year after treatment ended to form, so also left behind some interesting affects. All the induced hospital drugs, plus

injuries from such atrophy never allowed return to a sport I so loved. It was a tough decision to admit retirement as I had just begun International ranking prior to cancer.

Since I have competed for decades at such high levels, determining what to do next, 2 years after treatment, became a challenge. I had been back in the gym doing strength training, so seemed logical to go back to something I knew – Powerlifting. Squats (and really deadlifts too, but won't tell the doctors) are not allowed due to loss of tailbone from deadlifting wrong 28 years ago. Came back to lift heaviest right afterwards, but disc problems began so was told wheelchair possibility vs. squatting... a no brainer.

So, I now had a target and set my sights on local meets. I began training for bench only and submitted an entry to a WABDL meet at Monster Gym. Even with the "carrot" dangled out there, something seemed to be missing – intensity. Accidentally, I forgot something on my entry so had to contact meet director Tiny Meeker. Within minutes by phone I told him I was also a Meeker (by maiden name) and we spent the next 45 minutes talking and setting time for me to begin training with him.

From Tiny's first training session with me, I have never looked back and my intensity and focus are beyond anything yet experienced in any sport. Tiny and I formed an instant bond (well, who couldn't do that with him) and even his training partners finally declared I am at least as hyper and energetic though about 20 years older. Three weeks of training with Tiny and I smashed the Texas State records in bench and deadlift. Training has continued with no time off and, though brutal at times, I love it!!!! My body is back to being more muscled than ever, strength is unbelievable in all aspects and my outlook on life cannot be more positive and upbeat. Eight weeks after the first meet, I got my first World record bench and upped the State deadlift record again. Then, Tiny trained me harder than ever with pounds, kilos, bands and chains of all sizes, raw, shirted, etc. I never ask the weight to this day and trust he knows how to push me forward. Six months from beginning this venture in May, WABDL Worlds became the most awesome sports event I have ever encountered. 3 World titles, another World record, Best Lifter and owed ALL to Tiny Meeker and the always, continued support of my loving husband Michael.

It's now 2 ½ years and I know the "new me." From a personal and athletic perspective, this experience has been humbling, humiliating, embarrassing, and a learning process about myself. I can never say enough about finding this sport again, but what makes it so special is my relationship with Tiny. He has not only shown me the sheer joy, but is taking me to heights I could never have achieved without his help. 200+ here I come!!!







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## OUR GOAL

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE FAMILIES OF BENJAMIN ROBINSON AND SAMUEL JOHNSON. THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TRAGIC ACCIDENT CAN ADD ADDITIONAL STRESS TO AN ALREADY DEVASTATING SITUATION.

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*Submitted by Jamie Windham*

### WAY TO GO GIRLS!!

**Front row:** Mackenzy Hemphill, Kelsi Sims, Avery Wagner, Kaidance Olivares, Jessica Windham, Elisa Grillo, Brianna Wesneske, Rachel Dusek. **Back row:** Addison Jenkins, Kassidy Baehren, Coach Ed Grillo, Coach Kelly Baehren, Coach Scott Baehren, Riley Brister, Grace Olson

//////////////// CONGRATULATIONS //////////////////  
**Fairfield Express 6U Coach Pitch**  
**CFSA CHAMPIONS 2012**

*Submitted by Kristi Crawford*

**Front row:** Cash McCollum, Kannon Payne, Rhett Barlow, Trey McCarthy, Matthew Messmer, Brock Klare. **Second row:** Hudson Pollard, Kade Crawford, Branson Bean, Dyllan Owensby. **Coaches:** Danny Crawford, David Koleci, Bobby Owensby, Ken Payne, Roger McCarthy



//////////////// WAY TO GO //////////////////  
**White Sox and Dodgers!**

*Submitted by Kim Nicholson*

Fairfield 7U White Sox and Dodgers both made the championship game in the State Metro Tournament held on May 19-20, 2012 at the Spring-Klein Baseball Complex. Way to go, Fairfield Boys!







# Sandlot Beasts



Congratulations to the Sandlot 9U Beasts for a 1st Place win at the Magnolia Summer Shootout, June 2-3, 2012

**Coaches:** Scott Beard, Head Coach Rich Robertson, Coach Jason Hastings. **Back row:** Zach Griffin, Jack Stanko, Caden Robertson, Jarrod Hastings, Connor Mlcak, Jaxin Robinson. **Front row:** Jack Van Ryan, Cole Walther, Andrew Beard, Rush Overby (not pictured Finn Nicholson)

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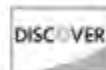


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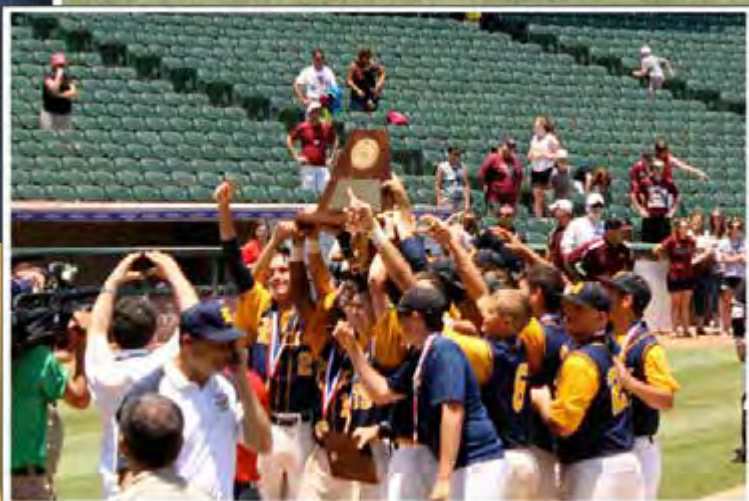
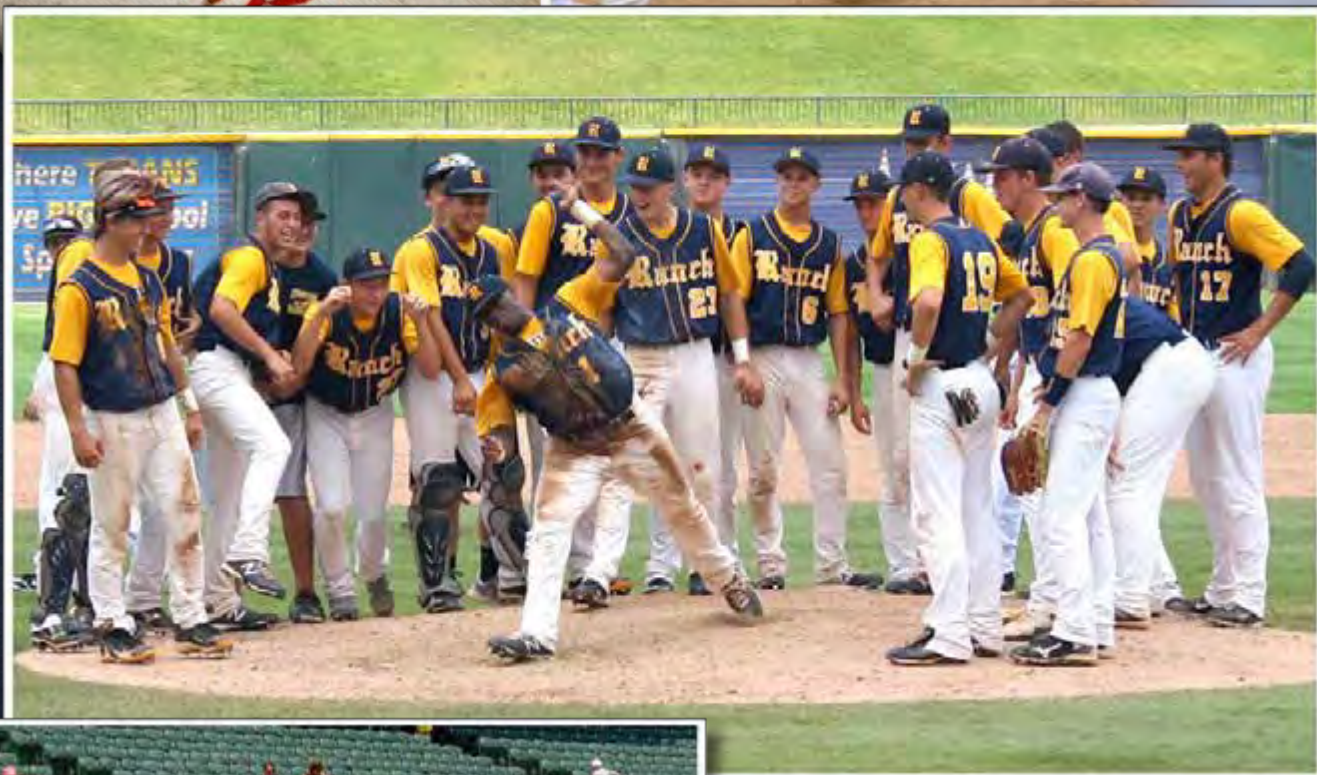


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# School News



## Cypress Ranch Wrestling Summer Camp

July 9 thru July 19, 2012 – Monday-Thursday  
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

The Cypress Ranch Wrestling Department will host a basic wrestling skills clinic to 7th, 8th, and 9th grade boys and girls zoned to Cypress Ranch High School. The cost of the clinic is \$40. The clinic will teach students basic skills to be successful in the sport of wrestling. Our only requirements are that the students have a genuine interest in the sport of wrestling, be zoned to Cypress Ranch High School or have an approved transfer for the 2012-2013 school year, and have a current physical on file. If interested, please return this form, along with your payment of \$40, to the Cypress Ranch High School Athletic office or mail to Cypress Ranch High School, Attn: Wrestling/Coach Andrew Rizzo, 10700 Fry Road, Cypress, TX 77433.

*\*\*\* All incoming 9th grade participants MUST have a current athletic physical on file and MUST live in a subdivision zoned to Cypress Ranch High School or have proof of Transfer for the 2012-2013 School Year \*\*\**

*\*\*\* All 7th and 8th grade participants MUST live in a subdivision zoned to Cypress Ranch High School \*\*\**

**Please make checks payable to Cypress Ranch Athletics**

**For questions or concerns, please contact Coach Andrew Rizzo at 231-206-4011 or [andrew.rizzo@cfisd.net](mailto:andrew.rizzo@cfisd.net)**

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PARENT PERMISSION:

By signing, Parent / Guardian agree that all terms and conditions included in the CFISD Physical and Athletic Participation Form will apply. The parent / guardian agree to waive all liability of Cy-Fair ISD and employees who are staffing the camp. The parent / guardian agree that all information provided regarding address is true. The parent/guardian further certifies that the above participant has medical insurance in case of an emergency. I authorize the camp staff to act for me according to their best judgment in any medical emergency requiring medical attention. The parent / guardian also agree that camp staff may dismiss any participant who they deem disruptive, and no refund will be made for missed participation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Crimson Cadette Drill Team Dance Clinic

Cypress Woods High School  
16925 Spring Cypress Rd.  
8/8 - 8/10

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The Cy-woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team will host their 7th annual dance clinic for K-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on August 8-10. This is a major fund-raiser for the team and enables them to participate in activities throughout the 2012-2013 school year.

Please register by July 29th, 2012 to get the Pre-Registration price of \$55 which includes dance technique, specially choreographed routines for each age group, a t-shirt, drinks and snacks each day and a picture for each participant.

Showoffs will be held the last day at 11:30 a.m. For more information email [goodsonms@comcast.net](mailto:goodsonms@comcast.net) 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 easy payment.

## Playgroup for Children Starting Kindergarten Next Year

If you have a son or daughter starting Kindergarten at Ault this fall and want to meet some other kids, please contact Lorie to join our summer playgroup. Email [lorie\\_roff@hotmail.com](mailto:lorie_roff@hotmail.com).



2nd graders - Robert Roff, Jacob Pham and Caden Mauer had a blast at the Ault Elementary Field Day back in May.

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Being part of Key Club, one of the tremendous clubs in Cy-Woods High School, is very riveting for many reasons.

First off, the most exciting news this year for Cy-Woods is that we are THE Number One Key Club in both states of Texas and Oklahoma from over 300 Key Clubs!

Over the year, Cy-Woods Key Club members were active and working hard by gaining an abundance of volunteer hours.

Key Club is an organization that is immense all over the world (30 different countries) for people to help the community, gain leadership, and build your character to become less self-centered.

Our Key Club is sponsored by the Cy-Fair Kiwanis, an organization where people of all ages help children everywhere around the world.

Through Key Club, members help at various events such as school carnivals, orientations, sport games, church events, food banks and any event that requires help.

Even though school has ended, Key Club remains active. If you require help with anything, please contact [cywoodskeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:cywoodskeyclub@gmail.com).

*Cypress Ranch High School invites you to join our Key Communicator/VIPS newsletter. Please send your name, email address and grade level of your student(s) to [CypressRanchVIPS@gmail.com](mailto:CypressRanchVIPS@gmail.com). You will receive information from the Administration, Counseling and VIPS office on upcoming events for our campus. Any information that you provide will be kept confidential and we do not sell or release your information to the public. Strictly for school use only. Thank you and hope that you have a restful and safe summer break.*

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Thursday, June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday, July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>

For more information and to register,  
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911 Hang up calls .....	8
Accidents – Minor .....	7
Accidents – Major .....	1
Alarm Calls.....	73
Assaults(family) .....	1
Burglary of Motor Vehicles.....	7
Burglary of Habitation.....	2
Business Check.....	103
Park Check.....	18
Contract Check.....	299
Criminal Mischief .....	6
Family Disturbances.....	6
Disturbances Loud Noise .....	4
Other Disturbances.....	5
Information Calls.....	2
Meet the Citizens.....	33
Parking Lot Check .....	21
Suspicious Persons .....	16
Thefts .....	9
Traffic Stops .....	8
Suspicious Vehicles .....	10
Vehicle Abandoned.....	2
Welfare Check .....	2

## FAIRFIELD LAKES

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State law also prohibits harming the ducks or their eggs in any way.

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If you notice any of these prohibited activities, please contact the sheriff at 713-221-6000.

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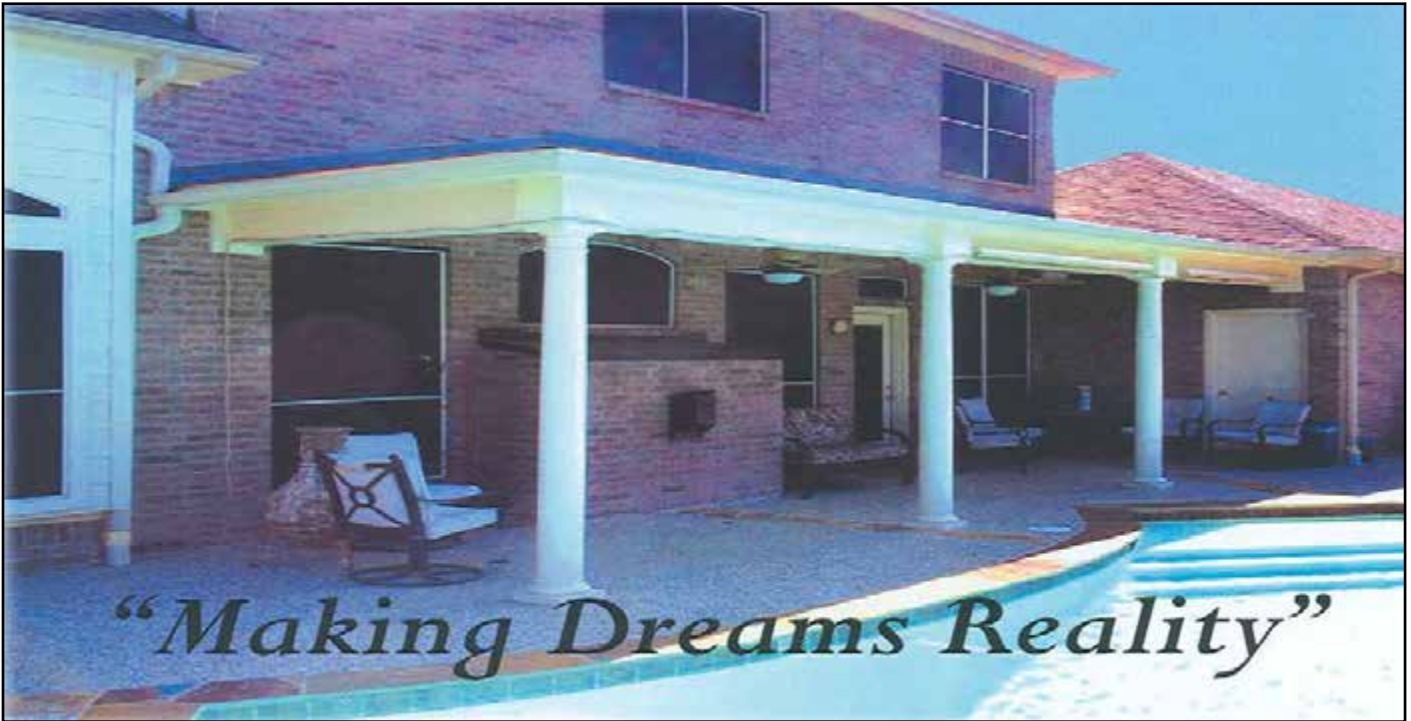
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# Business Section

## Cypress-Tomball Democrats July 18th Meeting

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 18th, at a new location: Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429. A meet and greet will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the general meeting at 7:00 p.m.

July's guest speaker will be Judson W.

Robinson, III, President and CEO of the Houston Area Urban League. The Houston Area Urban League is a United Way agency affiliated with the National Urban League.

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).



## Cypress Texas Tea Party Meeting

The following candidates have agreed to speak at the meeting of the Cypress Texas Tea Party:

**Justice Supreme Court Place 4 Incumbent, David Medina**  
**District Judge 129th District Candidate, Michael Landrum**

**District Judge 129th District Candidate, Chris Gillett**  
**District Judge 152nd District Candidate, Janet Townsley**  
**District Judge 152nd District Candidate, Don Self**

We will be meeting Saturday, July 7th at:  
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*David M. Wilson*  
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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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## TECH-ETIQUETTE

### Is there an App for Civility?

*Submitted by Darcy Folsom*

In today's age of apps and gadgets, it's likely that you or someone you know has benefitted handily from the ubiquitous smartphone in today's digitally-dependent society. If the question were posed to our current generation, "What item would you never want to be without?" it is fair to say that most individuals living in 21st century America would answer: "My phone!"

Without our phones, it is certain that many of us would be lost. We would be unable to text, tweet, phone, email, face time, and even friend or like another individual. Would we really?

Is American society becoming so dependent upon these technological devices that we are challenged to even recognize our our humanity within? How many young men and women know the value of the age-old adage "Never leave home without a smile?"

Is who we were created to be, in such competition with what we hold in our hand, that we have forgotten the simple value of kindness - shared in a smile, of gratification - by greeting another with a genuine handshake? Is it technology that propels our lives, or are we doing our best to prepare our lives to propel the technology that supports them?

Regardless of how many apps and buttons and gadgets, and even insurance, we carry on our smartphones, could it be that we have something even better when it comes to insuring our ability to connect with the people we like? Or to be-Friend those to whom we're attracted, or bring restitution to those un-Friended?

Today's digitally-dependent generation has a challenge before them that none before have known. That is, being able to successfully pair technology with common courtesy. Remembering what our grandmothers taught us about the civilities of life (carried in our hip pockets) may apply more today, than any app could ever provide. But pairing the art of civility with the current age of technology requires practice.

The 21st century can only get better as those old-fashioned manners make their way from our pockets to the person next to us. After all, the words we speak are far more significant than the technology that transmits them.

Why not polish a few points of etiquette this summer and complement your savvy skills on your smartphone? By doing



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# Chocolate Cab Cupcakes

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## Cupcake Ingredients

- 1 1/2 C all purpose flour
- 3/4 C sugar
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- 1 t baking soda
- 1 t sea salt
- 1 C special dark cocoa
- 1/2 C canola oil
- 2 large eggs
- 1 t Ancho Chili Powder
- 1 C Cabernet Sauvignon
- 1 special dark chocolate bar



## Frosting Ingredients

- 1/2 C vegetable shortening
- 6 oz unsalted butter, softened
- 1 C confectioners' sugar
- 1 C special dark cocoa
- 2 T Cab Reduction {see note below}

Directions: Preheat your oven to 350 degrees and line a cupcake pan with papers. Sift the dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Add the oil, eggs, chili powder and cab and blend with a mixer. Using a 1 inch ice cream scoop, place 1 scoop in each paper. Add 1 piece of dark chocolate, and then add another scoop of batter. Place in oven and bake for 18 minutes. Remove from oven and cool.

Directions: Blend shortening and butter together until fluffy and add confectioners' sugar and cocoa. Mix to combine then add the Cab Reduction and blend well. If the frosting is too thick, add a hint of vanilla or cream to thin it out. Place in pastry bag and pipe onto cooled cupcakes and serve.

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## Financial Focus - Student Loans Crushing College Grads

*Submitted by Rich Keith*

Today's college grads are facing the "real world" with an extra scoop of debt. Two-thirds of students graduating from college or graduate school have student loans – about \$25,000 on average. That's a 25% increase over the past 10 years. In fact, today's twentysomething holds an average debt of \$45,000, including everything from student loans to mortgages and credit cards. Unfortunately, unemployment for those aged 18-29 is 12.4%, well above the national rate of 8.2%.

Don't feel as if you have to be the savior. Six in 10 boomers report giving financial help (outside of college tuition) to a child or grandchild in the past five years. Of those, \$59,000 was the average amount of aid. If this sounds like you, ask yourself: Do I really have the resources? Am I saving enough for retirement? Try to share more financial wisdom and less cash with your adult offspring. The more you save for your own future means less possibility that you'll need their help later on.



Without going into too much detail, share the family financial picture with your children once they hit the mid-teen years. They need to know the family income is X and it takes Y amount to cover the mortgage and bills. Once they see X minus Y in action they will be surprised at how much it actually costs to run a household.

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so, you and your smartphone may just move from merely getting the message delivered, to doing so with principles that shape our character and improve our attitudes about both our electronic devices, and the lives of those who use them.

**TIP #1** - When you take a call in the presence of another person, you are communicating, "You are secondary; the caller is more important than you are." If you are expecting a call, let your companion know in advance, and excuse yourself before taking the call, limiting the call to under one minute. Never use a cell phone on a date, unless there is an emergency.

**TIP #2** - If you find it necessary to use your smartphone while driving, make it a habit to get into your car, buckle up, and prepare your hand's free device to activate the call BEFORE starting your engine.

**TIP #3** - Allow your personality, not your PDA to impress others. Avoid using novelty ringtones, and choose the vibrate option as much as possible.

**TIP #4** - Remove your earpiece when not on the phone. Always keep your phone in a pocket or a purse, rather than laying it on the table next to you.

**TIP# 5** - When in a public place, refrain from using your ear buds to listen to your favorite playlist. Instead, be prepared to greet those who are near you, looking oncoming passersby in the eye, with a smile and "Hello!" This is not only courteous, but it is also a way to remain sure about your surroundings.

As you travel to the lake or the seaside with friends, consider the value that a few manners may add to the dynamics of your summer relationships. Ask the question – is there something more fundamental than a fancy app, or gadget insurance to satisfy our lack?

What have we already been given as a way to connect with the people we like, and those we want to be-Friend? Rather than search your smartphone for the latest apps, ask your companion's permission to practice with them, as you begin to apply these principles of Tech-Etiquette.

These courtesies will both benefit the words we speak and the actions we offer, as we engage those around us with the very acts of courtesy we desire for others to share with us. Practicing the art of civility alongside the technology that propels our lives, I believe we will see our digitally-dependent generation become the one to re-engage our culture with civility and the accomplished principles of common courtesy.



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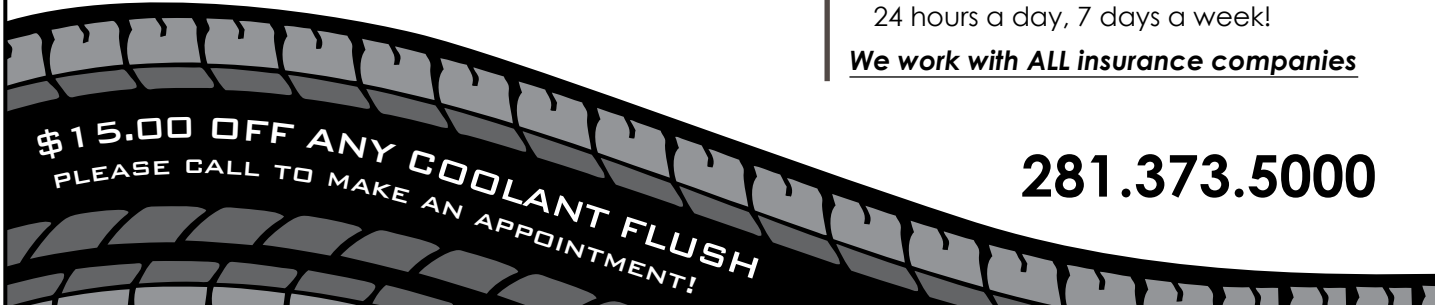
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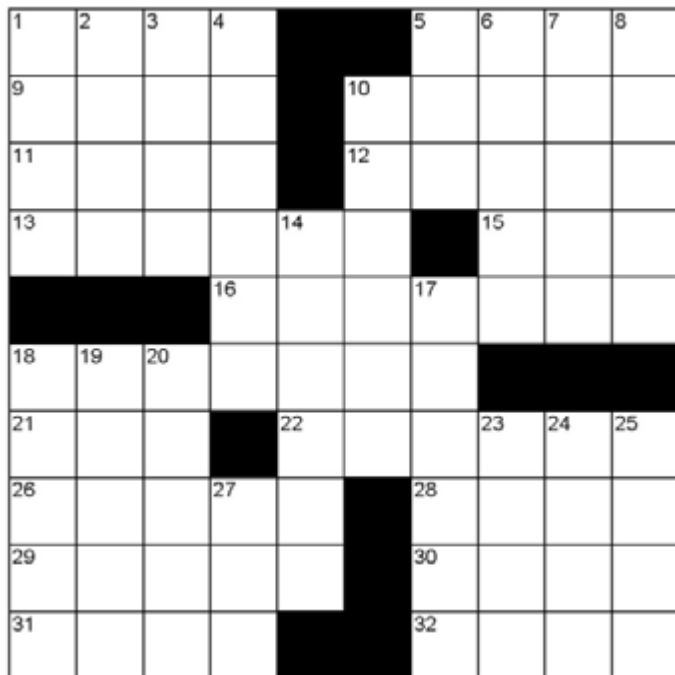
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### ACROSS

1. What children make
5. At sea
9. Little Mermaid's love
10. Non \_\_ (not welcome)
11. At hand
12. Old show
13. Member of an American Indian people
15. Sum
16. One of NT Gospels
18. Dauber
21. Used to be
22. Musical "slow"
26. Group of eight
28. Cut hair short
29. Sandwich cookies brand
30. Soaring plaything
31. Opp. of yeses
32. Bridge

### DOWN

1. Not women's
2. Canal
3. Gemini
4. Outline
5. Be
6. \_\_ Lee (pie brand name)
7. Composition
8. Root beer brand (3 wds.)
10. Annoyed
14. Weight units
17. Goes after
18. Pass out
19. Big
20. Sugar-free brand
23. Clasp
24. Small particle
25. Commence
27. Goddess

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Neighborhood	1 <sup>ST</sup> Quarter Results		
	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM
Autumn Park	2	\$68.71	42
Bluebonnet Glen	1	\$78.49	12
Baker's Ridge	2	\$69.26	13
Chappell Ridge	4	\$58.33	55
Cottage Glen	0	\$0	0
The Estates	0	\$0	0
Garden Grove	4	\$64.27	100
Glen	2	\$61.70	84
Inwood Glen	1	\$69.40	161
Inwood Park	4	\$63.13	119
Lake Crest	1	\$69.49	161
Lakes/Lake Point	2	\$80.51	81
Crossing/Landing/Reserve	4	\$67.07	117
Meadows/Park/Retreat	1	\$70.70	78
Oaks/Trails	4	\$71.77	144
Summer Crossing	2	\$61.79	53
Summer Ridge	1	\$73.52	7

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