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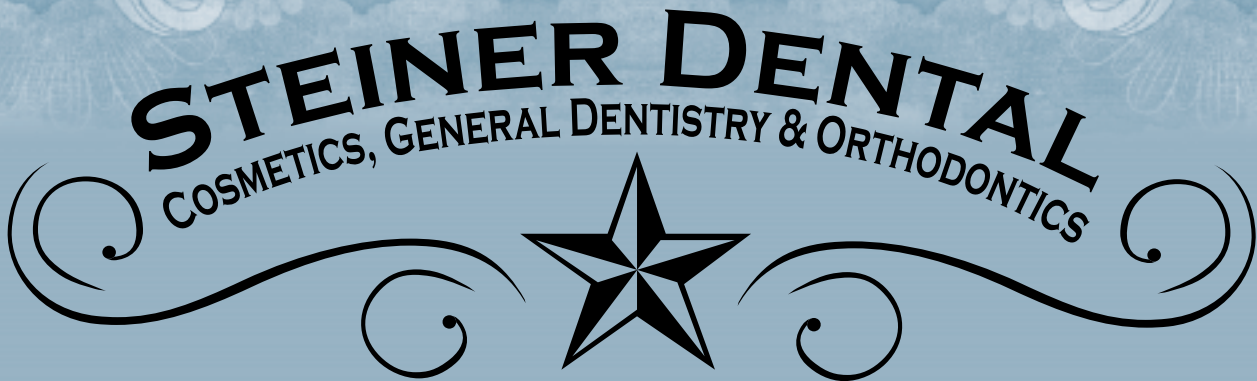
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The Association Office is no longer open on Saturdays. Please make a note of the "Regular" office hours that are now in effect.

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Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
8/31	VB	Concordia Ann Arbor%	5 p.m.
9/1	VB	Concordia Wisconsin%	10 a.m.
	VB	Concordia Chicago%	2 p.m.
	WS	Dallas!	5 p.m.
	MS	Dallas!	7 p.m.
9/9	WS	Huston-Tillotson!	5 p.m.
	MS	Huston-Tillotson!	7 p.m.
9/19	WS	Trinity!	7 p.m.
9/21	VB	Mary Hardin-Baylor\$	7:30 p.m.
9/22	VB	Mississippi College\$	12:30 p.m.
	WS	East Texas Baptist^	2 p.m.
	MS	East Texas Baptist^	4 p.m.
	VB	Texas-Tyler\$	5:30 p.m.
9/23	WS	Austin College^	2 p.m.
	MS	Austin College^	4 p.m.
9/28	VB	Sul Ross State	7 p.m.

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ARTICLE INFO

The Ranch Record is mailed monthly to all Steiner Ranch residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

To submit an article for consideration please email it to steinerranch@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 8th of the month prior to the issue.

COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo was taken by Hillary of Silver Bee Photography of the Chatterton family in front of the Bevo statue at the UT Golf Club. We thought it was perfect for the September cover with the start of College football this month.

Do you take great photos?

*Would you like to see your photo published?
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issue of the Ranch Record.*

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION:

- Must have been taken in Steiner Ranch
- Be of High Resolution (240 dpi or higher)
- Prefer "portrait" orientation

We'd love to have something that pertains to this time of the year in some way, such as a Halloween photo or a School Fall program. Our October 2012 issue submittal deadline is September 7th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

By submitting your photo you agree to allow your photo to be published in future issues of the Ranch Record or other Steiner Ranch publications.

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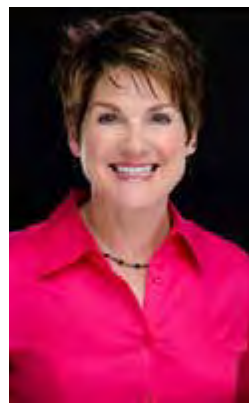
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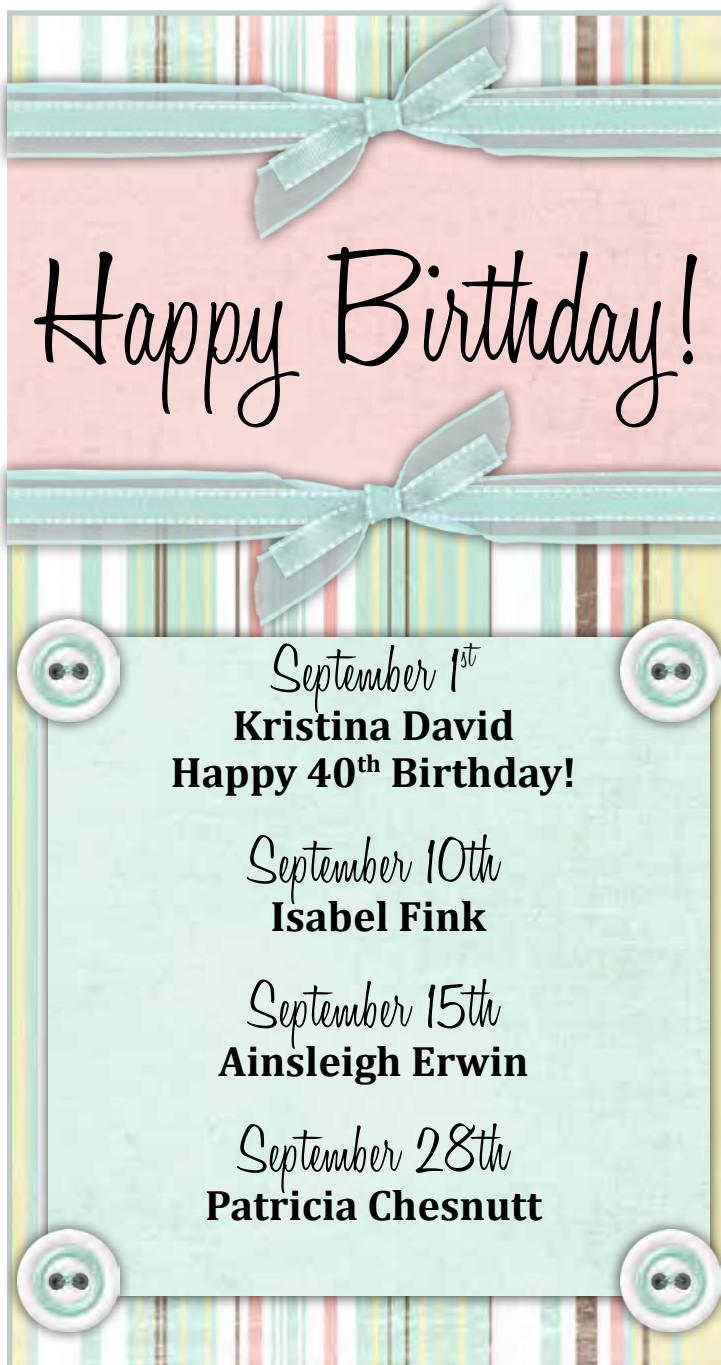
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2012 Steiner Ranch Social Events

Sept 15 Garage Sale
 Sept 29 Ladies Night Out
 October Pumpkin Patch
 Benefiting Dell Children's Hospital
 Oct 28 Halloween Trunk or Treat
 Nov 3 Camping on the Ranch
 Nov 10 Holiday Sales Event and Santa Pictures

All Events are tentative and subject to change or cancel, so please check monthly issues of the Ranch Record, the Steiner Ranch website at www.steinerranchhoa.org and Facebook (Steiner Ranch Social Committee) for updates.

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June's winner: Ian H. was visiting his
brother from Scotland who lives here in
the Palisades section.

July's winner: Elizabeth B. was visiting
her aunt and uncle who recently moved to
Steiner this July.




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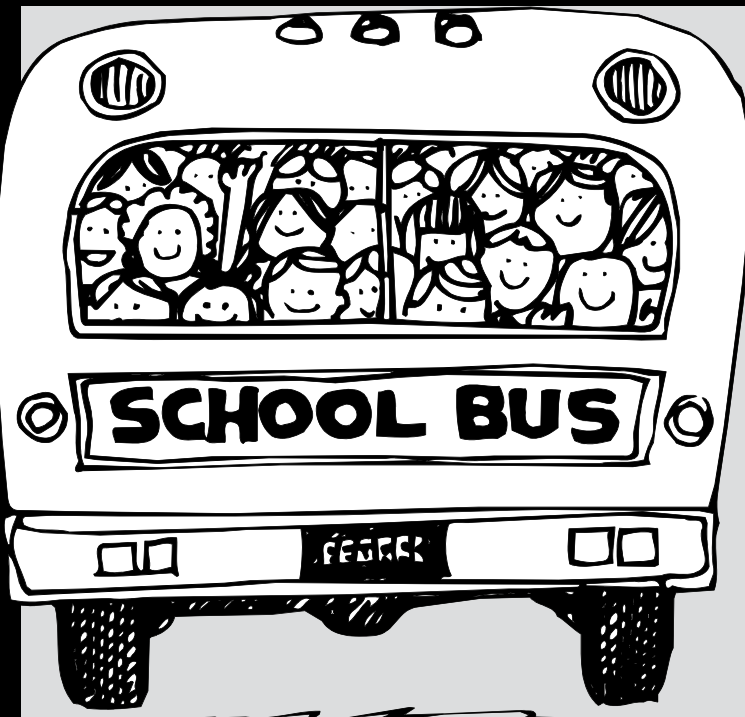
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Back To School

School started August 27th, so now is the time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in Steiner Ranch. We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
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- Crossing Guards – please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
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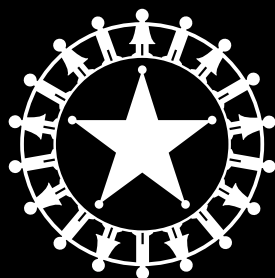


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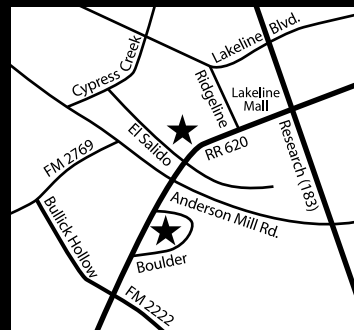




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Thank you to all the Concert in the Park Sponsors!

It may have been a wet, muggy day, but it didn't put a damper on this year's Steiner Ranch Concert in the Park, which drew thousands to a Steiner-style end of summer celebration. The Concert had it all, from the foam-laden kids playing in the Games-2-U Foam Pit to the 8th grade band, Shoulda Turned Left and the talented music of Dark Blonde. We also had performances by the San Antonio Spurs Silver Dancer, the VHS Varsity Cheerleaders, Villari's Martial arts amazing Karate Demo and a Flash Mob led by Zumba instructor Mary Ann Ebler.

This year's event was especially unique as there was a special presentation from the Texas Forest Service and Travis County Commissioner, Sarah Eckart, who presented Nathasha Collmann, Firewise Chairperson with the Firewise Communities/USA award!

This was a huge achievement and now Steiner Ranch is one of only a handful of Firewise Communities in Travis County!

Through the generosity of the Steiner Ranch Social Committee, who donated an IPAD to be raffled off at the event, the Firewise Committee was able to raise \$975 in raffle sells with 100% of the proceeds going to help purchase trees and re-vegetate the burned out areas of Steiner Ranch. Donations will continue to be accepted at the HOA office.

A special thanks to Kimberly McLaughlin of LaHacienda who Co-chaired this event and volunteered countless hours to make it a success and to Paul O'Brien our rockin emcee!

We'd also like to thank all of our sponsors who attended, which this event could not have been possible without their participation!



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- Villari's Martial Arts of Texas
- Mary Ann Elber's Flash mob
- Vandegrift High School Cheer
- Lake Travis Fire & Rescue
- Star Flight

Young at Heart Events

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Young at Heart is an informal group of Steiner Ranch residents that plans various activities for people (usually those in the 50+ age group but there are no restrictions) to provide opportunities for them meet each other. It is very informal. Since many people travel or are away from Steiner Ranch for extended periods of time, activities are planned to be enjoyed as frequently as members want. Those who are on the Young at Heart contact list receive emails announcing upcoming activities.

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There are a lot of monthly and weekly scheduled activities as well as informal get-togethers. Whatever your interests, there is probably already a group to join. If not, and if there is enough interest, we'll establish a new one. Those currently active are:

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Monday, September 17th at 1:00 pm

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MEXICAN TRAIN

Wednesday, September 5th at 1:00 pm - Dominoes game

ROMEO (RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT)

Monday, September 10th at 11:30 am - Men's lunch group

TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Thursday, September 13th 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Towne Square "Computer Security"

WALKING GROUP

Every Thursday at 8:00 am

HAPPY HOUR

Informal gatherings at nearby restaurants

WINE SOCIALS

Occasional get-togethers in a home – BYOB and an appetizer to share.

If you have an interest that isn't mentioned above or if you are interested in learning more about Young at Heart activities, please add your name to our email list. Just send your name, phone number and email address to steinerranchyoungatheart@gmail.com. Everyone on the email list will be sent information about upcoming events, locations, etc.

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So that children are able to enjoy the neighborhood trick-or-treating festivities on Oct. 31st, this event will be held on Sunday, October 28th from 4-6pm. This event will replace the Children's Halloween Event.

Additional information and registration details will follow in the coming month. Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities will be available. For questions, please contact Caroline Burns at: (512) 761-1225.



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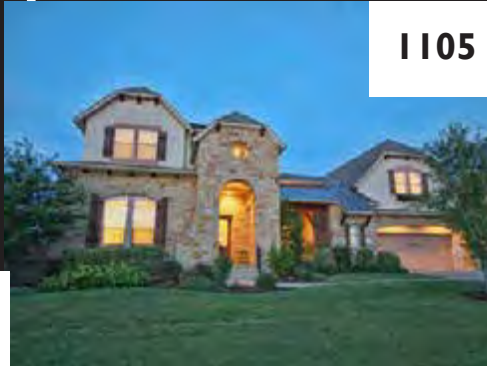
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Beverage glasses will be sold for \$20.00 with unlimited refills, food will also be available for sale. Raffle tickets will be sold with some fantastic prizes from our vendors for your enjoyment. All proceeds will be donated to Safe Place, the local domestic violence shelter.

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*Myrta McGugan-Mogen
Steiner Ranch Social Committee*

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We've Done It!

Steiner Ranch is now recognized as a Firewise Communities/USA! Due to the hard work and dedication of the Firewise Committee, Steiner Ranch has become a nationally recognized Firewise Community. What did it take to reach this achievement?

- First obtained a wildfire risk assessment with cooperation from the Texas Forestry Service and the Lake Travis Fire and Rescue.
- Formed a committee and created an action plan based on the assessment.
- Held several Fuel Reduction days, organized by the Firewise Committee and several hundred volunteers.
- Invested a minimum of \$2 per capita in Firewise events for the year.
- Submitted the lengthy and detailed application to the state Firewise liaison.

But, this is just the first step. The Firewise Committee is working with homeowners to continue more Fuel Reduction Days, writing monthly articles to teach homeowners about the Ready Set Go Program, and attending events, like the Concert in the Park to help spread the word about Fire Safety and how to reduce the risk to your home. Next time you see a Firewise Committee member, tell them Thank you!

Firewise Committee Members

*Nathasha Collmann, Chairperson | Scott Selman, HOA Representative |
Sandi Ruble and Ingrid Ableidinger*

Holiday Sales Event & Santa Photos

Vendor Registration is now open!

To get you in the Holiday spirit, the Steiner Ranch Social Committee will be hosting its Annual Holiday Sales event on Saturday, November 10th from 10:00am - 2:00pm at the Towne Square Community Center. You can come and get all of your Holiday shopping done without ever leaving Steiner Ranch.

Want to be a Vendor? Do you make fabulous jewelry? Are you an artist? Do you have a home based business or service? Then become a vendor and show Steiner Ranch what you can offer. Three areas are dedicated for vendor space. Vendor spaces inside the Community Center are available at a fee of \$60.00 and spaces outside in the covered pavilion & uncovered veranda are \$40.00. (Heaters are provided). Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration fees must be paid to reserve your space, and no refunds will be made after November 1st. Steiner Ranch reserves the right to deny any application based on content or similarities to/duplication of products or services. Residents must be in "good standing" with the Association.

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Ready, Set, GO!

by Sandi Ruble

One year ago this month Steiner Ranch gained national attention when a wildland fire raced through our master-planned community. For many, it was like a mad dash -- grab what you can and get out of your house. Others were in the dark and didn't know what was going on until hours into the situation. Some were out of town for the holiday weekend, while others were out for the day and not allowed to return to their homes, even to retrieve their family pets.



Three days of anxious waiting brought lots of media and little news, except for the savvy neighbors and their social media connections. Firemen poured in from surrounding areas and worked around the clock to save and protect our residences and businesses. Despite their tireless efforts, some homes and pets were lost, property was damaged, and our lives were touched forever by the Labor Day Fires.

We came together as a community and helped each other. We shared stories, hugs and sorrows. Donations poured in from across our great state. What we didn't need, we gladly shared with other areas much harder hit by wildfires.

Not only have we begun to recover and rebuild from the fires, we have become a wiser community. Evacuation planning and routes are being evaluated, fuel reduction workdays are ongoing, and neighbors are educating themselves about firewise steps and actions.

We have looked at the Ready, Set, GO! program, as a collaborative effort to help educate the public about how to prepare for and stay safe in the event of a wildland fire situation. The last two months' articles have concentrated on being Ready - providing you with tips and tools you need to prepare for the threat of a wildfire, and being Set - helping you become aware of your situation when a fire starts. Today we look at when to GO!

In the event of a wildfire, leaving early provides you and your family with the best chance of survival. It also helps clear the area for emergency vehicles, enabling them to do their job better. It's not necessary to wait for authorities to tell you to leave. If you feel that the situation presents danger to your family, you should gather your emergency supplies and leave your home for a predetermined safe location. It also is useful, when possible, to have alternative routes to your safe location in case your first route is blocked.

We have come to realize that living in central Texas in a neighborhood like Steiner Ranch, surrounded by natural greenbelt areas, makes for beautiful scenery on one hand and the threat of wildfires on the other. And while we cannot completely eliminate our wildfire threat, we can educate ourselves and be better prepared in the event of another wildland fire.

Firewise is a nationally recognized program to help neighbors work together to become a safer community. Anyone interested in becoming more involved is invited to the Firewise committee meetings. Meetings will be the 3rd Thursday of each month at Bella Mar Community Center at 6:30pm (August 16 and Sept. 20). Look for links to Firewise information coming soon to the new HOA website.



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DON'T BE A NUMB SKULL!

According to Whole Living Magazine, over the past few years cycling is up over 70% and cycling fatalities are down 9% (and down over 25% over the past decade according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).

The massive upswing in the number of cyclist is arguably due to peoples increased awareness about the health benefits of cycling, peoples concern with the environment and wanting to make a difference by reducing their carbon footprint, cycling can be a cost effective alternative to driving or public transportation, and simply because it is freak'n fun!

As far as the down swing in fatalities, it is mostly attributable to more and more designated bike lanes and increased motor-awareness. As we continue to add more and more bike lanes and more motorists share the road and/or become cyclists, we should see that statistic continue to decrease.

As a cyclist, we can lower our risk of being a statistic by simply wearing a helmet! 95% of the cyclist fatalities are cyclists not wearing helmets. One cyclist fatality is one to many so please wear a helmet when riding your bike. The world is a much better place with the more cyclists we have.

If you're interested in riding your bike and having some fun please join us some time by signing up for free at www.steinerranchcycling.com and/or LIKE our Facebook page at "Steiner Ranch Cycling"... and don't forget your helmet!

*Sincerely,
The Soul Cyclist*

The Soul Cyclist is every dad or mom that has gone on a bike ride with their son or daughter. It's the kids' riding their bikes on the way to school, it's the roadie, mountain biker, bmx'er, bicycle commuter, cruiser, exercise fanatic and the child in each one of us that remembers the joys of being outside on a bicycle.

SEPTEMBER CYCLE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST

7:30am Meet at Cups & Cones:
Intermediate Ride (40 - 50 miles)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND

8:30am Meet at Cups & Cones: Tour de Steiner Ranch
Easy Ride (22miles)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

7:30am Meet at Cups & Cones:
Intermediate Ride (40 - 50 miles)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

8:30am Meet at Cups & Cones: Tour de Steiner Ranch
Easy Ride (22miles)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

7:30am Meet at Cups & Cones:
Intermediate Ride (40 - 50 miles)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

8:30am Meet at Cups & Cones: Tour de Steiner Ranch
(22miles) Easy Ride

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND

7:30am Meet at Cups & Cones:
Intermediate Ride (40 - 50 miles)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD

8:30am Meet at Steakhouse: Steiner Ranch Steakhouse Ride
Intermediate Ride (33miles)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

7:30am Meet at Cups & Cones:
Intermediate Ride (40- 50 miles)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

8:30am Meet at Cups & Cones: Tour de Steiner Ranch
Easy Ride (22miles)

Steiner Ranch Cycling Club is fielding a team for the Livestrong Challenge on October 21st here in Austin. This is the 15th year anniversary of the ride and the distances range from 10 - 100 miles. What is cool about it this year is that there is no fund raising minimum as in prior years and it only cost \$50 to register which is a normal registration fee for an organized run or ride. <http://laf.livestrong.org/goto/SteinerRanchCycling>



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Texas Army National Guard's 1-143rd Infantry Airborne Battalion

Submitted by Sharon Chesnutt, Steiner Resident

Members from the Texas Army National Guard's 1-143rd Infantry Airborne Battalion prepare for a mission in Afghanistan. The soldiers have been providing security and support to local families/villages in and around central Afghanistan and are nearing the end of their deployment. On this particular day the mission involved visiting senior leaders of local tribes and also insuring major roads where clear and safe for future military convoys. The Texas flag has been flying at Bagram Air Field since Texans arrived and they have all been enjoying



Rudys BBQ sauce. It brings a taste of Texas to Afghanistan.

My husband (CW2 Tom Chesnutt is center holding the flag). We have been Steiner residents since 1992. He has been serving 8 months now of a year rotation and is assigned at Camp Mabry. We have 3

daughters: Annaka (2011 Texas State grad); Katie (Senior at VHS); Patricia (Freshman at VHS). We sent Rudy's BBQ sauce along with many other items to remind him of home. We miss him tremendously and can't wait for Thanksgiving for his return.

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Steiner Ranch Fall Program

For Adults & Children

Registration for the Fall 2012 Program season is ongoing!

The Steiner Ranch Fall Program for 2012 have begun. Most of the programs were offered last spring, but we also have a few new ones that have been added to the list of Programs. The Fall Program Guide and registration information can be downloaded from our website at www.steinerranchhoa.org. Classes being offered this Fall are:

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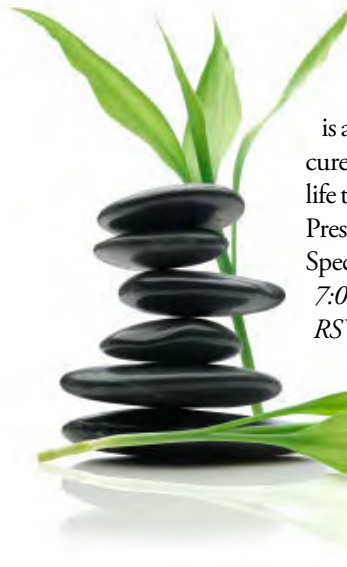
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This summer has been extremely busy and eventful at the Steiner Ranch pools. We implemented a couple new procedures, including gate monitors and concession stands. In addition, the Steiner Stars had another phenomenal swim season, and a lot of our summer programs were full and very successful. Recreational uses of the pools have actually increased on an hour by hour basis over last year, but not just at the Bella Mar pool, at John Simpson and Town Square pools as well. Frankly, it's a great thing to see the pools across the community being used.

The community involvement in the pool discussion this year has been phenomenal. The last few years the biggest topic of discussion has been the use of the pools by the swim teams and by other entities, especially during the summer. However, this year due to great cooperation with the Steiner Stars, the facility committee, the different boards in Steiner Ranch, and most importantly, you the community, we've actually reduced those usage issues. Obviously, the addition of gate monitors has helped control traffic at the pools and help keep the gates closed, which allows a much more enjoyable experience for the members of the community.

One conversation that has come up over and over again this year has been the issue around the cleanliness of the pools. Cleanliness is always something that we strive to make sure we provide for the residents of the community. Regardless of these issues, chemical levels have maintained acceptable levels all year, keeping the pools safe to use, thanks to the great work of the lifeguards, and the maintenance team.

This summer has provided us with additional challenges of the heavy rains we saw in June and July, and also the heavy winds blowing dirt and leaves into the pools. We have taken some steps to reduce the amount of mud that can get in, by installing river rock on the back side of Bella Mar and a French drain to direct



the flow of water off the pool deck. This process will continue during the Fall season.

I would like to personally thank Lifeline Aquatics, their lifeguards and gate monitors for making sure the pools maintained a safe, fun, and enjoyable atmosphere. I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Steiner Stars who once again stepped up and really worked with the community to create a workable schedule for their practices and meets. They also strived during the meets to control traffic and parking issues.

As we move into the fall season, the work at the pool does not stop. The Pools & Facilities Committee will continue to find alternative solutions to increase recreation pool usage. Consider joining the Facilities Committee and/or Pools Committee and help us provide the best overall experience for you and your family.

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The Swim team will hold an inter-squad meet on September 15 at the Bella Mar Lap Pool with their first meet against Leander High School at the Block House Pool in Leander on September 22nd. Look for information on their biggest Fundraiser of the year, the "I AM TOUGH, Swim-a-Thon" from where each swimmer will swim 10,000 yards in 100-yard increments, with sponsors donating a flat fee or a rate-per-lap donation. It's a grueling event for the kids and anyone can come out, cheer them on and donate to the cause.



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FALL POOL HOURS

*The pool hours for all of the swimming pools in Steiner Ranch will remain the same as our Summer Schedule **until the water becomes cold enough to turn on the heater at the Bella Mar Lap pool.***

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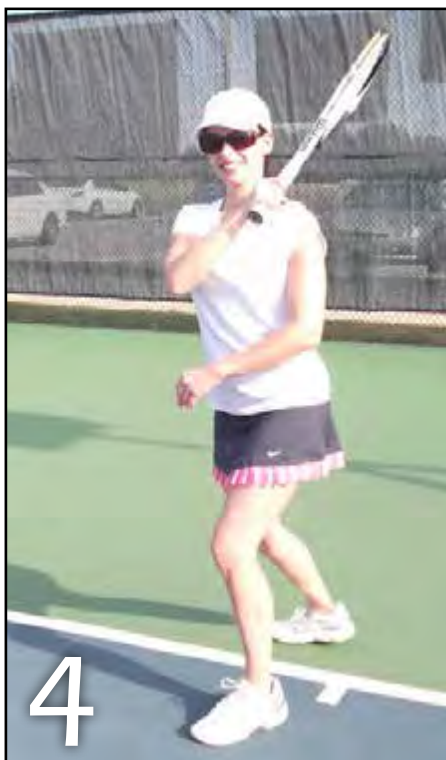
Tennis Tips

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional

Fernando Velasco

Owner, Manager and Director of Tennis

Grey Rock Tennis Club, Austin, TX



Starting with this issue, I will be giving tips on the fundamentals of the game of tennis. We will begin with the forehand groundstroke:

STEP 1: EARLY ANTICIPATION

The upper body turns with the right wrist slightly cocked back and level with the shoulder. Notice the eyes focused toward the incoming ball and the balance of the left hand in front of the body. The left foot started to move forward and it is pointing to the point of contact.

STEP 2: POINT OF CONTACT

Once the racquet starts accelerating, the right wrist is still slightly cocked back, but will have a small snap when making contact with the ball. Optimum point of contact is in front of the opposite foot. Notice that the eyes are still focused on the tennis ball

STEP 3: FOLLOW THROUGH

Once the ball has made contact with racket, the arm needs to follow through for a long period of time to allow maximum compaction of the ball and help from the strings and the frame. Notice that the body has slightly turned watching where the ball is landing. The knee has flexed some to allow more flexibility and power for the ball.

STEP 4: FINISH

If the racket has great momentum, let it continue coming through the body and finish it around the neck. This will allow for a more powerful impact and depth on the ball. The smile on her face shows that she hit a great shot!!

Look for next Issue: The Backhand Groundstroke



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The biggest, of course, begins with prevention. Having your pet microchipped, wearing a collar with correct and updated identification devices, and having recent photographs of your pet can be a big help.

Be sure to telephone your vet, animal control, and if possible the microchip company to report your pet lost. Provide an accurate, detailed description and notify each agency if there are any current medical conditions your pet experiences.

After notifying important telephone contacts, it is now time to rely on technological assistance. Go online and not only send an email to all of your neighbors, but find as many local community sites as possible to create a lost pet announcement. The Association provides a "lost/found" section on its website that you can utilize. Provide a description ensuring the pet's name, breed, gender, color and date/time/place last seen are mentioned. Be sure to upload a recent photograph and provide two means of contact information. This way, if you are away from your computer or telephone, you or a family member can still be reached. There are also several Facebook Pages in Steiner Ranch that allow you to post lost pet information. The

Steiner Ranch Lost & Found Facebook Page is a great resource. You can also post on the Steiner Ranch Social Committee Facebook page.

Next, create similar lost pet flyers and drop 25 copies off at the Association Office. These need to be no larger than 5 X 7 and will be placed at all of the Community's mailbox kiosks by a Staff member. You can also hand deliver flyers to your neighbors in the direction your pet most likely headed and many of the local businesses. Finally, be sure to check your pet's living quarters. While it may sound strange, often pets will surprise their owners and appear on their doorstep or crawl back under the holes in fences; especially if it is close to the pet's bedtime or mealtime. Hopefully, with these steps, you and your pet will be re-united.



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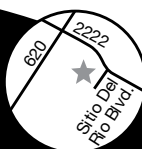
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- Complete the Architectural Modification form (owner only)
- Include any addendum forms such as for a pool or greenbelt
- Include a scaled drawing showing plan and elevation views of the proposed improvements, modifications or alterations. Submittals must include samples depicting the proposed materials and colors to be used.
- A lot survey (which the owner receives at closing) indicating



the location of proposed improvements, and any applicable easements, setbacks, and elevation differences on lot.

- Deposit check in the amount of \$500

All of these forms can be found on-line at www.steinerranchhoa.org, under the "Document" section of the website.

Note* Generally, application packets received

by Friday, will be reviewed the following Wednesday, however some reviews can take up to 30 days.

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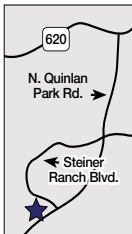
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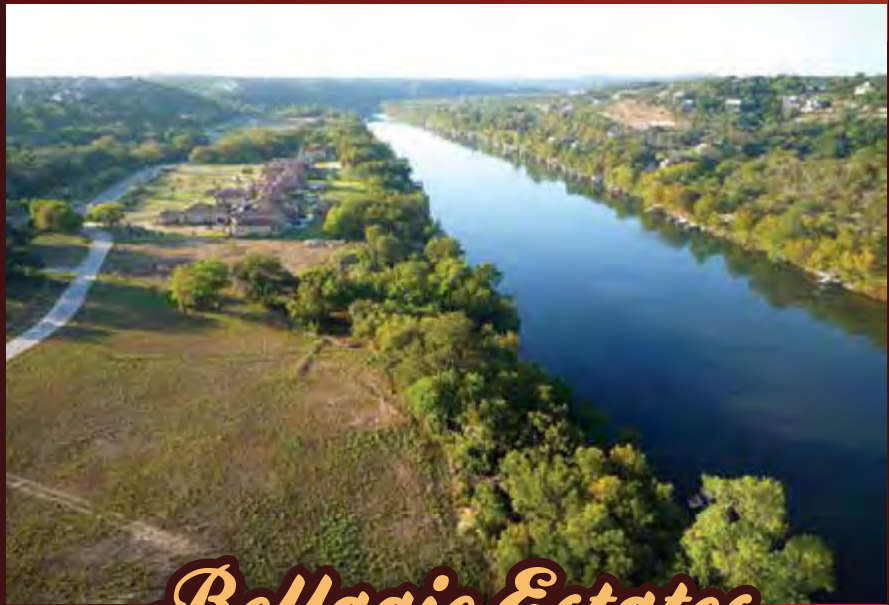
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Hill Country Education Foundation Launches 2012-2013 Membership Drive

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Annual membership levels range from \$100 for families and \$50 for individuals to \$15 for students and \$1 for faculty. Please consider the family membership to HCEF. Secure payment can be made at www.HillCountryEdFoundation.com. Employer matching fund companies currently include Applied Materials, Dell and National Instruments.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GRANT FUNDING. Funded \$50k to educators for programs at Grandview Hills, Laura Welch Bush, River Place, River Ridge and Steiner Ranch Elementary Schools; Canyon Ridge and Four Points Middle Schools and Vandegrift High School.

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM. Supplied funds and volunteers to heighten programming and interest at River Ridge Elementary and Four Points Middle Schools

ROBOTICS AND GARDEN CLUBS. Funded robotics programs at all eight Four Points area schools including financial support to

send Vandegrift High School's awarding-winning robotics team to FLL World Championship. Host annual robotics scrimmage. Funded Garden Clubs at elementary schools. Total funded: \$21k

COLLEGE-READINESS. Pledged \$50k to LISD to fund Naviance Succeed, a top tier, college-readiness online tool for all LISD high schools through 2015-2016. Funded Readistep, an assessment test that measures the skills that students need to be on track for college success for all 8th grade LISD students for 2012-2013 school year.

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FOUR POINTS BNI

Meetings are on Wednesday at lunch from 11:30am to 1:00pm at Uncle Billy's at the Oasis. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested please contact Elicia@SteinerRanchInfo.com or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

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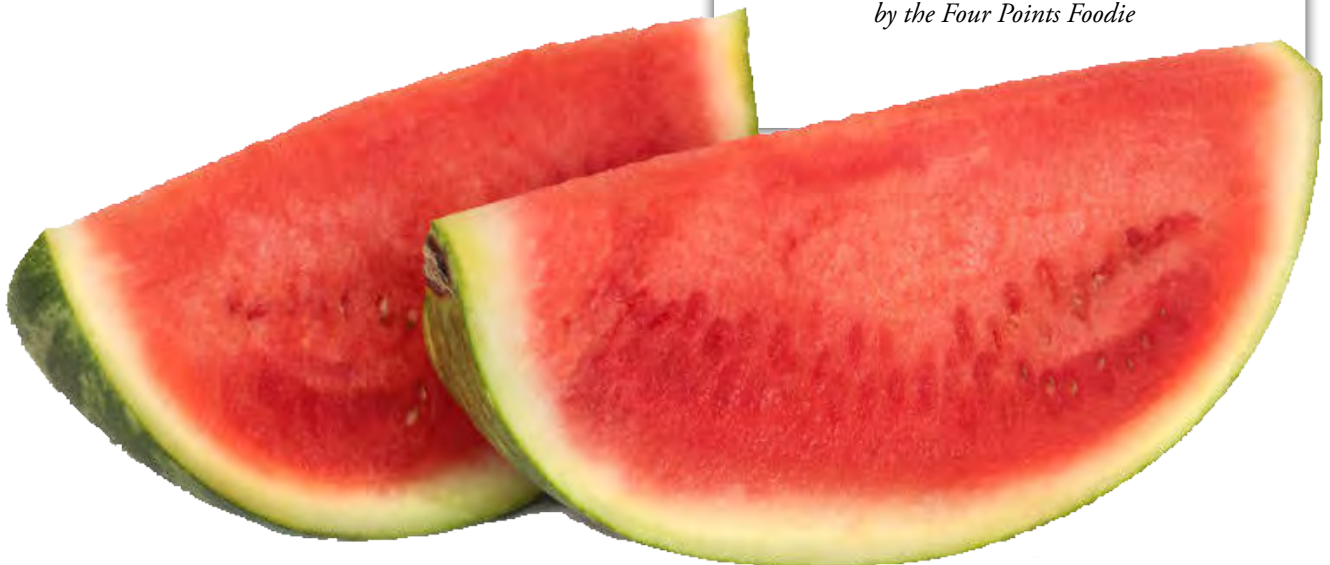
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- 1 t sugar
- 2 oz Vodka {I love Tito's}
- juice of 1 lime
- splash of beer
- lime and watermelon wedge as garnish

Directions:

In a tall shaker muddle the watermelon and sugar together until well mixed and very juicy. Fill a glass with crushed ice then drain the watermelon liquid into the glass {it should fill it 2/3 full}. Add 2 oz vodka, lime juice and splash of beer. Mix and sip... delicious!

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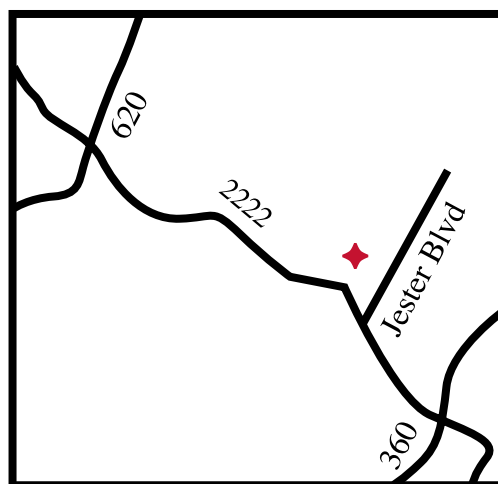
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LOCAL DOG RESCUE COLLECTING UNWANTED PET ITEMS SEPT. 6-9

Wags, Hope and Healing (WHH), a rescue and rehabilitation center for neglected dogs, is collecting new or slightly used pet items from Thursday, September 6, through Sunday, September 9.

The organization recently moved to a remarkable six-acre plot in southwest Austin to better enable them to assist dogs in need. WHH is reaching out to the community to help them prepare for their growing number of rehabilitating dogs and increasing financial costs.

ITEMS ON THEIR WISH LIST INCLUDE:

- Canned and dry dog food
- Clean bedding/towels
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For those who are unable to donate items on these days but would still like to contribute, please call WHH volunteer Kristen West at 512-940-1926 to make arrangements. WHH also



encourages the community to learn more about their organization and make much-needed, tax-deductible online donations at www.wagshopeandhealing.org.

Wags, Hope and Healing (WHH) focuses on the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of dogs in need. They specialize in dogs that were the victims of abuse or neglect. Through leadership, behavioural conditioning and education, they help them become balanced and healthy in mind, body and soul.

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Affluent Parents Need More College Planning

Submitted by Rich Keith

Legg Mason's 2012 Intergenerational Survey of College Finances points out a lack of advanced planning among affluent Americans for their children's college education. The study looked at college funding and planning among three groups of parents with investable assets of \$250,000 or more: those with children who have already graduated, those with children currently enrolled, and those who are planning to send their children to college.

A vast majority of surveyed parents used or plan to use their current income or withdraw from other savings and investment accounts to pay for college. The Legg Mason survey found a lack of advanced or strategic planning including:

- Underestimating the extent of total expenses
- Starting the planning process too late
- Ineffective use of appropriate investment vehicles such as 529 plans
- Inadequate level of guidance from financial advisors
- Reliance on funds coming from other sources such as scholarships and even grandparents.

Parents of youngsters also relied on their own assets, including those not dedicated for higher education. The survey found that 83% of affluent parents in the college planning stage said they expected to use current income for college funding; 79% said they'd tap 529 plans; 65% would withdraw from their savings and investment accounts. As the numbers indicate, the surveyed parents in this college planning stage generally anticipate using multiple sources of cash to pay what could be six-figure higher education bills.

Parents with pre-college kids also may have plans to use student loans (40% of respondents in this category), their kids' custodial accounts (28%); Coverdell plans (7%); parents' retirement accounts (7%); and home equity loans (6%).

The prevalent use of current income shows that affluent parents are leaving money on the table by not using tax-advantaged savings programs, as Legg Mason puts it. "Unfortunately, many parents, regardless of wealth and income, fund college expenses via current income or investment and savings accounts not specifically targeted to college savings," Kenney said in a statement.

By beginning the college savings process earlier, parents can take greater advantage of the tax savings afforded by 529 plans and potentially free up other assets to fund their own retirement goals. "Even affluent families under-fund their children's college savings, despite having resources to make additional savings," Kenney said. Many parents who realize they should be saving more admitted they either did not know how much they needed to save or did not expect expenses to be so high."

He indicated that families are grateful for getting education and guidance in developing a college savings plan that includes systematic investing in a tax-advantaged vehicle such as a 529 plan. Source: Adapted from articles by Donald Jay Korn in Financial Planning, August 2012; and Primerica Financial Services.





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DECORATE YOUR HOME WITH STYLE & MEANING

Submitted by Heather Carrillo


I was inspired as I flipped through the pages of my favorite decorating magazine, and came upon a charming kitchen with a bright red tray with the slogan KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON.

The famous phrase produced by the government of the United Kingdom in 1939 was in an effort to boost morale during the beginning of the Second World War. Post Summer Olympics 2012 in London; I imagine this motto served true for many Olympians as well. I believe this tray was selected by the homeowner for a reason. Not necessarily because of the famous origin; but rather, it too boosts the morale of the family who live, eat, cook and entertain in that kitchen. Whether it be a tray with an inspirational phrase or a beautiful painting of a beloved pet; the accessories in our homes should have meaning and be placed with the best of intention. Look around your home; find those things that are meaningful and place them accordingly. You will find as you rid the clutter and decorate with the things you love; your home will take on a true authenticity.


TIPS ON ACCESSORIZING YOUR HOME WITH INTENTION:

- If you are a collector of something; display your collection to create a composition. Learn to add and subtract from the composition to create balance.
- A mix of different types of accessories adds personality to a home. Mix the refined glass and silver objects with things that are rustic or have patina.
- The color or pattern of accessories in a home should relate to the décor. Look for an unsuspected color in your décor and play it up through your accessories.
- Layering of accessories adds interest to a home. Stack books on a table and top them with a beautiful dish or tray. Select a dish or tray in an accent color.
- Use accessories that have meaning to you. Let them be a reminder of the time and place you found that perfect addition to your home.






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Understanding Cholesterol For Healthy Living

Balancing "Good" and "Bad" Cholesterol

Cholesterol is found in hamburger, steak, chicken, fish, and just about every other animal-based food. It's also a natural substance created by the liver which has both health benefits and health risks.

David Joseph, M.D., a family practitioner with The Austin Diagnostic Clinic (ADC), says people seeking to lower their levels of "bad" cholesterol—called low density lipoprotein (LDL)—can begin by eating less food sources that contain LDL.

The three main food sources of LDL in your diet are saturated fat, which is a type of fat found mostly in foods that come from animals; trans fat, found mostly in foods made with hydrogenated oils and fats—such as stick margarine, crackers, and french fries; and cholesterol, which comes only from animal products.

"Cutting your intake of these food sources could help to lower your cholesterol levels," says Dr. Joseph. "Some foods, such as whole grains and whole-wheat products, and nuts such as walnuts, almonds, and brazil nuts, may have a healthy effect on blood cholesterol levels."

Instead of animal-based foods like hydrogenated oils and fats, Dr. Joseph suggests considering things like omega-3 fatty acids, which are found in fatty fish like tuna, salmon or mackerel, as well as fish oil supplements, flaxseeds and flaxseed oil.

David Joseph, M.D., is a family practitioner for The Austin Diagnostic Clinic, a multi-specialty clinic with physicians representing 21 medical specialties at more than six locations throughout Austin and Central Texas. Dr. Joseph sees patients at the ADC Cedar Bend, at 2400 Cedar Bend Drive. For more information, visit www.adclinic.com or call 512-901-4076. To download an electronic version of this release, please visit www.delaune.com/ADC



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Summertime Blues

The gossamer-winged butterflies (or Lycaenidae) are a large family of small butterflies that include the coppers, hairstreaks, and blues. Usually noticed when flying erratically in an up-and-down fluttering motion, they bask in the sun with their wings open, and when perched sit with their wings closed, often rubbing their hind wings together. The blues are especially small with a wingspan of about one inch, and while mostly blue above, the identifying field marks are found mainly on the undersides of their wings. In Central Texas, the most commonly seen blues in open, sunny habitats are the Eastern Tailed-blue, Marine Blue, and Reakirt's Blue.

Eastern Tailed-blues (*Cupido comyntas*) are common and can be identified by the one to three orange spots near the tail on the underside of the hind wing. The males are deep blue on their uppersides while the females are a lighter blue to brown. They occur in the eastern half of the United States from the coast to the Great Plains.

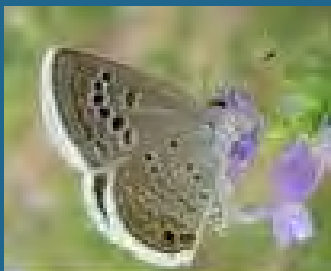
The Marine Blue (*Leptotes marina*) is a fast flier (for a blue) and is found from Texas west to Southern California and south to Mexico. Its underside is strongly striped gray-brown often with a pale purple fringe. The male has a blue upperside with a strong purple overlay, while the female has a brown upperside with some blue at the base of the wings.

While the other blues fly mostly spring to fall, Reakirt's Blue (*Echinargus isola*) flies year round in Texas. The males are lavender-blue above while the females are primarily gray-brown with a touch of blue basally, and they are identified by the conspicuous row of five white-ringed black spots on the underside of their forewings.

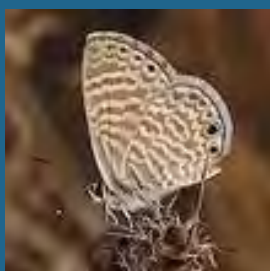
Each of these blues utilizes legumes as their larval food plants, so you can often see them flying around plants in this family, including alfalfa, mesquite, clover, dealea, mimosa, and indigo species. The caterpillars of these butterflies are slug-shaped, somewhat flattened, and are often tended to by ants, which feed on the sweet liquids secreted by the larvae and in turn protect the larvae from other predators. As adult butterflies, they feed on nectar from a variety of herbs found flowering in grasslands, fields, meadows, and along creeksides.

Interestingly, these blues are part of a group of butterflies called the Polyommatus blues, originally studied by the self-taught butterfly expert and famous mid-twentieth century novelist Vladimir Nabokov, who hypothesized that they arrived in the New World from Asia in waves over millions of years. While few professional scientists took his ideas seriously at the time, recent DNA and gene-sequencing technology has proved him absolutely correct – that this group of butterflies originated in Asia, moved over the Bering Strait at a time when the land was relatively warm 10 million years ago, and eventually headed south all the way to Chile!

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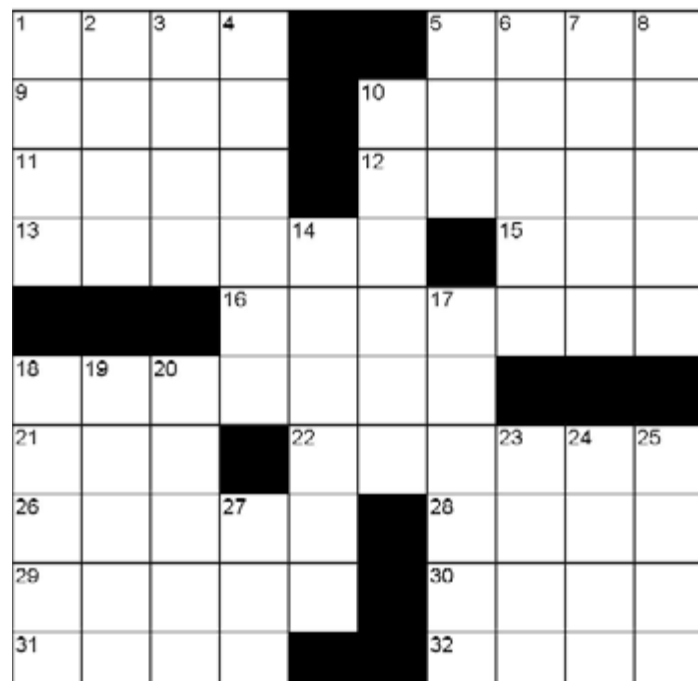
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TIPS FROM THE CENTRAL TEXAS POISON CENTER *at Scott & White on bug bites and stings*

There are a few months left of this hot Texas weather. As we bound outdoors to embrace Mother Nature in all her chirping, buzzing, and green glory; we must be prepared to face all of the bites and stings we may endure.

No matter how fast we swat, squash, stomp, or shoo, the bugs will likely out number you; even in this heat!

But don't just head for cover and let bugs rule the outdoors, here are some "do's and don'ts" to make the rest of our summer enjoyable:

DO:

- Keep all food covered and clean spills immediately when picnicking.
- Wear light-colored clothing.
- Use insect repellent torches or bug ³zappers².
- Use insect repellents sparingly. They are safest if rubbed or sprayed on clothing. The most effective repellents contain the chemical DEET. Choose sprays that do not contain more than 10% DEET. DO NOT SPRAY young children, especially under the age of one, with repellents that contain DEET.

- Reapply insect repellent after swimming or activities that make you sweat.
- Remember: "Leave spiders, bugs, and snakes be, for they do not want to hurt me"

DON'T:

- Use insect repellents (containing DEET) on infants. An alternative is to cover strollers with mosquito netting and keep children indoors.
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“The Texas Classic” Plates Now Being Issued at Travis County Tax Office

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“The old multi-colored, general-issue license plates have run out and we are now distributing the new black and white classic plates for cars,” said Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar Tina Morton. “Truck owners will be able to get the new classic plates in the spring of 2013.”

THE TEXAS CLASSIC INCLUDES:

Two new, high-visibility security threads join the existing security features embedded in the plate sheeting. Texas is the first state in the country to provide dual security threads, making it easier for law enforcement to spot legitimate plates.

Bigger plate numbers. The plate letters and numbers area full inch wide and just over 21.2 - inches tall.

A new license plate pattern. The plates are issued with three letters followed by four numbers. By keeping the letters and numbers separate in the alpha-numeric pattern, the seven-character license plate number is



easier to remember. This is convenient for plate owners, and also provides better recall for law enforcement and citizen witnesses.

“The general-issue license plate is part of your registration,” Morton said. “Anyone who buys a new passenger vehicle or needs replacement plates receives a set of general-issue plates. License plates are replaced every seven years due to a loss in reflectivity.”

The Texas Classic also ushers in a new era for truck owners. “We will no longer be issuing separate license plates for trucks,” Morton said. In September 2011, truck and passenger vehicle owners began paying the same fixed rate for registration, which eliminated the need for two different types of general-issue plates. “What’s good about this change is that the state name will be as large on the pickup truck plates as cars,” Morton said.

What if you don’t like The Texas Classic?

“The state offers all kinds of specialty plates,” Morton said. “You can access the specialty plate designs and learn more about The Texas Classic on the TxDMV website (www.TxDMV.gov).”

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Eat your breakfast. It's the most important meal of the day!" Why are parents always saying that?

Well, imagine you're a car. After a long night of sleeping, your fuel tank is empty. Breakfast is the fuel that gets you going so you can hit the road.

What Should You Eat?

Any breakfast is better than no breakfast, but try not to have doughnuts or pastries all the time. They're high in calories, sugar, and fat. They also don't contain the nutrients a kid really needs. And if you have a doughnut for breakfast, you won't feel full for long.

Just like with other meals, try to eat a variety of foods, including:

- grains (breads and cereals)
- protein (meats, beans, and nuts)
- fruits and vegetables
- milk, cheese, and yogurt

Here are some breakfast ideas. First, the traditional ones:

- eggs
- French toast, waffles, or pancakes (try wheat or whole-grain varieties)
- cold cereal and milk
- hot cereal, such as oatmeal or cream of wheat (try some dried fruit or nuts on top)
- whole-grain toast, bagel, or English

- muffin with cheese
- yogurt with fruit or nuts
- fruit smoothie, such as a strawberry smoothie

And now some weird (but yummy) ones:

- banana dog (peanut butter, a banana, and raisins in a long whole-grain bun)
- breakfast taco (shredded cheese on a tortilla, folded in half and microwaved; top with salsa)
- country cottage cheese (apple butter mixed with cottage cheese)
- fruit and cream cheese sandwich (use strawberries or other fresh fruit)
- sandwich - grilled cheese, peanut butter and jelly, or another favorite
- leftovers (they're not just for dinner anymore!)

Skipping Breakfast

Some kids skip breakfast because they sleep too late or because they think it's a way to stay thin. But skipping breakfast doesn't help people maintain a healthy weight. In fact, someone who skips breakfast tends to eat more calories throughout the day.

If you find yourself skipping breakfast because you're too rushed, try these quick breakfasts. They're easy to grab

on the way out the door or can be prepared the night before:

- single servings of whole-grain, low-sugar cereal
- yogurt
- fresh fruit
- whole-grain muffin
- trail mix of nuts, dried fruits, pretzels, crackers, and dry cereal

Need More Convincing?

Just in case you need more evidence that eating breakfast is the way to go, kids who don't eat breakfast are less able to learn at school, get less iron (an important nutrient) in their diets, and are more likely to have a higher body mass index (BMI), which is a sign they may be overweight.

On the other hand, kids who eat breakfast do better in school, are more likely to participate in physical activities, and tend to eat healthier overall. So tomorrow morning, don't run out the door on an empty stomach. Fuel up with a healthy breakfast!

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