

# RANCH RECORD

*News For The Residents of  
Blackhorse Ranch*

## CREATE YOUR IDEAL HOME

*Discover fresh, new ideas at sixth annual Cy-Fair Home and Garden Show*

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FEB. 23 & 24**

Spending a little time with the experts and exhibitors at the sixth annual Cy-Fair Home and Garden Show can have a big payoff – helping you enjoy your home more and even increasing its value.

The event will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24 at the Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, TX 77433.

“Sometimes a small improvement to a home or yard can make all the difference,” said Tony Wood, president of Texwood Shows, Inc. and producer of the event.

Wood said this year’s Cy-Fair Home and Garden Show will be one of the best yet and a great place for inspiration. “We are especially excited about some of our new show features,” Wood said, “such as the Belgard Hardscapes Mobile Display. It literally is a semi truck filled with ideas to create your own picture-perfect patio.”

Featured for the first time at the show is a Cooking Stage. “The Whirlpool Cooking Stage will be informative, fun and tasty, with live demos both days of the show,” said Wood.

The Tea in Texas Tasting Stage is another first-time offering. “Here our visitors can take a soothing break, learn about the history of tea and its health properties, and sample unique Texas tea blends that local purveyors will be showcasing,” added Wood.

“We are pleased to welcome two more new and exciting exhibitor features: the Farmers Market at Bridgeland with fresh produce and homemade products from over twenty vendors; and unique home accessories in the **Antiques & Artisans Exhibit Area**.”

Brandon Lynch, a certified Aging-in-Place Specialist, will be featuring the Easy Living by Design booth. “Brandon is with Keechi Creek Builders and will share products and ideas on how to update a home to make it more accessible and comfortable to meet an owner’s changing needs - a trend as baby boomers age,” said Wood.

Creative ideas to transform a backyard into a relaxing oasis can be found at the Custom Outdoors Inc. booth, added Wood. Then complete the picture with assorted fruit trees and gardening containers and enjoy special discounts at the RCW Nurseries, Inc.



***The Belgard Hardscapes Mobile Display, a semi truck filled with ideas to create the picture-perfect patio, will be featured at the Cy-Fair Home & Garden Show.***

*Photo courtesy Belgard Hardscapes.*

in-show Garden Center.

“In addition to the more than 200 exhibitors, we have an excellent lineup of speakers that are well known, enthusiastic and have a wealth of experience - just what it takes to get you started on the right track with your home improvement projects,” added Wood.

Aspiring green thumbs can meet Kathy Huber, the Houston Chronicle’s gardening editor, and listen to Randy Lemmon, popular host of AM 740 KTRH’s GardenLine show, who will broadcast live from the show on Saturday until 1 p.m.

Linda Durham, professional home organizer, will offer innovative tips to organize your home and life; and color consultant Trish Buscemi will share the latest in color trends.

LaVerne Williams, AIA, LEED certified architect, will offer tips for creating a more energy efficient and sustainable home; and Mary

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For more information, please contact the chapter Regent, Cheryl Partney at [cpart86@comcast.net](mailto:cpart86@comcast.net) or by phone at 832-654-0306.

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## Cy-Fair Home & Garden Show (Continued from Cover Page)

Scalli, a home staging professional, will share some secrets for getting homes to sell quickly.

"This year's show is truly a fun event for the entire family – with many new ideas to take back home and lots of opportunities to shop," Wood said.

### ABOUT THE 6TH ANNUAL CY-FAIR HOME & GARDEN SHOW

The 6th Annual Cy-Fair Home & Garden Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24. Tickets are cash only and are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and free for children under 12. Parking is free. The event takes place at the Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, TX 77433. More information and discount admission coupons and exhibitor special offers available at [www.CyFairHomeAndGarden.com](http://www.CyFairHomeAndGarden.com).

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Director, Cypress Texas Tea Party  
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## Cypress-Tomball Democrats Host February Monthly Meeting

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19th, 2013. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month, and always features an informative guest speaker. For more information, visit the website at [www.cytomdems.com](http://www.cytomdems.com) or contact Olga Moya at [cytomdems@yahoo.com](mailto:cytomdems@yahoo.com).



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Businesses of the community are encouraged to support a representative for membership in Kiwanis. If you work for a business that is oriented toward involvement in community improvement and leadership, suggest to them that you would like to represent that business through membership and involvement in work with Kiwanis. We welcome businesses and organizations as well as



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CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs and two Builders' Clubs in the Cy-Fair School District. We sponsor 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.

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.

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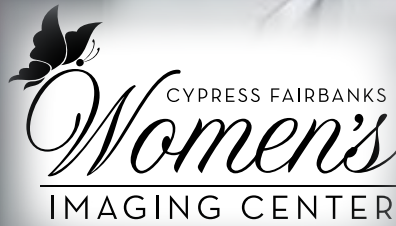
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Mr. Cy-Woods will be held Thursday, February 7. Come out and cheer on the senior men as they compete for the title of Mr. Cy-Woods!

The Ranglers & Rhinestones committee is busy planning our largest fundraising event of the year. This is an adults only, open to the community, dinner, dance and silent auction that will be held on April 5 at Tin Hall. We will need donations of silent auction items, event/table sponsors, volunteers, etc. We'd love to help you promote your business to the CWHs parents and our community at large! and Be a part of this fun and important event!! Please contact

Kim Hartensteiner at [Kim.A.Hartensteiner@conocophillips.com](mailto:Kim.A.Hartensteiner@conocophillips.com) or Melody Connor at [connermelody@aol.com](mailto:connermelody@aol.com) if you'd like to help in any way.

Check out our website <http://www.cywoodswrap.com/> or our Facebook page Cy-Woods WRAP 2013 for more information.

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*By Vicki Odom*

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There is a way to give your children the world - without leaving your living room. How? Host a foreign exchange student from a country you've always admired! Fascinated by France? Curious about China? Intrigued by India? By welcoming an international student from one of these countries into your home, you instantly open a portal to a far off land.

Foreign exchange students come from all over the world. Ayusa matches host families with students from more than 60 different countries including Argentina, China, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Japan, Lebanon, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia and Turkey. All high school foreign exchange students are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English - and all high school exchange programs are regulated by the U.S. Department of State.

"We welcome host families of all shapes and sizes - families with young children, families with no children, empty nesters whose children have left home, single parents and non-traditional families," says Heather Wells, Regional Director of Ayusa, a non-profit that promoting global learning and leadership through foreign exchange and study abroad opportunities for high school students. "The key requirements for a host family are to provide a safe and nurturing home environment, genuinely love children, and have a desire to learn more about a different culture."

Volunteer host families provide foreign exchange students a nurturing environment, three meals a day and a bedroom (either private or shared with a host sibling of the same gender). Each host family and student is supported by a professionally trained community representative who

works with the family and student for the entire program. All interested host families must pass a criminal background check and a home visit by an exchange organization.

Interested host families are required to fill out an application, pass a background check and interview with a local exchange program representative in their homes. Once accepted to a program, host families can view profiles of students to find the right match for their family.

"Hosting an exchange student is a life-changing experience - for the student, the host family, and the host community," says Wells. "There is no better way to teach your children about the world around them than through welcoming an international high school student into your home."

Ayusa is currently accepting applications for families to host an exchange student for the 2013 - 2014 school year. For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at [www.ayusa.org](http://www.ayusa.org).



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The non-profit, 501(c)(3) club is affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), and provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump,

triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 285 members, and was founded 26 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

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



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\$351,000--\$450,999	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
\$276,000--\$350,999	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
\$231,000--\$275,999	0	0	1	0	3	1	1	1	0	0
\$201,000--\$230,999	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	2
\$200,999 and below	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	4	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Highest \$/sq ft</b>	<b>\$96.22</b>	<b>\$93.23</b>	<b>\$100.95</b>		<b>\$112.52</b>	<b>\$78.58</b>	<b>\$84.06</b>	<b>\$85.59</b>	<b>\$84.06</b>	<b>\$101.66</b>

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