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ON ELDRIDGE
NORTH

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Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins 14th Season!

The Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins Swim Team will begin their 14th season in 2013! We are again recruiting enthusiastic swimmers ages 5 to 18 looking to have great fun this spring and summer. (Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool by the end of the second week of practice.) We have three returning coaches and one new coach this season. Meagan Wien will return as Head Coach. Elizabeth Allen will assist for the first few weeks of practice. Audrey Vinall returns as an Assistant Coach and our new coach is Nick Carroll.

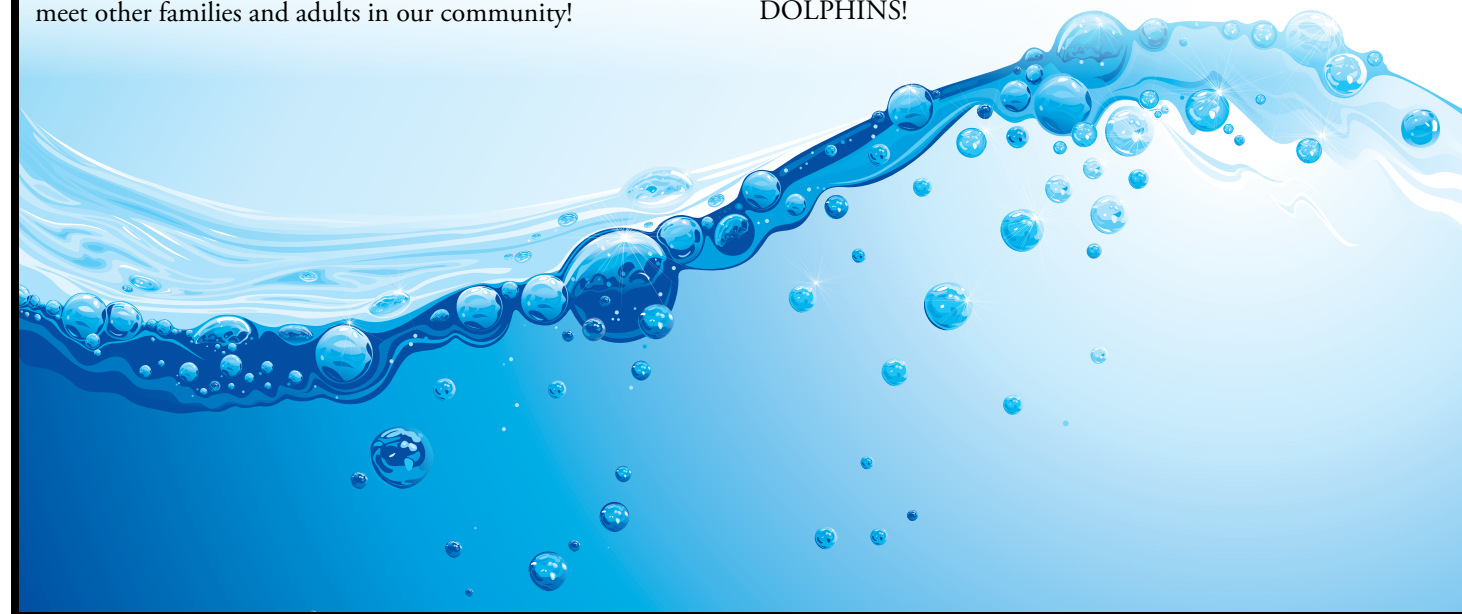
LOEST is a voluntary recreational swim team operated for Lakes on Eldridge and the surrounding neighborhoods. LOEST encourages a competitive swim team environment and provides the opportunity for growth, training, enjoyment, good sportsmanship and participation to all active team members. LOEST cannot function without parent involvement, so each participating family is required to fulfill a volunteer commitment. It's a great way to meet other families and adults in our community!

March 24	Registration begins for new families
March 31	Registration ends
April 22-26	Pre-Season Swim Clinic
April 29	Regular Practices Start

MEET SCHEDULE FOR 2013:

May 11	AWAY Deerfield Village Time Trials
May 18	AWAY Copperfield
May 25	AWAY Jersey Village
June 1	AWAY Lakewood Forest
June 8	AWAY Spring Creek Oaks
June 22	AWAY Winchester
June 29	Divisionals (Location TBA)

Check the website www.loedolphins.org for important dates, and also for everything and anything about the LOEST DOLPHINS!



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Approximately 30-40% of euthanasias in pounds involve purebred animals. Mixed breeds in TX stand almost no chance of making it out of the pounds alive. There is absolutely nothing wrong with these dogs; they just had the misfortune of being owned by people who did not provide for their needs and care and obviously had no real commitment to their pet.

Countless numbers of people turn their own dogs in to high-kill shelters, dump them rurally in the middle of nowhere, or let them roam and stray. It reflects a mentality that most dog lovers do not understand.

When you or someone you know considers adopting a dog, please check out one of our five local animal shelters:

1. BARC - Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care i.e. Houston's animal control or city pound
2. Harris County Animal Control
3. Houston SPCA
4. Houston Humane Society
5. CAP - Citizens for Animal Protection

Or check the following breed specific rescue organizations:

www.petfinder.com

www.adoptapet.com

<http://www.houstonpettalk.com/resources/rescue-groups/>

We are also planning on featuring a dog in need as "The Adoptable Dog of the Month" in the Twin Lakes newsletter in every issue.

For any questions contact the Pet Safety Committee at www.lakesoneldridge.net or call Anke Arnold @ 832-454-2037.



MEET *Lily*

Lily, a German Shepherd mix, was surrendered to BARC, the Houston city shelter, because her owners had "two many". She was very thin, had just had a litter of pups and was high heartworm positive, and was going to be euthanized at the shelter. Her owners kept the puppies, but dumped poor ol' mom at the shelter to die. She has filled out beautifully and been treated for the heartworms. She is now ready to find a home of her own.

Lily loves people and loves attention. Her favorite way of showing her love is to hug you and give you a kiss or two or three! Everyone that meets her loves her. She is probably too interested in cats, and even though she is learning about cats, life would probably be simpler if she went to a home without cats and very small dogs. Lily is a very smart dog, which is helpful with training, but she is so smart she can open gates and needs a secure backyard with a locked gate and tall fence. She is very loving and likes spending time with her people. People with Shepherd experience will probably understand her needs more than those who have not known Shepherds.

She is close to 60 lbs., could probably still stand to gain another 5 lbs., she is up-to-date on her vaccinations, spayed and microchipped. She is crate trained and is most likely housebroken. She is looking to join a family and she will be very loyal to her person or family. Seems to be fine with children, older children would probably be best. If you would like to meet Lily, or find out more about her, please contact Cindi at cindi.hohle@c-a-m.com or Anke at ankearnold@att.net.





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COME CELEBRATE SPRING FESTIVAL!

On Saturday, May 4th, Boys and Girls Country of Houston will host their annual Spring Festival on their campus in Hockley, Texas.

Spring Festival promises to be a huge celebration for community and family with a number of new and exciting activities this year. New booths will include a Zip Line, Foam Pit, Dance Lessons, and the Texas Speedway. There will be two stages with a variety of live entertainment, including JJ Worthen on the Outdoor Stage sponsored by InterLinc Mortgage Services, LLC. Admission and parking are free, and children's all-day event passes are only \$15 each.

"All of the dollars raised at Spring Festival enable us to provide a great Home for our 88 children along with supporting 13 young adults in college or trade school," said George O'Neal, Director of Donor and Public Relations. "This year is going to be our largest and most exciting Spring Festival ever with many new additions to the fun and enjoyment that surround this event."

Located 35 miles northwest of downtown Houston, Spring Festival is a great way for families to spend the day "on the ranch".

DATE:

Saturday, May 4th, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

TIMES:

Live Auction: Noon

Silent Auction: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch: Served 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

PRICES:

BBQ, Chicken Tacos, or Hamburger/Hot Dog Adult Plate: \$8.00

Kid's Plate: \$6:00

FOR KIDS:

All-Day Kids' Activity Passes: \$15.00

(individual activity tickets also available starting at \$0.25 each.)

LOCATION:

18806 Roberts Road, Hockley, Texas 77447

19 miles northwest of Beltway 8 off Highway 290.

For 42 years, Boys and Girls Country has provided a Home for children from families in crisis. They raise 88 children at their main campus and provide support to 13 young adults in their College and Career program. Boys and Girls Country is not a United Way member agency and does not rely on federal or state funding.

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You do not have to be a Kiwanis member to play in or sponsor a team in the Golf Tournament. We welcome any who wish to participate. Businesses are encouraged to sponsor teams for their organization. It's good publicity to have your clients know you support activities that return the all profits to the community through projects that support our youth and others in need. Play will be at the Hearthstone Country Club. Call for more information.


The Kiwanis Kids Triathlon will be one of only 6 triathlon City-wide events this year and will be held at Langham Creek YWCA. Events include swimming, running, and bicycling and begin at 8 a.m. Registration information will be given out at the schools and can be found in the newspaper and community newsletters. All children 6 years through 12 years of age are invited to participate.

The Cy-Lakes Key Club was chartered in February by the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, sponsor. Congratulations to these outstanding students. They have a charter membership of 169 students!

Attention, graduating seniors! It's time to get your applications in for Kiwanis college scholarships. Information should be available from your sponsors by the time this newsletter is published. We look forward to rewarding the outstanding service and academic achievements of our Key Club members.

Wouldn't you like to be a part of this organization that assists in these activities that promote good citizenship and leadership in our youth? We invite you to a complimentary lunch to hear more about the children's activities we sponsor. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair Schools; Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; we provide scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; and support other family oriented groups such as Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations. CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide.

Membership is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the programs it promotes, we invite you to be our guest at one of our monthly meetings. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis meet 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 Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127; John Carroll at 281-463-0373 or George Crowl at 832-467-1998.



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Several neighborhoods in the Cypress area do not have their own swim team
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FAST extends an invitation to these swimmers to come join our team!

The Fairfield Area Swim Team (FAST) is a neighborhood summer swim league that is part of the Northwest Aquatic League (NWAL) which currently has over 99 swim teams. Fairfield's swim team has an awesome reputation as a neighborhood swim team, and we have our terrific 8 lane neighborhood pool right here in Fairfield!!!

Team Registration available online at www.swim4fast.net through April 30th

Flip-Turn Clinic Information (for 11 & Up swimmers only)

Location: Fairfield Athletic Club Pool
Dates: April 14th and April 21st
Time: 2:00 to 3:30
Cost: \$30

Swim Team Important Dates

New Member Try-Out: April 19th from 4:30 to 6:30
Practice Begins: April 23rd
Practice Meet: May 5thF
First Dual Meet: May 18th

Practice Times

April/May @ FAC or Central Park

Sharks	3:30 to 4:45
Flounders	4:30 to 5:15
Eels	5:00 to 5:45
Squids	5:30 to 6:30
Rays	6:15 to 7:15

June @ Central Park

Eels	7:30 AM to 8:15 AM
Flounders	8:00 AM to 8:45 AM
Squids	8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
Rays	9:15 AM to 10:15 AM
Sharks	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

For more information please contact Tanya Thome at president@swim4fast.net or visit us online at www.swim4fast.net.

A composite image featuring a house with a stone chimney and a 'SOLD' sign. The top half shows the roof and upper walls of a house with a stone chimney. The bottom half shows a 'SOLD' sign in the foreground, with the house and landscaping in the background. The sign is white with a green border and text. The text on the sign includes 'SOLD', 'Better Homes and Gardens REAL ESTATE', 'GARY GREENE', and 'www.garygreene.com'. The background shows a house with a stone chimney, a window, and a garden with red flowers and green plants. A white picket fence is visible on the left side of the sign. The overall image has a green banner at the top with the text 'Ready to sell' in white.

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WINE FAIR CY FAIR

The first Wine Fair Cy-Fair was a huge hit and sell-out to a joyful crowd who welcomed a Cy-Fair celebration. The 2nd annual Wine Fair Cy-Fair promises to be even better with three events over two days. The core event, Wine Fair Cy-Fair is returning to Cypress Village Station on Saturday, April 6th with over 100 wine selections at 20 wine tasting stations plus the popular Backyard Grill Beer Garden. Foodies flood the event noshing on selections from Cypress' own restaurants serving up their signature specials to the wafting sounds of live music. For those who prefer the VIP treatment, they can find it with relaxed seating, restroom facilities and great views along with premium wine and food selections in the VIP Zone presented by The Loken Group.

If you're into bubbles, you'll want to put on your bling and head over to the newest event, All That Sparkles, an effervescent pre-event party at To the 9's Boutique from 4:30 to 5:30pm. Guests will enjoy French Champagnes, sparkling wines and culinary treats. Makeup artists will be on hand to freshen up the ladies make-up as the runway fills with models showing the latest of spring fashions. You're sure to sparkle at All That Sparkles. The Backyard Grill Beer Garden will feature tasting selections of local craft brewers' favorites with offerings from Karbach, Saint Arnold, Independence, No Label, Rahr & Sons and the newly launched Ft. Bend Brewing. Guests can enjoy signature nibbles from Backyard Grill and Backyard Smokehouse.

The evening will be packed with engaging experiences such as displays from local artisans and community businesses. New this year will be the Bridgeland Home Zone. Guests will be swaying and dancing the night away to the captivating tunes of the Robert Hartye Band, back by popular demand. Check out the silent auction featuring wine baskets, restaurant certificates and great swag donated by local businesses in support of the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation who is the benefactor of the Wine Fair Cy-Fair auction. The finest event of Wine Fair Cy-Fair weekend is the new addition of One Fine Affair presented by Mercantil Commercebank and hosted by Northwest Forest Conference Center on Friday. One Fine Affair features fine wine, fine food and a mighty fine time. Guests will receive a keepsake glass a featured glass art collectable gift from Reach Unlimited, the benefactor of the One Fine Affair art auction. Attendance is limited to only 100 guests who appreciate the finest. So put on your finest threads and make a date to be at Northwest Forest Conference Center for One Fine Affair on Friday, April 5th from 7-10 pm in La Hacienda.

Timeless Travel & Tours is making limousine and limo bus services available for the weekend. Attendees can be socially responsible and pre-book transportation for only \$20 round trip from key neighborhoods in Cy-Fair by simply clicking on the pre-book tab on the ticket page at www.winecyfair.com. Maybe you'll want to go all out and make it a Wine Fair weekend. Special rates are available at Northwest Forest Conference.

Wine Fair is a collaboration between the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce and Food & Vine Time Productions, the organization that produces the world-class Wine & Food Week in The Woodlands, The Brewmasters Craft Beer Festival, Zest in the West, Foam on the Range, Katy Sip n Stroll and the wildly popular Haute Wheels Houston THE Food Truck Festival. "It is such a joy to work and play with the Cy-Fair community on this fundraising and fun weekend line-up of events," says

Founder & Co-Producer Constance McDerby. "The Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce is an exceptional organization and has their finger on the pulse of business and quality of life in Cy-Fair. Through this partnership we can serve the charitable needs of the Cy-Fair area by raising a glass in celebration to all Cy-Fair has to offer. And in 2013, we're able to offer an additional 500 tickets to accommodate 2,000 guests. After the sell-out crowd of 1,500 last year, we've added and enhanced in so many ways. Come raise a toast with us in celebration of the 2nd Annual Wine Fair Cy-Fair."

Leslie Martone, President of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce says "We are excited to be a partner with Food & Vine Time Productions again for our 2nd Annual Wine Fair. Last year's event was a great success and we are thrilled to welcome more members of our Cypress community and beyond this year!"

"On Friday night, the proceeds from the art sold will go to benefit Reach Unlimited. Reach is an organization in the Cypress community serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They have over 15 group homes and a day-habilitation services in their Learning Activity Center. Then to continue in the giving spirit, we will again be offering baskets to be raffled off for the benefit of the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation."

No place could be a more perfect venue than Cypress Village Station which is a truly unique town center. The Metro Park and Ride facility, combined with high-end apartment home living and numerous retailer and dining establishments, enables customers to live, work and play in one premier location. Located at Hwy 290 and Skinner Road in Cypress, Texas. We thank the underwriters whose financial support is critical to the success of this community event. A big thank you goes to Presenting Sponsors H-E-B and Momentum Jersey Village Volkswagen as well as community sponsors which include Cypress Village Station, Mercantil Commercebank, The Loken Group, Aruba Tourism Authority, Backyard Grill, Cypress Village Apartment Homes, Bridgeland, To the 9's Boutique, Northwest Forest Conference Center, Republic National Distributing Company, KwikKopy Business Solutions, Mix 96.5, Speedpro Imagining The Woodlands, Houston Event Photos, Lucas Auto Care, Timeless Travel & Tours and Community Impact Newspapers, the official print publication of Wine Fair Cy-Fair. Additional underwriting support is being solicited and we invite your company to strongly consider supporting this event and inviting attendees to attend and to support your business as well. Wine industry representatives will be on site featuring their selections. See unique items from Cypress artisan vendors. Wine Fair is a sure sell-out again. Don't be disappointed by being turned away, get your tickets today.

Tickets and Information: Must be 21 or older to attend.

Wine Fair - \$25 general admission / \$45 VIP Zone

All That Sparkles - \$15 add-on ticket

One Fine Affair - \$100 (limited to 100)

Limo packages \$20 add-on ticket

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Online tickets available at www.winecyfair.com

Welcome to a Seller's Market!

Houston single-family home sales in January increased a whopping 28% in comparison to last year. Inventory is 25% below what was found this time last year and average days on the market are down 15% from last year.

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What's a Sprayground?

More and more cities are opening spraygrounds, which are water playgrounds. At a sprayground, kids can shoot each other with water cannons and get sprayed by dozens of water jets that squirt from different colored nozzles and hoses.



Do you have a favorite playground? Maybe it's a new wooden one that has lots of tall towers and passageways. Or maybe your favorite is an old-fashioned playground with swings and a seesaw. Playgrounds are fun places for kids because there's so much to do and other kids to have fun with. But sometimes kids get hurt at playgrounds. That's not fun, so here are 10 ways to keep safe:

1. Take a grown-up. As kids get bigger, they like doing things on their own. Going to the playground shouldn't be one of them, though. Grown-ups come in handy because they might spot problems at the playground, they can help you down if you get in a tight spot, and they can help if you happen to get hurt.

2. Take a good look around. If the playground has lots of trash, such as broken glass, or the equipment looks broken, don't play there.

3. Keep your size in mind. Many playgrounds have some equipment that's for little kids (like 2- to 5-year-olds) and other equipment that's meant for older kids. Use the equipment that's right for your age. If you squeeze yourself onto a swing for toddlers, you might get stuck. Likewise, if your little brother or sister starts climbing something meant for older kids, guide him or her to the little kid stuff.

4. Don't go too high. Many playgrounds have tall stuff to play on, such as towers or open passageways between equipment. Don't climb higher than you feel comfortable, and feel free to ask your grown-up if you need help getting down. Never climb up the outside of equipment, or hoist yourself up on the roof. The view might be cool, but it's a long way down.

5. Look out below. The best playgrounds put down special surfacing material, such as mulch, wood chips, sand, gravel, or rubber matting. These surfaces can help soften a fall, but that doesn't mean you won't get hurt, especially if you tumble from a high spot.

6. Swing safely. Kids often get hurt at the playground because they get hit by someone on a swing. If you're swinging, watch out for people who

might be getting too close. And if you're walking around the playground, don't get too close to the swingers.

7. Use your head. Sometimes you'll see kids going headfirst down the slide or maybe two or three kids will get on a piece of equipment that's only meant for one. Or some kids might start goofing around and trying to push each other off a swing or off of a high spot. If your grown-up sees you doing this, he or she will probably say, "Knock it off. Someone's going to get hurt." It's true, so try to use the playground equipment properly. And if you get stuck, or don't know how to get down from something, call your grown-up over so he or she can help you down.

8. Report problems. If you see graffiti (when people write or paint on stuff), a broken swing, or find any other problems while you're playing, tell your grown-up. He or she can report the problem so it can be fixed.

9. Clean up. If you bring a drink or snack to the playground, clean up your trash before you leave. When you do, the park will look nice when the next kid comes along to play and you will have shown that you're a good playground citizen.

10. Have a great time! How can you make a good time at the playground even better? Bring a friend and only complain a little when it's time to leave.

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Northwest Flyers Track Club

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host an orientation/registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2013 season. The event will be held on Friday, April 12th, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the small commons at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of “track” events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and “field” events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent “off-season” program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school track teams.

The club was founded 26 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the northwest Houston area. Last year, the Northwest Flyers sent 106 young athletes to compete at U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Baltimore, Maryland and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442, or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

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