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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 7th Birthday

Ellie Horton

*We love you very much!
Dad, Mom, Elijah and Emma*

COVER PHOTO

Do you take great photos?

Do you take great photos? Would you like to see your photo published? We are looking for great cover photos for upcoming issues of the Fairfield Gazette. Our deadline for submittals is always the 9th of the month prior to the issue. All photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date in high resolution (300 dpi) to fairfield@peelinc.com. Portrait (vertical) photos work best. Photo's taken with digital cameras work best. Photos taken with iPhones may not be high enough quality.

This month's photo is of Jacob and Addison Hutchins in Chappell Ridge. Taken by their mom Jennifer Hutchins.

To view other photos submitted please visit www.PEELinc.com/Fairfield, and view any of the past newsletters.

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JUNE JEWELRY JUBILEE

Submitted by Jennifer Isaacson, FWC 2nd VP

Come learn how to make jewelry! Please bring a piece of (inexpensive) jewelry to exchange!

When: Tuesday, June 19th from 7p-9p

Where: Bradford Creek Clubhouse in Fairfield.

This is the first meeting of our new year, June 2013-May 2014. We hope that you come and see what we are all about and become a member of our organization. See you soon!

For more information about FWC or to become a member, please go to fairfieldwomensclub.org.

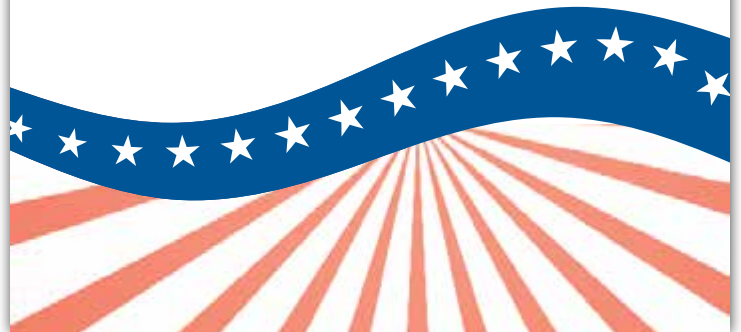


FAIRFIELD INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE!!

Submitted by Jennifer Isaacson, FWC 2nd VP

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH, 2013

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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 <http://home.comcast.net/~seniorgroup/History.htm>

OUR JUNE BUSTRIP PLANS ARE FOR: Friday, June 14th, a trip to the Port of Houston. Join us and experience an unforgettable waterborne voyage through one of the busiest ports in the WORLD aboard the Port Of Houston Authority's tour boat, the M/V Sam Houston. This is a leisurely 90-minute round-trip cruise along the Houston Ship Channel. You will enjoy passing views of international cargo vessels, and operations at the port's Turning Basin Terminal. The 95-ft vessel features air-conditioned lounge seating as well as standing room outside on the boat's deck. The cost of this trip is only \$2.00, plus the cost of your lunch, which we will have at the Monument Inn in La Porte before our 2:30 p.m. tour. Note: This trip is now booked solid. 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 Jackie Wurth at 21119 North Yellow Bud Court, Cypress, Texas 77433. We will depart from the Fairfield Village Parking Lot promptly at 9:45 a.m. Please be there by 9:30 a.m.

OUR THIRD QUARTER TRIP SCHEDULE: Saturday, July 20; Friday, August 23; Saturday, September 21

SPECIAL NOTICE: Deb DeJarnette has agreed to take over the trip coordinator position starting in October. She will need several trip hosts. Deb DeJarnette and Jackie Wurth have a list of trips that will make excellent trip outings for our group. Contact Deb DeJarnette @ 832-220-6155 or email her at: debslib@hotmail.com if you are willing to host a future trip. Note: If we do not get people to host a few of these trips. There just may be months that we may have a bus available; but no host and therefore no trip that month.

OUR JULY BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR: Saturday, July 20th this trip is still in the planning stage. The details for this trip will be posted on our web page and soon as they

are completed. The details will be in the July Gazette also.

OUR AUGUST BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR: Friday, August 23rd a trip back to the ball park. This trip will be hosted by Ed and Darlene Hofer, our eighth annual Houston Astros ball game trip and is already completely booked. Those that were able to get on the list, just a reminder the money is due no later than July 15.

OUR JUNE ACTIVITIES PLANS: *Thursday, June 13:* The Monthly Planning Committee meeting is at 1:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Trails Club House. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings and participate in our upcoming trip plans. We really need to see more participation, especially from those that are taking trips. 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 desserts. *Tuesday, June 18:* 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 June, 16 weekly newsletter. *Thursday, June 27:* Game Night at Lakeside Trails Club House. It starts around 6:30 p.m., and we have plenty of room at the club house. We would like to see you there to enjoy an evening of games and fellowship with us. Just bring a little snack and plan on having lots of fun. There are some card games, some games that the members bring and of course dominoes.

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. <http://home.comcast.net/~seniorgroup/>

OUR FUN-LOVERS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: An event reminder. It is emailed each week to our members and others who have requested it. It provides updated information on any changes from what appears here in the Gazette. We also include member birthdays and prayer requests, other news and items of interest, and links to all our web pages. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, send your email address, to seniorgroup@comcast.net.



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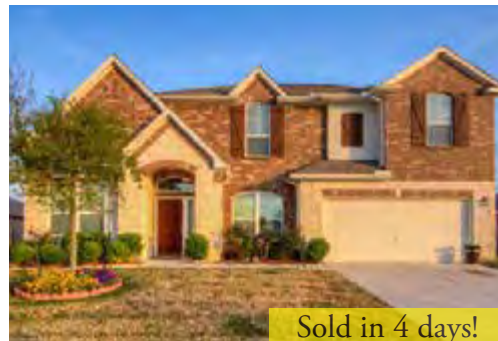
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great outdoor and indoor activities. Are you new to the area or a new mom and need a friend or support; we are here for you! Don't let yourself feel isolated being a stay at home mom. We invite you to attend two public events to decide if this is the 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 at Fairfield Baptist Church.

For membership inquiries, please contact Julie H., Membership VP at julieh07@sbcglobal.net or Erica M., President at 281-755-7610, 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 We look forward to hearing from you!



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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 call or text Linda Locke at 713-298-6514.



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Around Fairfield

Thank You, Cookin With Kim!

Submitted by Jennifer Horton

There is always an Angel around. And tends to be when in times of need! Our community has proven that over and over again. Fairfield lost a precious angel Makayla on April 16th then An Angel stepped in!

Kim Robinson, owner of Cookin With Kim put together an amazing breakfast that just so happened to be Makayla Thompson's favorite breakfast. Kim did this in only days. She had an army of friends, family and generous volunteers

to help put together this amazing celebration in memory of Makayla's life and raise money for The Thompson family to help offset some of the medical bills accrued during Makayla's fight. Cookin with Kim served up over 500 plus plates of a delicious Pancake, Sausage, and Strawberry Breakfast!

Kim is an amazing woman, mother and friend. She went over and above to put this together. The world needs more Angels Like Kim in this world!

I speak on others behalf when I saw THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR Amazing Hard Work!



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The Fairfield Women's Club is supporting **STOP SOLICITING CAMPAIGN FOR FAIRFIELD HOMEOWNERS**

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a decal for your front door area and a magnet containing the sheriff's patrol phone number to report solicitors. If our neighborhood as a collected whole can embrace this campaign, we can pool our efforts together and make a huge dent in soliciting in Fairfield. To order your stop solicitation kit, log on to Fairfieldwomensclub.org and click on SOS Stop Soliciting tab. Thank you for your participation and support. If you have any questions, please contact us at fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com

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WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Submitted by Lee Miller, Fairfield Resident

You are home alone working from your computer. Your blinds are open and you have a full view of your neighbors' driveway. You casually catch a glimpse of a man you do not recognize walking up your neighbors' driveway and into their fenced backyard in broad daylight. You assume he is the meter reader or some other utility company contract worker because his clothing suggests that. You continue to work at your computer. After several minutes pass, you become aware that the man did not walk back down your neighbors' driveway. Where did he go? What would you do next?

(a) Do nothing. Chances are the neighbors are home and are aware of the man's presence on their property. Even if they aren't home, they probably hired him for a service at their home.

(b) Go into your neighbors' yard and call out to the man. Ask him what he is doing there and what company he works for. Ask him to show you his identification. If you are not satisfied with his answers, call the police.

(c) Lock your own doors and stay inside. Continue to watch from your window to see if your neighbors come outside to greet him. Call the police if you do not see your neighbors and/or if you see the man carrying any goods out of your neighbors' home. Then, get your gun, go outside, and detain the man until the police arrive.

(d) Lock your own doors and stay inside. Call the police immediately and tell them you really aren't sure if a crime is in progress or not at your neighbors' house.

The best answer is (d).

DO NOT be complacent or apathetic as in (a). You would want your neighbors to be alert and dial 911 if they saw the same situation occurring at your house.

NEVER EVER, under any circumstances, approach and/or converse with a stranger as in (b) because you may be placing yourself in harm's way. The man is a stranger. You do not know him or what he is capable of.

DON'T delay in dialing 911 as in (c). Seconds count for the police when apprehending criminals. NEVER leave the safety of your own house as in (c). Stay LOCKED INSIDE and OUT OF VIEW. Try to notice details such as the man's clothing, hair color, skin color, vehicle type and color, license plate numbers, etc. NEVER pull a gun on a stranger as in (c). It is not your job or responsibility to detain the suspect until the police arrive. In addition, he may have unseen accomplices nearby.

IMMEDIATELY, lock your doors and stay inside to protect yourself as in (d). IMMEDIATELY dial 911 as soon as you have a sense of uneasiness, nervousness, or a "gut" feeling that something is just not right as in (d). You don't have to be positive that it's a real crime in progress. It's OK if you are wrong and the man really is a meter reader. No harm done!

BE ALERT AND BE SAFE!

This article was written by a concerned resident highlighting common sense tips or "food for thought" to residents who may find themselves in the midst of an unfortunate "situation." The author does not have a law enforcement background but believes that "thinking out" a situation before it happens is a positive step toward reacting appropriately in that situation.

NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

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Did you know? Each fall and spring at finals time, Aggie Moms clubs from around the state come to the Texas A&M campus to pass out Care Packages to cheer on our hard working students. A tradition in itself, the Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Club has an added touch. We are known for our 'Hug Line' through which each student must pass before they can receive their care package. One student expressed, "This is my favorite part about getting a care package-I look forward to it every semester!" This year, we had over 25 moms giving hugs to each and every student.

Are you a New Aggie Mom? Are you an Aggie Mom that wants to join other Aggie Moms in supporting our students? Find out how we help your student succeed during those college years at one of our informal Summer Mixers. Dates and locations are on our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org.

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Houston Distributing Center conveniently located off Cutten Road near Willowbrook Mall and the intersection of SH 249 and FM 1960. We are looking forward to kicking off next year at our 'HOWDY PARTY' on August 13th-Please join us!

All meetings are open to Aggies, future, present or past. We provide light refreshments and you can shop our Boutique for that one-of-a-kind Aggie treasure. Our hand crafted items celebrate the heart-warming TAMU traditions. You will also enjoy hearing from dynamic speakers throughout the year like, Brigadier General, Joe Ramirez, Commandant of the Corp of Cadets.

Aggie Moms, as an organization, encourages parents to become familiar with A&M during their student's freshman year instead of waiting for graduation to visit as is the custom on other university campuses. The path to graduation can be a challenging journey; don't go it alone. Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms has been here for 25 years and we're committed to helping your student and YOU enjoy the TAMU experience. Drop on by and say Howdy. We'll be so glad you did! Feel free to contact Shannon Eberle, Club President at clubpres20122gmail.com.



2013 FAIRFIELD POOL SCHEDULES

Bradford Creek Pool

May 4th through May 26th
(Weekends Only)

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

Memorial Day, May 27th

Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

June 1st & June 2nd
(Weekend Only)

Saturday 10:00am-8:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm-6:00pm

June 7th through August 25th

Fourth of July 10:00am – 8:00pm
Mon – Wed. 10:00am – 8:00pm
THURSDAY Closed
Fri & Sat 10:00am – 8:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 8:00pm

Labor Day Weekend - (August 31st through September 2nd)

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

Bradford Creek Pool will be closed for the season after Labor Day

Inwood Park Pool

May 4th through May 26th
(Weekends Only)

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

Memorial Day, May 27th

Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

June 1st & June 2nd
(Weekend Only)

Saturday 11:00am-6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm-6:00pm

June 7th through June 30th

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

July 1st through July 7th

Monday 12:00pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday CLOSED
Thur & Fri 12:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday 12:00pm – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

July 8th through August 25th

Monday 12:00pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday CLOSED
Wednesday CLOSED
Thur & Fri 12:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday 12:00pm – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Inwood Park Pool will be closed for the season on August 26th

Lakeside Trails Pool

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

April 20th through October 13th

Mon – Wed 8:00am – 8:00pm
Thursday CLOSED
Friday – Sunday ... 8:00am – 8:00pm

Memorial Day, July 4th & Labor Day

Open 8:00am – 8:00pm
Lakeside Trails Pool will be closed for the season on October 14th

Central Park Pool

May 4th through May 26th
(Weekends Only)

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

Memorial Day, May 27th

Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

June 1st & June 2nd
(Weekend Only)

Saturday 11:00am-6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm-6:00pm

June 7th through July 7th

MONDAY CLOSED
Tues – Fri. 11:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday 11:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

July 8th through August 25th

MONDAY CLOSED
Tues – Fri 12:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday 12:00pm – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Central park Pool will be closed for the season on August 26th.

Sunday, May 5th, 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 25th, 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. Saturday, June 8th & Saturday, June 15th 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

Fairfield Athletic Club Pool

May 4th through May 26th
(Weekends Only)

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

Memorial Day, May 27th

Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

June 1st & June 2nd
(Weekend Only)

Saturday 11:00am-6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm-6:00pm

June 7th through August 25th

MONDAY CLOSED
Tues – Fri 12:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday 11:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 6:00pm

August 31st through September 29th

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

Labor Day, Sept 2nd

12:00pm – 6:00pm
FAC Pool will be closed for the season on September 30th

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Fairfield Pool Schedules-
(Continued from Page 18)

Garden Grove Pool

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

April 20th through May 20th

Mon – Thur 8:00am – 8:00pm
Friday..... CLOSED
Sat & Sun..... 8:00am – 8:00pm

Memorial Day, July 4th & Labor Day

Open..... 8:00am – 8:00pm

May 21st through May 31st

Garden Grove Pool will close at 5:00pm
Tuesday through Friday for swim lessons

Monday 8:00am – 8:00pm
Tues – Thur 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday..... CLOSED
Sat & Sun..... 8:00am – 8:00pm

June 1st through June 9th

Mon – Thur 8:00am – 8:00pm
Friday..... CLOSED
Sat & Sun..... 8:00am – 8:00pm

June 10th through June 23rd

Garden Grove Pool will close at 5:00pm
Monday through Thursday for swim lessons

Mon – Thur 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday..... CLOSED
Sat & Sun..... 8:00am – 8:00pm

June 24th through July 3rd

Garden Grove Pool will close at 5:00pm
Monday through Friday from June 24th to June 28th and Monday through Wednesday July 1st through July 3rd for swim lessons

Mon – Thur 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday..... CLOSED
Sat & Sun..... 8:00am – 8:00pm

July 4th

Open..... 8:00am – 8:00pm

July 5th through July 18th

Garden Grove Pool will close at 5:00pm
Monday through Thursday for swim lessons

Mon – Thur 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday..... CLOSED
Sat & Sun..... 8:00am – 8:00pm

July 19th through October 13th

Mon – Thur 8:00am – 8:00pm
Friday..... CLOSED

Sat & Sun..... 8:00am – 8:00pm
Garden Grove Pool will be closed for the season on October 14th

Central Park Splash Pad and North Park Splash Pads

April 1st through October 31st

Open 7 days a week 9:00am-9:00pm

Central Park Splash Pad

Sunday, May 5th, 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 25th, 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. Saturday, June 8th & Saturday, June 15th 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

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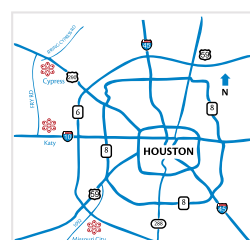
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Around Fairfield

Girl Scouts' Cypress Trails Service Unit Camping Trip



Girl Scouts' Cypress Trails Service Unit held their last Service Unit Weekend camping trip at Carolina Creek Camp on Lake Livingston this spring.

Shown here are the 225 girls in attendance, along with their numerous devoted volunteer adults. The girls challenged their "Courage, Confidence and Character" with outdoor adventure activities including archery, kayaking, canoeing, a rock wall, a ropes course, and the very popular zip lines. We also held our last

Service Unit campfire-with songs, skits and s'mores, of course-on Saturday night.

Starting this fall, our old Cypress Trails Service Unit will become part of a new Girl Scout Community in the local area. Over the years, we've had thousands of girls in grades K-12 in Cypress Trails. As we say goodbye to Cypress Trails, we look ahead to the future of Girl Scouting for all of our girls in the Ault, Keith, Swenke and Robison school attendance areas.



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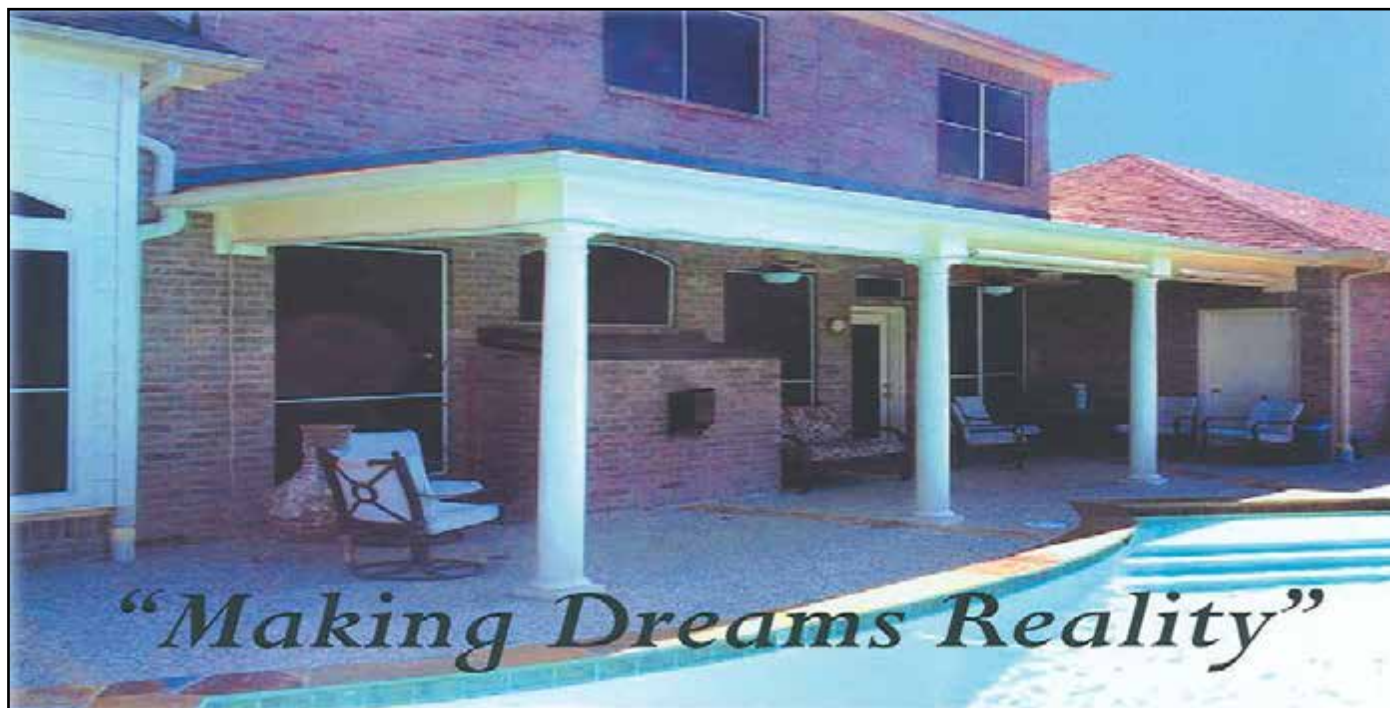
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Congratulations

Kyla Crawford, Emily Whorley, Makensie Garner, Jillian Schnieder, and Kendall Eldridge



These girls qualified with their teams for the 12U Junior Olympics this summer.

Kyla, Emily, Makensie, and Jillian are with Texas Tornados and are in the National division (top 48 teams in the country)

Kendall is with Houston Juniors and is in the American division (the next top 48 teams in the country)

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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional
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How to Execute The Forehand Service Return

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand, forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley and the overhead “smash”.

In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the second most important shot in the game of tennis: The Service Return, since it is the response to the first most important shot of the game: The Serve. In the illustrations, Ken Comey, player at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Photos by Charlie Palafox.

Step 1: The Ready Position: When Ken is getting ready to return the serve, his eyes are focused on the tennis ball held by the opponent. Knees are relaxed and the hands are holding the racket with a relaxed grip.

Step 2: The Split Step: When the opponent tosses the ball into the air, Ken will take a hop with both feet off the ground, trying to time the split step with the contact of the ball on the opponent's racket

Step 3: The Back Swing: Once Ken realizes that the ball has been directed to his forehand, he will turn his upper body

and will take the racket back. Notice that the left hand is up in front to allow him to keep his center of gravity in the center. He has loaded his weight on his right foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball

Step 4: The Point of Contact: Ken now is ready to step into the ball. He has kept his eye on the ball and his center of gravity now is shifted to the point of contact. Notice the left knee being slightly bent and the left foot is pointing to the ball meeting the racket

Step 5: The Extension of the Point of Contact: Ken is now directing the ball toward the opponent's court. His eyes have now shifted toward his target and his body weight is now fully in front of his left foot. The left hand is still helping to keep the center of gravity in the center without opening up too early.

Step 6: The Follow Through: Once Ken has finished his stroke, the momentum of the racket continues to move almost to a point behind his neck. His left hand is next to his body and his right elbow is pointing toward his target. His body is now ready to take the “split step” with both feet in order to prepare for the opponent's returned shot.

Look for in the next Newsletter: The Two Handed Backhand Service Return

REGISTER NOW FOR FSA SOCCER!

It is time once again to register your soccer superstar for FSA Soccer. The Fairfield Sports Association offers a fantastic environment for your budding soccer player to develop their skills and grow their passion for the beautiful game. We offer soccer divisions for boys and girls ages 4 – 12. Our younger divisions (U5 & U6) play 3 v 3 soccer on small fields with no goal players. We gradually increase the size of the field and the number of players as the kids get older. Starting at age 7 (U8), players participate in an evaluation and are selected by their respective teams.

This soccer season, FSA soccer players will wear the XARA uniforms. The uniforms look GREAT, and the kids will really love them! Registration costs cover a complete uniform kit including game jersey, shorts, and socks. Registration for the U5 and U6 divisions is \$115. Registration for the U7 and older division is \$130. There are no additional fundraisers or sponsorships players or teams are responsible for during the season. Non-residents of Fairfield do pay an additional \$25 non-resident fee.

All practices and games are played in Fairfield. Players in the U5, U6, and U7 divisions are all awarded participation trophies at the end of the season. In the older divisions, trophies are awarded for the divisional champions and runners-up. Additionally, the older divisions participate in a season ending tournament. In addition to our Fall League play, we offer Fairfield Freedom on Fridays evenings during the summer. This is an opportunity for any child to come play “street soccer” is an adult supervised

environment at no cost! Check the FSA Soccer webpage for more details.

FSA Soccer is also thrilled to announce we are bringing back our 2nd annual Kick-off Summer Soccer Camp! This camp is for boys and girls ages 6-10. The camp is scheduled for June 10th thru 13th from 9:00am until 11:00am. Professional trainers from the Challenge Soccer Club and the Texans Soccer Club will be working with FSA Soccer providing the training for the camp. The cost of the camp is only \$50! The camp will be held in Fairfield at our Robert's Fields facility near our Central Park Splash Pad. To register for either the camp or an exciting season of FSA soccer, visit the Fairfield Sports website at www.fairfieldsports.net. From the menu button, click the SOCCER link. Once at the Soccer page, click the MORE menu button and then click the REGISTRATION link.

IMPORTANT FSA SOCCER DATES:

FSA Kick-off Summer Soccer Camp registration: Open Now – June 8th

FSA Kick-off Summer Soccer Camp: June 10th – June 13th

FSA Soccer registration: May 31st – July 14th

Player evaluations (ages 7 and older): July 22nd – July 25th

Practices begin: Week of July 29th

Games begin: Weekend of August 24th

Please direct any questions about the FSA Soccer program to Scott Baehren, Commissioner – FSA Soccer at soccer@fairfield-sports.net

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BB GUNS AND THE LAW

Someone contacted me the other day in regards to the use of a BB gun and the laws concerning them. When people think of Texas, guns tend to come to mind. Contrary to urban legend though, the state of Texas has a lot of rules regarding any sort of firearm use. In many cases, even the word "firearm" can be expanded to extremely broad definitions...which means that not only do the laws apply to pistols, rifles, and shotguns, they also apply to air guns and in some cases to BB guns as well.

If a person is firing a BB gun within their own home or on private property, it is not considered any sort of offense. While the force of a BB fired from one of these "weapons" may be enough to break glass or dent drywall, it isn't usually enough to cause actual injury. As long as a person doesn't attempt to cause injury to another person or damage any property that isn't theirs with the BB gun, there is no real restriction on using a BB gun on private property.

According to the definitions provided by the Texas State Parks Department, air guns fall under the definition of arms and firearms. This category includes any sort of weapon by which a projectile is fired based off of an explosion, from compressed air or gas, or by some mechanical means (i.e., a compressed spring). It is against the law for a person to display or use any device that falls under the arms and firearms definition in a Texas state park unless that person is participating in a hunting activity, or they have written authorization

to have and use that item.

Shooters cannot fire their BB guns in public or across the line of any private property. Should the shooter break this law, he could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor for disturbing the peace, and have to pay a hefty fine, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000, depending on any damage that was done. The shooter must have written consent from a property owner in order to shoot his BB gun on the property.

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Because of the varying laws on BB guns in Texas, it is best to shoot your BB gun in your own yard, where you won't disturb or injure a neighbor. Another place to shoot your BB gun would be at a shooting range, where you are provided with assistance to ensure safety while handling your BB gun.



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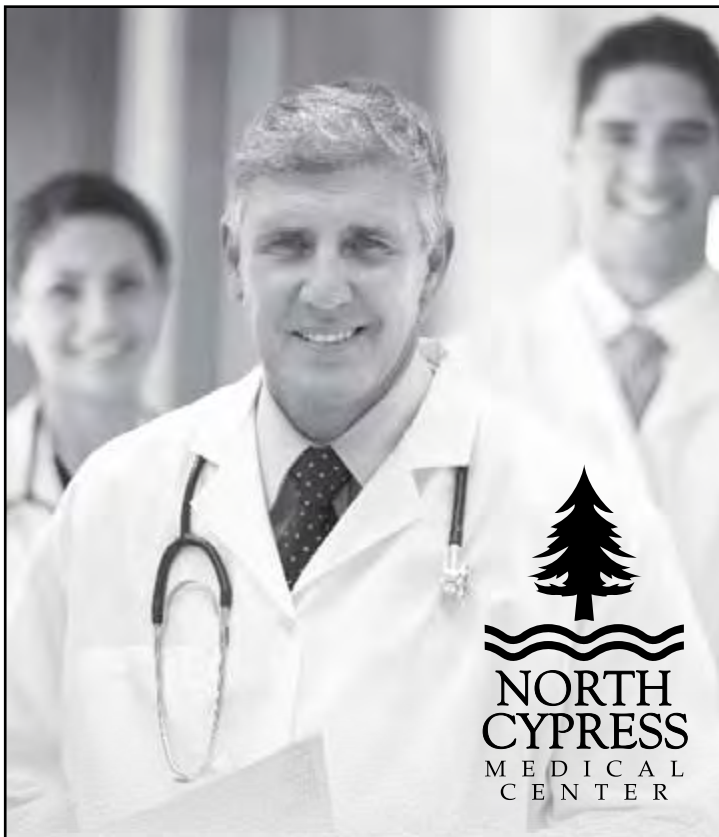
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Cypress Ranch Key Club Collects "Caps For Cancer"

In support of the Cy-Fair Vipers baseball team, Cypress Ranch Key Club supported their "Kids 4 Kids: Cancer Hat Collection" fundraiser. The cap drive was to benefit Texas Children's Hospital and provide baseball caps for children undergoing cancer treatment.

Key Club members donated an assortment of caps and hats for both boys and girls of all ages. There were sports teams and cartoon-themed caps, plain caps and bedazzled ones, too. There were even sunbonnets for the upcoming summer months.

At the end of the one-week cap drive, the club had collected nearly 250 caps. The caps were delivered to the Cy-Fair Vipers baseball team, who delivered them to Texas Children's Hospital. The Vipers had collected over 250 caps on their own. Together, over 500 caps were donated through a joint effort of the Ranch Key Club and the Cy-Fair Vipers.

The Cypress Ranch Key Club volunteers in the CFISD schools and local community. If you have any questions about this club or need volunteers to work an upcoming event, please Faculty Advisor Jennifer Hydes at jennifer.hydes@cfisd.net. For more information about this project, please contact Club President Hannah Bielefeldt at hannah.bielefeldt@att.net.

Cypress Ranch Key Club Aids West, Texas

When Cypress Ranch Key Club members heard about the devastation that rocked the West, Texas, community on April 17, they immediately wanted to help. After some investigation, the club learned that several of the schools in the West school district were damaged following the cement plant explosion. Key Club officers decided that the best way our club could help was through a Walmart gift card drive. Contact was made with officials of the West school district, and they confirmed that many of the items they would need to restore normalcy to their schools could be purchased at Walmart.

The gift card drive lasted just a week and a half, but Key Club members definitely had time to purchase a gift card in support of the West ISD schools and students. Club members donated 110 gift cards, totaling an amazing \$2,215. The gift cards have been delivered to the West school district. The Cypress Ranch Key Club hopes that the donation will be helpful in the huge job facing the citizens of West following the horrible tragedy they have faced.

The Cypress Ranch Key Club actively works to support those in need in our community and world and volunteers with most charities in the Houston area. If you have any questions about Cypress Ranch Key Club, please contact Faculty Advisor Jennifer Hydes at jennifer.hydes@cfisd.net.



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Cypress Ranch Key Club Takes Top Prize at District Convention

The Cypress Ranch Key Club recently returned from the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention with arms full of trophies and awards. Twenty-nine members attended the convention in Dallas, where they attended leadership training workshops, taught a forum on fundraising and charity giving, and participated in several competitions. At the convention's Saturday night Awards Banquet, the club walked away with seven trophies, other recognitions, and was ranked as the #1 Best Key Club in the two-state district's prestigious "Top 25 Clubs". There are over 300 Key Clubs in Texas and Oklahoma, including nine clubs in Cy-Fair ISD. The club won the first place club trophy and also received the Best Club traveling cup that will remain at CypressRanch until next year's convention.

The club earned first place trophies for their scrapbook and Single Service Project for a pajama drive held in conjunction with Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt. The scrapbook and Single Service Project binder move on to compete at the international level this summer at the Key Club International Convention in Washington, DC. First place trophies were also won for the District Governor's Project for Texas Children's Hospital and the club's Service Fair booth highlighting collection drives. The club's entry in the "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" contest won second place. Club President Hannah Bielefeldt received an Elimidallion medal in recognition of the club's

support of and financial contributions to The Eliminate Project, a project seeking to end neonatal and maternal tetanus worldwide.

Four new patches were also added to the Key Club's banner following district convention. The club won patches for their participation in the district and district governor's projects and won patches for on-time reporting and for the club's outstanding website. The club's banner is displayed in the main hall of Cypress Ranch High School. Club members also participated in individual competitions at the convention. Members participated in essay writing, trivia contests and scholarship interviews. Club officers David Zhou and Marisa Kelly participated in the talent and Just Dance competitions, respectively. The Cypress Ranch Key Club with 710 members is currently ranked the largest Key Club in the world. There are 5,000 Key Clubs and over 260,000 members worldwide. Cypress Ranch Key Club members perform tens of thousands of service hours each year in Cypress and Houston. The success at the recent convention was the culmination of a very successful year of service to our community and the schools of Cy-Fair ISD.

For more information about the award-winning Cypress Ranch Key Club, please visit the club's website at www.ranchkey.com or email the Faculty Advisor Jennifer Hydes at jennifer.hydes@cfisd.net.

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Cypress Ranch Seniors Earn Key Club Graduation Stoles

Forty-three Cypress Ranch senior Key Club members have earned the right to wear a Key Club stole at graduation. The stoles were presented to the seniors at the club's recent Awards and Installation Banquet. They were presented by Key Club Faculty Advisors and senior English teachers Katie Lauver and Diane Reitmyer.

Senior Sara Gates who serves as one of the club's Vice President this year said, "I know that it is such an honor to receive this stole. It wasn't just given out; it was earned." Key Club seniors had to meet the following requirements to wear a graduation stole:

- Be an active club member for at least one and a half years, including the entire senior year,
- Serve as "Senior in Charge" at an event, and
- Write an essay about their Key Club membership experience

The Cypress Ranch Key Club actively volunteers in the Cypress community and Cy-Fair schools. For more information about the award-winning Key Club, visit the club's website at www.ranchkey.com. For questions regarding this article, please contact Faculty Advisor Jennifer Hydes at jennifer.hydes@cfisd.net.

Cy Ranch Key Club Teams Up with Pro Sports Teams

Members of the Cypress Ranch Key Club have recently volunteered with both the Houston Rockets and the Houston Astros. Club members and their parents passed out huge foam fingers to fans entering Toyota Center for one of the final Rockets games of their regular season. The club was invited back a week later to hand out towels to fans at the Rockets first playoff game. A highlight of the Key Club's year was being asked to pass out a giveaway item to fans at the Rockets home opener this season. The Key Club recently volunteered at the Rockets Black-Top Battle and has helped for years at the post-race party at the annual Rockets Run. For the second year in a row, the Cypress Ranch Key Club has been chosen to be a part of the Houston Astros promotional giveaway program. Club members, faculty advisors, and parents spent time at two weekend games in May passing out umbrellas and tote bags to fans entering Minute Maid Park. Members stayed to watch the games to cheer on our Astros.

The Cy Ranch Key Club spends the majority of their time volunteering in the Cypress area and in the Cy-Fair ISD schools, but club members enjoy traveling downtown to volunteer for our Houston professional sports teams! Go Rockets and Astros! For more information about the Cypress Ranch Key Club, please visit the club's website at www.ranchkey.com or email the Faculty Advisor Jennifer Hydes at jennifer.hydes@cfisd.net.

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School News

Educators Honored At Teacher Appreciation Event In Fairfield

Students nominate teachers who have had the most positive influence in their lives

By Chris Fults

On the morning of Saturday, April 13, over 50 Cy-Fair educators representing 15 schools were honored at a teacher appreciation brunch for their excellence in teaching. The event was sponsored by two Fairfield-area congregations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held in their newly-completed building on Fairfield Place Drive.

"This is actually the first event we've hosted in our new meetinghouse," said Chris Crawford, bishop of one of the congregations. "We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate than to give back to those who so selflessly give every day to our most prized possessions, our children."

The program included a children's choir, a video presentation, speakers and a brunch. Stirling D. Pack, Jr. was the keynote speaker. He told the teachers, "These young students under your care have chosen you as their outstanding teachers and mentors in all of the respective schools represented here today. We are assembled to honor you for what you do every day as teachers and administrators, making a lasting impression on their lives."

Pack noted that directing, mentoring and encouraging children to fully reach their innate potential is both a great quest and significant challenge to those who teach.

Another speaker, Avery Smith, a junior at Cy-Ranch High School, said,



Coach Holly Bowman (left) and her student, Avery Smith, a junior at Cy-Ranch High School.

Teacher Lillian Cunningham (left) and her student, Dean Fantasia, who attends Ault Elementary.

"I invited Coach Holly Bowman because she has formed me to be a hard worker, dedicated teammate and student. She has helped me through some of my hardest classes. And as my swim coach, of course, she's also taught me so much about swimming and being a great coach. Both of those skills

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have helped me become a better swimmer and a better teacher myself when I give swim lessons to younger children."

Bowman said, "I am honored to be invited here today, especially by someone like Avery, who is a motivator to me. I feel very encouraged by what I've heard at this event. I've even received some inspiration today. I've actually thought of a new way to approach a current challenge by being more loving and ready to help."

Dean Fantasia, a first grader at Ault Elementary, also spoke. He chose Lillian Cunningham as his special teacher and directed all of his remarks at the podium to her.

"Dean has touched my heart today," Cunningham said. "He just said everything any teacher would love to hear! I feel appreciated and loved."

"This has been a wonderful event," said Ashley Clayburn, Ed.D., assistant superintendent of school improvement and accountability in Cy-Fair I.S.D. She attended the brunch on behalf of Dr. Mark Henry, superintendent. "We thank you for taking the time to honor our teachers for the outstanding work they do each and every day. I know the teachers and students will remember this celebration for a long time to come!"

Avery Smith summed up the collective feelings of all assembled when she concluded her talk by saying, "With my fellow students, we thank you for making the difference, for shaping our lives and for unlocking our future opportunities."

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Nonprofit partners with Destin Drywall & Paint to establish new community garden

The Calabria Foundation today announces the establishment of the Calabria Gardens, a new community garden located in the Cypress-Fairbanks area to support the local community and other area charities. Corporate sponsor, Destin Drywall & Paint, located at 20141 Schiel Road, Cypress, TX 77433 has agreed to allow The

Calabria Foundation access to a portion of their property for construction of the garden. “Destin is a family and community oriented business. We believe our school children are our future. Destin’s proud and honored to be a part of this adventure” said Glen Smith, Co-Owner of Destin.

Once the garden is fully operational, the fruits and vegetables harvested from the Calabria Gardens will help support Cy- Hope and the Houston Food Bank. Cy-Hope operates two “Hope Centers” in the Cypress-Fairbanks area. “Cy-Hope is honored to benefit from the Calabria Gardens community project. Nutrition plays a key role in our children’s lives and we

know our Hope Center’s will benefit tremendously from this partnership”, says Lynda Zelenka, Executive Director of Cy-Hope.

Harvested proceeds will also be donated to the Houston Food Bank’s Keegan Kitchen. “Fresh fruits and vegetables are among the most sought-after food items by food banks and the clients they serve,” says Brian Greene, president/CEO of Houston Food Bank. “Limited shelf life makes fresh produce more difficult to secure and transport, but we really appreciate such donations because Houston Food Bank is dedicated to providing nutritious foods to our clients”.

“The Board of Directors of The Calabria Foundation is thrilled to see the Calabria Gardens project take its first step towards realization. As with Destin, we throw our full support behind this effort and call on other local business and civic organizations to help out in any way possible”, said Chris Pantuso, Founder & Executive Director, The Calabria Foundation.



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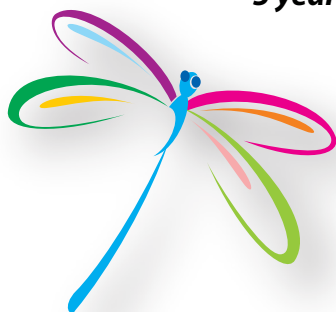
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Travel the World Without Leaving Your Hometown

By Heather Wells

Who hasn't dreamed about walking among the Egyptian pyramids, or soaking in the sun on a beach in Spain, or wandering along the Great Wall of China? Every parent wants to give their children a taste of the world, but the economic reality of international air travel for a family, not to mention hotels, passports and food, makes it tough for most of us to consider except in our daydreams. 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.

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Older Adults Express Anxiety In Different Ways

While there are several factors that can cause anxiety in older adults, it can be difficult to identify because they express anxiety in unique ways, according to an expert at Baylor College of Medicine. According to Dr. Melinda Stanley, professor in the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at BCM, common types of anxiety disorders in adults include:

- Generalized anxiety
- Social phobias
- Specific fears and phobias
- Post-traumatic stress disorder

Anxiety symptoms that older adults and their family members should watch for include:

- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty sleeping
- Increased heart rate
- Muscle aches and pains
- Dizziness

Anxiety is not a normal part of aging and can be treated. The first important step is to have a physical exam. Cognitive behavioral therapy is a treatment option that teaches learning skills to manage anxiety. Skills that can help reduce anxiety include relaxation, changing thoughts, facing fears, learning how to solve problems and learning behaviors to improve sleep.

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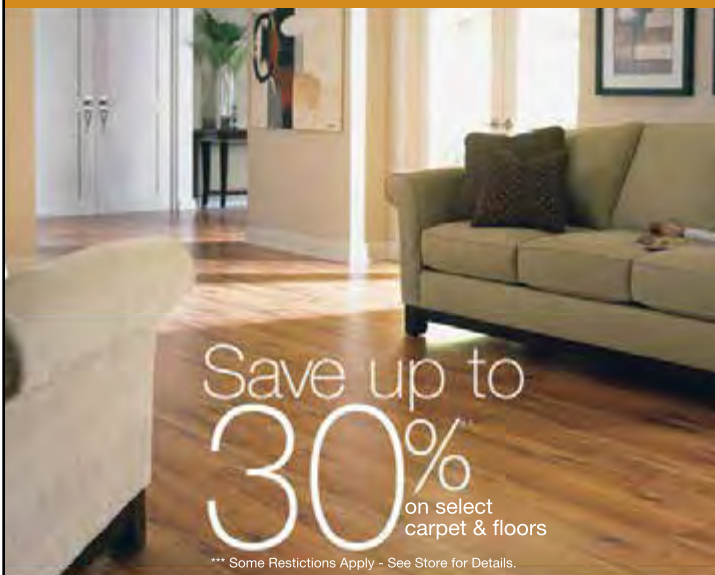


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Allergy Prevention, Management Tips

It is important for parents to remember the basics about prevention and management of allergies, said a pediatrician from Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Armando Correa, an assistant professor of pediatrics at BCM and a pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital, offered the following tips:

- Seek immediate medical attention for difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, tongue or other extremities.
- Consider short-term medication for symptoms such as a runny nose, itchy eyes or sneezing.

If symptoms persist, contact your pediatrician. For children under the age of 2 experiencing allergies, always seek medical attention. Help manage environmental allergies by avoiding places that have just been cleaned or places where pets frequent. Correa also offered tips on food allergies:

- If your child has multiple or severe allergies, they should always carry an injectable medication.
- Always read the food labels and be aware of where foods are manufactured.
- Consider allergy testing for children with severe or multiple allergies. Always consult a pediatrician on questions related to allergy prevention and management.

A Hearing Or Vision Test May Be Solution To "Bad Behavior"

For some children a health problem could be to blame for acting up in class or even a drop in grades. Doctors at Baylor College of Medicine say what might look like a behavioral issue could actually be a signs of hearing or vision problems.

If a child cannot hear or see properly, they cannot pay attention in class, said Dr. James H. Bray, associate professor of family and community medicine at BCM.

Bray said children may think they can hear what the teacher is saying but actually are getting the information wrong, so it looks like they aren't paying attention or are being defiant.

Bray said it is important to see a doctor for a proper diagnosis.

"Before a parent begins to worry, a family medicine doctor or pediatrician can conduct a basic hearing and vision test that can identify whether a hearing or vision specialist is needed, or if another problem is to blame," Bray said.

Bray said once a diagnosis is made there may be simply solutions, such as making sure a child sits in the front of the class.

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Chorley makes the following suggestions:

- Stretch properly before running
 - Don't increase mileage by more than 10 to 15 percent per week
 - Walk when knee pain begins
 - Replace shoes every six to nine months or every 500 miles
 - Know what your foot type is and be sure you have proper cushioning
 - Consider cross-training and strengthening exercises to help strengthen the core, glutes or hamstrings
- Multi-vitamins are helpful for all runners and fish oil is good for long distance runners

However, there are some symptoms that may indicate a more severe problem that should be seen by a sports medicine physician:

- Fluid accumulating in the knee
- Painful popping or a mechanical sensation
- Someone who had a previous structural injury such as torn ACL or PCL that's now experiencing pain.

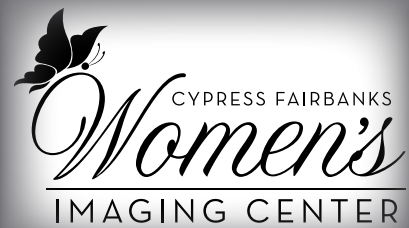


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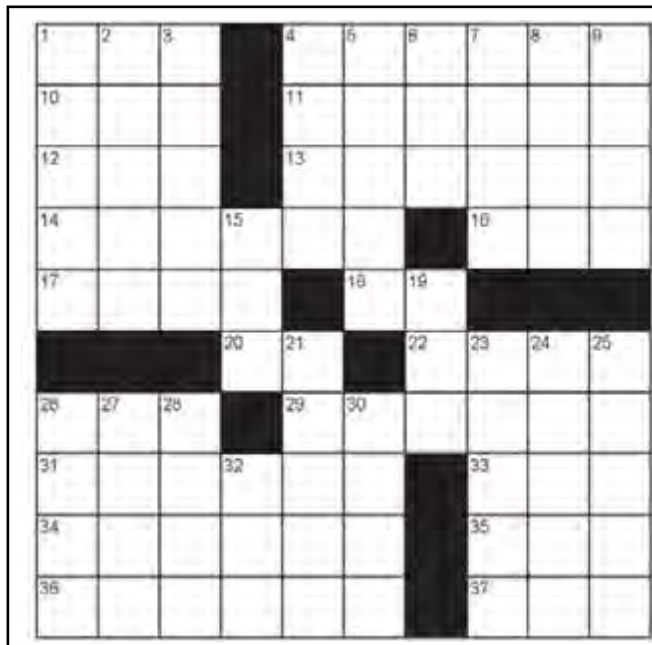
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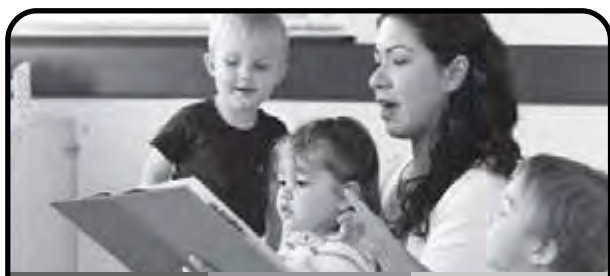
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Smoking is one of the worst things kids or adults can do to their bodies. Yet every single day about 3,900 kids between the ages 12 and 17 start smoking. Most middle school students don't smoke — only about 1 in 16 does. And most high school students don't smoke either — about 1 in 5 does (that means 4 out of 5 don't). **BUT WHY DO THOSE WHO SMOKE EVER BEGIN?** There's more than just one answer. Some kids may start smoking just because they're curious. Others may like the idea of doing something dangerous — something grownups don't want them to do. Still others might know lots of people who smoke and they might think it's a way to act or look like an adult. Fortunately, fewer people are starting smoking than a few years ago. Maybe that's because more and more people have learned that smoking and tobacco use can cause cancer and heart disease. But sometimes kids can't really think that far into the future to worry about an illness they might not get for many years. So let's talk about the problems that might affect kids more quickly:

- bad breath
- yellow teeth
- smelly clothes
- more colds and coughs
- difficulty keeping up with friends when playing sports
- empty wallet — cigarettes and tobacco products are very expensive!

Let's find out more about cigarettes and tobacco.

WHAT ARE SMOKING AND SMOKELESS TOBACCO? Tobacco (say: tuh-BA-ko) is a plant that can be smoked in cigarettes, pipes, or cigars. It's the same plant that's in smokeless tobacco, known as dip, chew, snuff, spit, or chewing tobacco. Smokeless tobacco is not lit or inhaled like tobacco in cigarettes, pipes, and cigars. Instead, smokeless tobacco is put between the lip and gum and sucked on inside the mouth. Tobacco contains nicotine (say: NIH-kuh-teen), a chemical that causes a tingly or pleasant feeling — but that feeling only lasts for a little while. Nicotine is also addictive (say: uh-DIK-tiv). That means that if you start to use nicotine, your body and mind will become so used to it that you'll need to have it just to feel OK. Anyone who starts smoking could become addicted to it. If you're addicted to something, it's very hard to stop doing it, even if you want to. Some kids get addicted right away. And adults are often addicted, which is why so many of them have a hard time quitting smoking.

WHY IS IT SO BAD FOR YOU? Cigarettes and smokeless tobacco kill hundreds of thousands of Americans every year. You know those rubber bracelets that were created to bring attention to different causes? The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids created a red one with the number 1,200 on it. Why 1,200? That's the number of people who die each day due to smoking. The nicotine and other poisonous chemicals in tobacco cause lots of diseases, like heart problems and some kinds of cancer. If you smoke, you hurt your lungs and heart each time you light up. It also can make it more difficult for blood to move around in the body, so smokers may feel tired and cranky. The longer you smoke, the worse the damage becomes.

THE OTHER COST OF SMOKING Using tobacco eats up a lot of money, too. A pack of cigarettes costs about \$6, on average. That means, even if you buy just one pack a

week, you'll spend \$312 in a year. Some people smoke a pack a day, which adds up to \$2,190! That's a lot of computer games and clothes you could buy instead.

WHAT'S IT LIKE? Usually, people don't like smoking or chewing tobacco at first. Your body is smart, and it knows when it's being poisoned. When people try smoking for the first time, they often cough a lot and feel pain or burning in their throat and lungs. This is your lungs' way of trying to protect you and tell you to keep them smoke free. Also, many people say that they feel sick to their stomachs or even throw up. If someone accidentally swallows chewing tobacco, they may be sick for hours. Yuck.

WHAT IF MY FRIEND SMOKES? If you have friends who smoke or use tobacco, you can help them by encouraging them to quit. Here are some reasons you can mention:

- It will hurt their health.
- It will make their breath stinky.
- It will turn their teeth yellow.
- It will give them less endurance when running or playing sports.
- It's expensive.
- It's illegal to buy cigarettes when you're underage.

If you think it will help, you could print out articles like this one to give to a friend who smokes. He or she may be interested in learning more about the dangers of smoking. But people don't like to hear that they're doing something wrong, so your pal also could be a little angry. If that happens, don't push it too much. In time, your friend may realize you are right. In the meantime, it could help to talk with a parent or a school counselor if you're worried about your friend. When your friend is ready, a grownup can help him or her quit for good. If your friend decides to quit, lend your support. You might say it's time to kick some butts!



Selling Smoke

You won't see cigarettes advertised on TV or billboards, but cigarette companies still spend billions of dollars each year to promote their products. Have you ever seen an ad for cigarettes or tobacco? Did it make you want to try it?

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	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM
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Bluebonnet Glen	2	\$77.45	26
Baker's Ridge	3	\$78.21	111
Chappell Ridge	5	\$70.24	31
Cottage Glen	1	\$63.79	85
The Estates	3	\$76.72	121
Garden Grove	6	\$67.75	83
Glen	1	\$71.74	21
Inwood Glen	2	\$75.86	12
Inwood Park	11	\$66.94	55
Lake Crest	1	\$98.88	42
Lakes/Lake Point	5	\$84.98	77
Crossing/Landing/Reserve	1	\$69.86	98
Meadows/Park/Retreat	3	\$75.96	39
Oaks/Trails	1	\$76.35	57
Summer Crossing	3	\$71.90	95
Summer Gate	2	\$78.57	52
Summer Ridge	3	\$80.84	58

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