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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 River Review. All photos submitted must represent River Place or the surround area. Our deadine 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 riverreview@peelinc.com. Portrait (vertical) photos work best.

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AUGUST 2013 YARD OF THE MONTH



The River Place Garden Club's winner of the August 2013 Yard of the Month is Jim Shearer who lives at 4106 River Place Blvd. The front yard bursts with color this month. Mexican petunias border the sidewalk and sport purple blooms throughout the warm months. Two tall palm trees frame the entrance, and bougainvillea form a hedge against the front of the house. Jim said he brought the bougainvillea in pots and planted them in the ground. With the mild winter last year, they continued to grow and the non-stop hot pink blossoms will bloom until the first frost. Moving here in 1994, Jim also planted the lantana in front of the bougainvillea for a second

lower border for the house. He said he has put in outdoor lighting and is now working on plantings in his backyard. The Garden Club congratulated Jim on winning in August.

The River Place Garden Club will meet in September and will discuss topics relevant to gardening in central Texas especially in our draught conditions. If River Place residents would like to join the club or attend a meeting as a guest, please contact President Patricia Thomas by email at RiverPlaceGarden@gmail.com for information about meeting locations and topics. The club meets from September through May on the second Thursday of the month.

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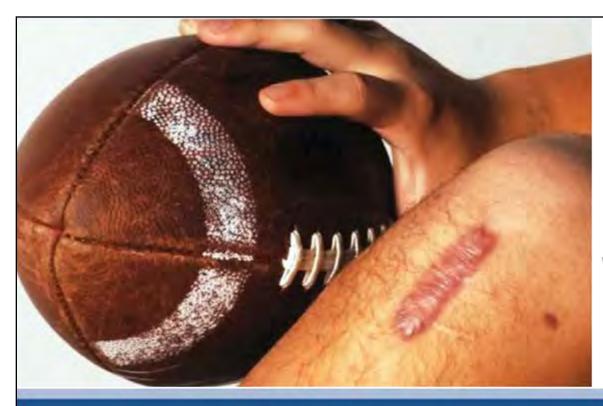
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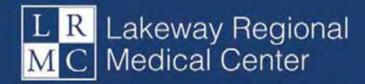




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ALL ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts is the world's largest girl organization dedicated to empowering girls through leadership experiences. Girl Scouts is in the business of growing purposeful leaders. We are the only youth organization to offer the Leadership Experience, which gives girls the opportunity to develop a strong sense of self and a personalized leadership style.

WAYS TO BE A GIRL SCOUT

Girl Scouts offer the freedom to tailor girls' level of involvement to fit their schedule, interest and lifestyle. Though most choose to be in a troop, they also can be a Girl Scout that is only involved in camps, events, travel and special interest series like media, backpacking, STEM or more!

Troops offer girls an opportunity to work with the same group of girls in their own grade level. As a group, the troop participates in several activities over a span of nine to twelve months. Troops can attend council-sponsored events or use their imagination to develop their own activities. One or more adults serve as Troop Leaders who guide the girls in a variety of ways after receiving training and a variety of resources.

GRADE LEVEL GIRL SCOUTS



As a Daisy Girl Scout you will expand your world as you meet in groups of five to 10 girls with two or more adult leaders in a nurturing environment. You might go on trips, learn about nature and science, and explore the arts and your communities. You will learn the Girl Scout Law and Promise. Daisy Girl Scouts can also earn Learning Petals and participation patches.



Be adventurous and bold as you explore the world around you. Brownies do lots of fun and exciting things together. You can earn Try-Its, go on adventures in your community and beyond. Discover friendship, fun and age-appropriate activities at your Brownie Girl Scout meeting. Who knows how far you can go with your imagination and a few adults to help guide you?



Become an agent of change and discover the "power of one" and the "power of team." Join with other Junior Girl Scouts to plan and do amazing things and discover what girl power is all about. You will become more confident and courageous with every step you take to explore the world with your new BFFs and your troop/group leaders, and earn badges and patches to commemorate your Journey.



How many people does it take to make a friendship? How many people does it take to make peace in the world? As a Cadette you can navigate your own course or join with other girls to plan and carry out fun events, amazing new adventures, and community projects, all designed to create healthy and long-lasting relationships.



Imagine a world that is perfect. Let's call it Girltopia. As a Senior Girl Scout you will be challenged to envision an ideal world and use your imagination and courage to take action to move closer to Girltopia. Senior Girl Scouts are leaders. This is your time to put your skills to their best use.



Grade 11-12

At this level of Girl Scouting you won't be asking, "Who's doing something about it?" You will be doing something. Ambassadors learn to advocate for issues that are important to them. You can make a plan, present it to people of influence and create lasting change in the world, no matter where you begin.

Individual Girl Member any grade

Perhaps you are a girl-on-the-go who has no time for group meetings and sees herself as an individual with her own unique journey in mind. You can become an Individual Girl Member. This is a chance for you to be connected to all of the exciting adventures in Girl Scouts without joining a troop.

For more information about area Girl Scouts visit – www.LASUgirlscouts.org.

Hill Country Education Foundation

YOUR FOUR POINTS ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB 2013-2014 ACTIVITIES

August 19 – The Hill Country Education Foundation volunteers are busy preparing for another active year. Please participate in these upcoming events and help Your Four Points Academic Booster achieve academic success in the areas of entrepreneurship, leadership, college-readiness, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

September 9 – VHS Open House. Visit the HCEF table to learn more.

October 1 – HCEF Giving Campaign Begins. HCEF 4th Giving Campaign gets underway. Consider how easily we write a check for one of our kids to participate for a few months on swim team or basketball, or even more for marching band, cheer or a club sport. Now consider the impact we can make as a community when we co-mingle an HCEF donation with the other 6,200 Four Points-area families and create an empowering educational experience for our students. For quick and easy giving, go to www. HillCountryEdFoundation.org.

October 16 – VHS Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally. Visit HCEF volunteers inside the stadium and find out how you can help your Academic Booster Club.

Early November – 5th Annual FIRST® LEGO® League Scrimmage. To learn more this HCEF event, email HCEF Robotics

Chair BeckyLCarter@gmail.com.

February 21 – HCEF Gala at the Oasis. Dinner, Drinks, Silent and Live Auctions, Heads or Tails Game, Live Band and more planned for HCEF's largest fundraiser of the year. To volunteer, donate or learn more, contact mlbeck@HillCountryEdFoundation.org.

Early May – 4th Annual Impact Grant Awards. HCEF Grant Committee will surprise area teachers and administrators with program funding during the annual grant patrol. To date, HCEF has awarded more than \$80,000 in Impact Grants.

ABOUT HILL COUNTRY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

As the Academic Booster Club for eight public schools in the Four Points community, the Hill Country Education Foundation enhances the educational experience of students attending or preparing to attend Vandegrift High School by developing and financing innovative, quality programs and projects. HCEF focuses on leadership, entrepreneurship, college-readiness, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). HCEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The eight schools include Grandview Hills, Laura Welch Bush, River Ridge, River Place and Steiner Ranch Elementary Schools, Canyon Ridge and Four Points Middle Schools and Vandegrift High School.



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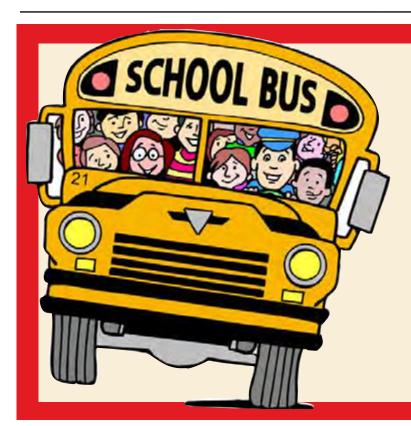


BACK-TO-SCHOOL STRESS CAN TRIGGER ACNE

For teens, getting rid of embarrassing may seem impossible, but Dr. Denise Metry, an assistant professor of dermatology and pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, says improving your skin isn't as difficult as you may think. "Stress can be a catalyst for acne breakouts because it stimulates hormones, which in turn causes some skin glands to pump out more oil," Metry said. She suggests that teens wash their face twice a day with a gentle cleanser, maintain a healthy diet and get adequate rest to help prevent future breakouts.

Other treatment options include topical creams such as Retin-A to help unclog oil ducts and antibacterial creams, lotions or gels with benzoyl peroxide, which can be used alone or in combination with topical or oral antibiotics. Some young women may be prescribed the birth control pill to help control acne, and Metry may recommend chemical peels for those with severe acne. "I think that parents downplay acne a lot of the time, but it can become a serious problem if it's not addressed early on," Metry said. "I encourage kids to talk to their physicians and in severe cases contact a dermatologist."





Back To School

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

Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
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Seven Business Networking Groups in the Area

AREYOU LOOKING TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS IN 2013?

If so, you might be interested in a few of the business networking groups in the area. These are a few to choose from:

STEINER RANCH REFERRALS BNI GROUP

Meetings are on Tuesday mornings from 8:00am to 9:30am at the Oasis. Visitors are welcome! If you are interested please contact Michael Bennett at michael@bennett-tech.net for more information or visit www.BNIAustin.com.

FOUR POINTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Four Points Chamber of Commerce provides networking opportunities at social gatherings, luncheons with guest speakers and activities. The Chamber brings businesses together along highway 620 from Hudson Bend to Anderson Mill and Ranch Road 2222 from Jester to Volente. Four Points Chamber supports business growth in the community where we live, work and play. In less than 6 months Four Points Chamber of Commerce exceeded its first year membership goals and continues to grow! For information about participating in upcoming events or membership benefits visit www.fourpointschamber.com or call (512) 551-0390. Membership inquiries may also be sent directly to membership@FourPointsChamber.com.

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YOUR LOCAL CITY

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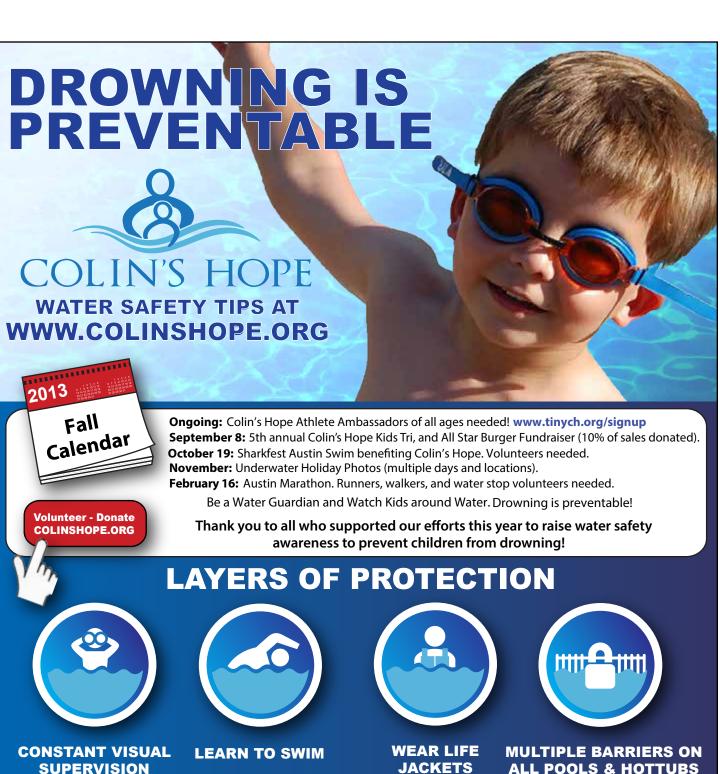
LAKEWAY NETWORKING, INC.

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Lake Travis Republican Club Meeting

Steve Munisteri, Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, will be the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of the Lake Travis Republican Club, to be held Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at the Hills Country Club, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Munisteri grew up in Houston, TX, and is a 39 year veteran of Republican politics in Texas and the United States as a conservative grassroots activist. He started his involvement in 1972 as a volunteer for Hank Grover, Richard Nixon and John Tower. He then went on to form a conservative club at Memorial High School in Houston, and

in 1975, contacted then Harris County GOP Chairman Ray Barnhardt to become involved in the Ronald Reagan for President campaign and to become more involved in the local party. He went on to serve the party in numerous volunteer capacities, including working as a precinct chairman of two different precincts in Harris County, serving as delegate or alternate delegate to numerous state conventions, and serving on the State Republican Executive Committee for State District 17. He has experience in working in over 50 campaigns, in all aspects from blockwalking and phone banks, to sitting in on strategy sessions for national Presidential



campaigns.

Steve also has a long history of involvement in the conservative movement. In 1976, he was selected as state Vice Chairmen for Texas Young Americans for Freedom and served as state Chairmen from 1977 to 1980. In 1980, Munisteri founded Young Conservatives of Texas, a group which continues to produce the future generations of our conservative leaders and elected officials in college campuses across the state.

Mr. Munisteri attended Memorial High School in Houston, before graduating from the University of Texas

in Austin with a BBA in Finance with Honors. He also earned a J.D. from the University of Texas Law School. Following his election to the State Chairmanship at the 2010 Texas GOP Convention in Dallas, Mr. Munisteri obtained a second residence in Travis County and currently serves full-time as the State Party Chairmen at RPT headquarters in Austin.

Tickets for the meeting are available for \$15.00 for members, and \$20.00 for guests. Reservations can be obtained by calling 512-261-0722, or by email at wwarmuth@austin.rr.com. A Lunch Buffet will be served.



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A FOCUS ON

BACKPACK SAFETY TIPS

By: Concentra Urgent Care

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WEAR BOTH STRAPS

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The use of one strap causes one side of the body to bear the weight of the backpack. By using two shoulder straps, the weight of the backpack is evenly distributed.

WEAR OVER STRONGEST MID-BACK MUSCLES

Pay close attention to the way the backpack is positioned on the back. It should rest evenly in the middle of the back. Shoulder straps should be adjusted to allow the child to put on and take off the backpack without difficulty and allow free movement of the arms. Straps should not be too loose, and the backpack should not extend below the low back.

LIGHTEN THE LOAD

Keep the load at 10%-15% or less of the child's body weight. Carry only those items that are required for the day. Organize the contents of the backpack by placing the heaviest items closest to the back. Some students have two sets of books, so as not to have to carry the heavy books to and from school.

PROPER BACKPACK USAGE

While a backpack is still one of the best ways to tote homework, an overloaded or improperly worn backpack gets a failing grade, according to the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). Improper backpack use can cause injury, especially to children with young, growing muscles and joints. Injury can occur when a child, in trying to adapt to a heavy load, uses harmful postures such as arching the back, leaning forward or, if only one strap is used, leaning to one side. According to physical therapists, these postural adaptations can cause spinal compression and/or improper alignment, and may hamper the proper functioning of the disks between the vertebrae that provide a shock absorption. A too-heavy load also causes muscles and soft tissues of the back to work harder,

leading to strain and fatigue. This leaves the back more vulnerable to injury. A heavy load may also cause stress or compression to the shoulders and arms. When nerves are compressed, the child may experience tingling or numbness in the arms.

WHATTO LOOK FOR IN A BACKPACK

Physical therapists recommend the following features when selecting a backpack:

- A padded back to reduce pressure on the back and prevent the pack's contents from digging into the child's back
- A waist belt to help distribute some of the load to the pelvis
- Compression straps on the sides or bottom of the backpack that, when tightened, compress the contents of the backpack and stabilize the articles
 - Reflective material so that the child is visible to drivers at night

THE RESULTS

Worn correctly and not overloaded, a backpack is supported by some of the strongest

muscles in the body: the back and abdominal muscles. These muscle groups work together to stabilize the trunk and hold the body in proper postural alignment.

HOW A PHYSICAL THERAPIST CAN HELP

A physical therapist can help you choose a proper backpack and fit it specifically to your child. Children come in all shapes and sizes, and some have physical limitations that require special adaptations. Additionally, a physical therapist can help improve posture problems, correct muscle imbalances, and treat pain that can result from improper backpack use. Physical therapists can also design individualized fitness programs to help children get strong and stay strong – and carry their own loads.

For more information on backpack safety, visit the American Physical Therapy Association at www.apta. org.

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