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News for the Residents of Blackhorse Ranch



Cub Scout Pack 3 Fall Rally!

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016
7:00 PM @ ROBISON ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA
BOYS 1ST - 4TH GRADE**



Cub Scouts provides elementary age boys and their families a wonderful opportunity to explore the world around them, experience the outdoors, learn new things and most of all just have a lot of fun!! Boys interested in Cub Scouts, and families wanting to know what Cub Scouts is all about, Pack 3 will be hosting a Fall Rally on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Robison Elementary Cafeteria. Families are welcome to attend! Cub Scout Pack 3, chartered thru the A. Robison Elementary PTO, currently has 50 boys, grades 1-5, who primarily attend A. Robison Elementary School. You are not required to attend Robison Elementary in order to attend this rally or to register with Pack 3. You are also not required to join Pack 3 should you register at this rally and wish to join a Pack at your school. So grab some friends and come see what fun is all about! Start your adventure now, join Cub Scouts!! We hope to see a lot of new faces!

Yours in Scouting

Cub Scout Pack 3, cypresspack3.org

WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
SAINT AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Choosing Authenticity: Discover how to reach deeper levels of authenticity in your life and work by engaging with Brene Brown's celebrated research. A Daring Way workshop led by The Rev. Les Carpenter, M.Div., DWF. Saturday, August 6, 9:30-3:30. Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church, 13131 Fry Rd, Cypress, Tx. \$20.00 includes lunch. Registration information available online at <http://aidanschurch.org/brenebrown>. Please call us at 281-373-3203 with questions.



Girl Scouts®

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Through a girl's experience in Girl Scouting, she has additional opportunities to make new friends, have new experiences, and work together with other girls to serve in her community. Girl Scouts is about charting the course of a girl's destiny so she grows up confident, knowing she is capable of achieving great things in life of being successful and doing something significant!

It's August and that means the summer is winding down and school is starting soon. As you start planning your daughter's activities, we hope you plan make Girl Scouts a part of it. If you'd like your daughter to explore new interests, achieve her goals, or simply to make new friends to overcome their shyness, look for Girl Scout recruitment events in your school. Girl Scouts is for girls in grades kindergarten to 12th grade and the cost is \$15.

You can join Girl Scouts at www.gssjc.org or contact Jo Anna Harris at jharris@sjgs.org. We are looking forward to another great year in the Cypress area and hope you can join in on the fun!

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Girls kindergarten to 12th grade are provided amazing opportunities and experiences as a Girl Scout! Not only can they dream about earning a Gold, they can earn it by going the distance in scouting!

Like any good team we also need good coaches! Consider volunteering as a troop leader or co-leader and help girls reach their own Bronze, Silver and Gold! As a troop leader your journey earns an award sure to exceed any Gold!

Girl Scout membership is \$15. Girls and adults can join Girl Scouts and register online at www.gssjc.org, or join us in person to learn more about Girl Scouts at our Fall Rally.

We are looking forward to another great year of Girl Scout adventures and hope you'll go the distance with us!! Be a Girl Scout Olympian and join Girl Scouts today!

Heart of Texas Girl Scouts Fall Rally

KG – 12th grade

Saturday, September 10, 2016 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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BLUE JAYS ARE NOT BLUE?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Blue Jays are easy to recognize because of their crest and their beautiful blue, black and white markings. They are also one of our larger birds, some reaching a foot long. Although beautiful, some consider them a nuisance because they can be aggressive. Aggressiveness towards humans can occur when a Blue Jay is protecting its nest. They've also been known to dive-bomb cats and dogs. They can imitate the sounds of the Red-shouldered Hawk and often do this to keep predators away from the nest. Because they are such good parents and very protective, TWRC Wildlife Center rarely receives any eyes-closed nestlings at the Center.

Did you know that Blue Jays aren't really blue? The color we see is the result of the inner structure of the feathers. There are two types of color in birds—pigmented and structural. The cardinal looks red because the feathers really are red. This is pigmented. Blue and green are unique colors in the animal kingdom and are considered structural colors. To explain as simply as possible, the blue in the Blue Jay is caused by microscopic structures in the feather that refract light like a prism. When the light passes through a dark layer of melanin, some wavelengths are filtered out, and the bird looks blue. Feathers look blue for the same reason the sky looks blue.

In late summer you may see a bald Blue Jay. Don't automatically assume that it is sick or has been attacked by another animal. Blue Jays, as well as Cardinals, go through a complete molt of their head feathers but they do grow back.

During the spring, TWRC Wildlife Center admits hundreds of Blue Jays, both adults and babies. They are admitted to our on-site care program and require daily care. If you'd like to learn how to feed and care for Blue Jays, volunteer and become a part of our Baby Bird Program. It's fun, it's rewarding and you'll be helping our wildlife. For more information go to:

www.twrcwildlifecenter.org



August Meeting

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting for the month of August will be held on Tuesday, August 16th 2016, at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dr. Christina Hughes, Associate Professor of Political Science, at University of Houston Downtown will be our Guest Speaker. She would be speaking on "Gerrymandered legislative districts in Texas: Madison's Federalist No.10 and lack of competitive districts."

Everybody is welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings foster great fellowship and feature informative guest speakers. For further information, visit the website www.cytomdems.com; contact Cris Hernandez at cytomdems@yahoo.com; Follow us on Facebook at Cypress- Tomball Democrats.



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Cy-Fair Republican Women

August is evening social time. We will enjoy guest speaker Dr. Neil Frank, Meteorologist, at Hearthstone Country Club on Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 PM.

Dr. Frank's topic is Climate Change: Myths and Facts. Join us for Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar. \$15/person - RSVP & PREPAYMENT REQUIRED by August 1st. Please refer to www.cfrw.net for info and payment flyer.

September 13th we will resume our General Meeting at 10:30 AM - Noon. (Second Tuesday each month)

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$20.

**Hearthstone Country Club,
7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095**

*Enjoy likeminded fellowship and getting to know our candidates.
All are welcome! Candidates, we want to get to know each of you.
August social will replace our General Business Meeting.*

Cypress Texas Tea Party

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:

Saturday, August 6, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Scott Ford, Raging Elephants Radio, "How to keep your family safe in the digital age"

Saturday, August 27, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Dr. Tom Oliverson, Candidate for Texas Representative, District 130

- Erin Lunceford, Judge, 61st District Court

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday Noon until 2:00 PM at:

Spring Creek BBQ
25831 Northwest Freeway
Cypress, Texas 77429
Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/OoNjY>

A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, www.cypresstexasteaparty.org

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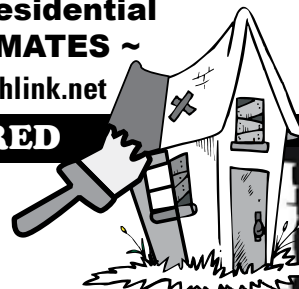
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Time and place: Meetings are held at the Hearthstone Country Club. Lunch is served at 12:15pm, followed by a brief, informative program. Adjournment is at 1:15pm.

What is Kiwanis? Kiwanis is an international service organization. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club of Houston seeks to serve this community through sponsoring Key Clubs for high school students, Builders Clubs for middle school students, and Aktion clubs for adults with disabilities. Also, we sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. We provide support to various other organizations in the community that serve children and families. Enjoy the pleasure of being a part of this service.

Visit the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club website at:
www.KIWANISHOUSTONCYFAIR.COM

For more information, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373; George Crowlat 832-467-1998; or Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127.

19TH Annual Salute to the Stars Gala

Thursday, October 13, 2016, the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF) will host its 19th annual Salute to the Stars Gala at the Berry Center. Our underwriter, Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital joins us in celebrating Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. (CFISD) Spotlight Teachers, along with major sponsors IBI Group, Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union, North Cypress Medical Center Hospital, Northwest Dodge, and S-G Owners Association.

Salute to the Stars has raised \$2 million for innovative staff development grants for district teachers and instructional leaders, and scholarships for graduating seniors. The Salute to the Stars Gala honors CFISD Spotlight Teachers who are selected by campus principals for their outstanding dedication in providing valuable instruction to students.

CFEF was established in 1970 as a non-profit to raise money to fund a scholarship for high school graduates in the area. Over the past 46 years, the Foundation has grown tremendously through the efforts of the Board of Trustees and the generosity of the Cy-Fair Community. The Foundation has awarded almost \$7 million in scholarships to over 1400 graduating seniors. CFEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions are tax deductible, as allowed by the law.

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For those wishing only to train, join us in Katy for AHFC Friday Night Academy. Visit Katy Youth Soccer to register for this Friday Fun Program.

Email us at jhsl@albionhurricanes.org for more information or questions.

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Come Join The Fun!

Kids' Running Team's Cross Country Season Starts September 6th

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross-Country Team kicks off the fall season with registration and a mandatory orientation for parents and athletes on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston. Registration starts online September 1 at www.northwestflyers.org. Practices are held at the Cypress Creek YMCA and Spring Creek Park in Tomball.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is celebrating its 30th year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome. Middle school and high school cross country athletes can also register, but should compete after their cross country season is over.

For more information contact Coach Eric Wentworth at emw185@gmail.com or 281-961-6603. Visit www.northwestflyers.org to get updates and learn more about the team.



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