

# SPECTATOR

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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CYPRESS CREEK LAKES

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## 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!

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*Cub Scout Pack 3, [cypresspack3.org](http://cypresspack3.org)*

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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](http://www.gssjc.org) or contact Jo Anna Harris at [jharris@sjgs.org](mailto: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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## St Aidan Fall Fest

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Girl Scout membership is \$15. Girls and adults can join Girl Scouts and register online at [www.gssjc.org](http://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!

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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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## 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](http://www.cytomdems.com); contact Cris Hernandez at [cytomdems@yahoo.com](mailto:cytomdems@yahoo.com); Follow us on Facebook at Cypress- Tomball Democrats.



## 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](http://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,  
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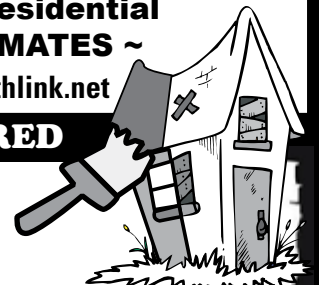
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## Cypress Texas Tea Party

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

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Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/OoNjY>

A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, [www.cypresstexasteaparty.org](http://www.cypresstexasteaparty.org)

## KIWANIS CLUB OF CY-FAIR HOUSTON

If you live or work in the Cy-Fair area, we would welcome the opportunity to meet you and tell you about the service the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club gives to our community. Be our guest at our meeting on August 2, 9, and 16.

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:

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## Dead spots in the lawn? Look for chinch bugs

Chinch bugs often appear in Texas lawns during hot, dry conditions. Usually damage starts in sunny locations or near driveway and sidewalk areas. Damage appears as irregular dead patches in the lawn surrounded by yellowing or dying grass. Chinch bug damage can be mistaken for other lawn problems like white grubs or fungal diseases, so confirmation of chinch bug activity is needed before choosing proper treatment.

So how do you tell if you have chinch bugs? The easiest way is to look for the insects. One way to look is to cut both ends out of a can, push it into the ground using a twisting motion and then fill the can with water for about 10 minutes and wait for any bugs to float to the top. Another way would be to get down on your hands and knees and part the grass to look for the insects. For both methods, samples should be taken in the damaged (yellowed grass), not dead, grass areas.

Chinch bugs are small (about 1/5 of an inch as adults; immatures are smaller). Adults are black with white wings containing triangular markings. Nymphs, or immatures, are yellowish or pinkish with a light colored band across their body. Nymphs do not have fully developed wings.

Treatment is usually a liquid or granular formulation. Liquid

formulations are often bottles that attach to the end of the garden hose or concentrates that you mix with water in a tank sprayer. Granular formulations are applied with push spreaders and need to be watered in after treatment.

Treatment should be applied to the area where damage is occurring and several feet out from the damaged area; the entire yard does not have to be treated. All label instructions should be read and followed before and during the treatment.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.

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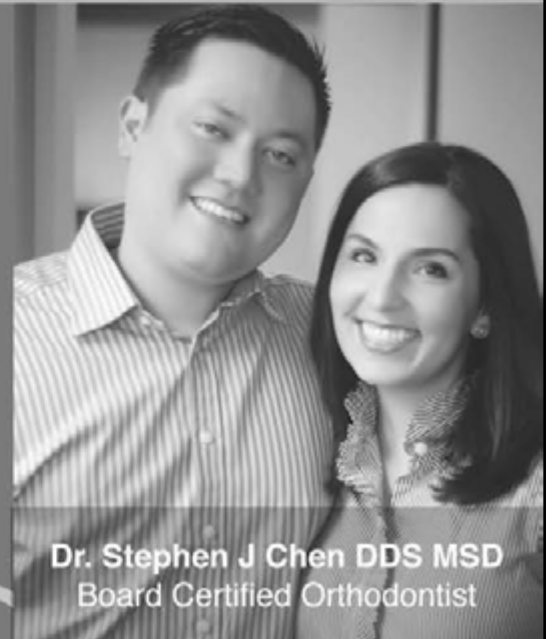
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## BLUE JAYS ARE NOT BLUE?

*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:

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# TENNIS TIPS

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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, Jill Schmidt, player at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

**Step 1: The Ready Position:** When Jill is getting ready to return the serve, her 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 Back Swing:** Once Jill realizes that the ball has been directed to her forehand, she will turn her upper body and will take the racket back. Notice that the left hand is up in front to allow her to keep her center of gravity in the center. She has

loaded her weight on her right foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball

**Step 3: The Point of Contact:** Jill now is ready to step into the ball. She has kept her eye on the ball and her 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 4: The Extension of the Point of Contact:** Jill is now directing the ball toward the opponent's court. Her eyes have now shifted toward her target and her body weight is now fully in front of her left foot. The left hand is still helping to keep the center of gravity in the center without opening up too early.

**Step 5: The Follow Through:** Once Jill has finished her stroke, the momentum of the racket continues to move almost to a point behind her neck. Her left hand is next to her body and her right elbow is pointing toward her target. Her 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



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\$351,000--\$450,999	3	3	6	6	6	2	3	3	10	6
\$276,000--\$350,999	0	1	1	4	0	3	5	3	7	1
\$231,000--\$275,999	0	2	2	2	0	5	1	1	4	1
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<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>
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