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# RANCH RECORD News for the Residents of Blackhorse Ranch

### WELCOME TO BLACKHORSE RANCH RECORD



The Ranch Record is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Blackhorse Ranch residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www. PEELinc.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/ honors/ celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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## Visit the 2017 St. Mary's Fall Gift Market!

On Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is hosting its 12th annual Fall Gift Market. This is the ideal event to kick off your holiday shopping and decorating! The convenient location at the corner of Louetta Road and N. Eldridge Parkway makes it easy to shop the selection of unique jewelry, home decor, creative toys, handcrafted gifts, collectibles, pottery, candles and trendy clothing for ladies and children. The Fall Gift Market also features The Tea Room offering the famous taco soup, sandwiches, desserts and homemade baked goods, plus the Silent Auction benefiting churchaffiliated projects and outreach. For more information, please visit stmaryscypress.org, or call Michelle at 832-559-8726.

# **Attention Parents of Graduating Seniors!**

We would like to recognize our graduating seniors by including a small picture and a few lines about where your child will be attending college. Please send your information to articles@peelinc.com (include the newsletter you would like to recognize them in, photo, name, etc).

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Ambulance	
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Warner Elementary School	
Spillane Middle School	
Cy Woods High School	
Cy Fair High School	
Cypress Ranch High School	

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Please support the businesses that advertise in the Ranch Record. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all Blackhorse Ranch residents to receive the monthly newsletter at no charge. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact our sales office at 888-687-6444 or <u>advertising@</u> <u>PEELinc.com</u>. The advertising deadline is the 8th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

# **INTRODUCING** "Get To Know Your Neighbors"

We are all very fortunate to call Blackhorse Ranch home. But, Blackhorse Ranch is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant community brimming with familyfriendly neighborhoods, chock-full of fascinating, talented people. Our variety is what makes us so both unique and extraordinary. However, sometimes, we get so busy, we lose sight of how interesting and diverse we've become. We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, "Get to Know Your Neighbors" which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

If you know of a person or a family that you believe is making Blackhorse Ranch a better place to live, please let us know. We would like to introduce them to your neighbors.



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# **Don't Spend Your Holiday in the Hospital**

Physicians encourage safety while celebrating Independence Day

The upcoming Independence Day holiday may have people thinking about fireworks, barbecues, and outdoor activities. However, they are the very same activities that can make the holiday a dangerous one. In fact, according to the National Safety Council, Independence Day is one of the most dangerous holiday weekends of the year. Physicians and staff at the Memorial Hermann Convenient Care Center in Cypress want to remind people to stay safe while celebrating.

"We see a lot of heat and firework related injuries during the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Parents may not think about it, but even sparklers can cause serious burns," says Marco Garza, M.D., a boardcertified emergency medicine physician and Medical Director of the Emergency Center at Memorial Hermann Convenient Care Center in Cypress. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reminds parents that sparklers can burn at a temperature of 2,000 degrees.

The CPSC also offers these tips to use fireworks more safely:

- Follow local laws

- Do not allow young children to play with fireworks and older children should have adult supervision

- Never have any portion of your body directly over a firework while lighting

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Tues-Thurs 9AM - 7PM Fri 9AM - 5PM Sat 9AM - 4PM - Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies If a person is burned by a firework, the injury may need immediate care.

"Any burn involving your face, hands, feet, genitals or over a major joint should get medical attention. If the burn is larger than your hand, or a blister forms soon after the injury, you should go to the emergency center or call 9-1-1," adds Dr. Garza.

The summer heat can also prove dangerous over the holiday weekend.

"It's no secret that it's hot here in Texas. Spending too much time in the sun can lead to everything from sunburn to heatstroke," reminds Dr. Garza. Physicians encourage people to stay hydrated, use sunscreen, and take a break from the sun when possible.

"If you do choose to drink alcohol over the holiday weekend, it's even more important that you also drink plenty of water. Excessive alcohol consumption can cause dehydration. Dehydration combined with the Texas heat can make for a dangerous situation," advises Dr. Garza.

If an emergency does arise, the Memorial Hermann Convenient Care Center in Cypress offers a 24-hour emergency center at their location at 27700 Northwest Freeway in Cypress, Texas. The Convenient Care Center also offers access to primary care (Continued on Page 4)



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physicians through the Memorial Hermann Medical Group, a diagnostic laboratory, outpatient imaging, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Breast Care with Memorial Hermann and Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation.

### About Memorial Hermann

An integrated health system, Memorial Hermann is known for world-class clinical expertise, patient-centered care, leading edge technology, and innovation. The system, with its exceptional medical staff and more than 24,000 employees, serves to advance health in Southeast Texas and the Greater Houston community. Memorial Hermann's 14 hospitals include four hospitals in the Texas Medical Center: an acute care hospital which houses the Memorial Hermann Red Duke Trauma Institute and a Level I trauma center of which Life Flight<sup>®</sup> air ambulance is a part, a hospital for children, a rehabilitation hospital and an orthopedic and spine hospital; nine suburban hospitals; and a second rehabilitation hospital in Katy. The system also operates three Heart & Vascular Institutes, the Mischer Neuroscience Institute, three IRONMAN Sports Medicine Institute locations, urgent care centers, convenient care centers, joint replacement centers, cancer centers, imaging and surgery centers, sports medicine and rehabilitation centers, outpatient laboratories, a chemical dependency treatment center, a home health agency, a retirement community and a nursing home.

## Crimson Cadettes Drill Team DANCE CLINIC

The Cy-Woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team will host their 12th Annual Dance Clinic and Performance for boys and girls from K –12th grade. The Clinic will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on August 4th, 2017. Participants will learn dance technique from Crimson Cadette team members! Registration includes specially choreographed routines for each age group, a t-shirt, drink and snack. Showoffs Performance will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Main Gym Please register by July 20th to receive the pre-registration price of \$50. T-Shirt not guaranteed unless registered by July 20th.

This is a major fund-raiser for the Cadettes and enables them to participate in activities throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

For more information email Lapoteet@gmail.com or check out our website at www.crimsoncadettes.com, where you will find a sign-up form and a link to PayPal for easy payment.

Crimson Cadette Dance Clinic August 4th, 2017 9:00 – 1:00 (Door registration will begin at 8:15a.m.) Cypress Woods High School



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## **Cy-Fair Republican Women** July Meeting

Tuesday, July 11th will be CFRW General Meeting from 10:30 AM - Noon.

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$23.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

All are welcome! Bring a friend to lunch and enjoy discussing timely topics with brilliant Republican Women! Speaker to be announced. RSVP to www.cfrw.net by July 3rd. We look forward to seeing you there!

In August, we have an evening social. Watch for details.

SAVE the DATE—November 3rd for High Heels & High Tea at Sterling CC. Watch this space or website for further details.



# Ranch Record Cypress **Area Food Pantry**

Do you know of someone who has trouble putting food on the table? Maybe their employment was suddenly terminated; maybe it's a choice between medications or food; for whatever reason a family can find themselves in a situation where they need a little help.

Fountain of Life Church of God on Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm and the only requirement is that the client should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner

77429. For more information, contact 281-373-9337. Food donations and volunteers are also greatly appreciated.

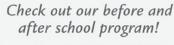
Computerized job search and resume preparation and printing are also available.



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**HEALTH & FITNESS** 



## NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

Calling all Aggie moms!!! We would love to see you at one of the Aggie Mom mixers this summer, hosted by the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's club. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other Aggie moms, and to meet members of the NWHC Aggie Mom's Club, in a fun & casual get-together! The dates for the mixers are: June 29, July 13 & July 16. Come alone or bring another Aggie Mom with you! Please check our website (above) for details on locations.

And please mark your calendars for Tues, August 8th at 6:30 pm. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas!! This is our annual Howdy party, and a great way to meet other Aggie Moms, find out about upcoming events, and enter for a chance to win a door prize! We welcome all Aggie Moms, whether of freshman Aggies, current Aggie students or former Aggies. We'd love to meet you!

# **CY-FAIR WOMEN'S CLUB**

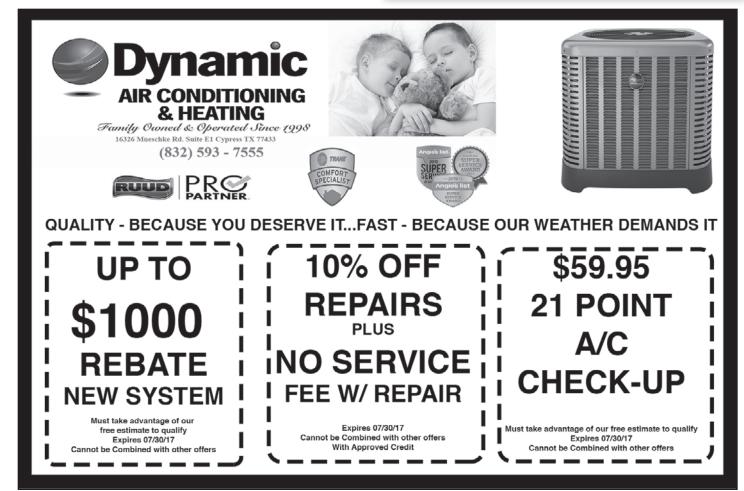
Save the Date Shop 'til You Drop Marketplace, presented by Cy-Fair Women's Club.

Saturday, September 9th, 2017.

The Berry Center www.cyfairwomensclub.com

## VENDOR OPPORTUNITY

Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church ACE Committee announces our Fall Holiday Market to be held on Sunday, October 29th from 10am to 5pm. Saint Aidan's is located at 13131 Fry Road, just South of 290. Great highly visible outdoor space with Fall Festival activities including Blessing of Animals, Trunk-n-Treat, Live Music, Children's Area, Silent Action and much more. For Additional Information and Booth Reservation form contact us at 281.373.3202 or email at fallfest@aidanschurch.org. Online registration also available Fall Festival Vendor Registration.



### TEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION

## TICK CONTROL IN THE YARD

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This article covers what to do about ticks in your yard. I didn't want to make it too long, so I decided to just link to sources giving information on how to treat pets or yourself/ family.

Ticks are arachnids with two body regions, eight legs (except the first stage

out of the egg has only six legs and is called a seed tick), and no antennae. Ticks come in a variety of sizes depending upon if they are nymphs or adult, male or female, engorged or not. Ticks require a blood meal before molting to the next stage of their development as well as adult females requiring a blood meal before laying eggs.

Since ticks can feed on multiple hosts during their lifetime, including humans and other animals, they are capable of transmitting disease organisms through their bite. For more information on diseases transmitted by ticks see this link:

https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/index.html

Ticks wait hosts by climbing up vertical surfaces such as vegetation, fences or shrubbery. When a host brushes past, ticks grab on and locate a suitable spot for feeding. To reduce ticks in your yard you can try some or all of the following:

- Keep grass mowed
- Clear brush, weeds, or overgrown areas
- Discourage wildlife
- Remove debris from the yard
- Treat yard with insecticide making sure to go up surfaces as ticks will climb upwards to grab onto a passing host
- Treat pets

For information on how to deal with ticks on your pet(s) see this source: https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on\_pets.html

For how to avoid getting, properly inspecting for, or removing ticks from yourself or family members see this source:

https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on\_people.html

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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# RANCH RECORD **DID YOU KNOW THIS IS ILLEGAL?**

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Little did Ernesto Pulido know that he was breaking the law when he disturbed the nests of egrets and black-crowned night herons while trimming trees for the U.S. Postal Service in 2014. He was charged with a misdemeanor violation of the

U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and because he showed remorse, was only fined \$3,000 to cover the cost of rehabilitating the injured baby birds. He could have been fined \$15,000 and faced six months in jail.

Most people are totally unaware of the Act and that it is one of the oldest wildlife protection laws on the books. Simply stated it's a law that protects birds from people. In 1916 the United States entered into a treaty with Great Britain (acting on behalf of Canada) whereby the two countries agree to end the hunting of insect-eating birds and established hunting seasons for game birds. In order to implement the treaty, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act was passed in 1918 by Congress which makes it illegal to "pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill," or "sell" a migratory bird or any of its parts, including nests, eggs, and feathers except under the terms of a valid permit issued pursuant to Federal regulations. The Act mostly came about because birds were needlessly being killed for their feathers which made great fashion accessories. Entire birds were stuffed and attached to the tops of hats. Birds were also being served in restaurants.

In 1936, the USA signed a similar treaty with Mexico. Japan and the Soviet Union were added in the 1970s. In 1972 an amendment to the Act added protection for an additional 32 families of birds including eagles, hawks, owls and corvids. Since then more species have been added to include almost every native species in the USA with a few exceptions like the House Sparrow, the European Starling and the domestic pigeon. Some of the birds don't actually migrate but are still protected under this Act. For a complete listing of protected birds go to:

https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/ migratory-bird-treaty-act-protected-species.php.

It wasn't until 2013 that the Department of Justice enforced the Act for the first time by penalizing a wind farmer for killing Golden Eagles and other birds at two sites in Wyoming. The farmer was fined \$1 million. A second wind farmer was penalized a year later and fined \$2.5 million.

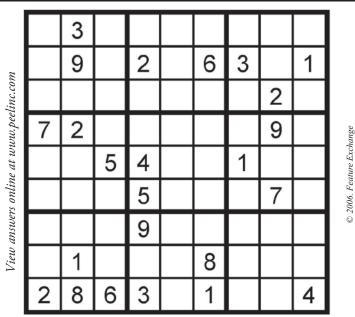
So what does all of this mean to you? Let's say a bird builds a nest above your front door and drops poop everywhere. Can you remove the nest? NO—it's illegal. Can my son take bird eggs to school for show and tell? NO—it's illegal. We collect bird feathers. Is this okay? NO—it's illegal. I found a nest and I brought it in the house. ILLEGAL. We found a dead Blue Jay and we want to have it "stuffed" for display. Guess what? ILLEGAL. We live on a farm and randomly shoot birds for fun. Is this legal? NO, NO, NO. In July 2007, a man was sentenced to six months in a federal halfway house, five years probation with no contact with firearms, and a fine of a \$65,000 fine for killing protected birds on his property.

Although this law may seem a little silly to the average person, it does serve a purpose. It reminds us that we must learn to live in harmony with wildlife and not purposely disrupt or cause harm to other living beings.

TWRC Wildlife Center serves a great purpose as well. We help wildlife that has been injured, orphaned or displaced and return them to the wild. Your donations help us keep the doors open and allow us to provide this service to the public free of charge. Please see our website for more information on what we do and how you can help. www.twrcwildlifecenter.org



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- Custom Staining
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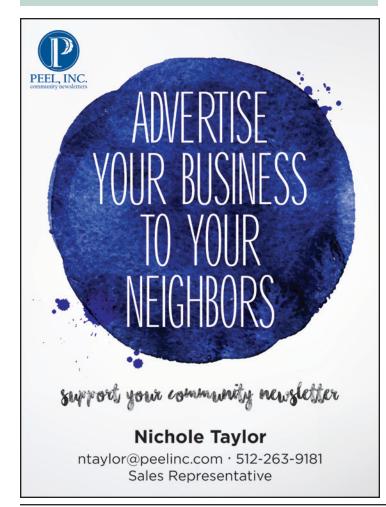
### Ingredients

- 1 lb. Italian Sausage
- 1 (15 oz.) can pizza sauce, divided
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 1/2 c. shredded pizza cheese
- 1/2 c. diced Canadian bacon
- 1/2 c. chopped pepperoni
- 2 (8 oz.) tubes refrigerated crescent rolls

### Instructions

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2. In a large skillet over medium heat cook sausage and garlic until no longer pink. Drain grease off. Stir in 1/2 c. pizza sauce, pepperoni, Canadian bacon and 1 c. pizza cheese.
- 3. Unroll crescent dough and separate into triangles. Arrange triangles on a 14 inch ungreased pizza pan with points toward the outside and wide ends overlapping at the center, leaving a 4 inch opening in the center. Press overlapping dough to seal.
- 4. Spoon the mixture onto the wide ends of the triangles. Fold pointed ends of triangles over filling, tucking points under to form a a ring. The filling will be visible.
- 5. Baked for 12-15 minutes or until the crescents are golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Serve with remaining pizza sauce.

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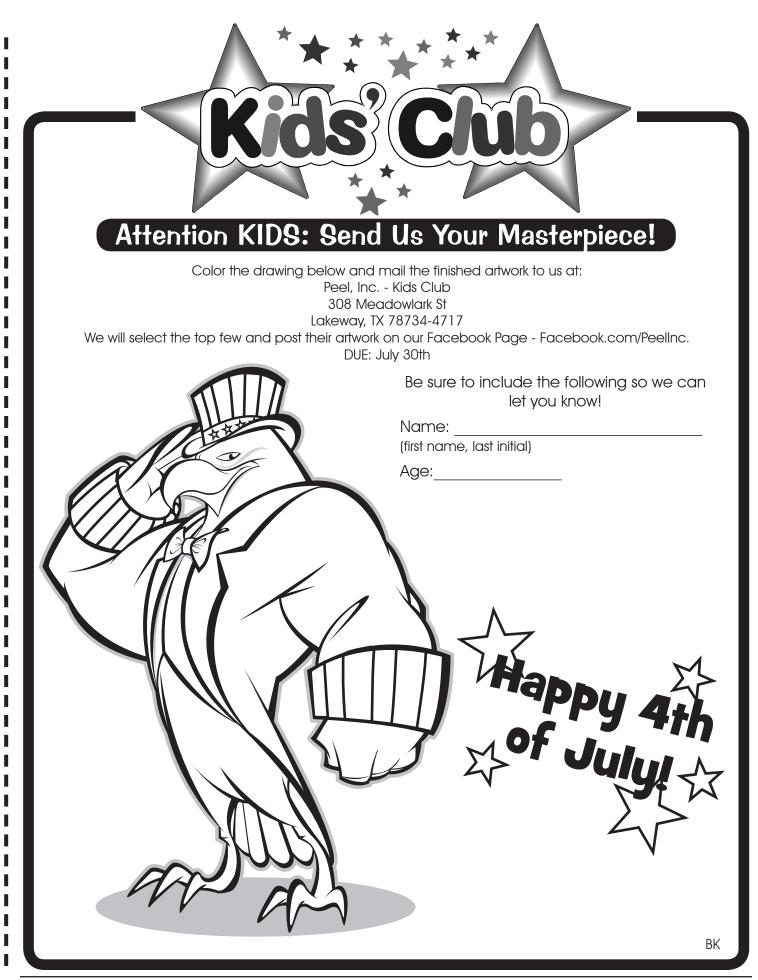
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