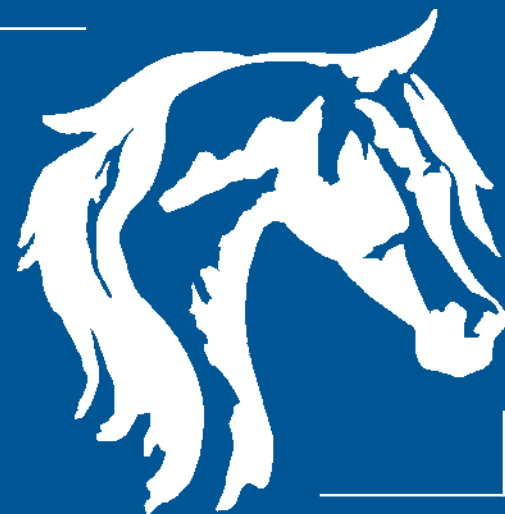


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News for the Residents of Blackhorse Ranch



Cypress Family Invited to MLB Spring Training and Immediately Start Teaching

A father and two sons from Cypress Texas were invited to the Oakland Athletics Spring Training camp to demonstrate a new “timing” training for batters and were immediately inserted into the drills for players to perform. The reason the Cox family (lifelong Astros fans) were invited to the A’s camp was because this teams newly selected vision doctor, had seen their timing training and said, “What you have created, I have dreamed about for 30 years.” “As soon as I got the call from the A’s, I thought of your training.” So, Robin, Preston (Cy Ranch H.S.) and Ethon (Cy Fair H.S.) journeyed to Mesa Arizona to demonstrate a ‘pitching’ machine that mimics the best Cy Young pitchers in Major League Baseball...only better.

Robin had no idea what to expect and was only told that they would be given about two-hours to demonstrate the timing machines capabilities. He asked himself, would they drive 1200 miles, give a short demo and then have to turn around and come back? But he had no worries, he just put it all in Gods hands. Afterall, what an adventure to make with two of your sons.

They arrived the day before the demonstration and since the machine was a prototype, they wanted to make sure it was working properly. After they set up, one of the coaches came by and asked, can I see it? So, they gave him a demonstration. What was the coach’s reaction? He was instantly amazed and immediately went to get more coaches to come and see the timing machine.

The next day, the buzz around the camp was about the timing machine and when it was time to demonstrate, they had over 20 coaches and sports vision doctors inside the batting cage crowding in on both sides of home plate, all trying to get a better view of the pitches. The common denominator between all the coaches and doctors after seeing a few pitches...they just look at each other and smile...’as they ask, how do they do that?’

Instead of packing to leave, the coaches decided right then to make them part of their practice as they demonstrated their timing training to over 75 players. Why?

Imagine being able to practice every day against the best MLB pitches in the league. Tracking and timing a “Verlander type” slider and next an “Aroldis Chapman type” fastball and then a “Kershaw curve?” and programmed to throw in any combination to any location of the strike zone...but now you can practice against these pitches every day!

As one player told them, “Every College and High school team will want this!” And another chimed in, “Shoot, every Little Leaguers mom will want this.” Will you improve your timing? Well the Oakland A’s seemed to think so because they indicated that they would be interested to put this timing training at every level within their organization. So, what is next step for the Cox’s.

The next step is to place their NextGen machine “Nolan” through a mileage test to verify no significant mechanical issues after 100,000 plus pitches. And barring an exclusive deal with the A’s or another MLB club, they want to help baseball and softball players of every age enjoy the game more...because hitting is fun...and its why we play the game.

What started out as a grand adventure for a father and his sons has now turned into something far more important...helping the underdog. Whether it’s the Little Leaguer sitting at the end of the bench, a prospective select or high school player or a small market MLB team.

Parents or coaches of baseball and softball players interested in improving their timing for hitting...may contact Coach Robin at Robin.Cox@BreakoutHitting.com

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Cy-Fair Helping Hands Holds Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting, Hosts Annual Open House

Cy-Fair Helping Hands, a non-profit organization that serves the homeless and hungry in Cy-Fair, hosted more than 150 community businesses and organizations, church representatives and donors at their Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting, and CFHH Annual Open House last month, at their new Copperfield location, at 7520 Cherry Park, Suite B, Houston, Texas, 77095.

Volunteers stationed throughout the new facility provided an overview of the ministry's vision through Homeless and Outreach initiatives, and shared information on partnering with Cy-Fair Helping Hands in serving those in need in Cy-Fair. Representatives from the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Homeless Outreach Team, (HOT), were on hand to provide an insight into the plight of the homeless in Harris County, and how they are working with Cy-Fair Helping Hands to serve the homeless. Joining CFHH for the event were representatives of KSBJ radio station.

Cody Holder, Community Aide to Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, made a special Proclamation presentation from the Commissioner. Mike Haines reflected on the event, "I'm not easily impressed, but today was memorable. The attendance, the presentation, organization, the food, and overall quality of the event was groundbreaking for these types of events. Your organization should be congratulated on all of your hard work."

Community eateries, caterers and businesses provided light bites, and desserts. These included: Five Central, Yokohamaya Japanese Restaurant, Fajita Pete's Copperfield, Brooks' Place, Eji's Culinary Catering, Hailey's Italian Restaurant, Suzybeez Bakery, Big Daddy's Sweet Shop, Nyam Nyam Cafe, The Lost Cajun, Healthy Plate, Healthy You, H-E-B Market, New City Mortgage, L.R. Watson, Laura Robbins, and Shirley Muse. Door prizes for the event were donated by Blackhorse Golf Course, Consolidated Mills, Inc., Face to Face Spa, H-E-B Market, Jersey Meadows Golf Course, and Sprouts Farmer's Market.

Cy-Fair Helping Hands, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, was founded in 2010, to meet the critical needs of the homeless, struggling individuals, and families in the Cy-Fair area. Without judgment, CFHH provides services free of charge to their clients, treating each with dignity and respect. Cy-Fair Helping Hands is staffed entirely by volunteers. All funding for the organization comes from private donations from individuals, churches, and local businesses.

Cy-Fair Helping Hands was awarded the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce 2018 Non-Profit of the Year at a special Chamber luncheon on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, held at the Berry Center. For more information about Cy-Fair Helping Hands, go to the website: www.cyfairhelpinghands.org.

Red Nose Day



On Saturday, May 4th, team members from Walgreens Cy-Fair district got together to raise money for Red Nose Day. We went to "Painting With a Twist," and painted a landscape on canvas. The price was \$35 a head and this business gave half of the proceeds back to help with our charity. We raised a lot of money at this event and had A lot of fun. Red Nose Day is

a chance for us to help end child poverty.

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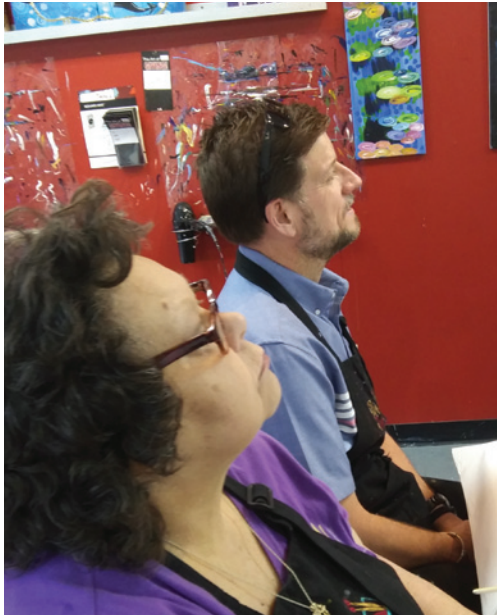
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Red Nose Day was on Thursday **May 23, 2019.**

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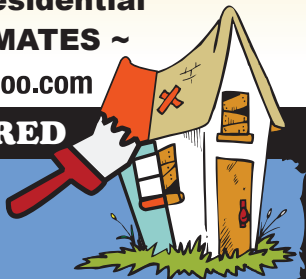
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Bird Bath Bliss *By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center*



The heat is on! Just like us, birds enjoy and need a clean drink of water and a cooling bath. You can do birds a great service by providing a birdbath where they can drink, bathe and preen. Here is some helpful information regarding birdbaths.

- Birds aren't going to swim in it so it doesn't have to be deep. They only partially submerge their bodies so the optimal depth is from 1 to 3 inches.

- The bottom of your birdbath should not be slippery. If it is, you can add small rocks to the bottom.

- Birds are attracted by moving water so if you want to attract a larger number of birds, you should consider purchasing one with that feature. If you already have a birdbath, you can purchase a piece to attach to it. There are also misters available for purchase.

- Your birdbath need not be fancy. Trust me, birds don't care. The color, shape and style is of little importance

- A dirty birdbath is hazardous to birds. Stagnant water can harbor unhealthy concentrations of bacteria that cause diseases. Stagnant water can also attract mosquitoes that may carry diseases dangerous to both humans and birds. There are numerous soaps and cleansers

on the market but the best solution to keeping your birdbath clean is to mix nine parts water to one part vinegar. Chemicals found in commercial cleaners can strip birds of essential oils in their feathers. Scrub your birdbath with the solution and a brush and rinse, rinse, rinse. Be sure to refill the birdbath every couple of days. There are self-cleaning, self-filling units on the market, too, although you can expect to pay considerably more for those.

- In our part of the country, it doesn't get extremely cold in the winter but you can add a heater to the birdbath if you wish. Just search for birdbath heaters on the web.

TWRC Wildlife Center is admitting hundreds of baby birds right now and some are coming to us needlessly. When baby birds are old enough, they will leave the nest before they are able to fly. They will spend several days on the ground until their flight feathers develop. These birds are called fledglings. Before picking up the fledgling, wait and observe. In most cases you'll see Mom watching over them and feeding them. If you don't see Mom after a period of time, it's okay to rescue the bird and bring it to us for care. Do not attempt to feed it or give it water! Keep in safe and warm in a box and get it to us as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, you can call us at 713.468.8972. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10am to 7pm. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 2pm.

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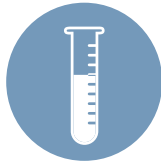
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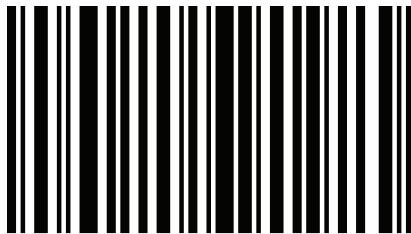
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