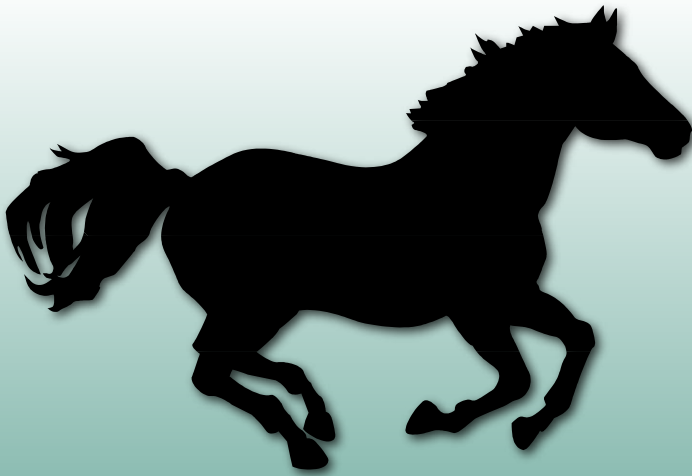


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# RANCH RECORD

*News For The Residents of  
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*Pictures with Santa at Bridgeland*



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Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

The performances will be held at the beautiful Westfield's Geiger Performing Arts Center, 16713 Ella Boulevard; 1 mile south of 1960.

Reserved seating tickets are \$18.00 each (group sales available) and may be purchased at: American Academy of Dance, 15775 Bammel Village Drive, 1 block west of Kuykendahl; on the south side of FM 1960. For best available seating purchase your tickets early. Credit Cards are accepted.

Featured Professional Guest Artists will join the cast of 75 local dancers, including the Houston Dance Theatre Company.

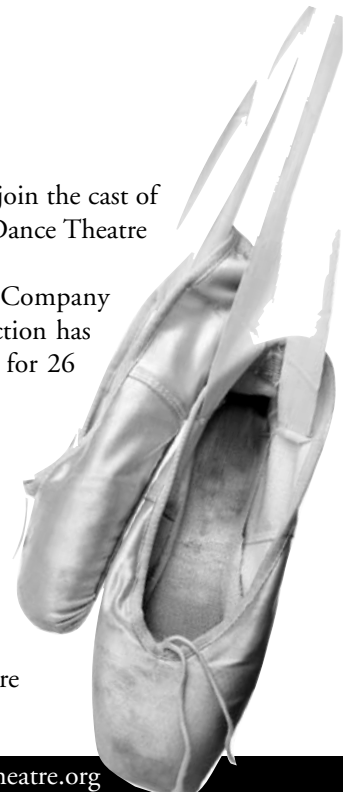
Houston Dance Theatre is an Honor Company of Regional Dance America. This production has enhanced the arts in our fine community for 26 years.

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Please join us on Thursday, November 5th @ 7:00 pm in the Commons area at Cy-Woods High School for our WRAP General Parent meeting (earn 5,000 WRAP bucks for attending). For more information on WRAP, please visit our website at [cywoodswrap.org](http://cywoodswrap.org), contact us via email at [cywoodswrap@yahoo.com](mailto:cywoodswrap@yahoo.com) or join us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/WRAP2010>.

The next WRAP General Parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd @ 7:00 pm.

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Scrrips is a term that means "substitute money". This program allows WRAP members to purchase gift cards for everyday expenses like food, clothing, and entertainment; and with each purchase, earn revenue for WRAP. Don't forget the holidays are coming and what better gift than a gift card, so plan early and order gift cards for everyone on your list. Please contact Lisa or Douglas Bell at [douglasbell@yahoo.com](mailto:douglasbell@yahoo.com) with any questions or to place an order. Orders can be placed at every monthly WRAP meeting.

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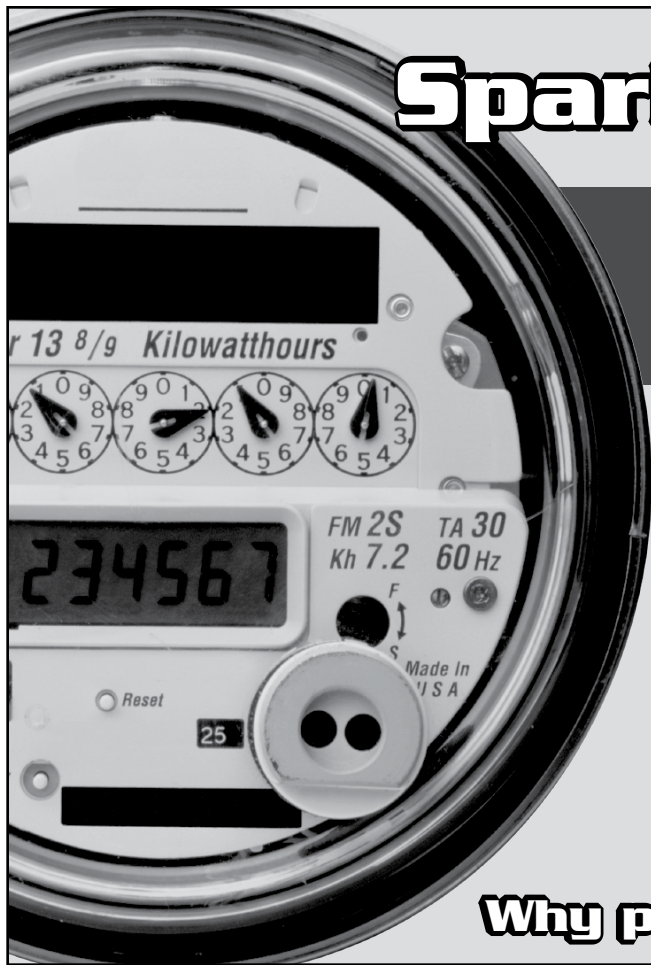


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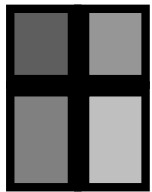
## Cypress Ranch Mustang Band News

The 2009-2010 school year has brought great things for the Mustang Band. The band has doubled in size from its inaugural year. In addition to regularly performing in the stands and on the field at the JV football games at Cypress Ranch High School, the band performed at the opening of Compass Bank in Cypress on September 26. Under bright sunny skies, the Mustang Band performed a number of "pep" pieces in the Compass Bank parking lot. The highlight of the morning was a parade around the bank, including marching through the drive-thru lanes. Compass Bank officers and Mustang Band members are shown with a donation made by the bank to the band.

This fall the Cypress Ranch Mustang Band has debuted its new show, "Australia" with a performance at Barber Hill High School, in Mont Belvieu on September 11, 2009. The show features specially commissioned music which evokes musical images from down

under. The full show culminates with aboriginal chanting and motions.

In its first 5A marching competition at Blinn College in Brenham on Saturday, October 3, the Mustang Band brought home first place trophies for marching, solo, and color guard. Although performing in a downpour, the band showed their commitment to their motto "Trust, Commitment, Excellence" by performing their "Australia" show with precision. The Mustang Band is under the direction of Russell Holcombe, Director of Bands, with assistance from Kyle Straub, director. Fairfield residents Kourtney Kech and Sarah Guhl are drum majors.



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## Recipe of the Month String Bean Casserole

- 4 cans French style green beans, drained
- 1 lb. Velveeta cheese
- 1 medium jar pimentos
- 1 large can mushrooms
- ¼ lb. butter or margarine
- 1 large green pepper, chopped
- Ritz crackers or sliced almonds



Melt butter. Saute green peppers. Add cheese to melt. Add beans, mushrooms, and pimentos. Put into baking dish and sprinkle with Ritz cracker crumbs or sliced almonds. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes.

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## THE GREEN CORNER

### *Green the Holidays*

Thanksgiving will be here in a few weeks and following hard on its heels is the mecca of consumption – Christmas. I have a few tips that can help you feel easier about your carbon footprint during the holidays. This month I will focus on holiday food and Thanksgiving. In December, I will give you tips and ideas on how to green up your gift giving and holiday decorating.

**The Thanksgiving Table:** Before you shop, think sustainability. Both Whole Foods and Central Market sell organically grown, free range turkeys. Untreated with hormones, antibiotics and fed on whole grain feed, these turkeys can be purchased whole or partial (I buy a breast for my small family) for a meal designed specifically for your family. Add organically grown vegetables, and if possible heirloom varieties to increase nutritional value and green quotient.

I know, positively everyone says to go organic. But they rarely tell you why it is important. It isn't just that it is cool or fashionable to be organic (although it is chic to be green) but that organic food is grown and/or raised with sustainability in mind, something that is not taken into account by conventional farming methods. Every time we do something against nature, there is a ripple effect that is felt much farther than our back yard but ultimately comes back to bite us.

Conventionally raised turkeys (and any



poultry, beef and most farmed fish) are kept in tight quarters, fed a diet of grains and discarded animal products – usually from animals too sick to be used in human consumption- and fattened until slaughtered. The cramped quarters, lack of exercise, and poor quality food create a breeding ground for disease requiring the animals to be treated with prophylactic antibiotics. Hormones are used to increase the growth and yield of the meat. How is this unsustainable and downright harmful to us though? Over use of antibiotics have led to antibiotic resistant diseases like MRSA, a particularly nasty and deadly antibiotic resistant staph bacterium, and hormones are absorbed into the meat and ingested by humans or find themselves

in our drinking water, creating all sorts of havoc in our bodies from suspected early onset puberty in girls to hormone induced cancers such as estrogen or progesterone positive breast cancer. If all this isn't enough, the runoff from poultry farms is toxic and pollutes water ways destroying entire ecosystems and tainting drinking water with poisons, antibiotics, fecal matter and hormones.

Organic vegetables prohibit the use of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides. These products are known to cause cancer and neurological disorders in both humans and lab animals. Many vegetables carry toxic residue to your table and into your body. The toxic runoff from conventional farms pollute rivers, drinking water and create dangerous dead zones in the ocean where high levels of nitrogen kill beneficial algae and bacteria causing dangerous algae blooms like red tide that deplete oxygen levels and kill fish. Our own Gulf of Mexico suffers from a dead zone from the base of the Mississippi river all the way to Galveston that is approximately the size of Rhode Island. Dead zones disrupt oceanic hunting and feeding grounds bringing fish closer to shore which in turn brings ocean predators, such as sharks, closer to shore endangering ocean swimmers (not to mention makes the water just plain nasty).

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*The Green Corner- (Continued from Page 12)*

Heirloom vegetables are great because not only are they fun (purple tomatoes anyone?) but they promote biodiversity which protects our food sources. Did you know the Irish Potato Famine occurred because the Irish relied on only a few species of potato plant as the basis of their food supply? All of which was susceptible to the fungus that attacked the plant and destroyed the food crop. The United States and modern conventional farming has gone the way of Ireland, relying on fewer and fewer species of plants planted in large monocultures to create the basis of our market vegetable selections and eliminating approximately 90% of plant genetic material that was available in 1900. Like Ireland, a simple disease could wipe out a large portion of our food supply and leave us on the brink of starvation. Heirloom vegetables keep genetic plant material alive and in the food source.

I know that organics are initially more expensive. But remember, with conventional products we have to pay to clean up the water to make it safe and drinkable again, to clean up the ocean for access to safe fish, to provide more and more research on how to keep our few remaining plant species from succumbing to disease and pests, medical bills when our bodies react to the environmental toxins, and disaster relief when gigantic storms caused from environmental disruption destroy communities. In the long run, organics are the cheaper way to go.

Avoid the consumption trap by avoiding Black Friday. Instead of shopping use it to decorate for Christmas. If you want to save decorating until December, use the time take a nice hike through one of Texas' many nature trails or area state parks – Thanksgiving leftovers make a nice picnic! **-SHERI HICKS**

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The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club meets three times a month at the Hearthstone Country Club in Hearthstone from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. for lunch, and programs including guest speakers on subjects of concern to the community and individuals. We invite you to a complimentary lunch, fellowship with our members, an informative program, and an opportunity to learn more about our organization. Reservations are not required. The Club will meet November 3, 10, and 17.

Membership in Kiwanis is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the service programs it promotes, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373; George Crowl at 832-467-1998; or Robert Presnell at 281-304-7127.

CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, an affiliate of the International Kiwanis organization, focuses its services, programs and activities on this theme.

## NEW NSCAR SOCIETY ORGANIZING

The Children of the American Revolution is the oldest and largest Patriotic Youth Organization. Currently, a new CAR Society is organizing in Cypress, Texas. Membership is open to any child under the age of 21 who is lineally descended from someone who provided aid for the cause of freedom in the American Revolution or who served in the Continental Army.

The new CAR Society is proudly sponsored by the Robert Rankin Chapter, NSSAR and the Organizing Cypress, Texas Chapter, NSDAR.

For more information, please visit [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org) or contact Melinda Sims, Organizing Senior Society President, at 281-856-2536 or email [melinda@mazzaroth.net](mailto:melinda@mazzaroth.net).

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	Dec '08	Jan '09	Feb '09	Mar '09	Apr '09	May '09	June '09	July '09	Aug '09	Sept '09
\$451,000 and above	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
\$351,000--\$450,000	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
\$276,000--\$350,000	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1
\$231,000--\$275,000	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
\$201,000--\$230,000	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
\$200,000 and below	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Highest \$/sq ft</b>	<b>\$145.25</b>	<b>\$84.76</b>	<b>\$118.46</b>	<b>\$86.78</b>	<b>\$85.81</b>	<b>\$95.09</b>	<b>\$85.34</b>	<b>\$96.37</b>	<b>\$112.57</b>	<b>\$80.11</b>

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