

# RANCH RECORD

*News For The Residents of  
Blackhorse Ranch*

## Cy-Fair Republican Women Sponsor Walker Elementary

Cy-Fair Republican Women volunteer for many different causes throughout the year but one of their favorite ways to lend a helping hand is by spending time with the students at Walker Elementary School. For the past five years, this women's club donates their time and extra dollars to this CFISD underprivileged school.

In September, the club distributed Constitution Books to seven 5th grade social studies classes. "Last year, 5th graders used it on Constitution Day and later in the year when they studied government," said CFRW club President Mary Moss. "We take a lot of pride in helping this school out where we can and strive to make a difference in the lives of these kids."

Currently, Cy-Fair Republican Women are sponsoring a contest for the school, entitled "What the Constitution Means to Me." Fifth graders will write a one page essay on the subject and submit it to their teachers who will then select the top essay from their class. The best essays from the school will then be submitted to CFRW who will ultimately pick winners and present them with a twenty five dollar gift certificate to Barnes and Noble. Winners will be announced at the school on December 8. This is also a day where CFRW will present all third graders at the school with dictionaries.

"The dictionaries are wonderful. They contain a great deal of valuable information, such as, maps, information about our presidents and our flag, a multiplication table, and a periodic table. For many, this may be the first book they've ever had in their house," Moss said.

Cy-Fair Republican Women donate their time to other causes as well. "We support our troops through Operation Interdependence," Moss said, "we collect money at our monthly meetings as well as toiletries. We also have an ongoing campaign to hand-crochet beanie caps to wear under their helmets and to keep them warm."

Cy-Fair Republican Women meet the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. and is open to all interested women. The meetings include lunch and a speaker. Meeting locations may change. For current information, check their website at [cfrw.net](http://cfrw.net)

## *Attention NW Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae*

Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for our annual holiday gathering an "Ornament and Holiday Recipe Exchange" Tuesday, December 14th, at 7:00 pm. Our group meets on the second Tuesday of every month September - April. We have a diverse group of women of all ages from a variety of colleges. For more information, please contact Christina at 281 -855-6893 or Karen at [trideltanews@yahoo.com](mailto:trideltanews@yahoo.com)

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## Special Events at the Hockley Community Center in December

In addition to regularly scheduled activities such as knitting, quilting, oil painting, yoga, stretch-and-tone exercise, bridge, canasta and dominoes, the Hockley Community Center will offer the following pre-Christmas events during the month of December:

**Wednesday, December 1, 2010** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Craft class – join volunteer Eddie Raye Andrews to make a beautiful Lighted Framed Christmas Tree. Stop by the center to see samples, pick up a supply list and register for this class.

**Thursday, December 2, 2010** from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your own Christmas cards or use donated cards to write to soldiers who are hospitalized at Houston's V.A. Hospital. A volunteer will deliver the cards right in time for Christmas. Your personal words of appreciation will make a difference in the lives of those injured or otherwise disabled in the line of duty. Register for this activity by calling 936-931-5030.

**Tuesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 16, 2010** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come to the Hockley Community Center for a Christmas Carols Sing-Along to celebrate the season in this traditional way of expressing your holiday spirit. Carol books will be provided. Call 936-931-5030 or stop by the center to register.

All programs and activities offered at the Hockley Community Center are free and open to the public. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The center is located at 28515 Old Washington Road in Hockley, just a 10-minute drive from Fairfield. A calendar of weekly events is available at the Harris County Precinct 3 website at [www.pct3.hctx.net/communitycentersevents.aspx](http://www.pct3.hctx.net/communitycentersevents.aspx).

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## An American Holiday Tradition

Christmas is a time of joy, happiness, and goodwill. It is a time of giving and helping those who are less fortunate than us, especially impoverished children. For over half a century, one organization, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, is the unchallenged leader in looking after America's needy children at Christmas.

Though we know that gifts aren't the true meaning of Christmas, a child's expectation of a present from Santa is their innocent definition of hope. And, to try to bolster hope in our world is the least we can do. Do you remember counting the days until Santa arrived? Then, lying quietly in your bed on Christmas Eve hoping to hear reindeer on the roof? As adults, we cherish those memories, but for children waiting in their beds this Christmas, the worries of no presents under the tree can be all too real. Jobs have been lost and media reports continue to deliver



unfavorable news for many families and even the littlest children are frequently aware of the struggle to put food on the table.

The ultimate success of Toys for Tots depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of people, such as you, who help the U.S. Marines carry on the tradition of delivering toys to children who might otherwise be forgotten by donating toys and funds to purchase toys.

The Toys for Tots campaign in our area is being conducted once more by the Marine Corps League Tijerina Detachment #1295. This Detachment is named after and in

honor of James R. Tijerina, Katy High School Graduate, who died serving his country in Karma Iraq. All toys and funds collected remain in our local area. The toys are distributed through local assistance agencies and all families are screened and vetted. This year we are proud to include the children of our local military who are presently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

If you would like to participate, please drop off a new unwrapped toy in the one of the toy bins located at the following Fairfield locations: Fairfield Chiropractic, Fairfield Recreation Center, Jitterbug Cafe, Kids R Kids or RE/MAX. The collections bins will be set up from November 15 thru December 17, 2010. The ages of the children are from infant to 17 years of age (as long as the child is in school). If you have any questions, please feel free to call Kimberly Drake at 281-758-0936.

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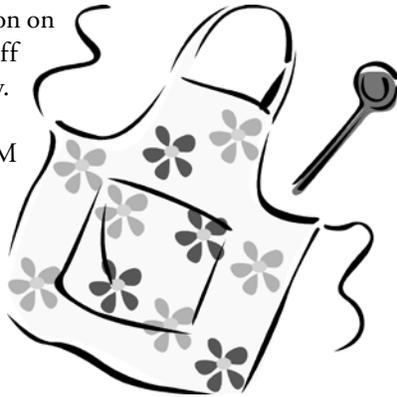
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## Chili Cookers Wanted!

The Cy-Ranch High School FFA will be hosting its 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, December 4th, in the Cy-Ranch High School parking lot located off of Fry Road. A team of local judges will be used to judge the chili; but for all you Chili Eaters, plan on coming by and tasting some Chili samplings from the hot and spicy to the mild and tangy and cast your vote for the perfect Texas Chili. Tickets for chili are \$5 each, four for \$15, and children ages 10 & under are free. Additional food and beverages will also be available as well as games for children and adults.

Registration is going on now for Chili Cookers. Additional information on registration and the cook-off rules can be found at: [www.CyRanchFFAboosterclub.com](http://www.CyRanchFFAboosterclub.com)

Chili cooking begins by 9AM and ends at 2PM. Judging will commence at 2:05PM. The Grand prize winner will receive \$500, 1st place winners \$100 per category, and 2nd place winners \$50 per category.



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### FREE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATIONS SET

Take a tour, learn about campus programs, meet with an advisor, choose a schedule and register for spring classes at LSC-CyFair's free New Student Orientations. Various sessions will be held at the campus at 9191 Barker Cypress Dec. 9 and Dec. 14 as well as Jan. 4, Jan. 6, Jan. 11 and Jan. 13. Sessions are free, but students must pre-register online at LoneStar.edu/cyfair-orientation to receive a confirmation with room location and parking information. Call 281.290.3430 or e-mail cfoutreach@lonestar.edu for information.

### TALENT IN THE BOSQUE GALLERY

The end-of-semester "Student Art Exhibition" continues through

Dec. 9 featuring LSC-CyFair's visual art students' work completed in their classes. Meet the artists Dec. 2 at a 4:30 p.m. reception. Go to LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery for gallery hours and information.

### CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT LSC-CYFAIR!

Mark the calendar for several family events to enjoy this holiday season. Hear the LSC-CyFair Concert Choir and Symphonic Band featuring Cy-Springs High School Choir in "A Holiday Ceoncert" Dec. 3-4. Or enjoy a free holiday concert of classic pieces by Handel, Mozart, Rutter and more in "String Power" Dec. 6. Or try a rousing show and a family favorite "projectjazz" Dec. 8. For information on these events, go to LoneStar.edu.

### FREE L.I.F.E. LESSONS IN DECEMBER

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in December include "A Sentimental Journey" Dec. 8; and "Chicken Soup for the Bowl" Dec. 15. (no programs Dec. 22, Dec. 29 or Jan. 5 due to winter holiday.) Call the library at 281.290.3214 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to LoneStar.edu/library.

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The district VIPS Executive Board spearheads the business of the VIPS. This board is comprised of volunteers elected to take on specific responsibilities offering support, guidance, and training to all volunteers in the district. The VIPS Executive Board meets monthly to evaluate and address the needs of the district and distribute information relating to volunteer and community activities and strengthen parental involvement in education.

If you are interested in being involved at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

### *December 2010 Upcoming Events*

- **December 7: Multicultural Meeting - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Berry Center**

Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, parents and community members. The purpose of the CFISD Multicultural Committee is to raise the level of cultural understanding and respect by sharing information with the CFISD community to encourage cultural sensitivity and parental involvement to strengthen student success.

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\$276,000--\$350,000	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
\$231,000--\$275,000	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	3	0	1
\$201,000--\$230,000	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
\$200,000 and below	0	3	0	1	3	2	3	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
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