



# THE Bulletin

## The Ranch at Brushy Creek

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## COMMUNITY RALLIES TO HELP 5-YEAR-OLD GIRL WITH RARE BRAIN CANCER

Residents of Cedar park and surrounding areas have organized a benefit 5K and Fun Run to provide emotional and financial support for 5-year-old Jaylie Nielson and her family. Jaylie and her family live here in the Ranch at Brushy Creek. Her mom was raised in Leander, and her dad is a local dentist at Star5 Dental Arts. In April, the Nielsons took Jaylie to the eye doctor because she was having vision problems. What they thought would be a quick trip and possible glasses for their daughter turned into a visit to the ER, where they learned that she had a brain tumor. Jaylie had brain surgery to remove the large tumor and was then diagnosed with Supratentorial Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumor, or sPNET, a rare and aggressive form of cancer. Jaylie is now undergoing radiation five times per week on her brain and spinal cord, in addition to chemotherapy.

Jaylie's parents, Kip and Kajsja Nielson of Cedar Park, said of the community support, "We are overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and all the kind things people are doing for us. It is absolutely amazing and is a huge blessing to us. We are so thankful and appreciate it all so much! We shed many tears of gratitude everyday."

The event will take place Saturday, August 13, 2011, at the Southwest Williamson County Regional Park, 3005 County Road 175 in Leander, Texas.



Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate. In addition to the chip-timed 5K, there will be a 1-mile fun run, along with activities for the entire family. We will have a

special performance by Haeley Vaughn-American Idol finalist along with lots of other guests and activities. The 5K and associated activities begin at 7:30am, and the event ends at 10:00am. Registration for the event is currently taking place at <http://www.teamjaylie.org>.

We would love to have lots of support from their neighborhood here. Go to [teamjaylie.org](http://teamjaylie.org) to join the fight and register for our 5K to benefit Jaylie and her family.

Team Jaylie is comprised of friends, family, and community members who have come together to raise awareness and support for Jaylie Nielson as she goes through her treatment for brain cancer. The Team Jaylie community on Facebook is more than 600 strong. The organizing committee for the 5K and Fun Run consists of volunteers throughout the Austin area. The event is being sponsored by Rogue Running, Event Data Solutions, Hellas Construction, Inc., and several local businesses.

For information about sponsoring the event or donating gift cards, services, or other prizes for the event's raffle, see the contact information below.

**Contact: Heather Himmer, Team Jaylie 5K and Fun Run Race Coordinator (and resident of RBC) Phone: 253-278-6445 Email: [heatherhimmer@gmail.com](mailto:heatherhimmer@gmail.com). Web site: [teamjaylie.org](http://teamjaylie.org)**

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## GARDENING TIPS - AUGUST

Only a few things this month,  
just try to keep things from drying out.

- Remember to keep an eye on your hanging baskets. You probably need to water daily to keep them moist in this heat.
- Start planting your fall vegetables at the end of the month.
- How that you've seen which plants worked and which ones didn't, plan your landscaping for next year.
- Plant of the Month:  
Cast Iron Plant ( *Aspidistra elatior* )  
This is a great plant for shady areas. It's evergreen, drought tolerant and survives very cold temperatures. The foliage is long green leaves 2-3 ft. tall. The one I have, which I started from a one gallon pot (3 years ago), is now 2 feet across. I like it for its tropical feel.
- **REMINDER:** If you plan to make major landscape changes, you are required to submit a request to the Architectural Review Committee.

*Byron Stephens*  
*Landscape Committee*

## THE LAX FARM

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Is your son looking for an alternative to the same old fall youth sports?

Registration is now open for The LAX Farm's Fall 2011 House League. The league is structured for novice players and it is organized to emphasize fun and skill development.



If your son was looking for a way to enter the sport, this recreational league is an ideal way for him to test the waters. The league is designed for entry level players, but it is also for boys with some lacrosse experience who want to keep their skills honed during the off season. We offer full equipment rental packages as well.



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## Pool Season

As the temperatures climb, the community pool is getting more and more use. With the increase in new home sales over the winter, expect larger crowds this summer. We all need to be respectful of our fellow residents and guests.

Here are a few tips to make it enjoyable for all

- Remember, all children 17 yrs. and younger must be accompanied by an adult.
- If you are enjoying the park and the pool, make sure you shower off before entering the pool.
- If you bring snacks and beverages to the pool, make sure all of your spilled snacks, empty cans/plastic bottles (no glass allowed) are cleaned up and put in the garbage. If your table is a mess, please clean it up with a paper towel from the restroom. We have no maid service at the pool.
- Make sure all of your children's pool toys and swim goggles go home with them.
- If you bring a radio with you, please keep it at a low volume.
- Reminder – smoking is NOT allowed in the pool area.
- The Lost & Found box is just that (not a toy box). Please do not remove items that do not belong to you.
- Keep the entry gates closed – do not prop open.

For a complete list of pool rules, you can access them on the Goodwin Management web site [rbc.goodwintx.com](http://rbc.goodwintx.com) – they can be found under Request for Pool Card.

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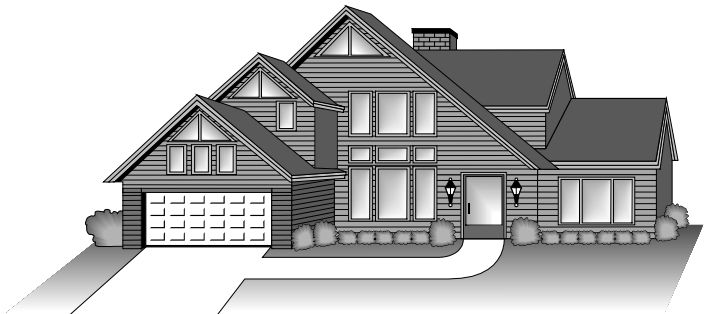
### Construction Update

Construction is now complete on 211 new lots, Sections 7C,9A and 10B on North Frontier. Standard Pacific Homes is the owner of these lots and is currently building homes in these 3 sections. The lot sizes range from 50' wide lots up to 85' lots in Section 10B which will be gated. Please see their model on North Frontier for pricing and availability.

Buffington Capital continues to build lots in Section 7D at the end of Ranch Trails. It is anticipated that construction of that section of lots will continue into the fall.

### Parks Update

Meetings are on-going with the City of Cedar Park to determine the exact uses and design of the park. Construction will start this summer and should take 6-8 weeks to complete. The park will contain a ¼ mile walking trail, various playscapes for a wide age range of children, swing sets, benches, picnic tables, and a large irrigated play area. Most of these features will be located under the shade providing trees in the park. Additionally the overgrown areas of the park will be mowed and trees will be limbed up to provide further access to all areas of this 14 acre park. Other amenities may be included as the budget allows. Per our conversations with the City, this park will not have additional parking or a swimming pool/splash pad.



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## Hazard Alert- Hair Care Products

By Doug Heywood

Do you know what your hair stylist is putting on your head or more specifically, your hair? Recently, state and federal OSHA offices responded to multiple complaints by salon owners and employees regarding hair-smoothing products manufactured by GIB LLC. Also known as Brazilian Blowout products, GIB makes hair smoothing products.

OSHA testing revealed that several of their products contained high levels of a chemical known as Formaldehyde. Air testing in the various salons showed formaldehyde levels above OSHA's safety limits- despite being labeled as being "formaldehyde Free". This was also the case with several other manufacturers.

You may be familiar with this chemical as it's usually associated with the embalming process. (In case you're wondering, the clear foul smelling liquid often found in high school biology labs, is one and the same).

Formaldehyde has long been known by safety and health professionals to be a potentially hazardous chemical, particularly if proper safeguards are not followed. Formaldehyde is a colorless strong smelling gas that can also be found in liquid form known as formalin. You can be exposed to formaldehyde if you inhale it, if you get it in your eyes or on your skin, as well as eat or drink prior to washing your hands.

### What is formaldehyde and how can it hurt me?

Formaldehyde is known as a "sensitizer" which means that exposure to this chemical can cause short term health conditions such as irritation of the eyes, nose and mucus membranes, coughing, wheezing, itching and skin rashes and chronic health conditions such as asthma. Formaldehyde is also a known carcinogen, meaning it can cause cancer in humans. Suffice it to say that this is nasty stuff!

### How can I protect myself and my family?

The key to protecting yourself and your loved ones is to know what products contain formaldehyde and avoid them whenever and wherever possible. Formaldehyde and similar products are also known by the names methylene glycol, formalin, methylene oxide, paraform, formic aldehyde, methanal, oxomethane, oxymethylene, or CAS Number 50-00-0. So look for these ingredients on the product label. You can also look at the material data sheet (Also known as the MSDS) for safety information on any chemical that's manufactured or imported into the United States.

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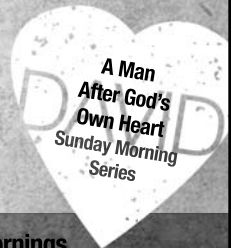
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## Pets Corner



By Michael and Debby Hylton

A recent visit from a friend brought several compliments on our neighborhood here at RBC. And, in particular, compliments on some of the dogs our friend saw throughout the neighborhood on her visit. Of course my friend said our dogs were the BEST (which she assured me had nothing to do with the fact she stayed with us for free instead of booking a hotel room for two weeks!)

Anyway, in reply to her observations, I told her that, while I know I am extremely biased, nonetheless, "Of course, you are very correct and have excellent taste!" SMILES.....

Her comments got me thinking. We do indeed have nice-looking...and generally, nicely-behaving pets throughout our Ranch at Brushy Creek neighborhood. Perhaps we should show them off? Picture contest!

As we get older and wiser, we understand

that looks aren't everything and in fact, if you ever watch any reality television you'll see that, in some cases, the "best looking" are the biggest whack-jobs and/or not generally the best-behaved. Here at PETS CORNER we do not have the means and resources to design an objective, criteria based behavioral and temperament-test on every pet to gauge their social abilities. Thus, we will have to go on digital pictures submitted by neighborhood pet owners and votes cast at our newly created <http://www.DebbyandMike.com/RBCpets> website page.

The contest is open to ALL pets residing in our Ranch at Brushy Creek neighborhood. All shapes and sizes and animal varieties may enter. Please send digital photos of your pets to [PetsCorner@DebbyandMike.com](mailto:PetsCorner@DebbyandMike.com).

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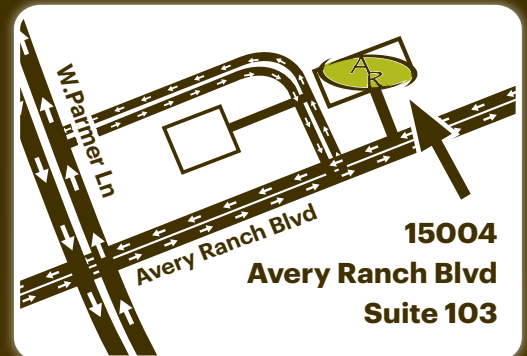
Even though our dogs are disqualified from the "competition," my wife Debby would like to get us started by submitting photos of our dogs Ray and Rascal and, our current foster-dog, Mirabella. I am also submitting a photo of my pet rhinoceros as an example of another type of ineligible entry...ineligible due to it not being an actual living pet!

We look forward to seeing all your Independently Wonderful and Beautifully Handsome digital pictures of your pets! (.jpg and .png are acceptable. Photos will be resized for uniformity of website display.) Winner receives No Compensation other than the honor and prestige of winning the coveted RBC Bulletin Pets Corner virtual Blue Ribbon!



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**Sunday, August 28th The 3rd Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon**

The Colin's Hope Kids Tri will once again take place in the Lake Pointe neighborhood on Sunday, August 28th. Almost 300 athletes (ages 5-15) are registered and now we need VOLUNTEERS to help us cheer them on! Volunteers are needed to help with packet pickup on Saturday, August 27th and at the race on Sunday, August 28th. This is a great family or group volunteer activity and there are variety of volunteer positions and shifts available! Please go online to volunteer at [www.colinshope.org](http://www.colinshope.org).



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**Friday, September 2nd- The 2nd Annual Got2Swim 4 (and 8) Miles for Colin's Hope**

In celebration of Colin's Birthday on September 2nd, 50 swimmers will be heading down Lake Austin to the Walsh Boat Landing (near the Tom Miller Dam). Some of the swimmers will be going 4 miles while others will be swimming 8 miles. Their journey will be safeguarded by kayak Water Guardians, a team of volunteers and The Expedition School. The goal of this swim is to raise \$50,000 for Colin's Hope while raising awareness for water safety and drowning prevention. Please go to [www.tinych.org/got2swim](http://www.tinych.org/got2swim) to meet our swimmers and make a pledge towards our \$50,000 goal. All funds raised from this event will go directly to Colin's Hope. Visit [www.colinshope.org](http://www.colinshope.org) to find out where you can go on September 2nd to cheer on the swimmers.



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