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July 2008

CHAMPION FOREST WOMEN'S CLUB  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Karla Canchola presents Erin Merrell with the CFWC Scholarship.

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CHAMPION FOREST FAMILIES CELEBRATE  
2008 GRADUATES' ACHIEVEMENTS!



Our Best and Brightest Take Their Next Step...

(Graduates on page 20)



Annual Neighborhood  
Parade at Brill

9:45 a.m. Fire Truck Arrives  
10:30 a.m. Parade Starts

Decorate wagons, trikes,  
bikes and joggers!!!

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## Remember...

Cypress Forest PUD Meeting  
**Tuesday, July 1**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
5:30 p.m.

CF Civic Club  
**Tuesday, July 8**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
7:30 p.m.

CF Fund/HOA Meeting  
**No meeting in July**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
6:30 p.m.

CF Neighborhood Watch  
**No meeting in July**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
7:30 p.m.

## GROW WITH CF WOMEN'S CLUB

The Champion Forest Women's Club has grown larger in numbers than in many, many years. Join your neighbors. Join the Women's Club! 2008 dues are due! Please contact **Kim Shahjahan** at 281-826-0077.



"You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world." – Tom Brokaw

## FRIENDS IN THE FOREST

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Congratulations to all our neighborhood graduates! See inside for some of their stories, photos and "tickets" for the future. The women of the Champion Forest Women's Club wish you the very best in all your endeavors.

Did you know that this newsletter is now online? What a great way to catch up on CF news at your computer and even share the newsletter with family and friends! Please visit the Women's Club link on the website to check out the latest subdivision happenings and club socials and meetings. Information on some cool Special Interest Groups can now be found on the Women's Club link, too. Please go to [www.championforestonline.com](http://www.championforestonline.com).

Please have a wonderful and safe Independence Day, and the Board and I hope to see you at the Champion Forest Fourth of July parade and picnic!

*My best,*  
**Angela Greenberg, President**

## Newsletter Editor — Marilou Schopper

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The newsletter is published without charge to Champion Forest residents through advertising purchased from Champions Printing & Publishing. For advertising information call 281-583-7661.

**Deadline for the August 2008 newsletter is July 10.**

## CF WOMEN'S CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

The Champion Forest Women's Club is a neighborhood social and service organization. The mission of CFWC is to bring Champion Forest women closer together through community activities. The CFWC fulfills this goal by hosting programs and socials, sponsoring special interest groups, undertaking fund-raising for scholarships, hosting an annual luncheon and charity auction, and producing the monthly Champion Forest newsletter. Meetings are held on a regular basis in homes and local venues. To be part of Champion Forest Women's Club, contact our membership chairman or any Board member.

## THE 2008 CFWC BOARD

President	<b>Angela Greenberg</b> , 281-379-1559	Sunshine/Welcoming	<b>Laura Smith</b> , 281-374-0909
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## Scholarship Winner!!

Karla Canchola represented CFWC in the presentation of our scholarship to **Erin Merrell**. Erin is the daughter of **Chris and Liz Merrell** and lives at 9611 Oxted. Erin has two sisters, **Caitlin** and **Stefanie**, and two brothers, **Jace** and **Benjamin**.

Erin graduated from Klein High School with a 4.6 cumulative grade point. She was a member of the National Art Honor Society as well as National Honor Society, and she earned the Young Women Medallion for her hours of enrichment and service. She is planning to attend Brigham Young University in the fall majoring in psychology. We are proud to honor Erin as our Champion Forest Women's Club Scholarship winner.



Proud mom **Liz** with **Erin** and her sister **Caitlin**



## Membership Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Champion Forest Women's Club is here for you.  
Please join us for a year filled with sunshine,  
opportunity and friendship.

Make checks payable to "Champion Forest Women's  
Club." Mail checks to **Kim Shahjahan** at 15926 Cumbria.

# CFWC SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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What a great way to have fun and meet your neighbors! We have many Special Interest Groups with a full variety of interests. Call the Special Interest Chairman of the group that interests you and give it a try. And if there's not a group for your "special interest," contact **Laura Smith** at **281-374-0909**, and she'll see if there's sufficient interest out there to start a new group! Be sure to check out the potential new groups at the end of this section! The only requirement for participation in CFWC Special Interest Groups is to be a member in "good standing." (Article VIII, Section One.) Membership includes annual dues paid to the CFWC.

## **CF Mothers of Young Children**

Elizabeth Stewart, 281-251-5132

Christy Geary, 281-320-2746

Mothers of young children meet weekly for playgroup and monthly for Mom's Night Out. Please contact **Christy** or **Elizabeth** for more information!

## **Book Club**

Connie Nolan, 281-379-5302

Ruth-Ellen Mack, 281-376-2107

Thank you, **Wendy**, for having our June get-together. On **Tuesday, July 8** at noon we will meet at **Amy's** to discuss *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky. Please remember to contact the hostess if you are unable to attend.

## **REMEMBER...**

An Architectural Review Application must be submitted BEFORE you begin any home improvements.

Contact **Consolidated Management Services** at 281-296-9775 (phone), 281-296-9788 (fax) or by email at [conmgsvc@swbell.net](mailto:conmgsvc@swbell.net) whenever you need assistance.

## **Mom's Night Out**

Ruth-Ellen Mack, 281-376-2107

On **Thursday, July 10** at 7:30 p.m. we will dine at The Lodge at Shirley Acres. Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

## **Couples Gourmet**

Second Saturday Evening

Linda Anderson, 832-717-3661

If you are interested in joining the Couple's Gourmet Group, please contact **Linda**.

## **Wine Tasting Group**

Third Saturday Evening

Gloria Myer, 281-379-6783

Meets every other third Saturday evening. If you're interested in this group, please contact **Gloria Myer** at **281-379-6783**.

## **Investment Group**

**"Smart Women Finish Rich"**

Third Wednesday 9:15 a.m.

Diane Weidenheft, President, 281-370-1653

Connie Nolan, Vice President, 281-379-5302

Please contact **Diane** or **Connie** for information about this interesting group.

## **Potential New Group**

**En Francais** – Est-ce que vous voulez parler en Français?

Telephonnez nous á **281-257-3260** pour discuter l'organisation d'un group de conversation Française.

## *New Residents*

### **Natalie and George Bunton**

8915 Herts Road

Moved from New York City

### **Wayne and Jessica Place**

Kids: **Mason** (7) and **Kendall** (3)

9419 Fenchurch Drive

Moved from Majestic Oaks

## **Welcome Packets – Don't Forget**

The Civic Club wants to make sure that every new resident gets a warm "hello" and helping hand. A neighborhood Welcome Packet delivered by a smiling face accomplishes both. If you know of a new resident on your street, please contact Heidi Baty at 281-235-6621. The packets include a CF directory, a CFWC newsletter and other helpful information about the community that can aid new residents.

## **CFWC Sunshine and Welcome**

Champion Forest Women's Club would love to share the sunshine in your life. If you are new to the neighborhood, we would like to come by and give you a welcome gift. If you are a new parent or grandparent, please send us a picture and information to brighten up the newsletter. We would like to share anything that brings sunshine into your life. Call CFWC **Laura Smith** at 281-374-0909 or email **Marilou Schopper** at [marilou@swbell.net](mailto:marilou@swbell.net).

## *Welcome to Champion Forest*

### **NEW RESIDENTS**

Please fill out this form and return to Heidi Baty at 16125 Parish Hall (281-235-6621) before the 10th of the month. (Check box(es) that apply):



- We would like to be included in the newsletter
- We would like to be included in the neighborhood telephone directory
- We would like to make changes to our information in the telephone directory
- I would like someone to contact me regarding neighborhood activities

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Moved from: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband is employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife is employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# CHAMPION FOREST *Garden Club*

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

President .....	Anita Martin
First Vice President – Yearbook .....	Sally Blackhall
Second Vice President – Programs .....	Donna McDaniel
Third Vice President – Membership.....	Bonnie Ellis
Secretary .....	Kathy Hughson
Treasurer .....	Ruth Lynch
Club Delegate.....	Chris Agan
Parliamentarian.....	Faye Weatherly
Historian.....	Barbara Smith

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Champion Forest Garden Club (CFGC) is a neighborhood special interest organization chartered in 1978. The mission of the CFGC is to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening and floral design, to encourage civic beautification, to promote conservation of our surrounding natural resources and to foster a close community spirit. The CFGC fulfills this mission by hosting monthly meetings and periodic field trips throughout the year, along with various community projects such as our Arbor Day celebration. Meetings are held monthly at a member's home. Board members are elected annually. To get involved, please contact the membership chairperson.*



## *Pet Liaison*

Call Ruth or Jim Lynch  
at 281-320-9570 to  
report a lost or found pet.

## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

I am honored to be the Champion Forest Garden Club president. I am looking forward to a fun and productive year. A huge “thank you” goes to **Chris Agan**, outgoing president, who stepped up at the last minute and led our club through a wonderful year. Under Chris’s leadership last year and **Stephnie Russell’s** leadership the previous year, our club won the following awards.

- Yearbook – First Place, District; Second Place, State (compiled by **Chris Agan**)
- Arbor Day – First Place, District and State (written and given by **Sally Blackhall**)
- Club History – Second Place, District; First Place, State (written by **Barb Smith**)
- President’s Report – Second Place, District; Gold Medal, State (written by **Stephnie Russell** and **Chris Agan**)
- Brookwood Service Day – Award of Meritorious Service

Congratulations to all members who helped in achieving these awards.

Looking forward, I am proud to have a wonderful support team of officers and committee chairmen who are already hard at work planning and preparing for our next year, which begins in September. Exciting and interesting programs have already been planned. Projects in the planning stage now include working with our HOA in the preparation of esplanade 36 for replanting native plants and water-saving irrigation, refurbishing or replacing the Garden Club event sign on esplanade 36, working with the Kickerillo Mischer Preserve Board to support conservation and preservation in the park that will serve our community, participating with the Pearl Fincher Museum focusing on the landscape design, and organizing our Backyard Garden Tour scheduled for **April 2009**. Our goal with these projects is to enhance the beautification of our community and to demonstrate and encourage conservation of our natural resources.

As we enter the hottest time of the year, I know our residents are concerned about the cost and the amount of water they use. Several actions we can take to lower the amount of water we use in our yards and gardens are below.

- Use soaker hoses in as many areas of the landscape and flowerbeds as possible to cut down on water lost to evaporation during the watering process.
- Water your lawn and flowerbeds at 4-6 a.m. to prevent evaporation of water. Evening watering invites fungal diseases.
- Collecting rain water runoff from your roof in a rain barrel is another way to save water. The runoff water can be used for watering flowerbeds and pot plants. Visit the PUD website at [cyforestpud.com](http://cyforestpud.com), and fill out the comment form if you are interested in purchasing a rain barrel for collection of your runoff water.
- Ensure your sprinklers are adjusted to keep water from going in the street, driveway, or sidewalks as much as possible.
- Install a moisture sensor on your sprinkler system if you do not have one. Frequently we see sprinklers going on a yard while it is raining.
- Choosing plants that are native to our area uses less water than plants shipped in from outside the Gulf Coast.
- Use mulch in your flowerbeds. Mulch conserves water by reducing moisture evaporation from the soil.

## **Garden Tips**

### July

- Roses can be pruned very lightly, if needed, to encourage fall blooms.
- If you are interested in a fall vegetable garden, start preparing the bed now.
- You can extend the blooming season of crape myrtles by pruning off the expiring bloom heads.
- Fertilize your yard with a slow release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer now if you didn't do it in late June.
- Mow your lawn high! A lawn mowed to a height of 2.5-3 inches discourages weeds and insects. Longer blades of grass will reduce evaporation and root stress since shaded soil will not dry out as quickly.
- Many residents have added mulch around their trees. Ensure you do not add more than 2 inches of mulch or soil each year around the base of your trees. More than 2 inches can smother the tree roots and cause your trees to be stressed and weak.

I wish each of you a safe and happy summer.

*Anita Martin, President  
Champion Forest Garden Club*

# *Champion Forest In Bloom Needs You!*

“The mission of Champion Forest In Bloom is to provide a community resource to assist with the planning and implementation for continued beautification of the common areas in our neighborhood.”

In conjunction with the HOA, PUD, Champion Forest Garden Club and Sundance Earthscapes, we are ready to move forward with E36, the esplanade on Champion Drive at Louetta. The project has been divided into three phases:

## **Phase 1**

Phase 1 will deal with the initial demolition, new soil and the retrofit of the irrigation system. (As part of our water conservation program, the irrigation will be an underground drip system throughout the bed area. Turf areas will have 4" pop-up spray heads with low-angle nozzles.) Maximum water conservation is the ultimate goal.

## **Phase 2**

Phase 2 involves the planting of olive trees and caesalpinia, the placement of boulders, and the spreading of mulch.

## **Phase 3**

Phase 3 takes phases 1 and 2 and brings the esplanade into full bloom. **Here is where you can help.** We have received enough donations to complete phases 1 and 2, but we need \$5,000 to finish the project. Please consider making a donation to this beautiful entrance into Champion Forest. Fill out the form below, and send it with your check to:

Champion Forest In Bloom  
**Barbara Smith**  
9415 Godstone LaneSpring, TX 77379

or Champion Forest HOA  
**Rozann Janek**  
8326 Mentmore Drive, Spring, TX 77379

*Thank You for Your Donation to Esplanade 36*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Yard of the Month



Robert & Janice Ayers  
16607 Manningtree Lane

*Congratulations!*

NOTE: Due to the camera limitations we were able to show only a portion of this beautiful yard. We encourage you to take the time to drive by this home and enjoy the entire yard. - the Publisher



## PLANT SWAP

### Agapanthus

Two plants in too much shade. Pretty plants but didn't bloom, and I have no place to move them. I would like a fern or other shade plant in exchange. Contact **Anita Martin** at [amart54@aol.com](mailto:amart54@aol.com) or 281-444-3566.

### Ginger

- 6 feet, full sun, "corn plant" appearance – long, thinner, green leaves. Blooms fall – beautiful, coral blooms with terrific fragrance. Interesting texture for garden. Multiplies.
- 7 feet, full sun, large oval green leaves. Blooms summer/fall – beautiful, multi-coral blooms with terrific fragrance. Interesting texture for garden. Multiplies. Contact **Marilou Schopper** at [marilou@swbell.net](mailto:marilou@swbell.net) or 713-302-8851.



# CYPRESS FOREST *Public Utility District*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Petrick  
Jim Lynch  
Linn Smyth  
Fred Jones  
Greg DiCioccio

## MISSION STATEMENT

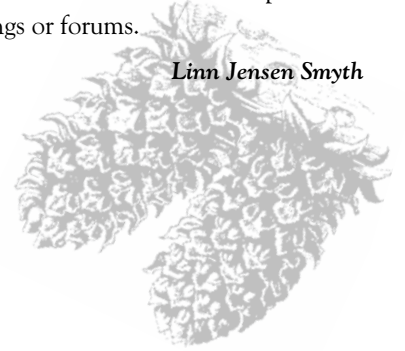
The Texas State Legislature created the Cypress Forest Public Utility District (CFPUD) in 1971. The mission of the CFPUD is to finance, construct, own and operate waterworks, wastewater, and drainage facilities and to provide such facilities and services to its customers. The CFPUD is governed by a five-member board of directors that is elected by the public and has staggered four-year terms. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the PUD Building on Champion Forest Drive. The CFPUD Board also hosts a regular Brown Bag Lunch for all interested residents. To get involved, please contact a Board member.

## CYPRESS FOREST PUD NEWS

As previously reported during Cypress Forest PUD meetings and on the District's website ([www.cyforestpud.com](http://www.cyforestpud.com)), discussions have been ongoing with JP Partners about development proposals for Raveneaux. The District's Board members have been working diligently to obtain the best possible outcome for our customers, neighbors and community. It is imperative, however, that misinformation be avoided, so the latest documents/information will continue to be posted/updated/maintained on our website.

On your next visit to our site, please take a minute to sign up to receive our periodic e-blasts with information updates and notices of special meetings or forums.

*Linn Jensen Smyth*





# CHAMPION FOREST *Civic Club*

## BOARD MEMBERS

President ..... John Shipp, 281-376-0240  
 Vice President.....Ellen Thomson, 281-379-1925  
 Treasurer ..... Winn Andrus, 281-370-8723  
 Secretary ..... TBD  
 Civic Events Coordinator.....Heidi Beale, 281-370-0423  
 Marquee Coordinator..... Maura Mulvehill, 281-379-5660  
 Directory Chairman .....Heidi Baty, 281-257-2634

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Champion Forest Civic Club (CFCC) is a neighborhood service organization chartered in 1995. The mission of the CFCC is to unite the community. The CFCC fulfills this mission by publishing a neighborhood directory, hosting a Halloween Happening, supporting National Neighbors' Night Out, sponsoring the CF Annual Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th Parade, and other events throughout the year. The Civic Club also maintains the marquees at the entrances to Champion Forest.

CFCC collects \$15 annual dues from all residents. Board members are elected every other year in October. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at 16215 Champion Forest Drive. To get involved, please contact any Board member.

## CF CIVIC CLUB NEWS

New directories delivered, and they are better than ever!  
 If you do not have yours, please contact **Heidi Baty** at  
 281-235-6621 or **Sue Akers** at 281-320-0004.





**CHAMPION FOREST FUND, INC.**  
*Homeowners' Association (H.O.A.)*

**BOARD MEMBERS**

President ..... **Roy Riley**, 281-376-0270  
 Vice President..... **Rozann Janek**, 281-655-0262  
 Secretary ..... **Cristy Hayes**, 281-257-3260  
 Treasurer ..... **Todd Hardin**, 281-655-0845  
 Director and Security  
 Committee Chairman..... **Wally Bircher**, 281-374-7422  
 Community Outreach Committee ..... **Heidi Beale**, 281-370-0423

**CHAMPION FOREST WEBSITE**

[www.championforestonline.com](http://www.championforestonline.com)  
*Log on for the latest neighborhood and community news.*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Champion Forest Fund, Inc. is a nonprofit tax-exempt corporation chartered in the State of Texas. The association was formed for the purpose of providing for the maintenance, preservation and architectural control of the residential lots within Champion Forest subdivision and promoting the safety, health and welfare of its residents.*

**CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT SERVICES (CMS)**

For all deed restriction or neighborhood maintenance questions, contact CMS at 281-296-9775 (phone), 281-296-9788 (fax), or by email at [conmsgvc@swbell.net](mailto:conmsgvc@swbell.net).



**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
 COMMITTEE**

Name	Home Phone	Email
Roy Riley, CF HOA President, Committee Chair	281-376-0270	<a href="mailto:President@ChampionForestOnline.com">President@ChampionForestOnline.com</a>
Rozann Janek, CF Fund VP	281-655-0262	<a href="mailto:VicePresident@ChampionForestOnline.com">VicePresident@ChampionForestOnline.com</a>
Cristy Hayes, CF Fund Secretary	281-257-3260	<a href="mailto:Secretary@ChampionForestOnline.com">Secretary@ChampionForestOnline.com</a>
Fred Jones	281-320-2966	<a href="mailto:FredPJones@comcast.net">FredPJones@comcast.net</a>
Jackie Kern	281-376-0771	<a href="mailto:kirkkern@aol.com">kirkkern@aol.com</a>
Joyce Preston	281-376-5844	<a href="mailto:jprst@netzero.net">jprst@netzero.net</a>

The Neighborhood Watch Committee typically meets at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month at the PUD Building. Everyone is welcome, but please contact a committee member to verify schedules before attending.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE  
 MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Champion Forest Neighborhood Watch Committee is a standing committee of the Champion Forest Fund, Inc./Homeowners' Association (CFHOA). The committee's mission is to mobilize Champion Forest residents and law enforcement professionals to reduce crime against residents' person and property. Our strategy is to drive awareness, knowledge, involvement and community pride via education, multiple communication campaigns, and establishment of a communication relationship via CF Connection. The volunteer members serve at the pleasure of the CFFHOA. To get involved, please visit [www.ChampionForestOnline.com](http://www.ChampionForestOnline.com) and select the "Neighborhood Watch" tab at the top of the home page or contact your Section Leader or any of the committee members.*



**Constable's Dispatch**  
**281-376-3472**

# CONSTABLE'S PATROL ACTIVITY REPORT

# SUMMARY REPORT

## Type of Activity

Burglary of a Habitation .....	2
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle .....	0
Theft from a Habitation .....	0
Theft of a Motor Vehicle .....	0
Theft - Other .....	0
Robbery .....	0
Assault .....	1
Sexual Assault .....	0
Criminal Mischief .....	1
Disturbance - Family .....	2
Disturbance - Juvenile .....	0
Disturbance - Other .....	7
Alarms .....	25
Suspicious Vehicles .....	112
Suspicious Persons .....	20
Runaways .....	0
Telephone Harassment .....	0
Other Calls .....	275

Many residents in Champion Forest have not notified their alarm companies as to which law enforcement agency to notify should the need arise. Please contact your alarm company and instruct them to contact the Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Department at **281-376-3472** should your burglar alarm activate or you hit the panic button and need law enforcement for an emergency.

**Disclaimer:** The information contained in the Contract Summary Report is provided by the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Office. The Champion Forest Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is not responsible for the content of the CF Patrol Contract Summary and Activity Reports, and the Fund disclaims and denies any and all liability therefor.

There are registered sex offenders living in many neighborhoods. For more information, go to [www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us) and follow the links.

For the public information synopsis, email Lt. Finley at [IFinley@consolidated.net](mailto:IFinley@consolidated.net) with your name and home address. He will add you to his regular email list.

## Under Investigation

### Burglary of a Habitation

14100 block of Glen Green Lane  
16000 block of Mickleham

### Criminal Mischief

16000 block of Abberton Hill

### Disturbance (Family)

16200 block of Rutley Circle

### Suspicious Vehicles

Strack Road at Champion Forest Drive – A suspicious van was observed parked facing traffic on the dead-end side of Strack Road by off-duty officer. The vehicle was checked out, and the registered owner was issued a citation. No criminal intent was observed.

### Other Calls

9400 block of Taidwood  
9600 block of Windrush Drive  
16000 block of Champions Drive  
15725 block of Champion Forest Drive

Oxted Lane – Lt. Finley responded to an in-service call regarding a passenger in a motor vehicle pointing a handgun out the window at a stop sign while driving through Champion Forest. Vehicle was located in a driveway in the Colony Creek subdivision. When confronted by officers, the 16-year-old passenger admitted he did point a CO<sub>2</sub> pistol out the window at a stop sign. Pistol was confirmed to be a CO<sub>2</sub> realistic-looking air pistol. Parents were contacted and were very receptive to dealing with their son's stupidity. Driver of vehicle was juvenile's 21-year-old cousin. Both were given very strong warnings by Lt. Finley and were remanded over to parental discipline.



## Realtors' Insight

When asked, four local realtors chimed in about key facts that affect everyone's investment in the neighborhood. Are we, as a neighborhood, ready for inspection?

- What one month of the year represents your highest volume of sales? May (2), July, August
- What one season of the year represents your highest volume of sales? Spring (2), Summer (2)
- What one day of the week represents your busiest day in Champion Forest – the one day when the most folks are driving through the neighborhood looking at homes? Friday, Saturday, Sunday (2)
- Have you noticed a difference in Champion Forest looking neater since we moved to the “Backdoor Garbage Pickup” instead of curbside pickup around February 1? No, Yes (2), Absolutely
- Attention to what one thing by Champion Forest residents would most help you “sell” the neighborhood? Curb appeal (3), Raveneaux issue

*Thanks to Realtors: Sally Beck (Prudential Gary Greene Realtors), Katie Kohlhauff (Keller Williams Realty), David Patton (Grayson-Patton Team) and Linda Peters (Prudential Gary Greene Realtors)*

## Getting a Bang for Your Market Bucks?

It all started one day as I was checking out at Sam's Club. The bill was for more than \$200 and I thought, “Am I really saving money here?” Over the next few months, as I went to other stores nearby for one thing or the other, I priced nine items off of that same Sam's list – just to compare. This survey may not be scientific. This exercise may prove nothing. But it sure is interesting to look at the results. Have at it.



<b>My Grocery List Items</b>	<b>Sam's</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Costco</b>	<b>Wal-Mart</b>	<b>Kroger</b>
Aleve Pain Reliever 1 pill	20 cents 48-1 caplet pouches	8 cents 100 caplets	6 cents 250 caplets	6 cents 100 caplets + 24 bonus	7 cents 200 caplets with free pedometer
Claritin 24-Hour Allergy Medication 1 tablet	35 cents 70 Tabs + 20 bonus	\$1.09 15 Tabs	33 cents 70 Tabs + 20 bonus	47 cents 30 Tabs + 10 bonus	90 cents 20 Tabs
Crest Baking Soda & Peroxide Whitening Toothpaste 1 oz.	21 cents 4 pack – 4 tubes each 8.2 oz.	27 cents 8.2 oz. tube	Not in stock	26 cents 2 pack – 2 tubes each 6.4 oz.	29 cents 8.2 oz. tube
Keebler Club Original Crackers 1-lb. box	\$1.71 2-box pack	\$2.54	Not in stock	\$2.50	\$2.50 sale
Hunts Diced Tomatoes 14.5-oz can	60 cents 8 pack	94 cents	Not in stock	82 cents	99 cents
Coke 12-oz. can	17 cents 48 pack	28 cents Sale: 3-12 packs	27 cents 32-can pack	32 cents 12 cans	23 cents Sale: 4-12 packs
Pace Picante Sauce Medium 1 ounce	6 cents 138-oz. bottle	11 cents 24-oz. bottle	6 cents 64-oz. bottle	7 cents 138-oz. bottle	9 cents 64-oz. bottle
Ziploc Storage Bags Gallon size (one bag)	5 cents 4 52-count boxes	14 cents 20-count box	9 cents 117-count box	10 cents 40-count box	14 cents 20-count box
Energizer Max – AA Batteries 1 battery	35 cents 48 pack	60 cents 16 pack	Not in stock	69 cents 8 pack	80 cents 12 pack

## **Board Approves New High School Design and Names New Associate Superintendent of Facilities**

At a June 10 meeting, the Klein ISD Board of Trustees approved the schematic design for High School #5. The architectural firm for the building is PBK Architects, a company that is recognized as a leader in designing public high schools.

Based on the recommendations of Findings and Directions, a district document that established the guideline that instruction and learning in the Klein ISD should drive building design, the school will be organized into small learning communities so that students will remain in their community for all courses except fine arts, athletics, and some elective courses. Also according to the recommendations of Findings and Directions, natural light will be a part of the design of the building. Where practical, the school will reflect the guidelines of CHPS or Collaborative for High Performance Schools. Energy efficiency, high performance classroom design, indoor air quality, water management and quality systems, sustainable architecture, and construction recycling are evident in the design.

Mr. Robert Robertson was named as associate superintendent of facility and school services. Mr. Tom

Ricker, who formerly held this position, has recently retired. Mr. Robertson is currently general manager, construction and facility services for the Houston ISD. He holds a B.E. in mechanical engineering from Vanderbilt University and an M.A. in management administration from The Johns Hopkins University.

## **Crossing Guards Needed**

The Klein ISD is seeking applicants for the crossing guard position. These important employees assist hundreds of Klein ISD students who walk or ride their bikes to school each day.

Typically, crossing guards are retired community members, mothers who like to be with their children on the way to school, and individuals who may have other jobs with flexible hours. Key requirements for becoming a crossing guard are an enjoyment of children and a desire to protect children as they walk to and from school each day. The hours worked by crossing guards vary from 3 to 4.5 hours per day, split between mornings and afternoons, school days only.

The Klein ISD utilizes the services of 86 guards working in all portions of the district. If you wish to become a crossing guard, please contact Mr. Al Wendland, the crossing guard coordinator, at **832-249-4265**. He can be reached by email at [gwendland@kleinisd.net](mailto:gwendland@kleinisd.net).

## Summer Is Prime Time for Upgrades

Summer is a busy time for repairs and renovations of Klein ISD facilities. Multiple projects will be under way this summer using funds approved by the community when they voted in favor of the 2004 bond.

Among the projects are the following: art and science labs for Ehrhardt, Nitsch, and Kaiser elementary schools; a fine arts addition for Strack Intermediate School (similar improvements at Wunderlich Intermediate are currently under way with 2004 bond funds); athletic facilities improvement including press boxes for softball fields at all four high schools, improvements for the coaches' offices at Wunderlich and Hildebrandt, improvements to the pool at Klein Forest High School, synthetic gym floors for Doerre and Kleb; security cameras; 20 buses; technology improvements; fire alarms; new roofs; installation of environmentally friendly lighting systems; and heating, ventilation/air conditioning improvements. Also with 2004 bond funds, work has begun on the design of High School #5.

Information about how bond funds have been spent, are being spent, and will be spent can be found on the Klein ISD website at [www.kleinisd.net](http://www.kleinisd.net). Click on "About Klein ISD" where information about the 2004 and 2008 bonds is provided for the community.

## Klein Administration Offices Change Schedule

Beginning June 9, the Klein ISD administrative offices will follow a summer schedule. Offices will operate on a ten-hour work schedule for four days each week, Monday through Thursday. Offices will be open to the public from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. This schedule will continue through the week of **July 28**. The regular five-day schedule will resume the week of **August 4**. The offices will be open **June 30** through **July 3** on an eight-hour work day and closed **Friday, July 4** for the holiday.

## Brill Student Chosen for Leadership Academy

Outstanding Klein ISD student Lee Henslee has been selected, along with three other Klein ISD 5th-8th grade students, to participate in Education in Action's summer 2008 Lone Star Leadership Academy. Selection for the Lone Star Leadership Academy is based on a student's demonstrated academic success and leadership ability, an educator recommendation, and involvement in school/community activities. Others selected were from Nitsch Elementary School and Schindewolf Intermediate School.

During the week-long residential Lone Star Leadership Academy, the students join other distinguished students from

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across the state to develop leadership skills while learning about Texas. Participants experience what they are learning in school through visits to historically, politically, scientifically and environmentally significant sites. Career speakers introduce participants to a wide variety of unique career and internship opportunities.

### **More Construction Design in the Works**

This summer, the district will begin the schematic designs for Intermediate School #9 to be located on Spring Cypress Road near the location for High School #5, the transportation center in the southern portion of the district that will be built near the intersection of SH 249 and Old Bammel North Houston Road near McDougle Elementary School, and classroom additions for Klein Oak and Klein Collins.

The Klein ISD follows all construction procurement laws and procedures for the state of Texas. The district uses two main methods of procurement, Competitive Sealed Proposals and Construction Manager At-Risk. The district also uses the Job Order Contract method to procure construction services, but this method is typically chosen for emergency jobs or small remodel jobs. All three of these methods are approved under the Education Code 44.031 and Board Policy CV Legal.

### **Cub Scouts Awarded New Rank as Part of Formal, Outdoor Ceremony**

As the sun began to set on a bright May 16, 50 plus of Brill's Pack 535 Cub Scouts with families in tow gathered to formally celebrate Crossover, the time each year when all scouts advance to the next level in scouting. Parents packed in chairs,



▲ *The Chief and brave, along with scout leaders, prepare for the first of the scouts to cross over the ceremonial bridge to a higher rank in scouting.*



▲ As the sun sets, the ceremony's Indian Chief takes center stage.



cameras and plenty of extra batteries as their sons made them proud.

An Indian Chieftain, warriors, and drumming called the boys to cross over a bridge and formally recognized their achievements. A solemn Flag Retirement Ceremony ended the night's memorable activities.

A special thanks to **Becky and Mark Lanier** for allowing Brill's Pack 535 to celebrate Cub Scout Crossover on the lovely grounds of what has to be termed an estate. The expansive surroundings offered the perfect setting for a respectful and memorable ceremony – one the boys and their parents won't likely forget.



▲ The evening's flag retirement ceremony was a very special, patriotic way to pay tribute to Old Glory.

Are your boys in scouts?

# *Congratulations, 2008 Graduates*



## *Chelsea Marie Jaques*

**Chelsea Jaques**, the daughter of **Joe and Diana Jaques** and sister of **Ryan**, is a graduate of Klein High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Klein Marching Band, Wind Symphony, Klein Diamond Dolls, and a member of the Champions National Charity League and received the Teen Presidential Award and the Merci Award for her service hours in NCL. Chelsea was also a member of the Sugar Plum Cotillion. Chelsea will be attending Texas A&M this fall where she plans to major in business.

## *Stephanie Michelle Luce*

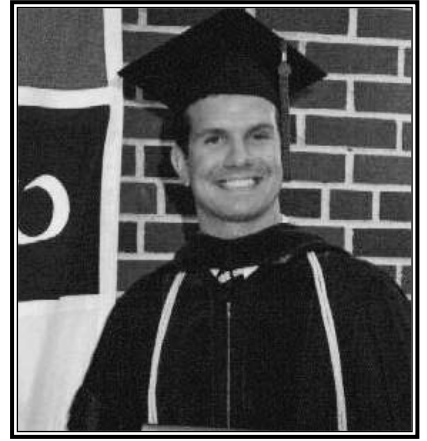
**Stephanie Michelle Luce**, daughter of **Gary and Tamara Luce**, is a Class of 2008 graduate of Klein High School where she was a Standleader, a member of the National Honor Society, Latin Club, Klein Choir serving as treasurer, and a Klein Cheerleader for 3 years. She is also a six-year member of the Cypress Creek Chapter of National Charity League, a mother-daughter philanthropic organization where she enjoyed working with her mother and sister,

**Rebecca**, during the summer at the TEAM Food Pantry. When not studying...she enjoys going to the beach and hanging out with friends and family. Stephanie will attend college in Ft. Worth at Texas Christian University majoring in nutrition and dietetics.



## *Andrew Cookingham*

**Andrew Cookingham**, son of **Caroline and Jay Cookingham**, graduated magna cum laude from the Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University, on May 17. Andrew, who graduated from Klein High School in 2001 and took his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia in 2005, was also inducted into the Order of the Coif, a legal scholarship society, and had served as managing editor of the *SMU Law Review*. This fall Andrew will begin clerking for Justice Nathan Hecht of the Texas Supreme Court.



## *Caroline Elizabeth Kelley*

**Caroline Elizabeth Kelley** graduated from Klein High School on June 7. During her high school years, Caroline has been active in Student Council, Seniors on Service, Klein High Swim Team and Peer Assistance Leadership. Caroline also participated in the Klein High HOSA Club and the Viper Volunteer program for student interns at Methodist Hospital. Caroline has served her community and developed leadership skills through her six-year membership with the Wildflowers Chapter of National Charity League. She plans to attend Auburn University in the fall and will pursue a degree and career in the medical field.

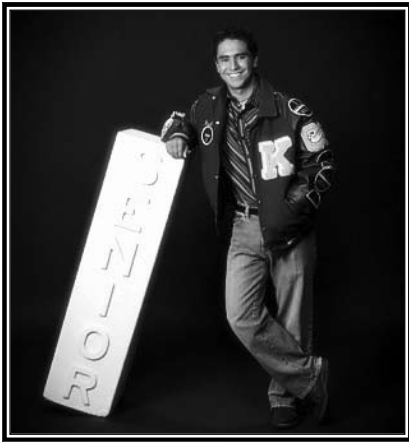
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## *Jordan Cassidy DeShazer*

**Jordan Cassidy DeShazer** will graduate from Klein High School in the Distinguished Achievement Program and is planning to attend Pepperdine University in the fall where she plans on playing lacrosse. During high school, Jordan participated in Yearbook all four years and was selected New Staffer of the Year her freshman year, Section Editor her sophomore year, and Editor in Chief both her junior and senior years. Jordan has developed a love for publications and plans to major in Graphic Design and Marketing. Jordan also played Varsity Lacrosse all four years at Klein and became Captain her senior year. She was voted "Rookie of the Year" her freshman year, "Offensive Player of the Year" her sophomore year and All-District her sophomore and junior years. Jordan is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. Jordan was also named in Who's Who Among American High School Students and a representative of the Good Sportsmanship League for Klein.

Since she was a little girl Jordan has had a great love for horses. Riding since she was eight years old, she has been awarded three U.S. Reserve National Championships, as well as multiple U.S. National Top Tens, and numerous regional titles. Jordan was also voted "Youth Rider of the Year." Jordan loves being active in her community and enjoyed volunteering at SIRE and going on youth trips with Champion Forest Baptist Church. Jordan was presented as a debutante in March and loved being a part of The Sugar Plum Cotillion where she and her mother served as Executive Chairmen 2007/2008 and Ball Chairmen 2006/2007. Jordan has lived in Champion Forest since she was one and has been a member of the Raveneaux Swim Team for 14 years.



*Congratulations  
2008 Graduates!*



## *Raul Dominguez*

**Raul**, class of 2008 from Klein High School, is the son of **Raul and Dolores Dominguez**. He has a younger brother, **Rafael**.

### Accomplishments:

- Received a full tuition scholarship from Oklahoma City University where he will double major in vocal performance and music education.
- Recipient of the following 2008 scholarships: Texas Music Educators Association Scholarship, Gilbert & Sullivan Society Scholarship, and Chris Byrd Memorial Scholarship.
- Member of Houston Grand Opera (HGO) High School Voice Studio – One of eight high school seniors selected from the greater Houston area to participate in HGO's scholarship program. Includes voice lessons, master classes and college audition preparation.
- TMEA All-State Mixed Choir Member, Region XI, Tenor II-First Chair
- Klein High School Choir – President
- Klein High School Ambassador Club – President
- Klein High School Bearkats for Christ – President
- National Honor Society Member
- Raul is very involved in community theatre where he has had roles in the following musicals: *Les Miserables*, *Godspell*, *Give My Regards to Broadway*, *Crazy For You* and *Pirates of Penzance*
- Raul is also very involved in his church, St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church. He was an Assistant Confirmation Class Teacher, Member of the Life Teen Band and a Catholic Heart Workcamp participant for four years.

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## 2008 Graduates - continued

### *Annie Bailey*

**Annie Bailey** is a Class of 2008 graduate of Klein High School. At Klein she was a member of the Klein Lacrosse Team (3-year letter, MVP Offense '08, MVP '07, Rookie of the Year '06, Team Texas), National High School Scholar, Latin Club, and Who's Who Among American High School Students (4 years). Annie will attend Regis University in Denver, Colorado.



### *Katherine Grace Crum*

**Katherine Crum**, the daughter of **Stu and Mia Crum**, graduated from Klein High School on June 7. Katherine was a four-year member of the Klein Bearkadettes Drill Team and served as Captain her senior year. Her other involvements include the Wildflowers Chapter of National Charity League, Student Council, Seniors on Service, Young Life, National Honor Society, the Sugar Plum Cotillion and the youth group of Champion Forest Baptist Church. Katherine will be attending Auburn University in the fall where she will pursue a degree in elementary education.



## *Emily Jane Mack*

Congratulations to **Emily Jane Mack**, daughter of **Bill and Ruth-Ellen Mack** and sister of **Will Mack**, who graduated June 7 from Klein High School. At Klein she was a member of the National Honor Society, National Latin Honor Society and Student Council. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and was a member of the Cypress Creek Chapter of National Charity League. Emily also worked her junior and senior years at Beadoholique Bead Shop. After a Mediterranean cruise this summer with family, Emily will attend Southwestern University where she will major in history and secondary education.

## *Calling All Graduates!*

If you are graduating in the spring, we would like to spotlight you in the newsletter. Please send a picture and significant information (accomplishments and future plans) to [marilou@swbell.com](mailto:marilou@swbell.com). We look forward to hearing from you.



## Foreign Exchange Students Need Host Families

The Center for Cultural Interchange is looking for host homes for high school foreign exchange students from around the globe. The students will arrive in time for the coming academic year and stay for either 5 or 10 months. The students come fully insured with spending money and wonderful English skills. All that is needed is a bed, meals, and nurturing. If you love children and love to learn, then this will be a great adventure for you and your family. Any adult over the age of 25 may apply to become a host family.

If you would like more information, visit CCI's website at <http://www.cci-exchange.com> or contact your local representative, **Kevin Straube**, at [kevin.straube@yahoo.com](mailto:kevin.straube@yahoo.com) or 713-502-8035.



### ***The Racers Would Like to Thank Their 2008 Sponsors***

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- The Harmon Family

Congratulations to all of our swimmers on a **great** season!  
We'd also like to extend a **huge thank you** to all of our volunteers who helped make each meet such a success. We hope to see everyone back again next year!

## **Alyson Dicker**

Champion Forest resident **Alyson Dicker** has signed to play Division 1 soccer at Louisiana Tech University. Aly played Varsity goalie for Klein High School, the Texas Rush Nike U-17s and led the Houston area in fewest goals allowed per game for most of the season, finishing in the top five in all of the Houston area. She was named All-District, All-Region and All-State on the soccer field.

Aly had been a junior at Klein up until last February when she decided to forgo her senior year at Klein. Aly was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Latin Junior Honor Society. She was awarded both academic and athletic scholarships to attend Louisiana Tech University. She will graduate later this summer from Klein High School and move on to start her collegiate career next fall.



**Congratulations to Alyson  
on her academic and athletic  
accomplishments!!**

# CYPRESS CREEK

## cultural district

### ***Deep Roots, Strong Branches***

*Deep Roots, Strong Branches* is a beautifully printed hardback history of the Klein family and the Klein community northwest of Houston. Adam Klein and his wife Friederika came to the United States from Germany in 1852. After a trek to the California gold fields, Adam brought Friederika to Texas, buying land in northwest Harris County for 33.5 cents an acre. The Kleins became prosperous farmers and community leaders, giving their name to the community where many of Adam and Friederika's descendants continue to live and work.

Their lives and the lives of their children are examples of the pioneer spirit that characterized many of the settlers of that period. The Klein history is told in an interesting narrative, with the history of the family and community contextualized in the wider history of Texas and the United States. 200 photographs help bring the story to life.



This book is a culmination of two years of research and writing by the Klein, Texas Historical Foundation Chief Historian, Dr. Diana Severance, who has her Ph.D. in history from Rice University. Development of the book was financed by donations from the direct descendants of the original Klein family members. Historical Publishing Network of San Antonio published the book which was printed in Singapore. The book sells for \$25.00, which includes tax, and \$30.00 if shipping and handling is included. Copies of the book may be ordered through the Klein, Texas Historical Foundation at 7200 Spring-Cypress Road by calling 832-249-4173. Books are also available for purchase at the Klein, Texas Museum, at 832-249-5800. All proceeds of the book will go toward the development of the Klein, Texas Historical Museum and the Wunderlich Farm Complex.



## Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is pleased to open to the public with its inaugural exhibition, Frederic Remington and the American West: Selections from the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (through **July 6**). This exhibition, as a part of MFAH Outreach Programs, is supported by the Hamill Foundation.

### Hours of Operation

Closed Monday  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday ..... 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Thursday..... 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Friday..... 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday..... 12-5 p.m.

### Tickets

Admission is \$3 for adults; \$2 for seniors and students with valid ID; \$1 for children. Museum memberships are also available.

## Area Art Galleries

- **DaVinci Artists Gallery**  
315 W. Main Street  
Tomball, Texas 77375  
281-516-9595
- **Garden of the Dragonfly**  
318 F Main  
Old Town Spring, Texas  
281-528-7779
- **Mason's on Midway St.**  
Contemporary American Arts & Crafts  
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207 Midway St.  
Spring, Texas 77373  
281-528-9474

# Road Trip

*School is out and many families are looking for fun things to do. Not only is the following driving tour fun, it is super educational! Take a look back into our area's history...*

## **Exploring the Klein Community**

Begin your driving tour at Klein High School (16715 Stuebner Airline Road) at the corner of Stuebner Airline and Louetta. In front of Klein High School is a historical marker erected in 1978 to commemorate the Klein community. The marker describes the earliest settlements in the area by German immigrants in the last half of the 1800s, the growth of the farming community, and the establishment of the Klein School District in 1928. The property where Klein High School now stands was once owned by a black family named Jefferey, still active in the community. William Jefferey bought the 100 acres around 1904 for \$2.50 an acre. William's son Howard farmed and operated a syrup mill here. Using a horse-drawn wheel, a syrup mill pressed the sugar cane into vats.

Drive .9 mile north on Stuebner Airline Road; turn left on Theisswood Drive; go .7 mile to Theiss Mail Road;

turn right on Theiss Mail Road and continue .4 mile (road curves to left at Memorial Northwest Estates). To the right of Doerre Intermediate is the Peter Wunderlich home, built by the youngest son of Johann Peter and Maria Katherina Wunderlich. Built in 1891, the house still has much of its original wood as well as many of the original farm buildings. The house bears a Texas Historical Marker and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

While the Peter Wunderlich house is at its original location, the 1874 Maria Katherina Wunderlich home and the Kohrville School have been moved on the property. Maria K. Wunderlich immigrated to Texas from Germany in 1852. Maria's husband, Johann Peter, was killed in a gunpowder explosion during the Civil War, an event which is described by a historical marker in Spring Creek Park. After Peter's death, Maria and her six children continued to live in a log cabin until Maria built this house in 1874. The Kohrville School was originally located at the intersection of Hufsmith-Kohrville and Spring Cypress Roads. Kohrville was a small black community begun by freed slaves who came from Alabama after the Civil War. The community was named after Paulin Kohrmann, a German immigrant who ran the post office there. The Maria K. Wunderlich house originally faced Spring Cypress Road. The historic buildings and Klein Museum inside Doerre Intermediate are opened to the public the last Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., except the months of November, December, and January. The properties are maintained by the Klein, Texas Historical Foundation.

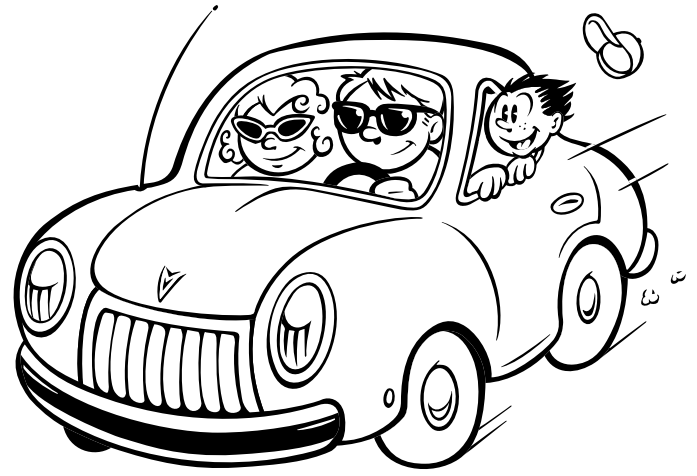
Return to Stuebner Airline and turn left. Continue .3 mile north on Stuebner Airline to 17934 Stuebner Airline Road. Just past Five Forks on the right, in the middle of

property recently purchased by Faithbridge Methodist Church, is the McDougle Cemetery with its Texas Historical Marker. George McDougle was among the earliest settlers in northwest Harris County, purchasing land in 1838. His family continued to own the land for over a century. George served for three months in the Texas Rangers fighting Indians on the frontier. His son James served in the Civil War and for a time was Harris County Commissioner.

Continue north on Stuebner Airline and turn left on Erinwood; drive .7 mile; turn left on Mayglen Lane to Theiss Family Marker. The Theiss family came to Texas from Germany in 1846 and was among the first German settlers in northwest Harris County. The marker is placed at the site of the cemetery where the first Texas Theiss, Johann Heinrich, and his wife, Katherina, are buried. Much of the surrounding property on Stuebner Airline once belonged to the Theiss family.

Return to Stuebner Airline Road. Drive to Spring Cypress Road. Turn right .3 mile on the left, and you will see the old Klein High School with the more modern Klein Administration Building in the foreground. Originally Rural High School District No. 1, Klein School District was a consolidation in 1928 of several common schools. Land for the rural high school was purchased from the Doerre family, members of which still farm the neighboring land.

Continuing on Spring Cypress Road .4 mile, you will see the old Klein House on the left, behind metal gates. The house was built by Adam Frederick Klein, a grandson of the first Klein to come to this area. It has been moved several hundred feet from its original location but is still located on land Adam Klein, Sr. bought for 33½ cents an acre in 1854. The home is



owned by a famous Klein descendant, Lyle Lovett, who is very proud of his Klein roots.

.2 mile further on the right is Enviro-Grow Nursery. In the cluster of trees is where the Adam and Fredericka Klein house was located. Adam and Fredericka immigrated to Texas from Germany in 1852. They first went to Missouri, where Fredericka had a half brother. Adam went to California in the gold rush, where he did find gold. He and Fredericka then came to Texas, where they bought land for 33½ cents an acre.

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## Road Trip - *continued*

They had seven children, and many of their descendants continue to be important members of the community.

Continue .5 mile further on Spring Cypress; turn right on Klein Cemetery Road; .3 mile further you will come to the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery on the left. The Kaiser family originally donated land for the cemetery in 1875. Many of the area's early settlers and community founders are buried here...Benfer, Brill, Klein, Hildebrandt, Roth, Strack, Theiss, and many others.

Return to Spring Cypress Road and turn right; .4 mile on the left, opposite B & M Auto, was the location of the first Klein Post Office. After the Civil War, as the settlers around Cypress Creek grew in number, Adam Klein wrote to Washington asking that a post office be established in the area. The government consented and named the post office after Adam Klein. The Klein Post Office operated from 1884-1906 and was located in William Blackshear's store. The post office's first mail carrier, Mr. Richey, delivered the mail on a donkey.

Continue .7 mile to Trinity Lutheran Church. Trinity Lutheran Church was formed in 1874. Founders of the church included the earliest German settlers to the Klein area...Adam Klein, Jacob Theiss, Jost Wunderlich, Henry Kaiser, Henry Benfer, Henry Bernshausen, William Lemm, and John Brill. The present sanctuary was dedicated in 1995 and is the third church building of the Trinity Lutheran Congregation.

Continue .5 mile to Kuykendahl Road. Abner, Joseph, and Robert Kuykendahl came to Texas from Kentucky in the 1820s and were part of S.F. Austin's Old Three Hundred colonists. Several members of the Kuykendahl family were in Sam Houston's army at the battle of San Jacinto.

1.3 miles on the left, across from Strack Intermediate School, at 17934 Kuykendahl Road, is the Music Rack. The Music Rack building was once the early Kuehnle home and was moved from FM 1960, on land near Olde Oaks subdivision. A Kuehnle family cemetery is still located there. Twins Johann and Jacob Kuehnle immigrated to Texas in the 1850s. Both fought in the Civil War, and Jacob died of battle wounds during the war.

The next small entrance (.2 mile) beyond the Music Rack on the left of Kuykendahl is the entrance to the Strack Cemetery. Hermann Strack was among the earliest of the Germans to settle in northwest Harris County, establishing his farm on Cypress Creek in 1848. Four other Strack brothers soon followed Hermann to Texas from Feuding, Prussia. The Strack Farms restaurant on Louetta is on land originally settled by Hermann Strack.

Continue .5 mile to the right on Kuykendahl and cross the bridge over Cypress Creek, one of twelve streams in Texas by that name. The stream rises in northwest Harris County and flows about 35 miles to Spring Creek, which forms the county line between Harris and Montgomery counties. The earliest name for the Klein community was Big Cypress.

1.9 miles further on Kuykendahl is FM 1960, where the Bammel community was once located. The community was named after Charley Bammel, who in 1915 moved from Houston to the “country” because of poor health. Mrs. Bammel said, “When Charley brought me out here in 1915, there wasn’t anything here but pine trees and dirt roads and nothing to do but sit on the front porch and listen to the crawfish holler.” In the early 1900s, brothers-in-law Charles Bammel and Herman Kuehnle operated a general merchandise store on the northeast corner of FM 1960 (old Bammel Road) and Kuykendahl. The Bammel Post Office was in the store from 1915-1929. Oil and gas were discovered in the Bammel area in 1938, and a large gas field remains south of FM 1960 today.

Turn right on FM 1960. The “FM” stands for “farm to market” road. The road was given this number in the 1950s. Earlier, sections of the road had different names. This section, called Bammel Road, was originally a dirt trail through the woods. The western part of FM 1960, west of Stuebner Airline, was once called Jackrabbit Road. 1.1 miles on the right, near present Northwoods Presbyterian Church, is land settled by the Ehrhardt family. David Ehrhardt came to Texas around 1853, acquired land, and became a successful farmer and rancher. One of David’s sons, William Ehrhardt, became the local doctor for the widespread farming community. His office, once located near his home, was moved to the Tomball Museum Complex in 1975. It is open for tours.

Continue west on FM 1960 to Stuebner Airline and turn right; .3 mile on the left is Hieden’s feed store. Twenty-year-old Frank Hieden came to Texas from Austria in 1907. With hard work and rugged individualism, Hieden became a successful farmer. Son Frank still operates the feed store.

Continuing on Stuebner Airline, on the right is Clow Road. Mr. Clow was a slave freed by the Civil War. His former master gave him 25 acres of land to farm and take care of himself.

.9 mile on the left is Strack Road. Near the intersection of Strack Road and Wunderlich Road was the site of Jacob Strack’s sawmill. Jacob Strack was the son of one of the five Strack brothers who came to Texas in the mid-1800s. His first sawmill was near present-day Strack Farms restaurant and was in partnership with Jacob Theiss. In 1888, Jacob Strack bought 602 acres of land south of Cypress Creek for \$1,350, approximately \$2.25 per acre, to build a large sawmill. His sawmill became the most prominent one in the neighborhood.

Return to Stuebner Airline Road. Continue 1.1 miles to Kleingreen Lane on the left. Mittelstädt Elementary is located at 7525 Kleingreen Lane near the site of the Kriegel sawmill, one of the earliest sawmills in the area operating from the 1850s through the mid-1870s. Lumbering was an important economic activity from the earliest days of settlement along Cypress Creek, and over the years there have been numerous sawmills in the area.

Continue on Stuebner Airline to Klein High School, the starting point of the tour.

# IN THE MAIL

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*This space is reserved for residents with opinions to express, thoughts to share and any question another reader may be able to answer. Jot it down and drop it in the mail to **Marilou Schopper** at 9103 Herts Road, Spring, Texas 77379, put it into the birdhouse mailbox on Marilou's front porch, or contact her by email at [marilou@partysport.com](mailto:marilou@partysport.com).*

*Remember: This newsletter will not publish anonymous comments or questions. Please include your name and address.*

*Thank you, Marilou*

**Dear Marilou,**

I am so angry this morning I could bite nails! I went out to check on the little wren who had made her nest in one of our flower pots and found her feathers and her two babies missing, thanks to the cats that roam our neighborhood! I have seen the cats (one large yellow one and one black and white one) in the backyard trying to sneak up on the birds at the bird feeder I have in my backyard. I have run them off several times.

I felt that this little bird trusted my wife and me to protect her. We could sit in a chair not 3 feet from her nest as

she would come and go. We could walk right up to the nest, and she would not fly away. Imagine how I felt when I walked out to check on her and found her feathers and fuzz from her babies scattered around on the patio. It made for a very sad day! It was like finding a valued pet eaten!

Isn't there an ordinance about cats running loose in the neighborhood? I will talk to the authorities to see if there is something legal I can do to keep them out of my yard. Even though I do not like cats, because people think they are special and should not be susceptible to the rules other animals are bound by, I could not bring myself to hurt one, but I would love to see the loose ones removed from the neighborhood. At least removed from my yard.

Please, folks, keep these cats restrained! Or at least keep them out of my yard. They are a nuisance and destructive. I love these little birds that come into the yard to eat, drink and raise their babies. If you can't keep them out of other people's yards, then get rid of them. We don't want them destroying our birds.

**Wallace Perry**  
**Herts Road**

**Dear Editor,**

My thanks and appreciation for the well written and informative letter written by **Fred Jones** and **Tom Petrick**, in the May newsletter, about the Raveneaux issue. For those of us who have not taken the time to keep up to date on why and how the Kleinwood Municipal Utility District has chosen to involve themselves in the JP Partners project, this letter was most informative. My opinion is that what Cypress Forest Public Utility District is asking in concessions is an absolute minimum as to what should be required, and the expectations of JP Partners of CFPUD are beyond reason. I applaud Mr. Jones and Mr. Petrick for their position and urge them to hold fast and not concede in any respect.

**Henry Habel**  
**Morningbrook Drive**

# Cypress-Fairbanks ISD

## 2008-2009 School Calendar

August 25 ..... First Day of Classes  
 September 1 ..... Student Holiday  
 October 13 ..... Professional Day/Student Holiday  
 November 26-28 ..... Student Holidays  
 December 19 ..... End of 1st Semester  
 December 22-Jan. 2 ..... Student Holidays  
 January 5 ..... Professional Day/Student Holiday  
 January 6 ..... First Day of 2nd Semester (Classes Resume)  
 January 19 ..... Student/Staff Holiday  
 February 16 ..... Professional Day/Student Holiday  
 March 16-20 ..... Student Holidays  
 April 10 ..... Student Holiday  
 April 13 ..... Professional Day/Student Holiday  
 May 25 ..... Student/Staff Holiday  
 June 3 ..... Last Day of School  
 June 4 ..... Professional Day

### Grading Periods: 1st Semester

1st Six Weeks: Aug. 25-Oct. 1 ..... 27 days  
 2nd Six Weeks: Oct. 2-Nov. 7 ..... 26 days  
 3rd Six Weeks: Nov. 10-Dec. 19 ..... 27 days  
**Total..... 80 days**

### Grading Periods: 2nd Semester

4th Six Weeks: Jan. 6-Feb. 13 ..... 28 days  
 5th Six Weeks: Feb. 17-April 9 ..... 33 days  
 6th Six Weeks: April 14-June 3 ..... 36 days  
**Total..... 97 days**

**Inclement Weather Days: October 13, January 19, April 13**

# Klein ISD Calendar

## 2008-2009 School Calendar

August 15 ..... Optional Teacher Work Day  
 August 18 through 22 ..... Staff Development Days  
 August 23 ..... Summer High School Graduation, 2008  
 August 25 ..... First Day of Classes  
 September 1 ..... Labor Day Holiday  
 October 13 ..... Staff Development Day/Student Holiday  
 ..... Elementary Parent Conference Day  
 November 4 ..... Presidential Election/Holiday  
 November 26, 27 and 28 ..... Thanksgiving Holidays  
 December 22 through January 2 ... Christmas/Winter Holidays  
 January 5 ..... Classes Resume  
 January 15 ..... End of First Semester  
 January 16 ..... Staff Development Day/Student Holiday  
 January 19 ..... Martin Luther King Holiday  
 January 20 ..... Second Semester Begins  
 February 16 ..... Staff Development Day/Student Holiday  
 March 9 through March 13 ..... Spring Break  
 April 10 ..... Easter Break  
 April 13 ..... Staff Development Day/Student Holiday  
 May 25 ..... Memorial Day Holiday  
 June 4 ..... Last Day of Classes  
 June 5 ..... Staff Development Day  
 June 6 ..... High School Graduation  
 August 22 ..... Summer High School Graduation, 2009

## Summer Pet Health



### Plant Toxicity

Pet owners are often surprised to learn common household plants are toxic to pets, with perhaps the Sago palm being the most prevalent toxic plant in this area. Sago palm trees contain a very potent toxin called cycasin. The toxin, found in all parts of the plant, has its greatest concentration in the seeds and root balls of the Sago. A pet ingesting as few as 1 or 2 seeds can experience acute liver failure and death; therefore, please plant Sagos where your pets do not have access to them. If your pet does ingest any part of a Sago palm, seek veterinary attention immediately.

Lilies are probably the second most prevalent plant toxicity in this area. Several types of lilies are toxic with the principal ones being Easter lilies, tiger lilies, stargazer lilies, peace lilies and daylilies. Lilies are extremely toxic to cats. Generally, toxicosis occurs only in cats. All parts of the lily contain toxins that can cause acute renal failure.

As with Sago palms, there is no specific antidote for the toxins; however, expedient veterinary treatment and supportive care can improve your pet's prognosis for survival.

Other common toxic plants are oleanders, azaleas, rhododendron, laurel, castor beans, foxgloves, cyclamens, and yews. Common houseplants can be toxic as well. Go to the ASPCA poison control website ([www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org)) for additional information on toxic plants **and** foods – grapes, raisins, onions, and chocolate are all toxic to your pet too!

I hope this "Summer Pet Health" series helps you and your pet enjoy the "great outdoors" this season. Have a great summer!

*Jim Amyx, DVM*

## Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, a Harris County Precinct 4 facility under the leadership of Commissioner Jerry Eversole, is located at 22306 Aldine Westfield Road, one mile north of FM 1960. Harris County Precinct 4 programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, sex, religion, national origin, or physical ability. Anyone requiring special assistance to participate in any program or to obtain additional information, should contact Mercer at 281-443-8731 or on the web at [www.hcp4.net/mercer/index.htm](http://www.hcp4.net/mercer/index.htm).

### July

**Lunch Bunch: Summer Tree Care (Wednesday, July 9 from noon to 2 p.m.)** – Join arborist John Ross to learn about caring for trees during the summer. Trees are tough, but they deserve some tender loving care in the hottest months of the year to keep them happy and healthy. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy during the program. Please call ahead for reservations.

**Continuing Education: Invasive Exotics (Tuesday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to noon)** – Local author and naturalist Karen Breneman presents information on invasive exotic plants and strategies for removal of invasive species, plus alternatives for them in the garden. Karen's presentation also includes information on exotic animals in Texas and the threats to native wildlife. Please call ahead for reservations.

**Texas Rose Rustlers Meeting (Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)** – The Texas Rose Rustlers invite visitors to two lectures on growing roses. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy.

### Ongoing

**Mercer Bamboo Meetings (Fourth Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon)** – Monthly meetings feature hands-on training in Mercer's bamboo garden. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy. Call to confirm meeting times for the month.

**Chrysanthemum Society (Fourth Friday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.)**

## Classified Ads

**For Sale:** 42" upright Yamaha piano (Model M402) with bench, new in 1995, oak finish, played on for only 3 years, \$1,249. Call John or Sandi Williams at 281-320-1243.

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### Electricity

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### Garbage and Recycling

Royal Disposal and Recycle ..... 713-526-1536

### Gas

CenterPoint Energy ..... 713-659-2111

### Mosquitos

Harris County Mosquito Control..... 713-440-4800

### Neighborhood Eyesore

Consolidated Management Services ..... 281-296-9775

### Phone Repair

Southwestern Bell Telephone ..... 1-800-246-8464

### Security

(Nonemergency) Constable's Dispatch.....281-376-3472

### Street

Curb Repair, Street Repair, Signs, Sweeping  
 Commissioner Eversole's Office ..... 281-353-8424  
 Traffic Signals  
 Houston Transtar ..... 713-881-3210

### Street Lamps

Reliant Energy ..... 713-945-3219

### Water

Cypress Forest P.U.D..... 713-405-1760

**Emergency? Call 9-1-1.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CF PUD Meeting 5:30 p.m. Backdoor Garbage Pickup	2	3	4 <b>Happy July Fourth</b> <i>Independence Day</i>	5
6	7	8 CF Civic Club Meeting 7:30 p.m. Backdoor Garbage Pickup	9	10 CF Newsletter Deadline	11 Backdoor Garbage Pickup & Recycling	12
13	14	15 Backdoor Garbage Pickup	16	17	18 Backdoor Garbage Pickup & Recycling	19
20	21	22 Backdoor Garbage Pickup	23	24	25 Backdoor Garbage Pickup & Recycling	26
27	28	29 Backdoor Garbage Pickup	30	31		

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4<sup>TH</sup> OF  
*July*

