



News around the Creek



Cross Creek Ranch Tree Lighting

Help kick off the Holiday Season with Cross Creek Ranch as we welcome the holiday season in grand style with Santa Claus and a tree lighting on Friday, November 28th from 6pm-8pm. Bring your family to the event that lights up Cross Creek Ranch.

- Take pictures with Santa Claus
- Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies with Mrs. Claus
- Holiday Arts & Crafts
- Music and fun for the whole family
- Enjoy a countdown to the lighting of the community Christmas Tree at 7pm

CROSS CREEK RANCH STUFF THE BOX - FOOD DRIVE!

Bring a non-perishable food item! Last year we were able to help feed families in the Fulshear area for the holidays.

This year let's continue to help our neighbors by dropping off your donations of non-perishable food items at the Cross Creek Ranch Fitness Center from November 1st through November 28th. Or drop off your non-perishable food item at the CCR Tree Lighting event. Your donations will help the local Food Basket Program provide holiday meals for over 50 families in the Fulshear Community.



Items Needed:

- Canned Corn • Canned sweet potatoes
- Canned green peas/beans • Dirty rice
- Cranberry Sauce • Mashed potatoes

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, November 1st-Sunday, November 28th: Stuff the Box Food Drive

Friday, November 14th: Adults Night Out Paint Party 7:00pm-10:00pm

Saturday, November 22nd: Keep Fulshear Beautiful Clean-Up 8:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, November 27th: Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 28th: Cross Creek Ranch Annual Tree Lighting 6:00pm-8:00pm

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Cross Creek Welcome Center
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Cross Creek Ranch Fitness Center
281-344-0078

Homeowner Intranet
www.crosscreektexas.com

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FUN IN CROSS CREEK

Painting-n- Fun at the Cross Creek Ranch Adults Night Out Paint Party

Join us for an evening of creativity and camaraderie. Come alone or grab a friend or two and paint a picture along with a local artist. Make it a PARTY! We'll provide your paint, canvas and brushes, and you'll have a fun evening with friends, and maybe make a few new ones. Plus, at the end of the evening, you'll have a one-of-a-kind creation and, hopefully, a newfound talent you'll want to explore!

Friday, November 14th

7:00pm-10:00pm

Community Room

Cost: \$30.00 per person

***You may bring snacks and drinks**



Our instructor will guide you through each step of recreating the featured painting of your choice. You may bring snack and drinks to enjoy while painting. Pre-registration is required and payment is due at start of class. Please sign up with Robin at ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com to receive more information on the class.

Keep Fulshear Beautiful

Keep Fulshear Beautiful is a community organized group of individuals who want to see the City of Fulshear thrive. On Nov. 22, the City of Fulshear is having their annual Beauti-Fulshear. The Beauti-Fulshear projects support and assist in local area clean up and beautification of the Fulshear community.



Let's help keep our city beautiful, to volunteer with the Cross Creek Ranch Clean-Up Team, please email Robin at ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com. All ages are welcome!



CHECK IN STATION (We use this to track the facility usage)

Please remember to bring your ID Card with you every time you visit the Fitness Center. You will need your card to check in at the front desk. If you do not have an ID Card, please notify our staff or contact us at 281-344-0078.

PERSONAL TRAINING - WITH THE HOLIDAYS ON THE HORIZON AND THE NEW YEAR AHEAD, IT IS THE PERFECT TIME TO TAKE THE STEPS TOWARD A HEALTHIER YOU. THE CROSS CREEK FITNESS CENTER IS HERE TO HELP YOU ALONG THE WAY. AMONG THE MANY DIFFERENT TRAINING OPTIONS AVAILABLE, THERE IS A PROGRAM FOR EVERYONE. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PACKAGES, PLEASE CONTACT APRIL ZIESCHANG AT APRIL@RISHERCO.COM OR 281-344-0078.

PFTH Fitness Challenge-

You've heard of the ALS ice bucket challenge right? Stop by the gym anytime November 17th through December 7th and call out your neighbors to participate in our PFTH (Prep For The Holiday) fitness challenge and ward off those turkey pounds!! Participation is free, stop by the fitness center to find out how!



Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Hours

Wednesday 11/26

Regular
Hours of Operation

Thursday 11/27

Closed

Friday 11/28

Closed

Saturday 11/29

Return to Regular
Hours of Operation



M: 8:15am - 10am

T: 6pm - 8pm

W: 8:15 - 10am

TH: 6pm - 8pm

F: 8:15am - 10:45am

For questions or additional information about the Kid's Corral, please contact us at 281.344.0078.

Group Class Schedule

	Morning	Evening
Monday	9:00am - 9:55am Zumba	6:15pm - 6:45pm Boot Camp
Tuesday	5:15am - 5:45am Boot Camp	6:15pm - 6:45pm Core Essentials 7:00pm - 7:55pm Yoga
Wednesday	8:45am - 9:30am Cardio Strength	6:15pm - 6:45pm Boot Camp
Thursday	5:15am - 5:45am Boot Camp	6:00pm - 6:40pm PiYo Strength 6:45pm - 7:40pm Zumba
Friday	8:45am - 9:30am Cardio Strength 9:45am - 10:40am Yoga	
Saturday	Run Club (Self-led) Check Facebook Page For Meeting Times Each Week	

Join the Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1512150515678432/#!/groups/1512150515678432/>

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday

4:00am - 5:00am *

5:00am - 11:00am

11:00am - 4:00pm *

4:00pm - 10:00pm

Friday

4:00am - 5:00am *

5:00am - 11:00am

11:00am - 4:00pm *

4:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday

4:00am - 8:00am *

8:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday

4:00am - 1:00pm *

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Cross Creek Ranch
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*Access is limited to Cross Creek Ranch residents that have a valid CCR ID Card and are over the age of 18.



FULSHEAR SCARECROW FESTIVAL



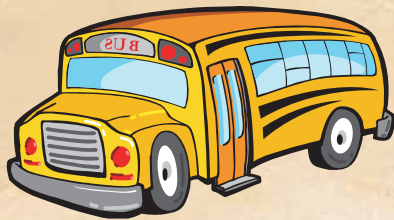
- 1ST Place** - Rock-N-Roll Animal (from the Muppets)
- Huggins Choir & PE
- 2ND Place** - Gene Simmons (from KISS) - Huggins Elementary 3rd grade class
- 3RD Place** - Kiss-A-Crow - Catherine Watson



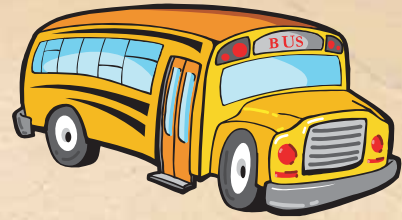
HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Cross Creek Ranch Halloween Spooktacular on the Hill was held on Saturday, October 25th from 4pm-6pm. Three hundred residents enjoyed a live interactive storytelling on the hill from Arts Fulshear, arts & crafts, pumpkin patch, candy apples, goodie bags and fun.





School Buzz





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8TH

November
1 to 5 pm

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All proceeds benefit Huggins Elementary.

Visit www.friendsofhuggins.org for more information and ticket sales.

RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

November 13, 2014 5:00-8:00 PM



Please join us to celebrate our First Randolph International Festival, which will showcase information about the cultures, traditions and interesting facts of 23 Countries represented in our school. We will have passports for the children, live performances, Parade of Nations, food and special guests! Everyone is invited to dress in traditional attire! Costumes may be folk, modern or sports uniforms. Due to limited parking if possible please walk to the event, Thank you!

The event is free for children, staff and families of Randolph Elementary as well as members of our community. For more info, please contact us at randolphpta.multicultural@gmail.com.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, October 7, 2014, Cross Creek Ranch residents spent an evening getting to know their neighbors and making new friends! National Night Out is a nationwide annual event designed to raise crime prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity, and foster community-police partnerships.



HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS DECORATING CONTEST

Help make the holiday season bright in Cross Creek Ranch! Get in the spirit and decorate your home for the Holiday of Lights Decorating Contest by Thursday, December 11th. Judging will begin at 6 pm and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be notified Friday, December 12th. The winning homes will be featured in the newsletter and receive a Holiday of Lights Contest Lawn sign and prize.

Contest Rules: Must be a homeowner within Cross Creek Ranch. Home decoration can include any lighting scheme, house or lawn ornaments, luminaries, etc. Judging will take place on Thursday evening, December 11th. **You must sign up for the contest to be considered for the Holiday Lights contest and pick a category.** Homes must have their lights on from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm for judging. To enter your home in the Holiday Lights Contest email Robin Mitchell ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com.

Categories :

- **Lights - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place**
- **Best Theme - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place**
- **Most Creative - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place**
- **Best Street-1st, 2nd and 3rd place**

Are you interested in being a judge for the Holiday of Lights Decorating Contest? Judges must be available on Thursday, December 11th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Email Robin at ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com for more information.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YARDS OF THE MONTH

Cross Creek Ranch Yard of the Month has been established to promote goodwill and reward exemplary lawn care in the community. The purpose of the program is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large. The program is administered entirely by volunteers from the Cross Creek Ranch Landscaping and Garden Committee. All Yard of the Months winners received a Cross Creek Ranch Yard of the Month lawn sign and a \$25 gift card sponsored by Janelle Williams - Realtor Better Homes and Gardens Gary Greene.



5714 Amherst Farms – Mahlum Family | 5414 Cedar Elm – Aranco Family
5823 Stern Springs – Baird Family | 28207 Emerald Creek – Kelly Family
27610 Panola Place – Spivey Family | 5606 N Choctaw Hill – Leblanc Family

If you see a yard worthy of "Yard of the Month", email Robin at ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com.



Holiday Hayride Coming to Cross Creek Ranch



Holiday Hayride



Mark your calendars for December 13th, and get in the spirit of the season with a Holiday Hayride! Cross Creek Ranch and Brazos River Rotary have teamed up to bring you a hayride to enjoy a tour of the Holiday of Lights contestants the old-fashioned way.

Enjoy complementary hot chocolate and holiday cookies while you wait. Seating on the Holiday Hayride is limited, be on the lookout for an email blast and your December newsletter for more information on purchasing tickets for the hayride.

Cross Creek Ranch Holiday Cookie Decorating Contest

Show off your creativity and have some fun while spreading some holiday cheer at the Cross Creek Ranch Holiday Cookie Decorating contest. This contest is fun for the whole family!

December 18, 2014 • 6:30 pm • Community Room

- Gumdrops Division: 5-8 Years of Ages
- Candy Cane Division: 9-13 Years of Age
- Sugar Plum Division: 14-18 Years of Age
- Gingerbread Divisions: 19 Years of Age and up

*Registration limited to 15 contestants in each age division.

Contestant 13 years of age and under may be accompanied by an adult or older sibling, but must do all of the decorating him (her) self.

Rules:

- Each contestant must provide their own frosting and/or other decorating material.
- All materials must fit in a small shoebox sized container.
- The cookies will be provided.
- All materials used to decorate the cookie must be edible.
- Frosting and decorations may be home-made or store bought.
- Contestants will be judged strictly on appearance. Taste will not be judged.
- Prizes will be given for the "Most Creative" cookie in each division.
- Contestants will be given 20 minutes to decorate their cookies.

Each Contestant must be pre-registered by Monday, December 15, 2014, to guarantee a place in the contest. To pre-register, please email Robin at ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com.



Little Ones Giving Thanks

Hey kids! What's your favorite thing about Thanksgiving? Why are you thankful? Show off your creativity by writing a poem about Thanksgiving. Winning poems will receive a gift card to Chili's and appear in the December Cross Creek Ranch Newsletter. Get out those pens, pencils and crayons and start writing!

Entries will be judged for their originality and creativity in three different age categories: ages 6 - 8, ages 9 - 10 and ages 11 - 12. Winning poems in each category will be announced Friday, November 21st.

Not sure where to start? Take a look at these examples of two children's Thanksgiving poems:

HOORAY FOR THANKSGIVING

It's Thanksgiving dinner;
Let's not be late;
There's lots of good food,
So fill your plate.
With pie at the end,
It can't be beat;
Hooray for Thanksgiving,
There's so much to eat!

A CHILD'S THANKSGIVING THANKS

I'm thankful for the many things
That help us live as well as kings,
For all the food that makes us drool,
And another holiday from school.

Contest Rules

- Each poem must be the original work of a child aged 6-12. (Only one poem submitted per child.)
- Each poem must be titled. Poems may be submitted in one of three categories:
- Ages 6 - 8 years old, 9 - 10 years old and 11 - 12 years old.
- One grand-prize winner in each category will receive a gift card to Chili's.

Submit your poems to Robin Mitchell, Lifestyle Director at the Cross Creek Ranch Fitness Center by November 17th. Make sure to include your name, address, age and a phone number. Good luck!



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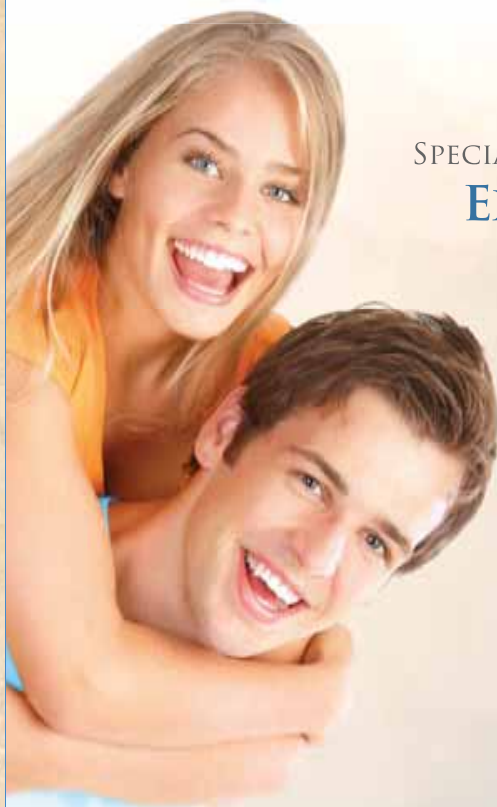
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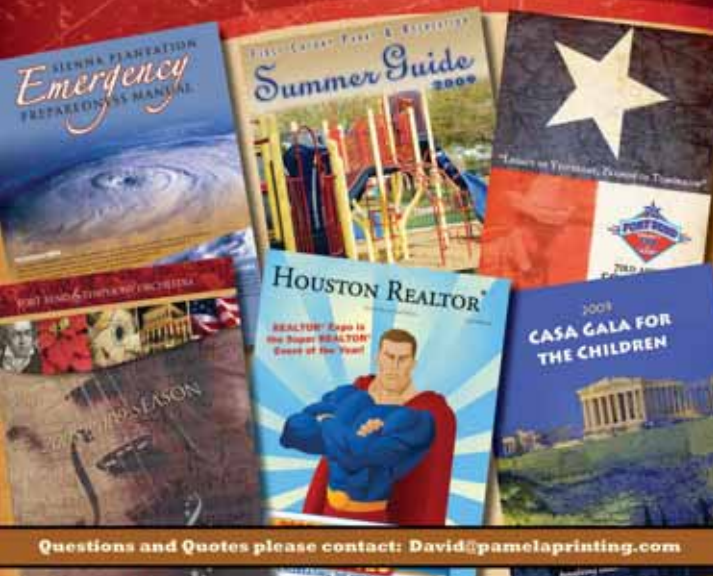
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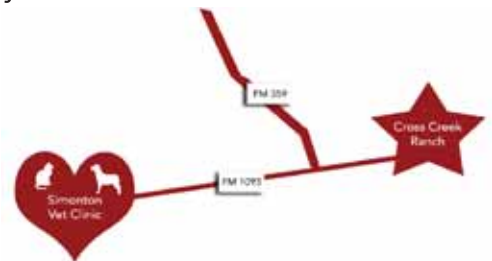
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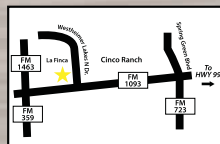


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Happy Hour from 4:00 – 6:00 Tuesday thru Saturday. Serving 'Buckets of Bubbles' full of various sparkling wines and small plates to share. For the holidays, remember we have a back room that seats up to 20 guests. Meetings, showers and clubs all welcome! Call to reserve: 281-341-1587.



Have you tried our Family To-Go Dinners? For just \$28.00 we will have your meal ready for pick up, anytime after 1:30. Come by the café for a menu.

Fall Meet & Greet originally scheduled for Thursday, November 13th has been postponed.



Nature Sightings

What type of wildlife have you seen in CCR? Share your story at cclifestyledirector@johnsondev.com.



Differential Grasshopper

DIFFERENTIAL GRASSHOPPER

The differential grasshopper is a species of grasshopper belonging to the genus *Melanoplus* found throughout northern Mexico, central United States and southern Ontario, Canada. It is considered a pest in most of its range.

Adult males grow to 28–37 mm and females grow to 34–50 mm. They are brownish or greenish and as they age the color will darken. Some nymphs can be bright yellow. There are black grooves on the pronotum. The male has bootlike appendages at the end of its abdominal tip. There are inverted chevrons along the hind femur and the hind part the tibia is yellowish with black spikes. All of the adults tarsi are yellow along with its antennae, which in some cases are reddish yellow.

Found throughout most of the United States except for the east coast and northwest. Within its range the *M. differentialis* is most often found in heavily weeded areas and grasslands, they can even be spotted in vacant lots and other urban areas. This species is not migratory but can travel within a few miles to search for food.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Differential_grasshopper

