

Ridge Harbor Floater

Spicewood, TX 78669



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By Sherri Curry

Opening a letter from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, I was surprised to find a recent prescription drug order from Canada had been "interdicted" and was subject to destruction. This was done to "protect" my health because enclosed with the letter was a large bulletin stating "Buying Medicine Outside the U.S. Is Risky Business". Wow! My life might have been in jeopardy all the previous years of using this Canadian pharmacy to fill prescriptions.

One of the benefits from ordering medical prescriptions from Canada is the cost...My latest order from Canada was for 100 units for \$23.57 which included a shipping price of \$9.95 (.24 ea). Ordering from a discount company in the U. S. Costs \$46.50 (.47ea) for the same amount and if you were to buy a 30-day supply from a local pharmacy, the cost would be around \$30/month (\$1.00 ea).

The seizing of foreign prescriptions

seemed to escalate right after the Medicare Prescription Plan sign-up period in May ended. According to various nefarious information sources on the Internet, this branch of customs is part of the Homeland Security Act and is attempting to try and force participation by senior citizens who have previously relied on obtaining their medications from Canada. True or false, it still steams me up to have to pay double or even triple in some cases, for medication prescriptions filled in the U. S.

Another steam up was experienced after receiving the latest property tax assessment amount. It went up the maximum 10% allowable in anticipation of the proposed property tax cuts to be effected in the coming year. From all our calculations, with the school district being allowed to control their own rates, we anticipate higher taxes--not a reduction. Not sure where the governor gets his \$2000/average house savings in property taxes from. Must be a higher-

mathematics formula. Kinky Friedman and Carole Keeton- Strayhorn-Rylander- etc are looking better and better as candidates in the next election.

According to the latest Marble Falls local papers, there is going to be a massive development at the intersection of Hwy 71 and Hwy 281. A new medical center is planned with an 80-bed hospital and a 116-acre campus which will be included in an area with over a thousand acres of residential subdivision, retail shops, restaurants, apartments, condos, parks, golf course (18-hole Bechtol Russel) etc. This will be a master-planned community with a retail development of a grocery store, specialty shops and big box stores.

Construction is slated to begin in 2007 and some homes will be ready by 2008. The development is expected to use around one million gallons of water per day from Lake Marble Falls. Residential area will be named Flatrock Springs.

WOW!

Did you know??? **Budweiser** beer conditions hair; Use **WD-40** to help arthritis pain and to dull insect stings; **Preparation H** will help chigger bites and cure puffy eyes; **Peanut Butter** will get scratches out of CD's; **PAM** cooking spray will dry fingernail polish; **Super Glue** will seal paper cuts--it is used instead of sutures in many hospitals; Use **KoolAid** and plain yogurt for edible finger paint; and Cool Whip will condition your hair in 15 minutes...this all according to certain Internet sources!

May was a month of celebrations--
Mother's Day & Memorial Day.

Each year as maturity sets in, the appreciation of my mother grows. The teenage years had me declaring loudly (in her presence, of course) that I would never grow up to be like my mother--either in looks or actions and Lo! Today, I can put my hands on my hips and emulate the stance and attitude that Mom took when she "meant business". I admire my mother and her many traits including her

ability to dive into any project with a positive thought that everything will work out--and sure enough, it always has. I can hope that I will be just like her when I am her age of 85!

Memorial Day is a special day dedicated to honoring and celebrating the lives of the men and women that died while in the service of our country. Even though some of our recent wars were not particularly popular, it is not the war we memorialize, but the lives lost. We must

continue to pay homage to those that never returned to their homes and families but died in foreign locales. We honor them this day.



Vietnam Memorial

Ridge Harbor Community Information Page



Recaps of Minutes from Board of Director's Meetings

Recaps of the POA Board meetings are currently put on Ridge Harbor's website after each meeting by the editor of this newsletter. The board meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 6 PM. There will be a link on the home page to the latest recap as well as recaps of past meetings. **These are not official minutes** and have not been voted on as approved by the Board. The official minutes are taken and approved by the Board at the next meeting and are available after they have been approved. Again, residents are welcome to attend the Board meetings. The dates, times and places for the meetings are published in the recap.

If you have an item for the agenda, please contact the Property Manager, Mary Lynn Ray before the next meeting.

Burn Pile

Please make sure there is not a **Burn Ban** in effect before burning the pile. Do not pile any brush in the trailer parking area. The Burn Pile is located more toward the lake--not in the parking area. Some residents have been using the old area to pile brush in. If not sure, please ask someone.

Each resident is responsible for burning their own brush.

Gate Information

To change your gate code or get a new one for a service such as construction, lawn care or housecleaning: **Notify Mary Lynn Ray, Property Manager or Sherri Curry (830 693-8327)**

Remember, you can have a guest or service dial your number from the gate directory. The phone will ring in your house acting like an intercom. You can press "9" on your phone and it will open the gate.

Because of several complaints of loose dogs in the neighborhood, the POA Board has recommended the following. If you know who the owner of the dog is, the Property Manager can be contacted to write a letter to this owner before calling the Animal Control. If owner is not known, call:

Burnet County
Animal Control Number:
(512) 756-8080

Ridge Harbor Contact Information

Email: rhpoa@ridgeharbor.com
Phone: (830) 798-2270

Ridge Harbor POA Board Members:

Mary Lynn Ray, Mgr. P. O. Box 638 Spicewood, TX 78669	Sharon Bechtold-Sengbusch - President Gennaro Bonomo - Vice President Paul Kronbergs- Treasurer Cathy Haas - Secretary Steve Schneider - Project Manager
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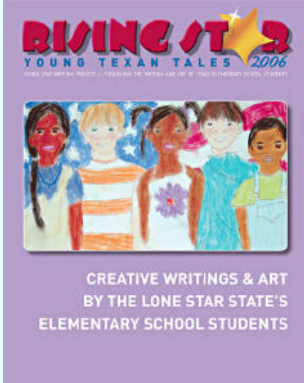
**Congratulations! To Ridge Harbor Honor Roll Students (all A's)
For 5th Six Weeks - Spicewood Elementary School**

1st Grade: Madison Panzarella 2nd Grade: Cory Clausen

3rd Grade: Callie Levine 4th Grade: Jacob Fereday & Cole Madigan



Congratulations to Brandon Panzarella



Brandon was on the "AB" Honor Roll but also was one of twelve second graders in Texas to have some artwork published in *Rising Star Magazine*. Every year this foundation prints a publication with the best writing samples and art work for grades two through six from all the elementary schools in Texas.

Teachers submit samples of the work of their most talented kids and a small portion are nominated to participate in the competition. An even smaller portion get their work published. Brandon was the only nomination accepted from Spicewood Elementary School and the only second grader from Marble Falls ISD to be published. His work is named *Tiger in the Woods* and appears on the first page of *Rising Stars, Young Texan Tales*. Brandon's proud dad, Michael Panzarella, supplied information for this story.



The Birds - Swallows to be exact!



These birds may take 1,000 trips to gather mud, which is worked into a pellet and carried to the nest site in the birds' bills. Barn Swallows usually build their nests close to the ceiling on a beam or tucked under the eaves. Returning from long migrations south, Barn Swallows show strong fidelity to their natal site, most nesting within 20 miles of their birthplace and some much closer. Members of a pair typically stay together to raise a second brood and return in successive years to the same nest site. Therein lies the problem--invading swallows making nests in the eaves of Ridge Harbor residents. These sites are messy, especially in trafficked areas like porches. Excrement, damp mud and nesting materials are plopped down in piles to be avoided by hapless visitors. Some common deterrents to the swallows are balloons, flashy banners, rubber snakes or owls or any device that moves in the breezes.

After the nests are built and before the eggs are laid is the time for removal--which is what resident **Edna Lancaster** was doing when she plummeted off her 8-foot ladder onto the porch. Volunteer EMS was contacted and within minutes, a Starflight helicopter was transporting Edna to Brackenridge Trauma Unit. She suffered facial damage to an eye socket which required reconstructive surgery with titanium implants around her eye socket, broken wrist, cracked ribs and pancreatic trauma. When visiting with Edna many days later, she looked great but with a large black eye, her wrist in a cast and walking slowly with a limp. She had a big smile on her face, though, and was feeling lucky to be alive and thankful the Lord was watching after her and protecting her during this unfortunate incident.

Mary Lynn Ray emailed me information on **swallow repellent**, a product called **Tanglefoot** and found at Ace Hardware in Marble Falls. The swallows seem to loathe it and move on to some other location--hopefully not near Edna's house. The Hammond's and the Ray's have both used this product and recommend it highly. Might make a note and try it out next year.



High School Grad

Joanna Koury graduated from Marble Falls High School in May. She will be having surgery this month for scoliosis of the spine and will be ready for the fall adventures of college. We heard her recuperation might entail floating on a pad at the swimming pool! We wish her well and would like to congratulate her on her graduation.



Welcome New Neighbors:

Tom & Patricia Gerino - 700 Ridge Harbor Drive - Spicewood, TX 78669

The Gerinos recently moved into the distinct Spanish Hacienda-style home near the entrance to Ridge Harbor. They have a home and business in St. Petersburg, Florida and will split their time in Texas. Their business, aerial photography, keeps them and their employees busy doing both commercial and residential projects from Florida to Texas. They are planning to eventually add a pool to their backyard and have currently been busy clearing all the brush and cactus from the front of their property. They found their house on the Internet and were intrigued enough to visit with a realtor. Their hobbies are boating, motorcycles and antique cars. Tom rode his motorcycle to Austin to see what the big motorcycle rally was about in downtown Austin. Welcome ya'll!



Lost Pool Keys

Property Manager, Mary Lynn Ray, recently found two pool keys. If these are yours, Please notify her. These keys originally cost someone \$25 each so to avoid charge for another key, reclaim your lost keys from her.



Spicewood Library

If you are interested in helping with the library, meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Spicewood Community Center or donations are accepted:

Friends of the Spicewood Community Library Please make your checks payable to FSCL
P.O. Box 463, Spicewood, TX 78669 (Friends of the Spicewood Community Library)

For questions or donations of books or equipment, please contact:

Marge Fink, *fxjr2@aol.com* or Wilma Swann, *wswann@thegateway.net*
(830)693-5766 (830) 693-6574

Activities

Fun Run to Shades Cafe

Ridge Harbor's annual boating event was on May 6 and attended by around 25 persons. Several residents were deterred by threatening weather, but the hardy souls that appeared on the marina docks gained sustenance and courage through the libations of Ridge Harbor Bloody Marys. By the time it came to leave, the intrepid crews donned jackets and departed in good spirits. The sun appeared shortly afterwards and lasted throughout the day.

Shades Cafe served our group efficiently and with delicious lake food. On the trip back, the boaters went to Cow Creek and anchored to do a little swimming and floating, again with libations in hand. Lake water was very tolerable and refreshing. We look forward to next year's Fun Run...



Bee Cave Farmer's Market
On Hwy 71 next to Papa Joe's Pizza.
Saturdays 9 am - 2 pm



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4th of July Fireworks



The Laney's will again provide Ridge Harbor with a Laney Fireworks spectacular! Festivities will be held on Monday, July 3rd--the July 4th Eve. Many thanks to the Laney families for their generosity in making this a very special firework's display.

Charlie and Anne Whidden are again welcoming everyone to view the fireworks from their deck at 230 Cove Creek Drive. They will be supplying the beverages--beer, soda & water! What a wonderful addition to these annual festivities.
Thank you, Charlie & Anne.

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