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## Social Events

**OCTOBER 3RD** Garage Sale @ Your Own Home or w/ A Neighbor **OCTOBER 6TH** Fall Neighborhood Picnic & National Night Out www.nationalnightout.org **OCTOBER 17TH** Fall Patio Party Frank & Gisele Sweeney Host 4605 Green Oaks **OCTOBER 27TH** Last Tuesday @ 6:30 Daddy Joes Smokehouse 5220 Highway 121 **OCTOBER 31ST** Halloween Parade **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED DECEMBER TBD** Ladies Ornament Exchange Susan Wilson will host **DECEMBER TBD** Holiday Party Bill & Nancy Dennis will host 4600 Shadycreek Ln

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## **Ensure Their Brightest Future** with the Texas Tuition **Promise Fund**

#### An article from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

In today's challenging economy, providing a strong college education for the work force of tomorrow is increasingly important.

The state of Texas has help for families who want a flexible and affordable way to save for their children's college education, whether it is a four-year degree or technical training at a community college. The Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, lets families start paying for college tuition now, at prices determined by today's tuition rates. Enrollment in the program began September 1.

Payments can be made over several years until a child graduates from high school, all at once or as a family's budget allows.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund is also flexible. Prepaid tuition units can be used at more than 100 Texas public universities and community colleges. Payments into the plan can also be used if a child goes to an out-of-state or private university, with students and their families making up the difference in cost.

The plan also works with scholarships. If a child receives a scholarship, the parents or account owner can simply roll the Texas Tuition Promise Fund account into a 529 college savings plan, such as the Texas College Savings Plan. That money can be used for graduate school, books or room and board. The plan also allows the account owner to transfer any unused tuition benefits to another child or receive a refund. It's that flexible.

This year, enrollment in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund runs from Sept. 1, 2009 through Feb. 28, 2010. The enrollment period extends through July 31 for children under one year of age.

To get started with the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, visit the Comptroller's Web site at www. everychanceeverytexan.org for all the details on paying and saving for college or call (800) 445-GRAD (4723) and select option #5.

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### **New Cell Phone Law**

"I'll Have to Call You Back; I'm in a School Zone."

THE LAST SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE PASSED A NEW LAW MAKING IT ILLEGAL TO USE YOUR CELL PHONE IN A SCHOOL ZONE. THE EXCEPTIONS ARE:

- if you are using a hands free device
- if your vehicle is stopped
- if you are calling 911 for an emergency.

The law took effect September 1, 2009. Soon you can expect to see new signage in school zones reminding drivers to hang up or face a fine of up to \$200.







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### Kecipe of the Month Chicken Spaghetti

Stew chicken. I season water with salt, pepper, and 2or 3 bay leaves. About half-way through cooking time, add chopped onion and celery. When chicken is done, measure about 2 cups of broth and place in another pan. To this broth, add 1 can of tomatoes and one can of Cream of Mushroom Soup. Heat this mixture. Cook spaghetti in water in which chicken was cooked.

Place spaghetti in large baking dish, then boned chicken. Season with salt and pepper. Then pour broth mixture over spaghetti. Bake at 350° until heated throughout. Sprinkle with grated cheese about 10 minutes before removing from oven.

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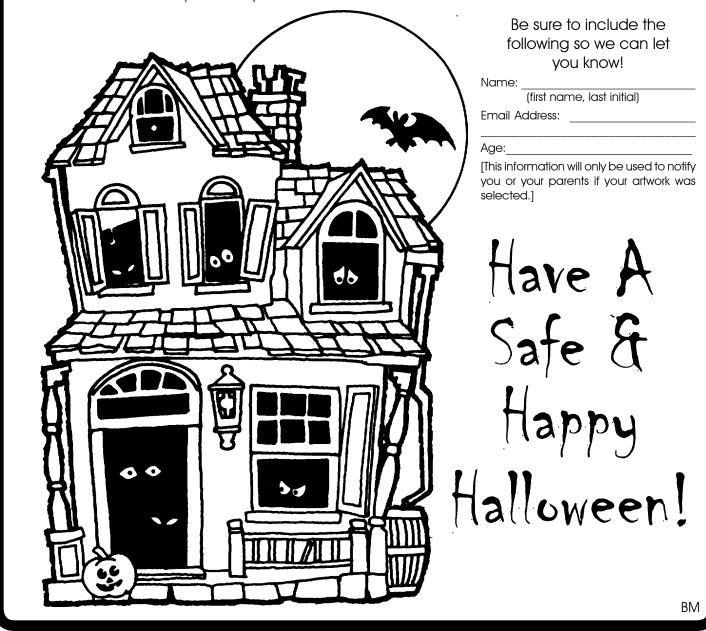


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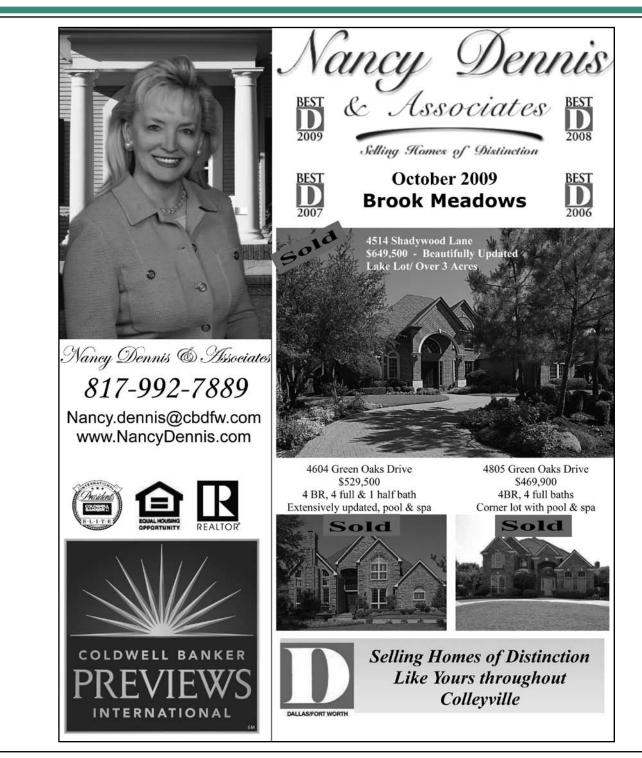
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