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# New BMHA Board of Directors

On April 15th, 2013 we had a changing of the guard on the Board of Directors for a two year term. Please welcome our 3 new directors:

Tony Elkins, Richard Seals, and Mitchell S. Milby Tony, Richard and Mitchell will join Sally Wheeler and Walter Aue, who are in their second year of service.

A round of applause to our 3 directors who have completed their two year term, Mic Deakin, Roger Poirer and Rich Schreder.



## May Social Calendar

May-June TBD Spring Patio Party

Hosts - the McSweeney's - details to follow in email and flyer

May 28

Last Tuesday 6:30pm

Twisted Root - 2820 Central Drive -Bedford, TX 76021

June 24

Last Tuesday 6:30pm TBD

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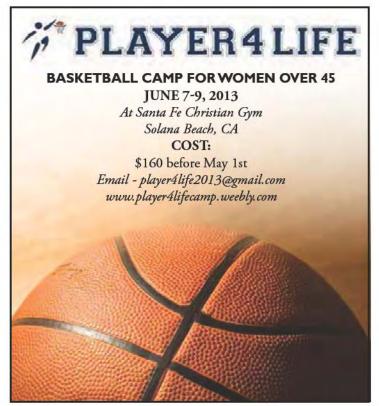
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## CONTROLYOUR WEIGHT, MINIMIZE CANCER RISK

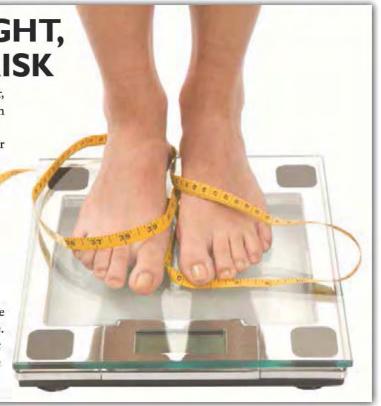
Controlling weight can help a person reduce the risk of cancer, said an oncologist from the NCI-designated Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

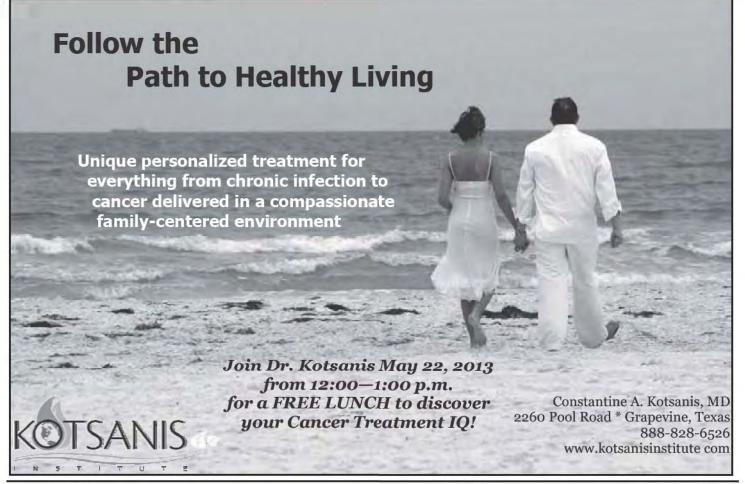
"We do not know exactly how and why obesity affects cancer risk, but we know there is an increase, so it is important for everyone to control their weight to minimize this risk," said Dr. Kent Osborne, director of the Duncan Cancer Center and the Lester and Sue Smith Breast Center, both at BCM.

Research has linked obesity to a greater risk of developing esophageal, pancreatic, colorectal, breast, endometrial, kidney, thyroid and gallbladder cancer, Osborne said.

In some cancers like breast cancer, there is also an increase in the risk of recurrence if a patient already has the cancer and is obese.

Many other factors, such as genetics, may play a role in cancer development, but keeping a normal weight is one thing people can change and it may help, he said.





## 18 Benefits of Playing a Musical Instrument

Submitted by Rich Keith

Jeremy Spicer, Vandegrift High School Director of Bands, is dedicated to teaching music. He says, "Music is a part of everyone's life in some form. The study of music and all of the arts is critical to the complete education of society...it allows humans the tools to stir feelings and create emotion." This article will provide you with 18 benefits of playing an instrument and will hopefully give you a better sense of appreciation and pride for music.

- 1. Increases the capacity of your memory. Research has shown that both listening to music and playing a musical instrument stimulate your brain and can increase your memory: Preschoolers who had weekly keyboard lessons improved their spatial-temporal skills 34 percent more than the other children. Not only that, but researchers said that the effect lasted long-term. If you learn how to play an instrument, the parts of your brain that control motor skills (ex: using your hands, running, swimming, balancing, etc.), hearing, storing audio information, and memory actually grow and become more active.
- 2. Refines your time management and organizational skills. Learning how to play an instrument requires you to really learn how to be organized and to manage your time wisely. A good musician knows that the quality of practice time is more valuable than the quantity.
- 3. Boosts your team skills. Team skills are a very important aspect of being successful in life. Playing an instrument requires you to work with others to make music. In band and orchestra settings you must learn how to cooperate with the people around you.
- Teaches you perseverance. Learning to play an instrument takes time and effort, which really teaches you patience and perseverance.
  - 5. Enhances your coordination. The art of

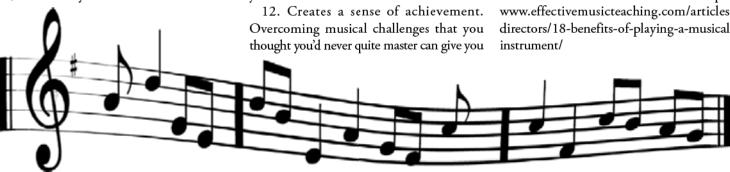
playing an instrument requires a lot of handeye coordination. By reading musical notes on a page, your brain subconsciously must convert that note into specific motor patterns while also adding breathing and rhythm to the mix.

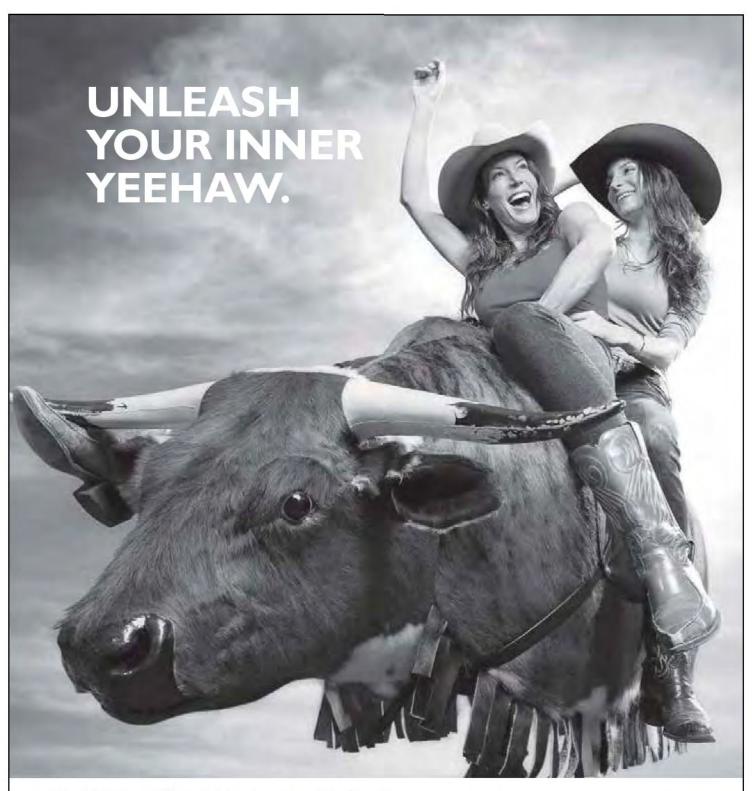
- 6. Betters your mathematical ability. Reading music requires counting notes and rhythms and can help your math skills. Studies have shown that students who play instruments or study the arts are often better in math and achieve higher grades in school than students who don't.
- 7. Improves your reading and comprehension skills. Research shows that children exposed to a multi-year program of music tuition involving training in increasingly complex rhythmic, tonal, and practical skills display superior cognitive performance in reading skills compared with their non-musically trained peers.
- 8. Increases your responsibility. Playing an instrument comes with its responsibilities. Students must maintain their instrument and must remember music events (like rehearsals and performances) and making time to practice.
- Exposes you to cultural history. Students learn a variety of music types such as classical traditions, folk music, medieval, and other genres. Music itself is history.
- 10. Sharpens your concentration. Playing music by yourself requires you to concentrate on things like pitch, rhythm, tempo, note duration, and quality of sound. Playing music in a group involves even more concentration.
- 11. Fosters your self-expression and relieves stress. It's your instrument, so you can play whatever you want on it! The more advanced you become on an instrument, the greater you'll be able to play what you want and how you want.

a great sense of pride about yourself.

- 13. Promotes your social skills. Playing an instrument can be a great way to enhance your social skills. Some of the best people join bands and orchestras, and many times the lifelong friends you make here become like family.
- 14. Boosts your listening skills. Although it's pretty obvious, playing an instrument requires you to listen very carefully to things. Examples are learning how to hear when you're playing a wrong note in order to correct yourself, tuning your instrument, and playing with ensemble group.
- 15. Teaches you discipline. Practicing often and working on the hard parts of music and not just the easy and fun stuff requires discipline.
- 16. Elevates your performance skills and reduces stage fright. One of the goals of practicing so much on your instrument is so that you can perform for others. The more you get up in front of people and perform, the more you'll reduce any stage fright.
- 17. Enhances your respiratory system (wind instruments only). If you have a good music director/tutor, you should hear them tell you quite often to "use more air!" Breathing exercises are highly recommended for musicians, and they can really strengthen your respiratory system.
- 18. Promotes happiness in your life and those around you. Playing a musical instrument can be very fun and exciting. Not only is it fun to play music that you enjoy, but it feels wonderful to hear an audience applaud you for giving a great performance.

Mr Spicer adds, "I cannot imagine my life, or society, without music...it has defined me in nearly every way possible." Adapted from an article by by Michael Matthews. For the full article and sources visit http://www.effectivemusicteaching.com/articles/directors/18-benefits-of-playing-a-musical-instrument/





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# Food Safety Tips Help Prevent Food Poisoning

When getting together to cook for loved ones, the last thing you want is to get sick from the food you eat. Roberta Anding, a registered dietitian at Baylor College of Medicine, has a few tips to keep your food safe.

- Always use a meat thermometer to check if meat is fully cooked. The color of the meat can't determine the safety of the meat. All meat should be cooked to 165 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly during food preparation.
- Wash all produce before cutting and chopping.
- · Refrigerator leftovers within two hours.
- Use a thermometer when reheating food as well.
   Following these basic guidelines will ensure that the food you serve is safe to eat, said Anding.

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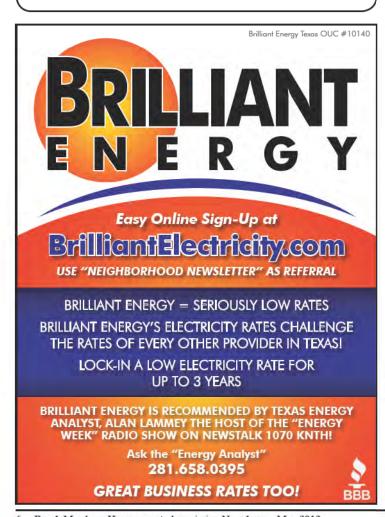
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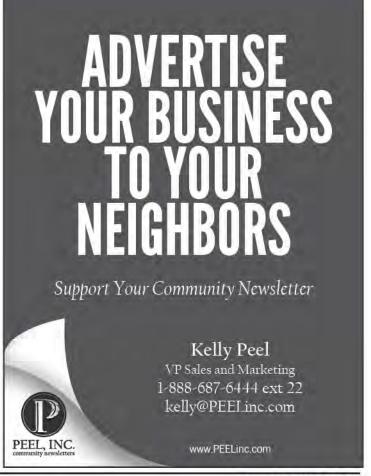
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