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The Somerset Academy Skye Pointe cross country teams hope to repeat as state champions.

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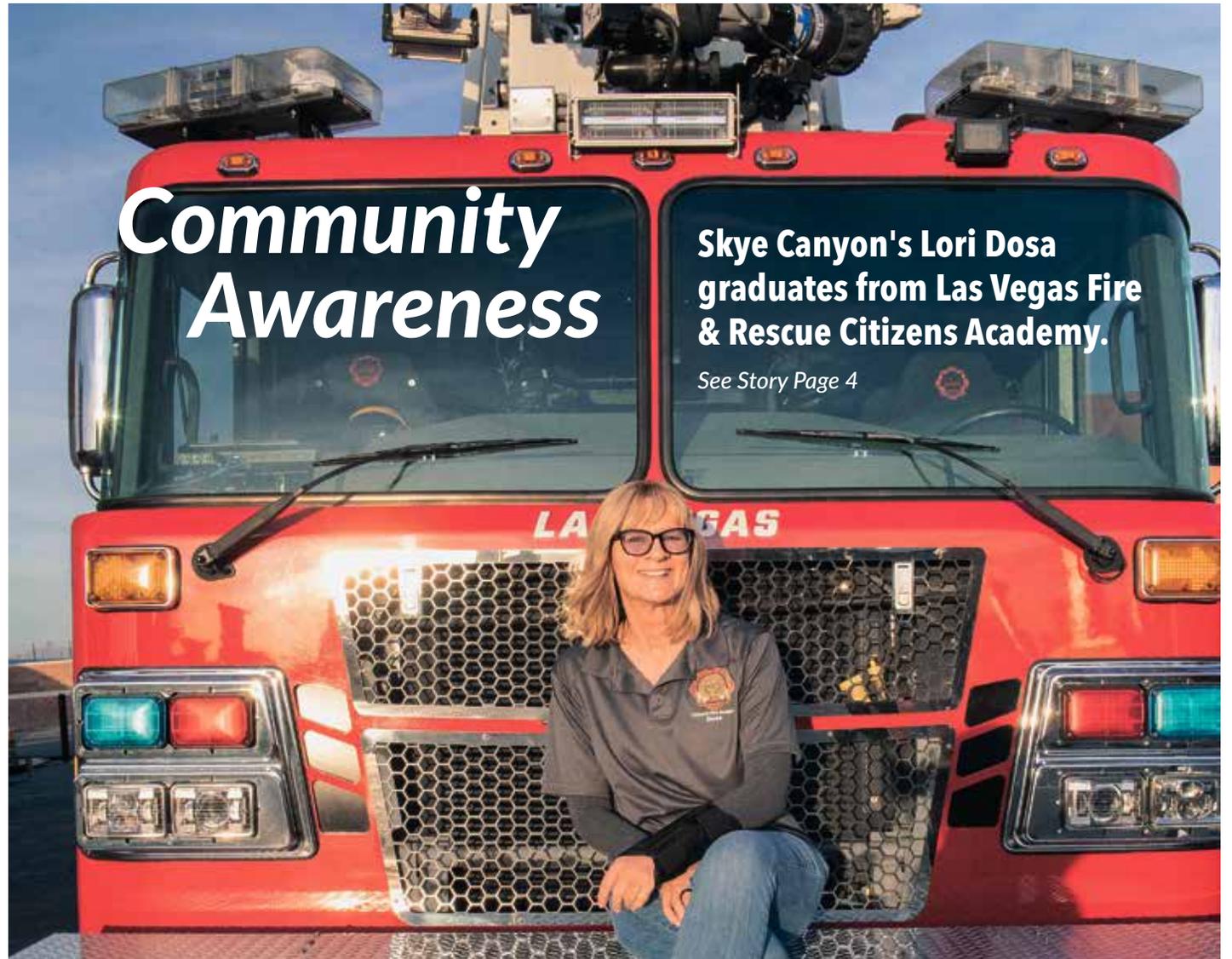
The boys soccer team at Somerset Academy Skye Pointe is ready to compete for 4A state title.

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Skye Canyon's Lori Dosa graduates from Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Citizens Academy.

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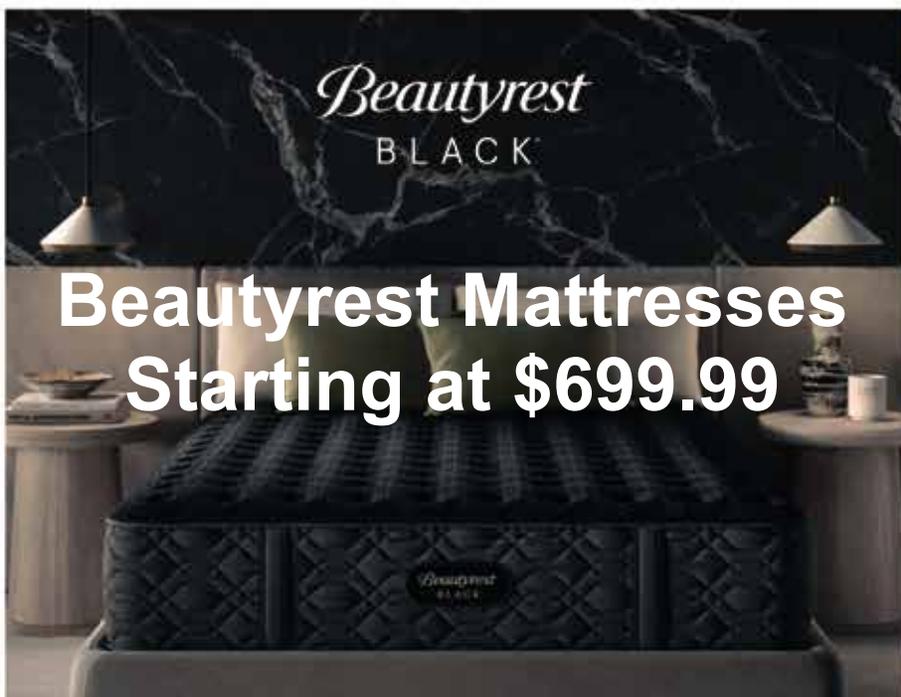


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Keep an eye out for those school zones!

For the longest time, Back to School for me was getting my two kids ready to actually go “Back to School.”

Now, the thing I think about the most is the lesson learned from one of my former co-workers at the Review-Journal.

Hubble Smith had recently been hired by the RJ to work as a business writer. I believe he moved to Las Vegas sometime in the summer.

He didn't have any kids in his home, and the start of school didn't register with him. So, he didn't slow down when he saw flashing lights on the roadway.



He learned a very expensive lesson that day.

“School zones,” he kept saying, over and over again.

Of course, we always warned Hubble every year afterwards when schools started up. That and piano wire were things we kidded Hubble about for many years. I'm not going to explain that one though.

But now the start of school is a welcome time for me because it leads to a lot of good story ideas for this publication.

You'll see a lot of editorial features in this issue related to schools.

Along with the start of classes is also the start of the school sports seasons. In this issue, we have articles about the Somerset Academy Skye Pointe cross country teams and the boy soccer program.

I wrote an article last spring about the boys and girls cross country teams winning 4A state titles and

moving up to the 5A division this fall.

This time, we preview the upcoming season in their quest for another crown, this time against schools that have two to three times more students.

The boys soccer program didn't make the playoffs last year, but return many quality players in hopes of winning a state title of their own.

This issue also has articles related the health perspective about returning to school with information about various vaccinations necessary to attend school, along with how to avoid stress from this situation.

Courtney Singer, who runs an in-home day care for infants in Skye Canyon, writes about how assigning chores can help a child feel useful and loved.

But if you don't learn anything else from this issue, just remember to watch for those School Zones?

— Kirk Kern



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Skye Canyon's Dosa certified in fire safety

By Kirk Kern

Last year, Skye Canyon resident Lori Dosa was scrolling through social media when she saw something that caught her eye ... but not necessarily in a good way,

It was a post recruiting residents for the Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Citizens Academy.

Dosa thought back to when her Southern California home was damaged in a wildfire. She thought about how she was rescued by the fire department.

"There were 60 mile per hour winds and a wall of flames at my doorstep," she said. "I've been eternally grateful and have been interested in fire rescue ever since."

When she saw the posting, she knew she wanted to be a part of it as a way of giving back from the harrowing episode she faced.

So she completed the application, answering the various questions and writing an essay on why she wanted to participate. She was one of 30 accepted into the program in February. The program consisted of 10 weeks of classes. It's intended to produce informed citizens and give an overview of how Las Vegas Fire & Rescue operates, not to train an individual to be a firefighter.

Graduates of the program obtain a certificate of completion.

Some of the programs included touring a fire station and headquarters, learning about emotional toll on firefighters, EMS and dispatchers, exposure to the 9-1-1 communications center, paramedics and Fire Training Center. There is no cost to participate, other than purchasing a t-shirt to wear at various functions.

Dosa, who is U.S. Air Force veteran, called the program "fascinating" as it included ride-alongs from various stations.

"We had professional speakers for nine weeks with exceptional skill and knowledge," she said. "The material was expertly presented and so impressive."

As a graduate, Dosa will now volunteer at community awareness events and can assist with fire alarm replacement services in homes.

Dosa moved to Skye Canyon in 2019 from Southern California. She picked the area because it was close to the mountains.

"I decided the mountains would be my new beach," she said. "I visit the mountains four days a week during the summer to explore, exercise and escape the heat. During the other seasons, I visit Red Rock Recreational Area, Valley of Fire, AZ Hot Springs, Cowboy Trails, DNWTR and Blue Diamond."

She's an avid hiker and enjoys taking other Skye Canyon residents on hikes.

Dosa said the sense of community and events in Skye Canyon is a big reason why she likes the community along with the amenities it has to offer.





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The girls cross country team at Somerset Academy Skye Pointe is favored to win the state title this year, despite moving up to the 5A division. (Submitted photo)

Skye Pointe cross country ready for step to 5A division

By Kirk Kern

This season, the Somerset Academy Skye Pointe boys and girls track teams will be running with the big dogs.

After winning the 4A state championship the last two seasons, the Screamin' Eagles have moved up to Division 5 for the upcoming season. This is the highest level of competition in the state.

"5A is no joke," said coach Paul Sheppard. "The biggest disadvantage we have moving up to 5A is the population of the other 5A schools. We barely have more than 1,000 kids in our 9-12 whereas some of the other schools have twice or even triple that many."

What Skye Pointe does have, however is the state's top returning boy and girl runners in Carter Prater and Aislin McMahon.

Prater, a senior, broke the Nevada 5k record with a time of 14:58 last year, but lost by a millisecond to Kenan Dage. McMahon, a junior, wasn't able to score points for Skye Pointe last year, but finished first in every race she competed in, while

teammate Lacey Tippetts won the 4A state title last season.

On the boys side, the Eagles lost a lot of seniors from last year's team, but Sheppard believes he has a team that will compete for the state crown. Besides Prater, Skye Pointe returns junior Ryan Petty and sophomore Shane Ramirez, along with Bishop Gorman transfer Sawyer Hutton. Hutton won't be eligible until the Nike Cross Regionals.

Sheppard also is looking forward to junior Mason Haag joining the team.

"I spent months and months convincing him to come out for track and try the distance events," Sheppard said. "He eventually agreed and has been incredible ever since. This will be his first season of cross country and I know he will flourish."

Sheppard expects Shadow Ridge, Centennial, Bishop Gorman and Faith Lutheran will be tough competition in the south this year, while Gelena in the north will be the favorite for the state title.

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The Somerset Academy Skye Pointe boys soccer team kicks off its season Aug. 14 at home against Mojave. (Submitted photo)

Eagles boys soccer ready to contend in 4A division

By Kirk Kern

Coach Tyler Enders has high expectations for this year's boys soccer team at Somerset Academy Skye Pointe.

"This year's team is shaping up to making its first real run at contending for a 4A state title," he said. "Since moving up to 4A two years ago, we have been building for this moment."

The Screamin' Eagles missed out on the playoffs by one game last year while playing many junior varsity players due to injuries. Enders said this trial by fire has really prepared the team for the upcoming season.

The team returns all three varsity captains from last season in Antonio Miranda, Elijah Hartzell and Mathew Chiquillo.

Hartzell will be a four-year varsity starter and will control the middle of the field as a central midfielder.

"His strengths are he is a plug and play player," Enders said. "I can put him anywhere."

Miranda, a center back, will be an-

other four-year player, who learned a lot playing with his older brother Ramon.

"When Ramon graduated last season, he took his captain spot and excelled," Enders said.

Enders called Chiquillo a "truly special player" who will play as goalkeeper this season. He is a two-year varsity starter.

"He joined the team as a defender, but stepped up in the goal last season. By the end of the season, he secured the permanent job."

Enders is also excited about the prospects of incoming juniors Erik Gomez and Edgar Magana, along with freshman August San.

"I've been really impressed with their work," he said.

The team has tryout dates Aug. 2, 4 and 5 from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Those interested must have a physical completed June 1 or later and have completed a profile on registermy-athlete.com. For questions, email Enders at tyler.enders@somerset-nv.org.

The season begins on Aug. 14 when the Eagles host Mojave.

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“They are the Number One ranked team going into the season,” he said. “The 5A state meet this year will be held in Reno, they have a pretty big advantage. The state meet course is at roughly 5,000 feet of elevation, which makes a huge difference when it comes time to race.

On the girls side, the Eagles have the depth to make them the top-ranked team entering the season.

Besides McMahon and Tippetts, Skye Pointe also returns senior Makenzie Teel, along with junior Katy Hodges, junior Olivia Wheeler and junior Mackenzie McClain.

“Our biggest competition is ourselves,” said Sheppard, adding that Shadow Ridge, Faith Lutheran and Coronado will have strong teams. “We have a pretty big target on our backs after we won most of

“We have a pretty big target on our backs after we won most of our meets last year.”

PAUL SHEPPARD
COACH

our meets last year. These meets were against 5A schools, so no we’re looking to race the 5A teams up at state and prove we can handle the bigger schools.”

One of the newcomers to the team is sophomore Aubrey Lay. Sheppard said she’s a very hard worker and she’s fighting for a top 7 spot this year.

“I spent months trying to get her to run cross country,” Sheppard said.

The team’s first meet is Aug. 23 at the Red Rock Running Co. Invitational at the James Regional Sports Park. The state championship meet is Nov. 8.



The boys cross country team at Somerset Academy Skye Pointe has won two straight 4A state titles and will move up to the 5A division this season. (Submitted photo)

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Some 'Back-to-School' tips every parent should know

By Steven Evans, MD

Back-to-school season is both an exciting and stressful time for families nationwide. As the new academic year approaches, it's crucial for parents to be thoroughly prepared to ensure a successful transition.

School preparation goes further than checking off school supply lists or arranging carpools; in fact, considering your child's health and wellbeing is one of the most important forms of preparation for each school year.

Specifically, parents must be educated on the vaccination requirements that schools require—a crucial element that is often overlooked when considering back to school readiness. Staying informed about these requirements is essential to protecting your child's health, along with the rest of the school community.

Back-to-School vaccines are a key component to being proactive for the upcoming school year. The Clark County School District has specific guidelines that must be followed in order for students to return to school each year. What parents should know:

- **Know the requirements:** Ensure children are up to date on all state-required vaccines for school: chickenpox (varicella), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, polio, tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (DTaP and Tdap), quadrivalent meningitis, and measles-mumps-rubella (MMR).

- **Nevada Requires Hepatitis A:** If you are new to Nevada, note that Hepatitis A vaccinations are required in the state of Nevada. Immunizations that were up to date in other states that do not require hepatitis A vaccination might not be current in Nevada.

- **Plan ahead:** Schedule appointments early. Pediatricians and clinics can get busy right before school starts. In addition, back-to-school vaccinations are available at the following Health District locations: Main Public Health Center, East Las Vegas Public Health Center, Henderson Public Health Center, Mesquite Public Health Center.

- **Don't forget COVID & flu:** While not always required, the flu shot, and COVID-19 vaccines are highly recommended for school-aged children.

- **Check for updates:** Vaccine requirements can change from year to year. Parents are encouraged to check with their school district or pediatrician.

School preparation doesn't end with supplies and schedules — it also includes establishing small daily habits that create successful routines for the entire family. Parents should initiate these habits that provide household stability and success:

- **Sleep matters:** Kids need 8-12 hours of sleep depending on age. Start adjusting bedtime 1-2 weeks before school starts.

- **Screen-time boundaries:** Limit devices before bed to improve sleep quality and encourage more physical activity after school.

- **Reinforce hygiene:** Remind kids about handwashing, covering coughs, and using hand sanitizer to avoid spreading illness.

- **Keep communication open:** Check in on emotional wellness. New school years can bring anxiety or stress to kids.

- **Homework Schedules:** Creating a designated homework space and time throughout the day. This helps to ease kids into a strong routine, helping them to never fall behind.

- **Packing Healthy Lunches:** Balance is key, aim for a mix of lean proteins, whole grains, fruits, and veggies to keep kids full and energized.

Preparation is necessary in order for every family member to succeed in the upcoming school year. Routines, habits, and proactive actions are crucial to creating a safe and happy environment for the community around you.

Dr. Steven Evans is an anesthesiologist and the Chief Medical Officer of SilverSummit Healthplan, a wholly owned subsidiary of Centene, a managed care plan that provides health insurance to the people of Nevada. Established in 2017, SilverSummit exists

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July home sales

The Skye Canyon home sales market saw 19 homes close in the past 30 days, ending on July 20.

The most expensive home sold was for \$1 million on Sierra Skye Avenue. The 3,761-square-foot, two-story home was originally built in 2020 closed on July 17. The price was \$266 per square foot.

The least expensive home was a two-story home on Switchback Run Street, a 1,486-square-foot home that sold for \$405,000 on July 10. The home was built in 2019 and sold for \$273 per square foot.

Following is a list of home closed for 30 days, ending July 20. Information is from Zillow.com.

8335 Beaten Path Court, 2,587sqft, \$705,000
 9921 Rams Leap Ave, 2,352sqft, \$570,000
 10297 Sierra Skye Ave, 3,761sqft, \$1,000,000
 8171 California Pine St, 2,215sqft, \$555,000
 8111 Switchback Run St, 1,486sqft,

\$405,000
 10604 Sariah Skye Ave, 2,140sqft, \$475,000
 10650 Sariah Skye Ave, 1,1993sqft, \$460,000
 8257 Skye Peak St, 2,508sqft, \$735,000
 10601 Skye Arroyo Ave, 2,508sqft, \$840,000
 8401 Waterwood St, 2,924sqft, \$700,000
 10626 Bowmore Ave, 2,114sqft, \$525,000
 8634 Felker St, 1,859sqft, \$556,135
 10577 Dryades Ave, 2,114sqft, \$559,440
 8658 Felker St, 2,114sqft, \$530,000
 10415 Sadie Blake Ave, 1,941sqft, \$495,000
 8668 Marcana St, 1,821sqft, \$565,000
 8870 Sasquatch Run Ave, 1,952sqft, \$489,900
 9974 Petroglyph Canyon Ave, 1,847sqft, \$685,000
 10191 Pleasant Knoll Ave, 3,139sqft, \$796,004
 8979 Rolling Pietra St, 3,626sqft, \$910,000
 10559 Valletta Ave, 2,126sqft, \$545,000

Crime Report

Information gathered from LVMPD Open Source Date from June 25 - July 20.

ASSAULT

6/25, 4:34 a.m., 10200 block of Sequoia Falls Place
 6/27, 2:45 p.m., 10300 block of Ironwood Pass Avenue
 6/29, 9:19 a.m., 7300 block of Durand Park Street
 6/29, 7:07 p.m., 6700 block of Valcour Street
 7/2, 8:12 a.m., 7000 block of North Hualapai Way
 7/3, 1:04 a.m., 8100 block of Skye Desert Drive
 7/3, 10:06 a.m., 10500 block of Nantucket Ridge Avenue
 7/3, 11:41 a.m., 10700 block of Knickerbocker Avenue
 7/7, 9:28 a.m., 10200 block of Timberline Peak Avenue
 7/8, 11:36 a.m., 7900 block of Jaspence Street

BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING

6/22, 3:31 a.m., 10100 block of Knotty Skye Avenue

7/12, 6:42 a.m., 9700 block of West Skye Canyon Park Drive

DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM OF PROPERTY

7/3, 1:22 a.m., 9500 block of Diamond Bridge Avenue
 7/3, 2 a.m., location unavailable

DUI

6/27, 1:10 p.m., West Centennial Parkway

FRAUD

6/29, 8:24 a.m., 10800 block of Wrigley Field Avenue
 7/10, 3:03 a.m., 7100 block of Whitford Street

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6/24, 4:11 a.m., 5200 block of Sunstone Mesa Drive
 6/25, 3:58 a.m., West Dorrell Lane and North Schaumburg Road
 7/7, 8:30 a.m., West Centennial Parkway and North Schaumber Road

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SATURDAY, AUG. 2

Splash Back to School: 7:30-10:30 p.m., Centennial Hills Community Center/YMCA Pool, 6601 N. Buffalo Drive. Screening of Sing 2 at 8:30 p.m., along with free swimming, free frozen treats, community vendors, youth performances, food trucks, raffles and more. Free and

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Blue String Theory:

9 p.m., Santa Fe Station Chrome Showroom, 4949 N. Rancho Drive. Five seasoned professionals who have developed a large fan base in the Las Vegas Valley. No Cover, must be 21 or older.

THURSDAY, AUG. 7

Active Adult Center Humana Health Education Series: 10 a.m. - noon, Centennial Hills Active Adult Center, 6601 N. Buffalo Drive. Scheduled topic is "Tips to Let Go of Stress."

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FRIDAY, AUG. 8

The Spazmatics: 9 p.m., Santa Fe Station Chrome Showroom, 4949 N. Rancho Drive. Complete with skinny ties, Brill Creamed hair and horned-rimmed glasses, the Spazmatics recapture the best of the worst. No Cover, must be 21 or older.

SATURDAY, AUG. 9

The Windjammers: 9 p.m., Santa Fe Station Chrome Showroom, 4949 N. Rancho Drive. Each of the five members

of the band is an artist on his own but have come together to create a top-notch band. No Cover, must be 21 or older.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13

Ward 6 Small Business

Breakfast: 8:30 - 10 a.m., Centennial Hills Community Center/YMCA, 6601 N. Buffalo Drive. Join Councilwoman Nancy Brune and business leaders from across the community to discuss development and your need to build more robust and thriving community. Free and open to the public. RSVP by calling 702-229-5463.

FRIDAY, AUG. 15

Najee: 8 p.m., Aliante Casino Access Showroom, 7300 N. Aliante Parkway. The Zen saxophonist has collaborated with Prince, Quincy Jones, Steve Wonder, Chaka Khan and Herbie Hancock. The All-Star lineup also includes Alyson Williams, Frank McComb, Chris "Big Dog" Davis, Barry Eastmond, Robert Herbert and Adam Hawley. Tickets start at \$59.99 and are available at Ticketmaster.com.

SATURDAY, AUG. 16

Blood Drive: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Centennial Hills Library, 6711 N. Buffalo Drive. Schedule an

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Najee: 8 p.m., Aliante Casino Access Showroom, 7300 N. Aliante Parkway. The Zen saxophonist has collaborated with Prince, Quincy Jones, Steve Wonder, Chaka Khan and Herbie Hancock. The All-Star lineup also includes Alyson Williams, Frank McComb, Chris "Big Dog" Davis, Barry Eastmond, Robert Herbert and Adam Hawley. Tickets start at \$59.99 and are available at Ticketmaster.com.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

Newspaper Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m., Centennial Hills Library, 6711 N. Buffalo Drive. Come learn about how news spreads and how we can document events happening in our community. Space is limited. Ages 9-13. 702-507-6107

FRIDAY, AUG. 22

90s Station: 9 p.m., Santa Fe Station Chrome Showroom, 4949 N. Rancho Drive. The premier 90s tribute band, performing as Britney Spears, Backstreet Boys, Smashing Pumpkins and more. No Cover, must be 21 or older.

SATURDAY, AUG. 23

Pablo Cruise: 8 p.m., Santa Fe Station Chrome Showroom, 4949 N. Rancho Drive. Known for their smooth blend of pop and rock, the band gained game with its like "Whatcha Gonna Do?" and "Love Will Find a Way." Reserved seats are \$42.50 plus tax/fees. All ages accompanied by 21-plus. Visit the Station Casinos Rewards Center or Ticketmaster.com.

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Chores make kids happy

By Courtney Singer

Have you ever seen a child levitate? Some children when filled with joy look like their feet aren't even touching the ground when they walk.

So, how do you get a child to levitate?

Make them feel useful and needed and loved. Make them feel like they are a vital part of the daily success of the home.

I had a most wonderful boy in my day care who followed me wherever I went. He was my little duckling. That day was laundry day and the washing machine was in the basement of my mountain house; surprisingly sunny for being built halfway into the hillside.

I opened the child safety gate and Martin (name changed) scooted safely down the stairs on his belly, feet first, with me below him, just in case, as was our way. The washing machine had completed its cycle so Martin stood at the ready in front of the dryer. I began passing him the damp clothes. The clothes weren't soaking wet because the very loud spin cycle had done its job well. And why were we downstairs right at its completion? Because Martin had been listening for the quiet, the absence of the spin cycle vibrations.

Martin held his arms out at the ready to receive the laundry and fill the dryer with what happened to be a load of baby blankets and stuffed animals, with some regular clothes

mixed in. We named each item as I handed it to him: Blanket, Dog, Trousers, Penguin, Blanket, Blouse, Hippopotamus.

He launched each item into the dryer with glee, taking special care with the stuffed animals. Then it was his turn to slam the dryer door shut. Martin backed up a bit and gave the dryer door a good swing. Success! I lifted him up and he pushed the button to start the whomp-whomp of the dryer. And let me tell you he would be at the ready when he heard the absence of sound that indicated we should fetch the load upstairs.

Martin was required to belly slide down the stairs but enjoyed the privilege of walking up the stairs holding the railing, with me below him just in case. As we climbed the stairs together enjoying the rhythm of the whomp-whomp I do not believe that his feet ever touched a riser. Levitation: the purest expression of joy.

In my house here in Skye Canyon the laundry room is upstairs. I am looking forward to my current crop of children learning how to help with chores as they grow and blossom in my care. How will it look when they levitate going down the stairs?

Finding jobs for young children can be difficult in a busy home. Seeing Martin's pride and joy made it worth the extra three to five minutes that it took for us to perform that simple chore together. The first

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chore that young children can practice is passing necessary objects to the adult. It begins in my day care with the ritual of the diaper change. I first hand the child the fresh diaper which the child holds while I am preparing the field. They hold onto the diaper while being cleaned and then when I say, "Diaper please", the child hands me the diaper.

As the children get older they precede me to the diaper changing area and fetch out their own diapers from the child accessible drawer and on it goes,

"Diaper please," during the diaper change;

"Spoon please," while setting the table;

"Blanket please," while making up the beds;

"Potato please," while cooking the nutritious dinner - but that's a subject for another article.

You might think that the title of this article isn't true. That pre-teens and adolescents do NOT feel happy doing chores. They argue, they delay, they fuss. But underneath all of that bluster if you look very, very carefully you might just see the joy. Performing household chores is the first step in becoming a good citizen. Chores lead to tremendous success later in life. But that too is a subject for another article. "Pen please."

Courtney Singer is a retired teacher with 38 years of experience who runs BLOOMIN' CRADLE DAYCARE a Small In-home Daycare for Infants here in Skye Canyon. She has limited Enrollment with a Flexible Schedule; Special Dietary needs accommodated; Scent Free Hypo-Allergenic Home; CPR Trained. Call (702) 476-8624 for more information. This is a Landline and doesn't accept text messages. Please call. Bloomin' Cradle Daycare has no social media presence for the security of your family.

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Back-to-School can be something to smile about for everyone

By Cheri Petron

Summer may be winding down, but back-to-school does not have to mean stress and chaos.

In fact, it can be one of the most exciting times of the year—a chance to reset routines, reconnect with friends and launch into fresh opportunities with energy and joy.



With a focus on stress-free intentional choices, you can help your family transition smoothly and happily into the school year.

1. MAKE MORNINGS WORK FOR YOU

Mornings set the tone. Start now by easing back into a consistent wake-up time.

Build a simple morning routine that includes a healthy breakfast, a few minutes of movement (try a quick dance party or walk), and a no-rush mindset.

For parents, prep the night before to avoid the morning scramble.

2. CREATE A WELLNESS-FOCUSED BACK-TO-SCHOOL RITUAL

Instead of only shopping for supplies, take time to set wellness goals.

That might mean choosing one new healthy snack to try each week, picking a daily family check-in moment, or creating a “calm corner” for reading or unwinding after school.

3. MAKE IT EXCITING, NOT OVERWHELMING

Talk about school like it is an adventure. Let kids decorate their planners or homework area. Celebrate the first week back with a themed breakfast or small surprise in their lunchbox.

Keep the tone light and curious. Asking them what the best part of their day was at the end of a long day is an easy way to get a conversation, especially with younger kids.

4. BACK TO SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE—NOT JUST PARENTS AND KIDS

Even if you do not have kids heading back to school, this season is a terrific opportunity to pause and reset. Refresh your morning habits, start a new book, sign up for a class, or organize your space. Let the energy of the season lift you into a new rhythm.

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Three secrets to overcome rampant stress and anxiety

By Dianna Whitley

Stress and anxiety are rampant today, and the cost to our health is enormous.

“Stress kills” isn’t just a phrase - it’s true. It’s also very aging.

But the good news is: you can change that easily. Your body actually knows how to relax and rebalance. You just have to give it the right signals.

Here are three simple tools to help calm your body and reset your nervous system—naturally and quickly:

1. INTENTIONAL BREATHING

Box Breathing is used by the Navy Seals when they go into a challenging situation, and it’s easy.

Inhale for four counts, hold for four, exhale for four, and hold for four before inhaling again. This can bring your nervous system back into



balance in just a few minutes.

2. STEP AWAY—LITERALLY

When you feel overwhelmed, take a short break from whatever you’re doing. Go outside, move your body, change your view. A 10-minute walk can do wonders.

3. TAP INTO YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS

Stress often gets “locked in” below the surface. Hypnosis, NLP, and other modalities like Tapping (EFT) and Havening can help gently release it, and restore calm from the inside out.

These tools are just the beginning. I’ve put together a free Cheat Sheet with 10 more ways to reduce stress and anxiety—simple strategies you can start using today.

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5. ANCHOR IN FUN

Schedule simple joys: Friday pizza nights, weekend nature walks, or after-school park meetups. When fun is part of the routine, less stress and more pleasure happens naturally.

Back-to-school can be more than a return to the grind—it can be a launchpad into a thriving, balanced year. Whether you are helping kids

pack lunches or just cheering from the sidelines, take this moment to realign with what brings you joy.

Cheri Petroni holds a MEd focused on Early Childhood from UNLV, as well as certifications in aesthetics, energy healing, and holistic wellness, mindset, and transformation leadership. She created Oasis to Zen Transformation Spa in 2012, where she started this transformational work, expanding to the online coaching community in 2017. You may reach her at oasis.tozen.com.

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 16. Back of the neck
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 20. Indian restaurant bread
 21. In need of a muffler
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 37. Overnight lodging
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 48. Traffic accident
 50. Wading bird
 52. *Sara Gruen's novel "Water for _____"
 56. *Lion tamer's tool or counter seat
 57. Justice's garb
 58. Hit it on the head
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 60. Was in the hole
 61. Japanese zither
 62. Something _____
 63. Movie "Saturday Night" subject matter, acr.
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 23. Bow-like structure
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 49. James Dean's famous role
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