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## Ariana Hutson ~ Wise beyond her years

by Candace Carr



Ariana Hutson will be a sixth grader at Churchill Middle School next year. Her favorite subject in school is Social Studies because she likes to study history and people. Her least favorite subject is Math. Last year she was in the choir

at Hoffmann Lane Elementary and she played flute in the band.

Ariana plays defense for the CLASH soccer team and she is an outfielder for the Misfits girls softball team. She loves softball and plays under the Canyon Lake Girls Softball Association which had games and practices at Camp Coyote Flats this spring. This is the second year Ariana and her sister, Ciara, have attended the swim school there, otherwise know as the S.S. Coyote Flats.

Ariana is the kind of child you would choose for your own child's best friend. She is patient, generous, kind, and wise beyond her years. On any given day at swim lessons, Ariana can be asked to take a group of children and coach them on how to work on their kicking, breathing or a variety of stroke improvements. She is accomplished at freestyle, elementary backstroke, racing backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke, and butterfly. As a Junior Swim Coach, she interacts positively with all age groups. She is sensitive to those who are just learning and encouraging to those who are doing something they have never done before. She makes them feel self-confident and safe.

Ariana says she is glad to be back at the pool because "it feels like home." Her goals for the summer are to improve her butterfly stroke and her diving. Her long range goal is to become a veterinarian because she likes to work with animals as others in her family do. Ariana has so much potential and the energy and enthusiasm to accomplish anything she sets her mind to doing. She will unquestionably achieve all her goals and much more.

*Ariana is the daughter of Gina Vigilante and Kenny Hutson, and sister of Ciara, age five. She is the granddaughter of Sunday and Ernie Pavlock, owners of The Hitching Post. Candace Carr owns and operates Camp Coyote Flats, across from the JP's office. For more information, call 830-660-5359.*

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St. Francis-By-The-Lake Episcopal Church	830-964-3820	13250 Hwy 306	July 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	3 – 11 years	Church Curriculum
St. Andrew Lutheran Church	830-899-2273	7420 FM 2673	July 16 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pre K – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Great Bible Reef
Cranes Mill Baptist Church	830-899-7936	Canyon Springs Resort Clubhouse	July 9-11	K – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Back Yard Bible club

# Make a difference in a child's life

by M'Rhea Peterson

In 1984, in New Braunfels, a grass roots effort sprang to life to find a solution to the growing number of child abuse cases and the number of children who kept falling through the cracks of the system that was supposed to protect them. From these efforts, in 1985, Comal County Advocacy, Inc. was formed. By 1996, the program covered Comal, Hays, Caldwell and Guadalupe counties and the name was changed to CASA of Central Texas, Inc.



Norma Castilla-Blackwell

The CASA of Central Texas mission is to advocate for abused and neglected children in the court system by recruiting, training and supporting community volunteers. The children CASA serves range in age from newborn to 18 years and come from all socio-economic statuses, genders and ethnic backgrounds. The Texas Family Code requires that each child in State care be appointed a Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) to look after and advocate on behalf of the child's best interests. CASA is the only local organization that may be court-appointed as GAL and works solely on behalf of the children's best interests. Any party, including Child Protective Services (CPS), attorneys, parents and CASA itself, may request that CASA be appointed to a case.

The CASA volunteer thoroughly researches the case and makes recommendations to protect the children, provide for their medical, educational and therapeutic care, and works to find safe and permanent homes for the children. As a result of CASA's work, children spend less time in foster care, less time is required for attorney services (taxpayer savings), and relationships are built to provide a smoother transition in obtaining services for the children.

*Norma Castilla-Blackwell is Executive Director; M'Rhea Peterson is Volunteer & Development Assistant. For information about becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate, contact a Volunteer Coordinator at 512-392-3578 or 830-626-2272.*



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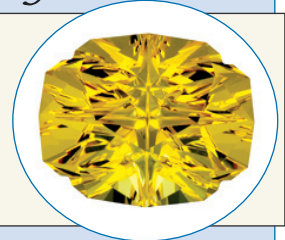
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