

# MARTINDALE MINUTE

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To all the new drivers like me this summer, congratulations! I received my Learner's Permit last week, and can now drive with one adult passenger. Driving myself to work is really cool, but I can't wait to drive by myself!

## Cure JM

In Martindale there are two children with a rare condition: "Juvenile Dermatomyositis." One of the two went to the annual Cure JM conference that was held in Chicago last week, but the other Martindale JM family was not able to attend. Out of more than 40 Texas families, ten attended a Cure JM "mini-conference," organized by the Kory Taylor family, of

Martindale. One of the families from Houston's little girl had been diagnosed for one and a half years and they had never met another JM family because of the rarity of the disease. Two of the ten JM kids present were adults, who had JM when they were young, one still suffers from it and the other is considered in remission. There were families from San Antonio, College Station, Leander and Seguin. The families bowled at the Sunset Bowling Alley in San Marcos. After bowling, several families headed to the First United Martindale Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for a barbecue dinner put together by the Taylor's friends

and family. All received much needed support from the Cure JM Foundation and the experienced JM families in attendance. To learn more about the symptoms of Juvenile Myositis and to see how you can help, visit [www.curejm.org](http://www.curejm.org)

Ten families gathered in Martindale on Saturday for a Cure JM "mini-conference, with the purpose of raising awareness of and understanding about Juvenile Dermatomyositis (JM).

