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# Fulshear Station House awaits unknown future

By Amber Gayle

The little blue house in Fulshear's Smart Park has a rich history. The Station House, or "Switch House" as it is nicknamed, is Fulshear's ongoing preservation project. But its historical start is what makes this house so interesting.

The Station House, a two-story blue house with five bedrooms, is believed to be an original building from the Fulshear Railroad Station. The construction date of the Station House is unknown, but it is believed to be one of the oldest buildings in Fort Bend County. The Station House moved in 2016 from its original location to

Fulshear's Smart Park in 2016, but this is not the end of the journey.

Due to its state of decay, plans have been made to demolish the little blue house and salvage the materials for a future preservation project. According to documentation, the plan was to totally demolish the Station House and salvage the material for future use. The Station House would then be rebuilt to match its original size. The rebuilt Station House would be sealed, creating a non-habitable building that's exterior would match the original.

However, concerns were expressed

regarding the justification of this re-creation project. The Parks and Recreation Commission has since clarified that the goal is to preserve the role of the railroad in Fulshear's development and history.

The Station House will still be demolished and the materials salvaged for a future project, however, it is unclear what that future project may be. The city is also considering the renovation of Frances Smart Park. In addition to the existing gazebo, there is talk of adding a formal event plaza, walking paths, landscaping, and additional parking.



## Katy ISD appoints new principal of High School #9

By Claire Goodman  
Managing Editor

Fulshear's newest high school has a new principal. At the May 28 Katy ISD School Board meeting, the board of trustees unanimously voted to name Ethan Crowell the school's new principal.

The school, which is tentatively titled "High School #9" will be located in the Cross Creek Ranch subdivision in Fulshear. The district broke ground on the new school April 30.

High School #9 will feature a state-of-the-art natatorium to be used by the entire district. The school, which cost \$206,074,464 will open for the fall of 2020.

Prior to his designation as the principal for High School #9, Crowell served as the principal at Beckendorff Junior High.

Crowell began his educational career as a teacher and coach in 2008 for Pasadena ISD.

He taught Spanish and coached soccer prior to transferring to Fort Bend ISD as an Assistant Principal and Academic Coordinator for Clements High School.

Cromwell served as Assistant Principal and Academic Coordinator for four years before coming to Katy ISD.

He started out as the Student Support Administrator at Morton Ranch High School in 2014, and in 2016, he was named Principal at Beckendorff Junior High School.

Cromwell plans to encourage the students at High School #9 to pursue academic excellence while cultivating a supportive school environment.

Crowell holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of North Texas, a Master of Arts in Humanities from the University of Texas at Arlington, and an education doctorate in Professional Leadership from the University of Houston.

"I'm honored and excited to begin this journey of opening Katy ISD's newest high school. My goal is to work together with staff, students and the community to continue to build the legacy of our district by focusing not only on academic success but also meeting the social and emotional needs of the student population," said Crowell.

"My number one priority is our students and ensuring they have the resources and support they need to succeed," he added.



Ethan Crowell has been named the new principal of Fulshear's new high school, tentatively titled "High School #9".





Construction has already begun on the new school, which will open for the 2020/2021 school year.



An artist's rendering shows the conceptual design of High School #9



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## 20th Annual Golf Tournament raises \$102,000 for Katy Christian Ministries

Katy Christian Ministries hosted their 20th Annual Golf Tournament May 6th at Weston Lakes Country Club in Fulshear, TX.

Proceeds from the event benefit the programs and services that Katy Christian Ministries provides free of charge to families in crisis within a 12 zip code area in the Katy/West Houston area.

The event's original budgeted goal was \$80,000, but members of the Katy Christian Ministries Development Committee set out in faith to reach a Big Holy Audacious Goal of raising \$100,000 to celebrate the agency's 35 year anniversary, and 20 years of golf tournaments. The event raised over \$102,000, blowing the original \$80,000 goal out of the water.

The tournament featured a scramble format on an 18-hole course, hole in one, raffle prizes, silent auction, a putting contest, Bubba Drive, inside the circle, and closest to the pin games. "We had 140 participants this year and the funds received will provide Katy Christian Ministries with the means to help families who really need it," said George Hargett, Golf Committee Chair and Katy Christian Ministries Board Member. "We take our mission to 'transform lives' seriously and work hard to be good stewards of your financial gifts. \$0.89 cents of every dollar goes back into programs for families."

"We set a big goal this year and it's with humble thanks to our sponsors, participants, and volunteers for helping us meet that goal for our 35th Anniversary," says Deysi Crespo, Katy Christian Ministries Executive Director. "I was thrilled to see how our community joined with us to make this event a success. We heard nothing but great feedback and excitement for next year's tournament. We rejoice for the many blessings bestowed on us to serve our brothers and sisters in need."

For more information about the tournament, to participate as a 2020 sponsor, or to join the planning committee for the 2020 tournament, Contact at [katharine.patterson@kctm.org](mailto:katharine.patterson@kctm.org) or call 281.391.5261 x4032.

### About the work of Katy Christian Ministries

Katy Christian Ministries is a Social Services 501(c)3 organization that has been serving local families for 35 years.

Born during a time of financial recession and the need for services to families struggling financially, Katy Christian Ministries has grown to include a holistic model of services to families in need, helping them regain hope and self-sufficiency. More info can be found at [www.kctm.org](http://www.kctm.org). "Transforming Lives through God's grace and the generosity of the community".

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Katy Christian Ministries' Golf Tournament attendees gather for a prayer before the event begins at Weston Lakes Country Club.

# Fourth of July pet safety

By Amber Gayle

Fourth of July is a time for celebration and family fun, a time where we eat hamburgers and hot dogs and watch fireworks light up the sky. But while the lights and loud noises bring joy to us, they may bring fear to our pets. Fireworks and other loud festivities can spook even the calmest of pets, causing them to run out the door and miles away before you even noticed their absence.

Animal shelters report that July 5th is their busiest day of the year, filled with lost-pet reports that go up by 30% nationwide. Without proper identification, whether collar ids or microchips, 90% of those pets never return home.

Ramona Ridge created the Pets of

Fulshear/ The Petterrie page on Facebook to help aid in the safe return home. "I created the page back in 2014 and we have had hundreds of animals reunited with their owners from that page" she says. Here are some tips she suggests to make sure your pet remains safe this Fourth of July.

### Have your pet's identification up-to-date

Proper identification may be the only way you can retrieve your pet if they break out and get lost. Make sure your pet is fitted with a proper method identification (microchip, tattoo, or ID tag) and make sure your information is updated.

Update the address to your

current location in case you moved since the last address associated with the information and have a recent photo available of your fur baby in case you need to create "lost pet" signs.

### Exercise before the party

Make sure your pet has had plenty of activity and exercise during the day before the festivities to avoid restlessness. A pet with pent up energy could use that to take off during the first kaboom.

### Leave your pet at home

While holidays are a time we want all our family together, it is better for our four-legged family members to stay at home. Preferably inside

during Fourth of July. To ensure optimum safety, close all windows and lower all blinds to help shield your pet from the loud noises and flashes of light that can be frightening to them.

### Set up a safe retreat

Set up a safe room for your pet to run to if they get scared, such as their crate or bed. Have some gentle music or white noise to help mask the sounds of the outside festivities. Ramona Ridge also says that some pet owners have had success with the use of Thunder Vest. If you are home, check on your pet periodically to reinforce their sense of security.



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- 3 Do not risk riding your horse while fireworks are being set off
- 4 Try to keep your horse calm but remain a safe distance from your horse; a spooked horse can be dangerous
- 5 Ensure you or someone experienced is present with your horse when fireworks are being set off
- 6 Have a fire procedure in place if there are any bonfires nearby
- 7 In the morning check your field for any stray fireworks

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Be sure your dog is wearing an up-to-date and visible id tag on their collar or is microchipped or tattooed.



Take a current photo of your dog, just in case



Exercise your dog early in the day before parties begin



During cookouts, ask guest to play with your dog away from the flames



Keep dog treats on hand for those who want to give your dog food



Keep charcoal, fireworks, sparklers and glow sticks far from curious canines



Leave your dog at home with a frozen stuffed treat during the fireworks



If your dog is afraid of loud noises, leave gentle music playing to cover the fireworks



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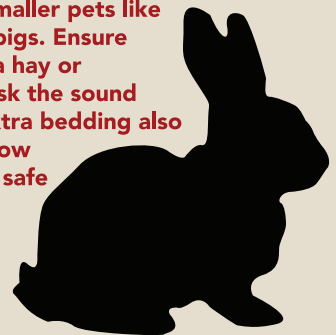
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Don't forget your smaller pets like rabbits and guinea pigs. Ensure that they have extra hay or bedding to help mask the sound of fireworks. The extra bedding also allows them to burrow deeper so they feel safe and occupied.



If your small pets live outside in cages or hutches, place them in a quieter area, either indoors or in a garden shed or garage. Partly cover the cages and pens with extra blankets, carpets or a rug to help drown out the noise.

**1** Be sure your cat is wearing an up-to-date and visible id tag on their collar at all times or is microchipped or tattooed

**2** Take a current photo of your cat, just in case

**3** Give your cat a good play session before people come over or you leave for any celebrations

**5**

Keep charcoal, fireworks, sparklers and glow sticks far from curious cats

**4**

Ask guests to keep an eye our for your cat to be sure they don't escape



**6** Put your cat in a safe, escape-proof room during parties and fireworks

**7** If your cat is afraid of loud noises, leave gentle music playing to cover the fireworks

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# Keeping safe around fireworks this season

By Amber Gayle

No matter your family traditions, chances are at the mention of Fourth of July your mind becomes plagued with images of fireworks. They are a necessity for the holiday and this year's Fulshear Freedom Fest promises to bring the most spectacular show of them yet. However, while fireworks are a great addition to the holiday, it's important to know proper safety for how to not only enjoy them but prevent injuries as well.

When not handled properly, fireworks can cause burns and eye injuries in not only kids but adults as well. The best way to protect yourself and loved ones is to not use any fireworks at home. Instead attend the Fulshear Freedom Fest and leave the lighting to the professionals.

However, if you do plan on having a Fourth of July party at home, here are some safety tips to make sure you stay safe.

## Kids should never play with fireworks

Firecrackers and rockets are just too dangerous. If you give your kids sparklers, make sure they keep them outside and away from their face, clothing, and hair. Sparklers can reach a temperature of 1,800°F (982°C), that's hot enough to melt gold.

## Buy only legal fireworks

It seems like a no-brainer to stay away from illegal fireworks, but people may surprise you. If you are questioning if your fireworks are legal or not, here's a tip. Legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled. Prior to use, store your fireworks in a cool, dry place. If you're still not sure of your fireworks legality, illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80, M100, blockbuster, or quarter-pounder. These explosives were banned in 1966, but still account for many of the firework injuries.

## Never try to make your own fireworks

End of story. Leave the manufacturing to the professionals. If you want to make something impressive for the holiday check out the top favorite Fourth of July foods on page 20.

## Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby

Accidents happen, it's inevitable; we just hope your accidents don't involve explosives. If they do however, make sure to drench the firework with a hose or bucket of water to counter the occurrence of a fire.

## Steer clear of others setting off fireworks

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**Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting**

When lighting a firework, always wear eye protection. And don't carry fireworks in your pocket, the friction alone could set them off.

**Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush and leaves and flammable substances**

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that local fire departments respond to more 50,000 fires caused by fireworks each year.

**Light one firework at a time and never relight a dud**

**Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event**

Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.

**Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can**

This helps ensure that no fires will break out after your celebration.

**Think about your pet**

As mentioned in our pet safety section, it is better to leave them out of the firework celebration. Animals have sensitive ears and can be very frightened or stressed by the Fourth of July and other big celebrations. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.

**If an Injury Happens**

**If a child is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital.**

**If an eye injury happens**

Don't let your child touch or rub it as this may cause even more damage.

Don't flush the eye out with water or try to put any ointment on it

Cut out the bottom of a paper cup, place it around the eye, and get medical care right away, your child's eyesight may depend on it.

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# July is Sarcoma Awareness Month

By Amber Gayle

If you see yellow ribbons this July around your community, chances are they're displayed in honor of Sarcoma Awareness Month. Often deemed a "forgotten cancer" because of its rarity, sarcoma is a soft-tissue cancer that may occur in a variety of the body's soft tissues, including the nerves, muscles, joints, blood vessels, fat and more. Sarcoma may also occur in the bones. Here's five facts to know about sarcoma:

## **Sarcoma is rare**

While sarcoma is rare in adults, making up approximately 1% of all adult cancer diagnoses, it is relatively more common among children. Between 1,500 and 1,700 children are diagnosed with a bone or soft tissue sarcoma in the U.S. each year. This makes up about 15% of cancers in children under the age of 20.

## **Sarcoma can develop nearly anywhere in the body**

The most common areas sarcoma tumors grow include the legs, hands, arms, head, neck, chest, shoulders, abdomen and hips. About 50%-60% of soft tissue sarcomas occur in extremities (arms and legs).

## **For most sarcomas, the cause is not known**

There are no known risk factors for sarcoma. However, certain genetic conditions, radiation exposure and some chemicals may increase the risk of developing sarcoma in some individuals.

Genetic conditions such as Neurofibromatosis, Gardner syndrome, Li-Fraumeni syndrome, Retinoblastoma, Werner syndrome, Gorlin syndrome, tuberous sclerosis and damage to the lymph system can increase the risk of developing sarcoma.

Patients may also develop sarcoma from radiation given to treat other cancers such as breast cancer, cervical cancer, lymphoma and retinoblastoma. Sarcoma often starts in the area of the body that has previously been treated with radiation. On average, it can take about 10 years to develop. Radiation exposure accounts for less than 5% of sarcomas.

Exposure to vinyl chloride, arsenic, dioxin and herbicides that contain high doses of phenoxyacetic acid may also increase risk of sarcoma.

Recently, researchers began studying genetic abnormalities and chromosome mutations as

possible causes as well.

## **Sarcomas are difficult to detect and diagnose**

Because it is so rare and can take multiple forms in multiple locations, sarcoma is difficult to detect and is often misdiagnosed. In the early stages, soft tissue sarcomas rarely display any symptoms other than a painless lump. However, as the tumor grows, pain may occur depending on where the tumor is located, or if it presses on nearby nerves.

## **If you've been diagnosed with sarcoma, get a second opinion**

With any rare and complex cancer, such as sarcoma, it is important to seek the best possible care to improve your chance of survival. Many doctors have never seen or treated a patient with sarcoma.

Get a second opinion from a doctor that specializes in sarcoma about the initial diagnosis and the treatment plan, even if you are being treated at a major cancer center.

Using advanced genomic and molecular technologies, NCI-funded research has made significant discoveries in the development of and treatment for sarcoma.

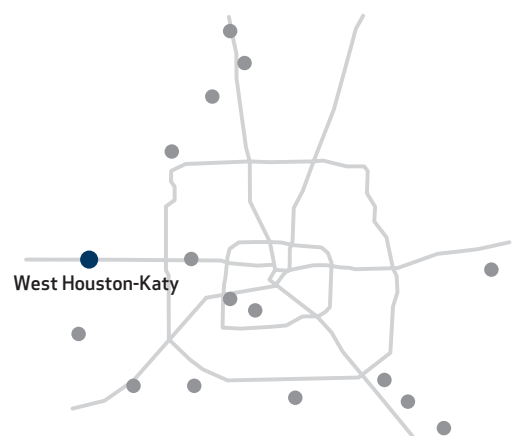


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# Fan favorite Fourth of July foods

By Amber Gayle

Everyone has a favorite holiday dish. Whether it's a dessert someone's grandmother made them or a special recipe passed down for generations that someone remembers as "Mom's (insert dish here)". That tradition is not excluded for Fourth of July. Check out these fan favorite dishes that you can check out at the Fulshear Freedom Fest.

## Burgers & Hot Dogs

Over the years, hot dogs, burgers, and baseball have become synonymous with Fourth of July. It seems as though you can't celebrate the Fourth without these classic traditions.

## Corn on the Cob

This classic side is easily a fan favorite. Summer is the season for corn and with so many different ways to cook it, there's rarely a person who isn't pleased to see it on the menu.

## Classic Potato Salad

A classic potato salad is a must have at Fourth of July. It's creamy, tangy, and sometimes may have a little bit of crunch.

## Corn Dog and Chicken Nuggets

Last but not least, if all else fail, these fan favorites are always an option. Not even the pickiest of eaters can turn away these classic staples.

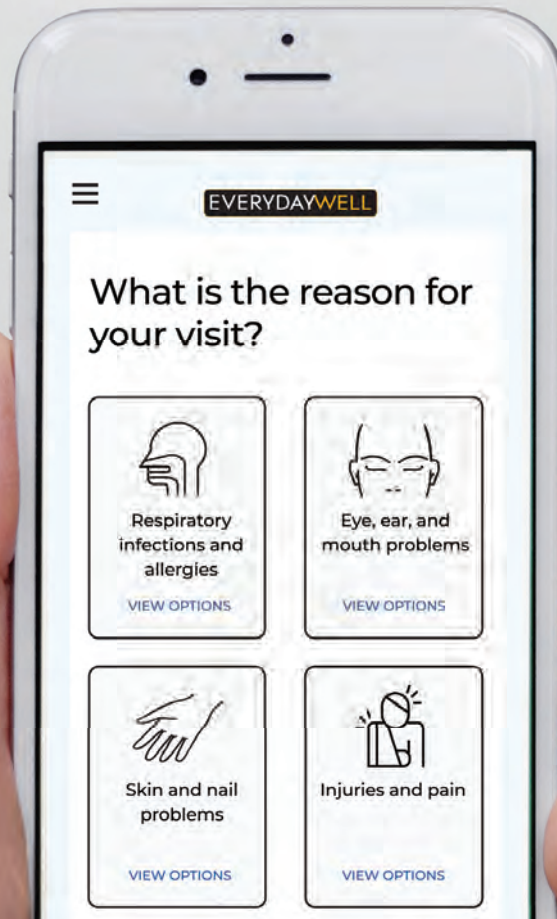
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## **Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library Summer Reading Challenge helps prevent ‘summer slide’** By Claire Goodman

The dreaded “summer slide” is a decline in reading ability and other academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn’t in session.

Bob Lutts Fulshear Library is hosting a special reading challenge this summer to encourage continued literacy in all ages, especially school children, during the summer months.

According to the Collaborative Summer Learning Program, an organization dedicated to promoting literacy when school is out, “Programming, materials, and activities for elementary-aged children should be a core part of every library’s offerings year-round. Traditionally, summer reading programs are designed to encourage elementary-aged children to keep reading during summer vacation.

Preventing the ‘summer slide’ continues to be the main objective of summer reading programs. For many families with elementary-aged children, the public library is the only community space available during the summer months where they can access free educational and cultural enrichment activities and programs.”

To help alleviate this problem, all Fort Bend County Libraries have created a “Summer Reading Challenge. This year’s theme, “A Universe of Stories” promises and “out-of-this-world summer experience.”

Online registration for the 2019 Summer Reading Challenge began May 27 and will continue through August 31. Library programs and activities for children continue through July 27.

All Fort Bend County Libraries, including the Bob Lutts Fulshear Library are participating in the program.

The library encourages all

children, from infancy through high school visit the library to read and enjoy as many books as they can, be a part of enriching programs and engage in fun summer activities.

Information from the Bob Lutts Fulshear Library states: Younger children will enjoy the “Summer Reading Challenge for Children,” while students in grades six through eight can participate in activities for older kids in the “Middle School Summer Challenge.” Teens in high school can participate with adults in the “YA/Adult Summer Reading Challenge” to complete individual online challenges and win prizes.

There is no charge to join the Summer Reading Challenge, and it is open to everyone, regardless of the county of residence. Participants may register at any Bob Lutts Fulshear Library, or they may register online by going to the FBCL website, and clicking on the “SRC Sign-Up” image. When the online registration form has been completed, readers will then have their own online page on which to record their books and reading time. Participants may also register and log books/reading time by downloading the free Beanstack Tracker app to their mobile device from the Apple App or Google Play stores. Fort Bend County Libraries and the Summer Reading Challenge will appear as options when the program starts on May 27.

Reading rewards can be redeemed until August 31. Prizes must be collected from the “primary library of use” that the reader indicated on the registration form.

The Summer Reading Challenge is sponsored by Fort Bend County Libraries, the Friends organizations that support the county library system, and by the Collaborative Summer

Library Program, a consortium of states working together to provide high-quality children’s summer-reading program materials for public libraries.

### **Summer Reading Challenge for Children**

Younger children are encouraged to read or listen to as many books as they can and they will earn rewards based on the total number of books they read or have read to them. For the first five books read, the child will receive a bookmark.

The rewards continue with a certificate for 10 books, a color-changing ruler for 15 books, and a reading trophy for the first 20 books read. For every 20 books read, the participant’s name will also be written on a picture of a space shuttle to be displayed in Bob Lutts Fulshear Library.

Drawings for puppets will take place weekly. The names of readers who complete the goal of reading 20 books or more will be entered into a drawing for gift cards -- donated by the Friends of the Library organizations -- from area stores. One winner from each library location will be selected in a drawing that will take place in early September.

### **Middle School Summer Challenge**

Exciting free activities are planned, while area readers in grades six through eight participate in the Middle School Summer Challenge by logging online the time they spend reading.

Upon completion of 20 hours (1200 minutes) of reading, they will receive a trophy or a mystery prize. The names of participants who complete 20 or more hours of reading will be entered into a drawing for a \$25-gift card -- donated by the Friends of the library -- that will

be awarded to one lucky reader at each branch library in a drawing that will take place in early September.

### **YA/Adult Summer Reading Challenge**

Adults of all ages, including young adults in high school, may participate in the YA/Adult SRC by logging online the time they spend reading and by participating in optional “challenges” that can be completed individually at home online.

All YA and adult readers who complete the goal of reading for 1,000 minutes will earn a desk cube with phone accessories, while supplies last.

In addition, the names of participants who log at least 1,000 minutes of reading time will be entered into a drawing for a \$25-gift card -- donated by the Friends of the library -- that will be awarded to one lucky reader at Bob Lutts Fulshear Library in a drawing that will take place at the end of July.

An ultimate grand prize will be awarded to one lucky reader in the library system. Participants in the YA/Adult Summer Reading Challenge who complete the program by logging 1,000 minutes of reading time will be entered into a drawing for a 16 GB Fire HD 7 tablet with a red case, which will be awarded to one winner in the library system on August 5. The last day to pick up awards is August 31.

For more information, call the Bob Lutts Fulshear Library, or the library system’s Communications Office at 281-633-4734.



Entertaining programs like magic shows are part of the Summer Reading Club.  
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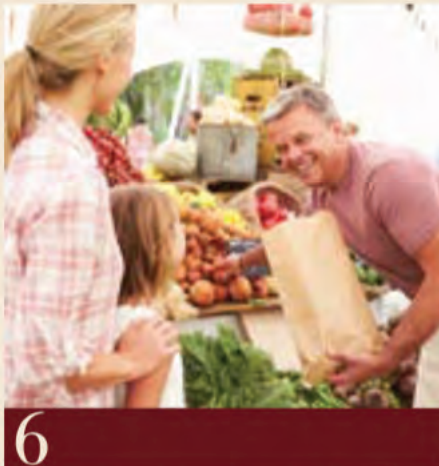


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## 4 Fulshear Freedom Fest

Fulshear's annual Freedom Fest includes a parade, live music, children's activities, carnival games, shopping, and food. The day tops off with an outstanding fireworks display scheduled to begin at about 9 PM. The Freedom Fest is set on Thursday from 5:30-9:30 PM in historic downtown Fulshear.



## 6 Fulshear Farmer's Market

Every Saturday from 9AM-1PM, the Fulshear Farmer's Market will feature the variety of local farmers, ranchers, and bakers. Located at 9035 Bois D'Arc Lane



## 11 Fulshear Katy Area Chamber Rope Cutting

The rope cutting celebration will be open to all and you are welcome to invite your spouses, friends, customers, clients, business associates, etc. This is going to be a great event and will include: door prizes, giveaways, live music, and a photobooth. The event is 5:30-8:30PM with the rope cutting at 6PM and it's located at Bar Louie at 2707 Commercial Center Blvd., T100, Katy, TX 77494

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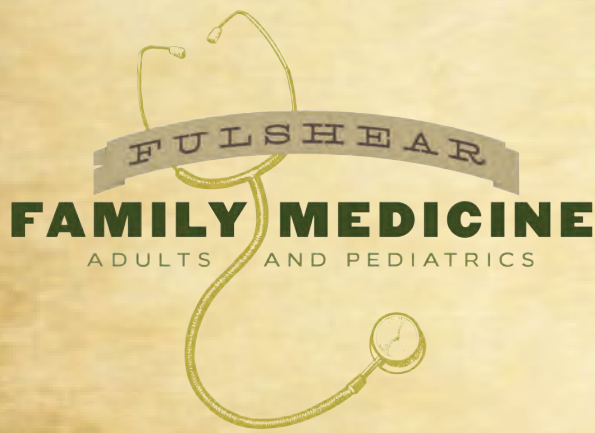
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# Can't forget these fan favorite desserts!

## America Cake

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## Patriotic Cookies

A classic favorite among kids especially. The fun star or flag shapes and bright, patriotic colors look so enticing, it's hard to resist.

## Apple Pie

Nothing is considered more American than apple pie. No one could forget this fan favorite dessert at the celebration.

## Ice Cream

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# We couldn't forget the watermelon!

It doesn't matter how you chose to display it, watermelon never goes out of style for Fourth of July. From cutting it up into little cubes and putting it on toothpick, to just cutting a slice and stuffing it in your mouth, watermelon is a staple for any Fourth of July festival. Here are some favorite ways to serve this delicious fan favorite.

## Star Shapes

Instead of cutting your watermelon into boring cubes this season, break out that star-shaped cookie cutter and spice things up. Stars can either be placed in a fruit bowl, a tray, or stuck with toothpick, you are only limited by your imagination.

## Craving some Carving

Instead of waiting until Halloween to use that

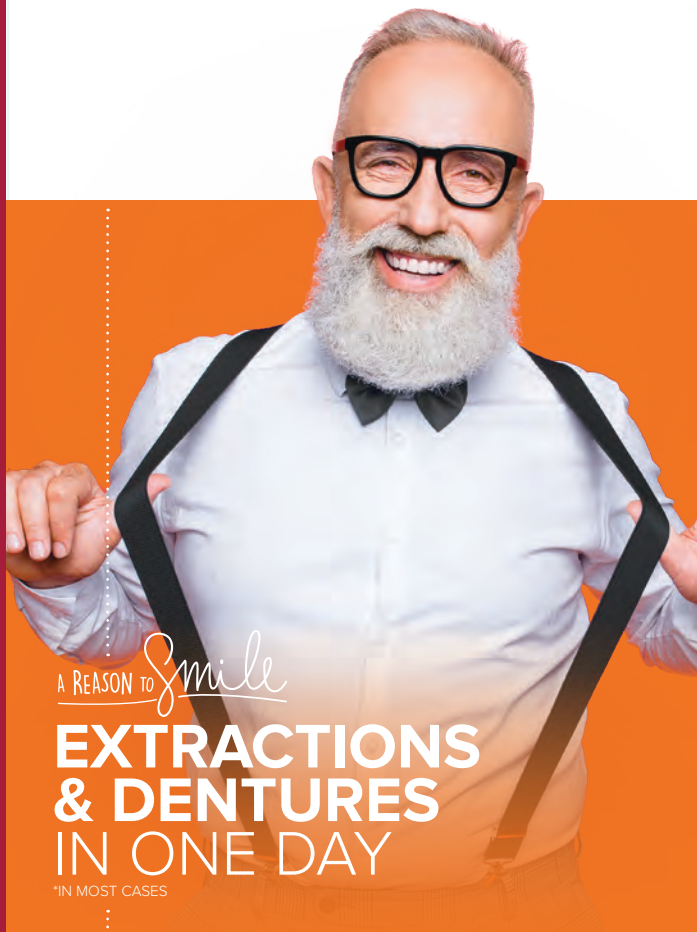
carving knife, break it out now. Once you've gutted your watermelon and made those fun star shapes, you don't have to throw away the husk. Instead, carve a fun design and use it as a bowl for other patriotic fruits such as strawberries and blueberries.

## Sangria

An adult spin on this classic. If you're not up for sangria but like the idea of a liquid, you can make watermelon punch.

## Spicy Watermelon

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