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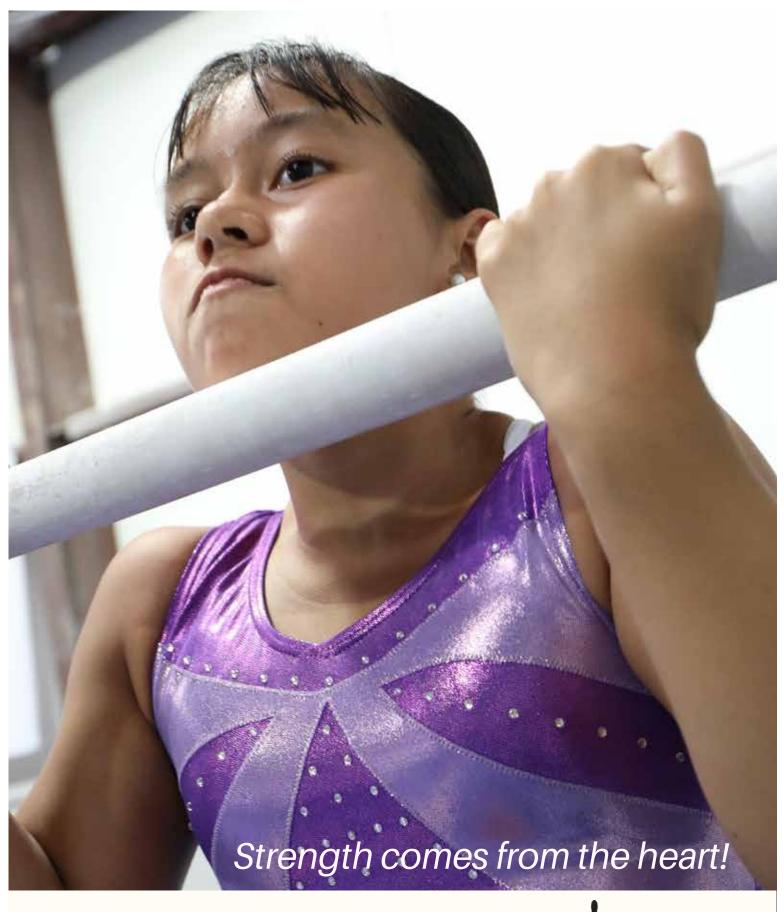
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# Seussical opens George Ranch High's 'season of fantasy'

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he George Ranch High School theatre department plans on letting loose an imaginative season on the community this year, starting with its production of Seussical, a musical about friendship, loyalty and love.

"This has turned out to be a season of fantasy," said director L. Jay Edenmeyer. "It wasn't, necessarily, a deliberate choice, but, as we looked at our shows – Seussical, Haroun And The Sea Of Stories, and an original take on Alice In Wonderland, it became apparent that the thread of fantasy ran very strong through this season's lineup."

In Seussical, Tony winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty (Lucky Stiff, My Favorite Year, Once on This Island, Ragtime), brought to life all of the favorite Dr. Seuss characters — Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and Jojo — who, through the fantastical world of Dr. Seuss' imagining, teach the audience about the power of being unique and the importance of fighting for your beliefs.

Edenmeyer said the production is a shift from his traditional motivations when it comes to putting his students on stage.

"After a couple of years of working on some pretty intense storylines and productions, I wanted to address something that was a bit more fun and light-hearted," he explained. "Most who know me know that isn't really my focus with shows. But it was time to do something fun and to bring in some of our younger performers along the maroon track."

Seussical boasts a cast of 57 members, 16 of whom are students in the Youth Ensemble, ranging in ages from 8 years old to 14 years old.

"They get to be a part of something that is really large for them, and they get to remind us, constantly, why we are telling this story," Edenmeyer said enthusiastically.

Seussical will run Oct. 18 through Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 21 at 2:30 p.m. at George Ranch High School, 8181 FM 762 Road in Richmond. Tickets are \$7 for students and \$12 for adults.

#### 'JUST A MASTERPIECE'

What is key to this production are all of its iconic characters "experiencing a different and wonderful adventure," Edenmeyer said.

The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many "thinks."

Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him.

George Ranch junior Paige Klase, who will play Gertrude Mc-Fuzz, said she enjoys creating "a whole new atmosphere" with her fellow actors, and appreciates the amount of work it takes to bring her character to life in a believable way.

"Gertrude is relatable to what most girls go through, which is thinking they need to change everything about themselves to feel pretty, or in Gertrude's case, noticed," Klase said.

Junior Reagan Scott, who is equally excited about her character, Mayzie, said learning her role has been a welcomed challenge.

"She's flamboyant and so funny," Scott said. "My own personality doesn't relate to her at all — she's the opposite of me. I've had to create ways to be annoyed, mean, and over the top, and most of the time that's when I have the most fun.

"I'm so excited to bring her to life."

Fellow actor Ethan Brandt empathizes.

"This really is my first show where I'm the main character," said Brandt, who plays Horton the Elephant. "It's a lot of pressure when all of the focus is on you. But I'm not letting that slow me down or discourage me. I've been working hard non-stop in order to ensure that I be the best that I can for this show."

The cast began working on set designs and musical arrangements in April and the beginning of August brought rehearsals and set construction.

"Being able to tell a fun story with a bunch of amazing people, really just makes me love the show even more," Brandt said. "The music, the story, the overall tone of the entire show is just a masterpiece."

#### THE JOYS OF THEATRE

High school theatre is more than entertaining an audience, said senior Christine Bonaparte, 17, who plays Kangarette. It also provides actors with "an outlet from all the chaos of school."

Theatre is "a great form of expression, whether it's being able to act like someone you are not or through relating to and fully understanding the character," she added.

Senior Marissa Gittens, who plays Thing 1 — and likes that her character "causes mischief and chaos amongst everything" — stressed that theatre is also about building bonds.

"I enjoy it for the sense of community I feel," the 17-year-old said. "It feels like a family more than a department."

"Although I don't play a character, I love collaborating with my cast and crew throughout the whole musical process," said junior Charis Christy, who serves as the stage manager. "I love seeing everything and everyone come together all at once, and witnessing a beautiful show form."

And the show, Edenmeyer stressed, will be beautiful. It will fun. will be colorful. It will be a joy to watch.

"The music is amazing," he said. "The choreography is great.



### Feature Story

The kids are really enjoying telling this story and that makes it such an incredible experience to be a part of and to watch."

Endemeyer wants both the audience and his actors to leave with something more than an evening of fun, however. He specifically hopes his students also leave with a sense of unity.

"Community — there is a definite need for that kind of solidarity right now," he said. "Things are moving so quickly for these kids, for all of us.

"There is such a need to have this incredibly sharp focus and the joy has become harder and harder to recognize. We are learning that, working together, we can create an incredible and creative environment that can't be challenged by negativity.

"Together, anything's possible."



FROM LEFT, Alonso Calvillo, Jr., Tochi Etufugh (as Sour Kangaroo) and Cameron Krouch (as Yertle Turtle)

#### CAST COMMENTS

**GREATWOOD MONTHLY:** What do you most enjoy about your character? **SENIOR, JOSIE CHI:** "My character (the Grinch) is the antithesis of everyone."

**GWM:** What do you most enjoy about this production and your character?

JUNIOR, TRINITY MOODY: "I love how [Seussical] brings multiple Dr. Seuss stories together, it makes it fun and creative. [My character] Thing 2 is so versatile and I can make the character anyway I want. I'm not tied to an animal or human I'm just a thing. This gives me opportunities to make bold and fun choices."

**GWM:** Why do you enjoy playing the character, Mrs. Mayor, and what challenges have your faced getting accustomed to that role?

**SENIOR, KARSON WEIGL:** "She has many different layers of personality. For instance when talking to JoJo, her child, she's a loving mother but when she's with her husband she hard and rough. [With this character] I'm learning different aspects of my singing voice that I didn't know I had, and I'm trying to portray my character is a proper way to show all her layers."

**GWM:** What do you think the audience will most appreciate?

**SENIOR, TOCHI ETUFUGH:** "The scenery is beautiful — the audience will be pleased."



Alyssa Clark as a Citizen of Who



Josie Chi as The Grinch



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### HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS IN FORT BEND

#### **OCTOBER 19 & 20**

Abigail's Place is hosting their premier fall event, Haunted Richmond, where guests will tour several historic sites in the downtown Richmond area, including private houses and buildings not normally open to the public, and will hear about the interesting histories of the structures and learn of the interesting histories of the structures and learn of
the tragic circumstances which left a haunted imprint
on the locations. Abigail's Place's is committed to supporting displaced single mothers in Fort Bend County by providing emergency shelter and housing assistance. Tickets for the
Haunted Richmond tour, sponsored by Texas Zombie Hunt and
All Star Storage, are \$50 each. VIP tickets are \$100 each. Visit abigailsplace.org for more information.

#### OCTOBER 20 10th Annual Scarecrow Festival

The Scarecrow Festival in Cross Creek Ranch is set for 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. Featuring carnival rides, food trucks, a dog show, face paintings, a pumpkin patch, live music, and of course, the scarecrow contest, this festival is free and open the public. Unlimited carnival rides are \$10 presale and \$15 at the door. This year's scarecrow contest is superhero themed, First place will be awarded \$1,000; second place will win \$500 and third place will earn \$250. The deadline to register is 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12. Visit www.crosscreektexas.com/scarecrowfest

#### **OCTOBER 25**

Holy Rosary Catholic School will hosts its annual Halloween Carnival from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.The evening will feature carnival style games, bingo, a haunted house, bouncers, putt-putt golf, ferris wheel, costume contest and plenty of delicious food. Food tickets and carnival game tickets may be purchased at the door. Admission and parking are free. Carnival will take place at Holy Rosary Catholic School, 1426 George Street in Rosenberg.

#### **OCTOBER 26** Black & White Masquerade

Guests who attend the Fort Bend Museum's Black & White Masquerade will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails while surrounded by the chilling yet festive atmosphere of the historic Moore Mansion. Visitors can tour the eerily-decorated home, have their fortunes told and dance in the candlelit courtyard. Plus, guests can have their portrait taken next to a Victorian-era hearse. The dresscode is black or white cocktail attire. Guests must be at least 21 years old. Admittance is \$45 for the general public and \$40 for members of the Fort Bend History Association. Visit www.fortbendmuseum.org.

#### OCTOBER 27 Miss Ivy's Spooktacular Halloween Party

Children of all ages are welcomed to experience the Fort Bend Museum's Miss Ivy's Spooktacular Halloween Party from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The evening will feature spooky games, mysterious tricks and sweet treats. Refreshments, family-friendly tours of the 1883 Moore Mansion, yard games, trick or treating, crafts and costume prizes will also be featured. Admittance is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and \$8 for adults and \$3



for children who are members of the
Fort Bend History Association). For more information about Miss Ivy's Spooktacular Halloween Party, call 281-342-6478.

#### A Victorian All Hallow's Day

The George Ranch Historical Park is offering the public a chance to see what Halloween parties of the past looked like during its family-friendly Victorian Halloween Party at the 1860s Ryon Prairie Home. Historic Halloween games, riddles and tricks will be featured and visitors can visit the 1890s Davis Victorian Mansion, stop by the cemetery to make a gravestone rubbing and learn about the elaborate traditions of Victorian-era funerals. Plus, guests will have the chance to explore the somber and slightly spooky decorations in the Davis Victorian Mansion as the house is put into mourning. Additionally trick-ortreating will be offered at the 1830s Jones Stock Farm and the 1930s George Ranch House & Cattle Complex to trick-or-treat across the Park. The cost to attended is included with general admission. Visit www.georgeranch.org.

#### City of Rosenberg BOO-berg Halloween Carnival

The City of Rosenberg will again host its popular BOO-berg Halloween Carnival on Oct. 27 at Seabourne Creek Nature Park. The free event is produced by the City's Parks and Recreation Department to give children ages 10 year old and under an opportunity to come out and enjoy the park while participating in fun and safe games and activities with prizes and giveaways. Children are welcome to come in costume and must be accompanied by an adult. Visit rosenbergtx.gov/boo-berg.

#### **OCTOBER 31 Ghosts & Grub**

George Ranch Historical Park will open its doors after-hours for a Halloween event open to adults and children 12 years old and older — Ghosts & Grub. Enjoy a meal, followed by a lantern walking tour of the park, filled with unique Texas ghost stories – including some tales that originate at the ranch. This tour will incorporate more than a mile of walking. Guests are encouraged to bring flashlights and good walking shoes. Reservations are required and are non-refundable. Chosts & Grub is held regardless of the weather conditions. Admittance is \$35 per person. Make reservations by calling 281-343-0218 x220 or email education@georgeranch.org. Visit www.georgeranch.org.

#### **OCTOBER 28**

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Spooky House Tours

Looking for a slight scare? The Fort Bend Museum's Spooky House Tours are recommended for people 13 years old and older. The tours will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Moore Home. Those in attendance will find themselves in scenes from classic scary television and films from the 1960s. Enter the parlor of the Addams Family, check into the Bates Motel, discover what really happened to Baby Jane, and beware of mysteriously-behaving birds in the area. Tickets are \$10 per person and available at the gate Visit ways fortbendmuseum org per person and available at the gate. Visit www.fortbendmuseum.org

**Gathering of the Zombies 5k Fun Run**H.O.P.F. (Hispanics Offering People Education) will hold its zombie run from 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Seabourne Creek Park, 3831 Highway 36 South in Rosenberg Visit the HOPE Revived Facebook page for more information. Questions can also be directed to kinomc@sbcglobal.net.

# HAIR-RAISING HAUNTED HOUSES

If being frightened gets your blood going, nothing can get it pumping faster than a visit to a haunted house. The following are toted as some of the popular haunted houses around Texas.

#### 13th Floor | San Antonio, Texas

Found at 1203 E. Commerce Street in San Antonio, the multi-leveled haunted attraction, 13th Floor, was the top haunted attraction in the nation in 2017 by HauntedHouses. com and features new terrifying layouts each year. *Visit www.13tbfloorsanantonio.com* 

Creepy Hollow Haunted House | Rosharon, Texas

Created to be intensely terrifying, the Creepy Hollow Haunted House features fog, strobes, low visibility and audio effects. Found at 12872 Valley Vista Drive in Rosharon, Creepy Hollow boasts the 288 Scare Factory (also known as the Nuevo Genesis Research Foundation), Dark Woods and Pitch Black attractions, each with a unique and scary background. Visit creepybollow-bauntedbouse.com

**Cutting Edge Haunted House | Fort Worth** 

Located in an abandoned meat-packaging factory in Fort Worth, at 1701 E. Lancaster Avenue, Cutting Edge Haunted House has held records features a zombie apocalypse. *Visit www.cuttingedgebauntedbouse.com* 

#### Dark Hour Haunted House | Plano, Texas

Featured on USA Today, BuzzFeed, Hauntworld.com and the Dallas Observer, the Dark Hour Haunted House is known as the premier haunted attraction in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Found at 701, Taylor Drive, this attraction is housed in a former sporting goods store and is an extremely detailed attraction that features sets, professional actors and technology that creates 30,000 square feet of terror for visitors. *Visit darkhourhauntedhouse.com* 

Fearshire Farms | Angleton, Texas

A real farm, with real corn fields and a real haunted house, Fearshire Farms — found at 1100 South Walker in Angleton — was featured on the Travel Channel. The grounds of Fearshire Farm are just as the family left them, from the front porch to the family cemetery. *Visit www.fearshirefarms.com.* 

#### **House of Torment** | Austin, Texas

Featured on Travel Channel, BuzzFeed, Discovery Channel and the Huffington Post, Austin's House of Torment — found at 2632 Ridgepoint Drive in Austin — is known as the premier Halloween event. *Visit www.bouseoftorment.com* 

#### Houston Terror Dome | Houston, Texas

Found at 16030 East Freeway in Channelview, Texas, the Houston Terror Dome warns visitors they may need a change of underwear. *Visit boustonterrordome.com* 

#### Redrum | Richmond, Texas

Fort Bend County's own Richmond has a haunted house —Redrum — found at 1800 E Hwy 90 Alt, which opened its new season with three attractions last year. *Visit redrumbaunt.com*.

#### Scream Hollow | Smithville, Texas

Garnering the attention of Hauntworld.com, Lions Gate Films and the Travel Channel, Scream Hollow offers the chance to experience 18 buildings through three haunted houses. Found at 149 Split Rail Lane in Smithville, Scream Hollow is a creepy 20 acre forest in the lost pines area of Bastrop. *Visit www.screambollow.com* 

# Having a Haloween Party? TRY THESE SIMPLE BUT FUN GAMES!

HANGING DONUTS If bobbing for apples isn't your cup of tea, consider donuts on a string. The concept is quite simple: See who can eat their donut the quickest without using their hands. First you need to tie ribbon or strings on the donuts and then to a tree, making sure the donut is hanging at mouth level. Then count to three and let the competitors eat the donut, without their hands of course, without it falling off the ribbon.

70MBIE TAG This game idea, courtesy of Delia Creates (www.deliacreates.com) is an adaptation of tag turned on its head. The kiddos start the game in the traditional way, but when someone gets tagged, they also become "it" (or a zombie). The last one not to become a zombie starts as "it" for the next round.

SPOOKY TALES Sit in a circle, turn off the lights and let the freight fest begin. All you need is a flashlight and a lot of imagination. While sitting in the circle, take turns passing around the flashlight to complete a spooky (or silly) story. An easy way to start it off is "It was a dark and stormy night ..." Each person adds a sentence before passing it to the next storyteller.



POKEA PUMPKIN This fun and easy party game, courtesy of Project Denneler (www.projectdenneler.com), is a fun way to give prizes away to your party guests. What you'll need are cups (preferably orange plastic or Styrofoam ones), orange napkins, rubber bands (large enough to fit over the mouth of the cup), a black foam board, a hot glue gun and plenty of prizes. In each cup put a treat — candy, toy, stickers, etc. — or a "trick" — like toothpaste, miniature toothbrushes, socks, etc. — then cover the cup with the napkin, using the rubber band to keep it in place. Then hot glue the cups to the board in the shape of a pumpkin. Players then take turns poking through one napkin to reveal their trick or treat.

COUNTING CANDY CORN This game is simple enough. Fill a jar with candy corn (make sure you know how many) and have guests guess how many candies are in the jar. The once closest to the correct number wins the jar.



WITCHES RING TOSS This is a simple game of ring toss, with a twist. Sometimes Creative (sometimescreative. blogspot.com) offers party planners a simple game of Witches Hat Ring Toss by using a colored foam board (for the base), black party hats (which can also be made from black poster board), and pool rings. Get creative decorating your hats and have a tossing good time.

FORTUNE BOX All you'll need dice and six shoe boxes, each one indicated by a number, for this fun game. In each box put your prizes. They can be tricks or treats. Your guests then take turns rolling the dice to determine which box they will pull from.



GLOW-IN-THE-DARK RING TOSS Thanks to A Pumpkin and a Princess (apumpkinandaprincess.com) you can have a nice glow-in-the-dark addition to your Halloween party. Simply take glow-in-the-dark tape, wrap strips around glass bottles and use glow-in-the-dark rings to complete the game.

### MORE QUICK & EASY IDEAS 1. SCARY MOVIE TRIVIA. Just come up with your own quiz

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- 2. HALLOWEEN BINGO. Hint: use candy corn to mark up cards. 3. KARAOKE. All the classic and popular Halloween tunes of
- **4. PINTHETAIL ONTHE BLACK CAT.** Same as pin the tail on the donkey but, you know, with a cat.
- **5. JINX.** Let your guests know there are words they cannot say during the evening and if they do they will be subjected to an embarrassing punishment.



#### PUMPKIN BROWNIES

Recipe By:CroqueMadame Prep: 20m | Cook: 40m | Ready In:1h

#### Ingredients

3/4 cup all-purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 3/4 cup butter, melted 1 1/2 cups white sugar 2 teaspoons vanilla extract 3 eggs 1/4 cup cocoa powder 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips 1/2 cup pumpkin puree

1/2 cup chopped walnuts 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

#### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease an 8x8 inch baking pan. Stir the flour, baking powder, and salt together in a bowl.
- 2. In another bowl, stir together the melted butter, sugar, and vanilla extract; beat in the eggs one at a time with a spoon. Gradually add the flour mixture, and stir the batter until it's evenly moistened. Divide the batter in half in two separate bowls.
- 3. Into one bowl of batter, blend the cocoa powder and chocolate chips. In the second bowl of batter, stir in the pumpkin puree, walnuts, cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg.
- 4. Spread 1/2 of the chocolate batter into the bottom of the prepared baking pan, and follow with 1/2 of the pumpkin batter. Repeat the layers, ending with a pumpkin layer, and drag a kitchen knife or small spatula gently through the layers in a swirling motion, to create a marbled appearance.
- 5. Bake in the preheated oven until the brownies begin to pull away from the sides of the pan, and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes. Cool in the pan, cut into squares, and serve.



#### SPIDER CUPCAKES

Recipe By: Heatherly Noble Prep: 1 h | Cook: 30 m | Ready In: 1 h 30 m

#### **Ingredients**

1 (18.25 ounce) pkg chocolate cake mix 1 pound black shoestring licorice 1 (16 ounce) can white frosting 48 pieces candy corn 48 cinnamon red hot candies 1/4 cup orange decorator sugar

#### **Directions**

- 1. Prepare cupcakes according to package directions. Let cool completely.
- 2. Cut licorice into 3 inch sections. Working with one or two cupcakes at a time, so the frosting doesn't set before decorating, frost the cupcakes with the white frosting. Insert licorice pieces into the outer edges of the cupcakes to make the legs of the spider, 3 legs on each side (4 takes up too much space). Place two pieces of candy corn on the front of the cupcake for fangs and use two red hots as eyes. Sprinkle with decorator sugar. Repeat with remaining cupcakes.



SLIME PUNCH

Recipe By:ejamiem Prep: 10 m | Ready In: 10 m

#### Ingredients

1 medium pumpkin (optional) 1/2 gallon lime sherbet 1 (2 liter) bottle lemon-lime soda (such as Sprite®)

#### Directions

Cut the top off of the pumpkin and thoroughly scrape out the seeds and pulp. Scoop the lime sherbet into the pumpkin shell, and pour the lemon-lime soda over top.



#### The 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's

This annual fundraiser is more than a walk, it's a movement. Motivated by spreading awareness and raising funds for dementia research, more than a thousand Fort Bend County residents will walk in the 2018 Fort Bend County Walk to End Alzheimer's on Oct. 27 hoping to raise \$152,000.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m., followed by a ceremony at 8 a.m. and the 3.1 mile walk at 8:30 a.m. The walk will be held at the University of Houston-Sugar Land, 14000 University Blvd.

This event also honors those who have battled against this form of dementia and supports those caring for a loved one diagnosed with

Characterized by impaired communication, disorientation, confusion, behavior changes and, ultimately, difficulty speaking, swallowing and walking, Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic and is the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. The Alzheimer's Association estimates that by mid-century the number of people with the disease is set to nearly triple and the costs of Alzheimer's are projected to more than quadruple to \$1.1 trillion.

Proceeds from the Walk to End Alzheimer's events further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.

For more information call 713-314-1330, email alztexwalk@ alz.org or visit act.alz.org.

#### 'i have a Voice' gala

iGi's Playhouse Sugar Land has announced its 'i have ra Voice' gala will be held at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 20 in the George Ranch Historical Park Arena, 10215 FM 762 Road in Richmond.

This nonprofit, which has 38 locations including the Sugar Land one, is a unique Down syndrome organization providing a permanent brick-and-mortar location offering direct educational and therapeutic programs to individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community.

GiGi's welcomes all ages from prenatal to adults and offers custom, research-based curriculum for advancing literacy, math skills, gross and fine motor skills, improving low muscle tone, building self-esteem, preparing for the workforce in addition to fostering acceptance, awareness and networking resources for parents, siblings and the community.

All programs are free of charge.

The 'i have a Voice' gala supports these efforts and celebrates children and adults with Down syndrome.

The evening will feature a VIP happy hour, dinner, cocktails, live entertainment, dancing, live auction, wine and whiskey pull, a raffle for an amazing international vacation and more. Visit gigisplaybouse.org/sugarland for more information.



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Husband and wife teams, Craig and Rosa Coward, grandparents to a Bailee, 11 year-old on the autism spectrum, along with Barbara and Mark Mayfield, rally friends and neighbors to support the Third Annual Golf "Fore" Autism tournament.

### Third Annual Golf "Fore" Autism Charity Tournament

on't call a 'mulligan' on the opportunity to show support and raise funds for Hope For Three, the only non-profit in the Greater Houston area to focus solely on autism and the only non-profit in the Fort Bend County area to provide financial assistance to families in need.

The Third Annual Golf "Fore" Autism, presented by Timewise Food Stores, the retail division of Landmark Industries, is set for Oct. 15 at Sweetwater Country Club in Sugar Land.

Tee Time is noon with a shotgun start. Play among some "ausome" rookies, golf pros, celebrities and local community members, for a chance to win a commemorative trophy and yearlong bragging rights, all while raising funds to provide more than 3,000 children and families with vital therapies and services that support financial and crucial needs.

As autism is no ordinary condition, this golf tournament is not ordinary either. Thanks to underwriters, Trusted Senior Specialists, Final Expense Direct, Deep Down, Inc., Front Row Signs, Indeavor, JL Wood Electric, Bud Light / Silver Eagle Distributors, Bryan Smink and Off the Vine Bistro, players will experience en-

tertaining contests and mouth-watering vendors.

Participants will have the opportunity to swing for a "Hole in One" winning a brand-new 2018 Chevy Cruze from Classic Chevrolet Sugar Land or a 2018 NX200t / NX 300 from Sterling McCall Lexus.

Also, take a chance to earn gas for a year, a \$2,600 value, by purchasing a \$20 ticket, or more, compliments of Timewise. Plus, fundraising activities such as a wine pull and auctions with items like an autographed guitar from Andy Grammer or tickets to Ben Rector, will set the tournament into overdrive.

"Last year's tournament raised more than \$54,000, allowing Hope For Three to directly impact more than 300 families, by hosting five major events and countless outreach efforts throughout the year that provide children with autism access to lifechanging therapies and services they might otherwise go without," said Darla Farmer, Hope For Three Founder and Executive Director. "We hope you'll join us in exceeding last year's funds by registering for Golf "Fore" Autism today."

Individual (\$125) or team (\$500) play is available, as well as, sponsorship, underwriting and volunteer opportunities. Register by Wednesday, October 10 at www.hopeforthree.org/event/golf/. For additional information on Hope For Three's programs and resources, call 281-245-0640 or visit hopeforthree.org.

# The worldwide premier of Matilda JR. at Inspiration Stage will kick off a trio of electrifying fall shows

by MARQUITA GRIFFIN & ALISHA McMILLEN

onsidering the story is one that has been popular for generations, everyone at Inspiration Stage expects to impress audiences with its pilot production of Matilda JR., which centers around an extraordinary little girl who, through a bit of magic and limitless imagination, takes control of her own destiny.

But there is something additionally exhilarating about this production, said Mandy Seymore-Sensat, Inspiration Stage's artistic director: Matilda JR. will have its worldwide premier at Inspiration Stage, making the national award-winning community theatre in Sugar Land the first to present this new and original adaptation of Roald Dahl's timeless tale.

This honor came to fruition through cooperation with, and at the special invitation of, iTheatrics and Music Theatre International, which led Inspiration Stage to cooperatively develop, produce and present the junior adaptation of Matilda JR.

Inspiration Stage will present four shows of Matilda JR. Oct. 12 through Oct. 14 at the Sugar Land Auditorium, found at 226 Lakeview Drive.

"You can see it in Sugar Land first," said an excited Seymore-Sensat, who lives in Pecan Grove. "We're thrilled to have been chosen as the first theatre in the world to develop and produce Matilda JR. This is a huge honor and so exciting for our talented youth actors and staff."

Based on Roald Dahl's Tony-award winning hit musical, Matilda JR. is the fantastical story of a precocious five-year-old prodigy with telekinesis, who faces an uncaring home and overbearing school headmistress, while befriending her maternal and supportive young teacher.

The pilot features talented youth from the Fort Bend County and Houston areas.

Megan Marlowe, 11, of Sienna Plantation, will play the title role of Matilda, an opportunity the sixth grader is grateful for and excited about.

"This is one of my all-time favorite shows, because of Matilda's mischievous personality and odd sense of humor, and the shows amazing set and choreography," she said. "Each and every character's complex personality truly makes this show unlike any other."

iTheatrics adapts main stage Broadway musicals so they can be performed by children in school and after-school settings. It also creates these adaptations for a distinguished list of clients, including Music Theatre International, one of the world's leading theatrical licensing agencies.

Through the pilot process, Inspiration Stage's reimagining of this new Matilda JR. adaptation will eventually be available for all theaters to license in the future.

"Inspiration Stage audiences are very lucky to have the opportunity to see this new and original adaptation, cast with the area's best young talent," Seymore-Sensat said

#### WAIT, THERE'S MORE: 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR.'

But Inspiration Stage's current excitement doesn't end with Matilda, JR. The theatre will also present Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR. the following weekend, Oct. 19 through Oct. 21.

This musical centers around the story of an eccentric inventor, Caractacus Potts, who sets about restoring an old race car with the help of his children Jeremy and Jemima, who discover the car is magic, and has the ability to float and take flight.

When the evil Baron Bomburst desires the magic car for himself, the family joins forces with Truly Scrumptious and Grandpa Potts to outwit the dastardly Baron and Baroness and their villainous henchman, the Child Catcher.

"I love to sing and dance and I am so excited to be a part of such a fun production," said Greatwood resident Campbell Baldon, 12, who is an ensemble member. "I am super excited to be performing a fun and classic show."

In February 2019 Inspiration Stage will take Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR. to the Junior Theatre Festival West in Sacramento, where the actors will perform a 15-minute cut of the musical for adjudicators, and participate in acting, dance and music workshops.

Baldon, will attend the Junior Theatre Festival for the time just like fellow ensemble member Annabelle Voelkel, 13, who is also a Greatwood resident.

"I'm excited about the new experiences I will have with my iStage family at the festival, like performing and learning from other actors," said Voelkel who is a member of the advance theatre program at Reading Junior High. "Inspiration Stage is like my second family. I've met so many friends, I continue to improve my skills, and my experiences on stage are truly fantastic."

#### ON A ROLL: 'Once on This Island JR.'

November brings the public a third opportunity to witness the talent of Inspiration stage with the production of Once on This Island JR. which will run Nov. 2 through Nov. 4 at the Sugar Land Auditorium.

The original Broadway production of Once on This Island ran from 1990 to 1991, and its revival is currently still on Broadway after winning the 2018 Tony Award for Best Musical Revival.

Once on This Island is a one-act musical, set in the French Antilles, with a book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty, the prolific duo who also wrote Seussical The Musical, Ragtime and others. It concerns a peasant girl, TiMoune, on a tropical island, who uses the power of love to bring together people of disparate social classes while negotiating mystical forces that shape their lives.

And just like with Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR., Inspiration Stage will prepare a 15-minute cut of Once on This Island JR. for performance and adjudication at the Junior Theatre Festival Atlanta in January 2019.

"My favorite part about going to the Junior Theatre Festival is meeting so many different people from around the country, said Greatwood resident and George Ranch freshman Walker Thornton. "And the



possibility of performing on such a big stage with an amazing and supportive audience."

At the festival, the advanced young performers will also participate in acting, dance and music workshops.

"Once On This Island JR. marks my fourth Junior Theatre Festival," said Greatwood resident Cameron Krouch, a 15-year-old George Ranch sophomore playing Daniel in the production. "And I am excited to take on this nurturing and empowering musical that tears at the heart and exemplifies the true power of love."

For ticket prices and additional information about Matilda, JR., Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR. and Once on This Island JR. visit inspirationstage.com/shows

Inspiration Stage's 2018-2019 season includes youth and adult productions, as well as acting and production classes. Tuition assistance is available to qualifying participants. Visit www.inspirationstage.com.



#### Matilda JR.

Friday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 pm Saturday, Oct. 13 at 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Sunday, Oct. 14 at 3:30 pm

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR.

Friday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, Oct. 20 at 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm Sunday, Oct. 21 at 3:30 pm

#### Once on This Island JR.

Friday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 pm Saturday, Nov. 3 at 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Sunday, Nov. 4 at 3:30 pm











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#### **A Centennial Celebration**

The Sugar Land Cultural Arts Foundation has announced the Sugar Land Auditorium Centennial Celebration to be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

This family friendly event will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the historic Sugar Land Auditorium, which is the last remaining public building from the original company-owned town of Sugar Land.

This monumental celebration will take place on the grounds of the historic Sugar Land Auditorium — 226 Lakeview Drive — and will be filled with free performances and fun activities for the entire family. The festivities will begin with a proclamation from Sugar Land's Mayor, Joe Zimmerman, followed by a variety of musical acts, talks, demonstrations and interactive activities that will educate attendees about the histories of the auditorium, the city of Sugar Land and 1918 America.

The Texian Time Machine will be onsite coordinating an assortment of exciting children's activities including a scavenger hunt, paper airplane making station, photo booth with vintage clothing and props, and time-period- inspired games.

The Knights of Columbus, from St. Theresa's Catholic Church, will be grilling hamburgers, hotdogs and other eats for all to enjoy during the event. The foundation will host a special Ice Cream Social from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. spotlighting local celebrity scoopers that kids and adults alike will not want to miss.

Be sure to check out the many other special areas including story time, featuring a special celebration of the 100th birthday of Raggedy Ann, as well as musical performances featuring popular music from the WWI era including Ragtime and Dixieland! Performers will be available to chat with the guests after their performances.

Inspiration Stage will delight guests with scenes from their productions of "Newsies" and "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." After the performances, the actors, along with Suffragettes and Soldiers will be roaming the grounds in period attire furthering the feel that guests have been transported back in time.

Last but not least, do not miss the special screening of the critically acclaimed documentary, "Saving Brinton" at 1 p.m. inside the Sugar Land Auditorium. The screening will be followed by a talk with the film's star and director.

# Experience the magic with TedSchwank

n Oct. 26, the public — especially children — are invited to Magic in the Plaza in Sugar Land Town Square to enjoy a performance by Ted Schwank, called the "best family and children's entertainer of the year" by the American Association of Variety Performers.

From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Schwank will bring out The World's Greatest Illusions Grand Production Show & Plaza Party featuring interactive DJ with games, prizes, strolling entertainers, face painting, giveaways and more. Visit www.sugarlandtownsquare.com.

# Savor some Texas blues music

Presented in conjunction with the "Gulf Coast Reads" community-wide reading event — which will be featuring the East Texas crime novel Bluebird, Bluebird, written by Attica Locke — Joyce Claypool Kennerly will bring to life the music that plays such a prominent role throughout the novel.

The "Texas Blues Music" presentation will be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 16 at the George Memorial Library, 1001 Golfview in Richmond

Guests will hear about some of the early artists who influenced the blues genre in Texas, such as Blind Lemon Jefferson, Lightnin' Hopkins, T-Bone Walker, John Lee Hooker, and Gatemouth Brown.

As the widow of the late Bob Claypool, longtime pop-music critic for the Houston Post and the Houston Chronicle, Kennerly gained a unique perspective of these artists when she attended their performances and sat in on her husband's interviews with them.

Those attending this event will have an opportunity to hear examples of these blues artists' music while Kennerly recounts anecdotes and memories she has of them and recalls how they influenced contemporary blues music. Listen to the soulful melodies of artists such as Bobby Blue Bland, Juke Boy Bonner, Albert King, Albert Collins, and Mance Lipscomb, while hearing about the influences that shaped the lives of the artists and their work. For more information call 281-633-4734.

### Enjoy a movie beneath the moon

amilies are welcomed to attend the free Movie Under The Moon event in Sugar Land Town Square Plaza on Oct. 20 from 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Hosted by First Colony Church of Christ, the selected movie will be Despicable Me 3. Visit www. sugarlandtownsquare.com.

#### Get ready for the 35th annual Texian Market Days

by TYLER JOHNSON | sjohnson@fbherald.com

ark your calendars!
Hosted by the Fort Bend County Museum and George
Ranch Historical Park, the annual Texian Market Days
Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20.

"This year marks the 35th anniversary of Texian Market Days so we are planning quite the celebration for this year's festival," said Jennifer Farrell, director of marketing for the Fort Bend History Association.

General admission to the festival is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for children ages 4-12. Discount tickets are currently on sale at the H-E-B Richmond Market on FM 762. Farrell said anyone who wears a "full-historic costume" to the festival would receive half-off admission at the gate, which has never been done before at the festival.

"We will have a guide posted online soon for those who wonder what 'full-historic costume' means, and we hope that will be a fun way to enjoy the festival and save a little money in the process," she said.

Like festivals in past years, there will be the usual favorites like Texian Revolution and Civil War battle re-enactments, historic home tours and folk life demonstrations. There will be some new activities as well.

"We're also adding extra activities for the kids including a petting zoo and pony rides," Farrell said

There will also be live music and entertainment from various community groups.

"It's definitely enough to keep you immersed in Texas history all day long in a fun, unique way," she added.

New vendors will be welcomed to the festival's Cotton and Cane Market. Food vendors can contact Kristi Farquar at kfarquar@georgeranch.org, craft vendors can contact Ana Alicia Estrada at aestrada@fortbendmuseum.org and sponsors can contact Zarinah K. Pool at zpoole@fbhistory.org.

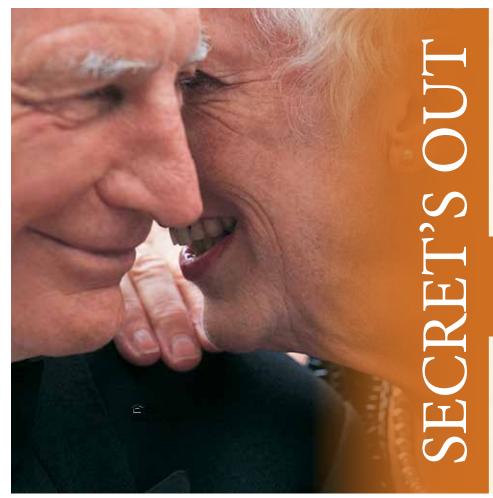
Full-priced tickets can also be purchased at the gate or online at texianmarketdays.com.



Hope Frato was dressed as a women from the 19th century Temperance Movement, at last year's event. Photo by Diana Nguyen



Texas Cavalry Cowboys Stephen Graschel, Andrew Strybos, Sheldon Scroggins, and Joe Acosta at last year's event. Photo by Diana Nguyen



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#### **THROUGH OCT. 31**

#### The Arts of Russell Autrey

"The Arts of Russell Autrey: Artist, Photographer, Raconteur" Exhibit will be on display through October 31, at the Bohachevsky Gallery at the George Memorial Library. The exhibit showcases Autrey's art and storytelling skills as well as his photography. A long-time photojournalist, Autrey is best known for his photographs that caught snippets of the daily lives of Fort Bend County residents for more than 25 years, from 1983 until his retirement in 2009. Call 281-633-4734.

#### **OCT. 4**

Ridge Point Theatre Department will present To Kill a Mockingbird at 7 p.m. Oct. 4, 5, 6 and 9. The show is based on the awardwinning 1960 novel by Harper Lee concerning a child's awakening to racism and prejudice in the American South. Visit rphstheatrebooster.com.

#### **OCT. 6** Cowboy Up

The Parks Youth Ranch will host its 7th Annual Cowboy Up event, this year honoring Diana and John Null, from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the George Ranch Historical Park, 10215 FM 762 in Richmond. Live an silent auctions, live music as well as a spirit pull and jewelry gram will be featured. Proceeds will benefit the Parks Youth Ranch. Visit www. parksyouthranch.org.

#### **Magic for Muggles**

Teens in grands 9 through 12 can celebrate Teen Read Week and prepare for the upcoming release of the movie Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald, the second installment of the "Fantastic Beasts" series set in J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World. This Harry Potter-themed event will include crafts (including House-themed pinback buttons), trivia, and butterbeer at the University Branch Library at 2 p.m. in meeting room 2. Call 281-633-5100.

#### **OCT. 8**

Discuss the 2018 "Gulf Coast Reads" selection, Bluebird, Bluebird, a novel written by Attica Locke, at the University Branch Library 7 p.m. in the conference room. New members invited to attend. Call 281-633-5100.

#### **OCT. 11** Pachtwork of Life

OakBend Medical Center's 2018 Patwork of Life event will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Safari Texas Ranch, 11627 FM 1464 in Richmond. Event proceeds will support renovations to the intensive care unit at OakBend's Jackson Street hospital campus. Ann and Jeff Council will be honored for their years of dedicated service to OakBend Medical Center. Contact 281-341-3094 or e-mail development@obmc.org for more information.

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#### **Novel Writing program**

The George Memorial Library will host "NaNoWriMo Novel-Writing Prep Program" at 7 p.m. in room 2C. November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), and aspiring writers are challenged to write a 50,000-word first draft of a novel in the 30 days of November. This class will give an overview of the challenge and how it works. Explore planning methods, exchange tips and ideas and network with other aspiring writers.

#### 3rd Annual Healing & Hope Luncheon

The Fort Bend Women's Center will host its annual luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sweetwater Country Club, 4400 Palm Royale Blvd. in Sugar Land. Hollywood actor Victor Rivers will speak on domestic abuse. Visit www.fbwc.org.

#### **Beating Long-Term Unemployment**

Richard Prather, from Texas Workforce Solutions, will discuss factors that may contribute to an extended period of unemployment at the George Memorial Library at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Get tips on how to develop a job-search plan that will improve chances of finding the right job.

#### **OCT. 12**

#### 10th Annual MadHatter Adventure

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels will host its 10th Annual MadHatter Adventure —Totally 80s Throwback — which will benefit Fort Bend Seniors. Live and silent auctions, music, dancing, raffles, drink specials and delicious food will be featured at the event, taking place from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Safari Texas Ranch, 11627 FM 1464 in Richmond. For questions regarding sponsorship opportunities or to donate auction items, contact Director of Development, Leah Ghobrial at leah@fortbendseniors.org or 281-633-7057.

#### **OCT. 13**

#### **Annual This & That Craft Extravaganza**

Briscoe Junior High will host its free 7th Annual This & That Craft Extravaganza from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 4300 FM 723 in Richmond. For vendor information, email stamez@lcisd.org.

#### **OCT. 13**

#### Tea 101: History

Bryan Hibbard, roaster and owner of Fort Bend Coffee Roasters in Fulshear, will talk about the history of tea from its origins in Asia to its arrival in the Americas at the University Branch Library's program "Tea 101: History - Leaf-to-Cup - and Proper Brewing" - being held at 2 pm, Meeting Room 1. Hear the "leafto-cup" story, learn about the different types of tea and processing methods, and get tips on proper brewing techniques. Enjoy the aroma and taste of freshly brewed tea samples from each major tea type (white, green, oolong, black, and pu-erh), which will be made by Hibbard during the program. Call 281-633-5100.





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#### OCT. 17 Culinary Book Club

The University Branch Library's Culinary Book Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. in meeting room 2 to discuss "Fall Favorites." Cooking enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels – from beginners to advanced – are invited to join. Those attending are welcome to bring their own cookbooks and recipes, or they may browse the library's collection of cookbooks. Share tips, get ideas, and enjoy the camaraderie of other individuals who have an interest in cooking and good cuisine. Meets on the third Wednesday of every month; different cooking genres are explored each month. Call 281-633-5100.

#### **Story Spinners**

The George Memorial Library's Story Spinners Writing Club will meet from 5:30-8:00 pm in room 2C. This month's topic will be "Evoking Emotion." From beginning blogger to published novelist, writers of all genres and experience levels are welcome to write, share, learn, support, network, and critique each other's work. Writing prompts, brainteasers, and brief exercises will be available to ignite the imaginations of any and all wordsmiths who wish to hone their craft. This program is recommended for adults and teens aged 14 and up. Call 281-633-4734.

#### OCT. 18

#### 2018 Heart of Fort Bend

AccessHealth will host its annual Heart of Fort Bend event from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Safari Texas Ranch, 11627 FM 1464 in Richmond. Visit www.myaccesshealth.org.

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#### **Avoiding Homeowner Scams**

The University Branch Library will host its "Senior Series: Avoiding Homeowner Scams" at 10:30 am, meeting room 1. Liz McNeel, a senior real-estate specialist and certified senior-housing professional, will lead a panel of experts who will talk about ways to detect and avoid homeowner-related scams by callers, email, or traditional mail. Call 281-633-5100.

#### **OCT. 20**

#### Fort Bend Rancher's Ball

This event, taking place from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Safari Texas Ranch, 11627 FM 1464 in Richmond , will benefit Fort Bend Charities. Hosted by Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers and co-chairs Jess and Terri Stuart and Jon and Sue Strange, the event will feature music, raffles and prizes. Attire is western chic. Visit fortbendranchersball.com.

#### **Macro Photography**

The Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library will host "Macro Photography: Everything You Need to Know" at 10 am in the meeting room. Fort Bend Photography Club member Don Simmons will share his expertise and unique approach to macro photography – extreme close-up photography, usually of very small subjects. Learn about the equipment that is needed, including where to buy it, the average cost of the equipment, and how to build certain components. Simmons will provide tips on capturing better macro photographs as well as cleaning up and enhancing images after they are taken. A lifelong photography enthusiast, Simmons will share many of his award-winning photographs during the presentation, and will explain how he captured each image using purchased and DIY equipment. Call 281-633-4675.

#### Flu Shot & Toy Drive

The Exchange and Rotary Clubs and Toys and Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital, 16655 Southwest Freeway, will host its free flu shot and community toy drive at 6 p.m. Visit www.houstonmethodist.org/locations/sugar-land

#### **OCT. 27**

#### **Community Food Fair**

Mamie George Community Center, Catholic Charities will host its food fair which is open to all Fort Bend County resident. Free variety of produce and chicken while supplies last. Visit www.mamiegeorgecommunitycenter.org.

OCT. 29

#### 2018 Golf Tournament

Fort Bend Cares, a charitable organization that provides support, via grants, to other charities, will host its "for kids" golf tournament at the Sweetwater Country Club, 4400 Palm Royale Blvd. in Sugar Land. Sponsors and teams are available. Proceeds will benefit disadvantaged youth in Fort Bend County. Visit www.fortbendcares. org or call 832-819-2005.

#### **OCT. 30**

#### **Crafts & Costumes**

The University Branch Library will host "Crafts & Costumes" for families with children looking for a fun evening with crafts at 7 p.m. in meeting room 1. Children may come in costume for added fun. Call 281-633-5100.



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#### 2018 READ-A-THON: THROUGH OCTOBER 8

The Campbell Cougars will soon be busy logging a lot of time reading their favorite books and collecting donations for our second annual read-a-thon. Please share your child's Read-A-Thon donation page with family and friends until Oct. 8 when our reading sessions end.

#### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership drive is in full force. Monies from memberships help with the teacher start up fund. This beginning of the year fund helps every teacher with some of the cost they incur to get their classroom ready for the year.

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Advertise your local business on our Read-A-Thon webpages and help support Campbell. Please contact Heather at ffundraising@campbellpto.org for more information.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

10/4: Progress Reports go Home

10/4: Fall Pictures

10/8: Read-A-Thon Ends

10/8: 4th Grade Program

10/9: PTO Meeting @7:45am

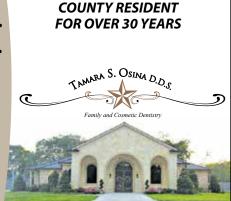
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#### PTO BOARD MESSAGE

We enjoyed meeting so many of you at parent night a few weeks ago!! We're so excited for Trunk or Treat! We're looking forward to this great community event. Tickets go on sale Oct. 1 on dickinsonpto.com.

#### **GET CONNECTED**

There are many ways to communicate with the PTO... pick your favorite and stay in the know.

- Website: dickinsonpto.com
- Facebook: Dickinson Elementary PTO
- Instagram: dickinsonelementarypto

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Super Sweet Fundraiser: Everybody loves pie We'll be offering pies the first few weeks of October that will be ready just in time for Thanksgiving. Watch for more information on that... you definitely don't want to miss it!

#### TRUNK OR TREAT: FRIDAY OCTOBER 26 5-7:30PM

Trunk or treat is back y'all. For a successful event we need you

We need volunteers to help with everything from set up to take down and everything in between... we're going to need about 60 volunteers to pull this off, so if you haven't already, contact our Volunteer Coordinator Raquel Garcia volunteer@dickinsonpto. com to get started. Thank you so much. We can't wait to have spooktacular time with you and your family this year.

Remember to invite your local family and friends. Get your tickets at dickinsonpto.com. They go on sale October 1.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

October 1: PTO Meeting - Science Room - 3pm & Trunk or Treat Tickets go on sale. Visit dickinsonpto.com.

October 1st-12: Super Sweet Fundraiser - Pies \*

October 4: Progress reports go home

October 17: Spirit Night - Chick-Fil-A 5-7pm\*

October 24: Picture Day - Class pictures & Make up day

October 26: TRUNK or TREAT \*, 5-7:30pm & End of first nine weeks: early release 11:30am

 $\textbf{November 1:} \ Report\ card\ conferences\ \&\ early\ release\ 11:30 am$ 

**November 2:** Report card conferences & early release 11:30am

**November 5:** PTO Meeting - Science Room - 3pm **November 14:** Spirit Night - Gringo's - All Day\*

November 19-23: NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

\* PTO sponsored events. Questions about all other events should be directed to the front office.

### SCALVARY EPISCOPAL PREPARA-

#### by KRISTA KUPERUS

On August 15, excitement and energy radiated from all the students as they filled the hallways of Calvary Episcopal Preparatory.

Students at Calvary enter the doors expecting each year to be greater than the last. Once again the Calvary administration staff and CPTO (Calvary Parent Teacher Organization) did not fail to meet this expectation.

The proof of their hard work is evident in the number of new students, the changes on the campus and the additions impacting extracurricular events. With 43 new students Calvary's returnees have an opportunity to meet many new friends in all grade levels. In addition, 10 of those students are international students who bring with them cultural experiences that will be shared and celebrated by all.

It's not just the students who are happy to be back. Faculty and staff are inspired and excited to see their Calvary family which is evidenced by an over 90 percent employee retention rate.

Since one of the Calvary's top priority is the safety and security of their students and staff, new measures have been implemented to go beyond standard expectations. For instance, anyone coming on to campus will be cleared through the new Raptor system; added security and safety measures to all entrances and assessible areas; the internal security measures that have been added



to classrooms. Calvary is also proud to announce that their highly active CPTO generously donated two iPad carts with 24 iPads each, allowing modern technology to be more accessible. An added surprise is Calvary's two new buses, that were supported by the financial efforts of CPTO, Calvary Episcopal Church and generous family donations. The buses allow for field trip transportations and athletic events to be seamless for parents.

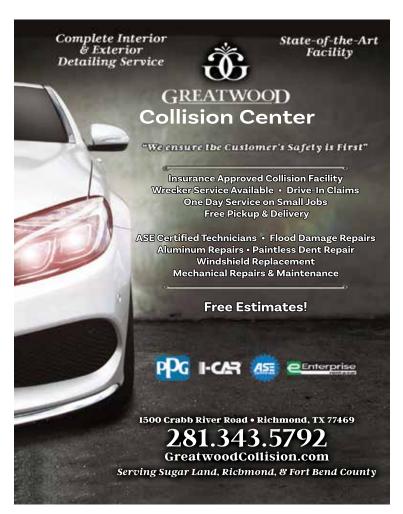
The three R's are alive and well at Calvary Episcopal Preparatory...Reverence for God, Respect of others and Responsibility for self, are all hand in hand with an exceptional curriculum and a family atmosphere.



Josh Babin, Jayden Hightower and Jake Mukoro



Noah Jackson with Max Lenderman





Stacey Smith and Genesis Griffin New students, Deklan Mikles and excited to start their 8th grade year



**Evan Humble** 





Logan Curry is learning how to use his new planner



High school students left to right bottom: Ali McCroskey, Jier Qiu, Amelia Wang back row: Huynh Nguyen and Tony Tran



### SHOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



New Student Ambassadors for Holy Rosary Catholic School are, front row, from left, Danielle Sellier, Anne New, Harper Huff and Spencer Sundberg. Back row, from left, are ShayAnn Boettcher, Joseph Engelking and Anthony Taormina.



Holy Rosary Catholic School students Gracie Stavinoha and Fabiana Bracho-Zarraga were recently honored by the Talent Identification Program of Duke University for their exceptional performance on the SAT/ACT.



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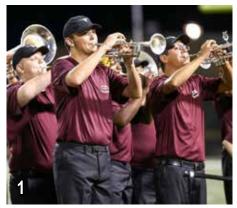


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# Those Friday Night Lights A look at the sidelines of those treasured high school football games around the county.

















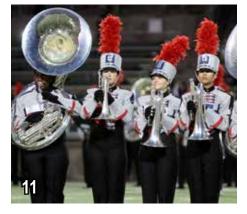




- George Ranch High School marching band members, from left, Riley Mayfield, Garrett Schlepphorst and Justin Salas entertain Longhorns' fans during halftime. Photo by Rhonda Taormina.
- **→** Lamar Consolidated High School student Aaron Torres stands at attention. Photo by Rhonda Taormina.
- 3 Lamar Consolidated High School Fillies Dance Team Lt. Col. Alexis Warren helps lead the dance team through a routine during a halftime ceremony. Photo by Rhonda Taormina.
- Lamar Consolidated High School cheerleader 4 Valerie Aguilar shows her school spirit.
- 5 Raven Allen, center, and the rest of the Lamar Consolidated High School cheerleaders lead

Mustangs fans.

- **6** Daniel Lopez keeps an eye on the drum major. Photo by Rhonda Taormina.
- 7 Tigers dance team co-Capt. Ariel Ukaegbu, a junior, is ready to entertain Tigers fans at halftime.
- Travis High School dance team co-Capt. Sara Kuperman.
- **9**Travis High School varsity cheerleaders, from left, Autumn Ngo and Mya White help lead Tigers fans in a cheer during a Thursday match-up.
- Travis High School student Hannah Gay concentrates on her routine during halftime.

























11 Travis High School musicians, from left, Darrian Jaiyesimi, Katherine Rhodes, Phoebe Adkins, Mason Whitten, and Shayla Huff wait for halftime to start during a matchup.

12 Maiya Weatherall, a member of the George Ranch High School Lariettes Dance Team, entertains Longhorns' fans. Photo by Rhonda

Taormina.

13 Gricelda Montoya and the rest

of the flag corps help entertain Tigers football fans.

Travis Tigers fans Elaina Guidry, left, and Emily Holzhausen

show their spirit.

1 Salexia Lobato, a member of the George Ranch High School Lariettes Dance Team, whirls during halftime. Photo by Rhonda Taormina.

1 Gerry High School mascot Ranger Rowdy, aka Kaylee Davis, greets fans before a football game.

game.

17 Needville High School varsity cheerleader Kate Warncke waves to the crowd.
18 Needville High School twirler Jordyn Phillips, a sophomore, joins the Blue Jays Marching Band on the field during halftime.
19 Needville High School junior Bianca Cannon plays along with the Blue Jays Marching Band.
20 Needville High School student Tori Rash during a Friday night halftime routine.

halftime routine.

21 Needville Sapphires Dance Team Capt. Vasti Coronado, senior, leads the dance team in a routine during halftime.
22 George Ranch High School Longhorns fans cheer on the 'Horns during their match-up with Dickinson at Traylor Stadium in Rosenberg. Photo by Rhonda Taormina. Taormina.

### Astros

#### Photos by Tyler Johnson

Local fans get to meet 2017 World Series champ Tony Kemp









- Rosenberg resident Hugo Manriquez gets autograph from Houston Astros outfielder and 2017 World Series champion Tony Kemp at Whataburger in Richmond.
- **2**Richmond resident Emily Hellcey asks her favorite Houston Astro Tony Kemp to sign the back of her jersey.
- Fort Bend County resident Cindy Rychlik excited to stand next to the Houston Astros' 2017 World Series Championship trophy.
- 4Richmond resident Marilyn Castillo asks Houston Astros outfielder Tony Kemp to sign her bat she brought to Whataburger.



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### $extbf{=}$ On The Fort Bend Scene $extbf{=}$

### Local Support

People and organizations who enjoy giving











The Garden Club of Richmond Community Service Committee member Laura Hartman presented a check for \$750 to Abigail's Place representatives Shereen Sampson, left, and Donna Goforth, right. This is one of the many donations made in the community by the Club, using funds raised through caladium bulb sales.

2 Texas State Technical College Student Government Association officers and Cyber Security Technology students Parker Sorrels and Scott Easter delivering the school supply donations to Lunches of Love in Rosenberg.

3 The Central Fort Bend Chamber will host its annual Business Expo, presented by Legacy Ford, at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds on Oct.

23. The Business Expo is free to attend and open to the public. Doors will open at 10 a.m. and remain open until 2 p.m. Attendees will be able to visitover 60 businesses ranging from boutiques to insurance. Visit www. cfbca.org. From left are Patrick Sexton, Legacy Ford partner, Kristin Weiss, Central Fort Bend Chamber president and CEO, Ron Ewer, Legacy Ford owner, John Kennedy, Central Fort Bend Chamber chairman of the board.

4 Sophia Stockton, 8 donated her allowance money to the Fort Bend

4 Sophia Stockton, 8, donated her allowance money to the Fort Bend County Animal Services.

5 Texas State Technical College-Rosenberg graduate Darryl Jackson is shown with Friendship Church of Richmond Senior Pastor Jason Frazier

standing in front of a car given to Darryl by the church and an anonymous donor with assistance from Christian Brothers Automotive. Darryl, who has been hired by CenterPoint Energy as a lineman, was removed from parental custody while still a baby and was raised in foster homes until he aged out of the system. The church is one of several community sources of support that helped Darryl achieve his TSTC diploma.

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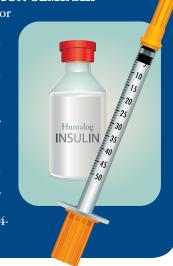
- •Follow a meal plan developed with your doctor or dietitian and exercise for at least 30 minutes most days
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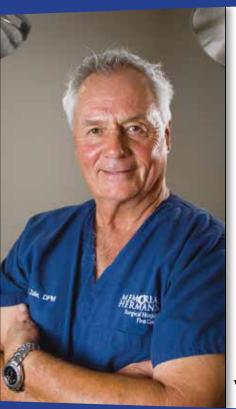
and cholesterol levels under control."

- •Don't smoke
- •Visit an eye-care professional yearly for a complete eye exam
- See your dentist twice a year for exams and cleanings. Brush and floss every day
- Keep feet clean and dry; check for sores, blisters or problems every day; and treat cuts immediately

#### **DIABETES EDUCATION SEMINAR**

If you think you might have or are at risk for diabetes, we encourage you to join us for our diabetes education seminar at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, in our Brazos Pavilion Conference Center. Topics of discussion will be identifying risks, methods of diagnosis, type 1 versus type 2 diabetes and living with diabetes. Registration is required. For more information or to register, visit events.houstonmethodist. org/diabetes-sl or call 281-274-7500.





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nprecedented numbers of families benefited from this year's Community Operation Back-to-School Health Fairs. In celebration of National Health Center Week, AccessHeatlh hosted fairs on August 4 in Richmond and August 11 in Missouri City. Backpacks pre-filled with school supplies were given to 1,750 students.

Of the many years AccessHealth and partners have been collaborating for this effort, this year's health fairs had the highest attendance with the largest numbers of screenings and immunizations provided. Health screenings included dental, vision, speech and scoliosis screenings.

A combined total of 473 screenings were provided free of charge. AccessHealth and Fort Bend County Health and Human Services administered a combined total of 235 vaccines, also free of charge. Additionally, 26 children received sports physicals, and 40 children received free haircuts.

Presenting sponsors included Reliant, an NRG Company, Fort Bend County, City of Richmond, City of Missouri City and St. John's United Methodist Church. Other generous sponsors included Community Health Choice, Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital, MD Anderson Cancer Center and CenterPoint Energy.

"This was a joint effort made possible by many sponsors, vendors, volunteers and the collaborative force of Fort Bend County

partners including Commissioner Grady Prestage, Precinct 2; Fort Bend County Social Services; Health and Human Services; the Office of Emergency Management and Fort Bend County Constable Gary Majors, Precinct 2," said event Co-chair and AccessHealth Community Engagement Manager, Sharonda DeBose.

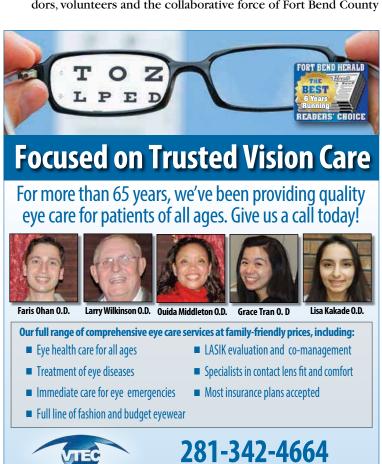
As your not-for-profit community health center, AccessHealth provides integrated health services without regard to income or circumstance to improve the quality of life in Fort Bend County.

Private donations, grants and special event proceeds help offset expenses associated with caring for the low-income, uninsured and underinsured. The next opportunity to attend or sponsor an AccessHealth event will be Saturday, Oct. 13 at the 5th Annual Heart of Fort Bend gala. AccessHealth is a United Way agency, and its Richmond clinic is recognized as a Patient-Centered Medical Home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

For more about the Back-to-School Health Fairs or Heart of Fort Bend sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sharonda DeBose at (281) 633-3144 or sdebose@myaccesshealth.org. For patient information, please visit www.myaccesshealth.org.

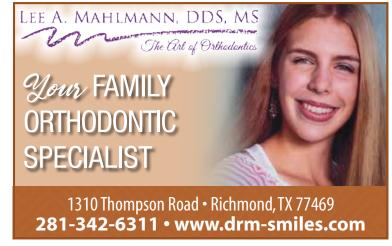


From left, Mike Dotson, AccessHealth CEO; Erica Bounds, Reliant, and NRG company; and Brenda Patton, AccessHealth board member.



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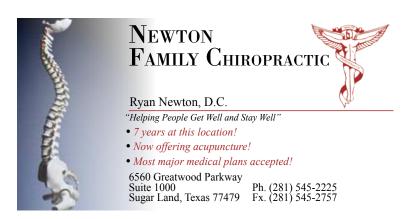
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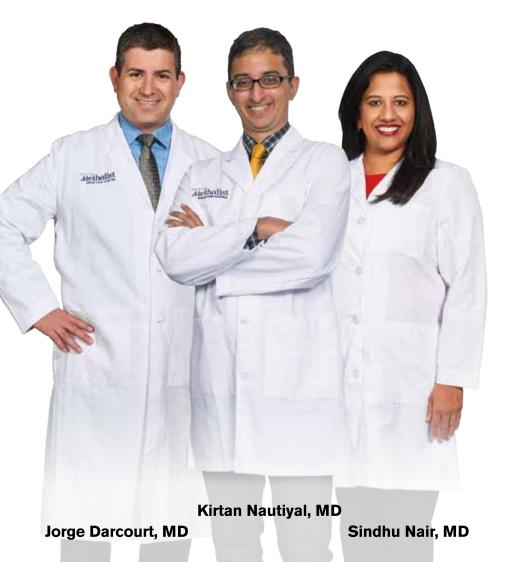
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