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2 New Library Network | Fort Bend County Libraries is excited to announce the launch of a new, state-of-the-art online network, catalog, and computer/Internet access for library users starting September 2. Library users will once again have access to computers, Internet, and printing, as well as digital collections and traditional services and materials they have come to enjoy over the years – and much more. fortbendlibraries.gov.

4 Teen Test Kitchen: Edible Cookie-Dough Edition | In this hands-on cooking session at the George Memorial Library in Richmond, teens will learn how to make safe, delicious, edible cookie dough from scratch – no baking required. For grades 9-12. Materials will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. 5-6 pm, Room 2C. fortbendlibraries.gov.

Native Texas Wildlife: Our Treasure | The Texas Master Naturalist Coastal Prairie Chapter will host its free chapter program, “Native Texas Wildlife: Our Treasure” at 7 pm at the Rosenberg Civic Center. Find



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out what happens when chemicals collide with nature. Ecotoxicology 101, is a dynamic and eye-opening presentation by Dr. Cindy Howard, Department Chair of Environmental Sciences and Professor of Biology and Environmental Science, College of Science and Engineering.

5 Richmond's Farmers Market | Find the freshest local produce, homemade treats, and unique gifts at the Richmond Farmer's Market which will run from 3-7 p.m. at 402 Morton Street in Richmond. richmondtxfarmersmarket.com

Movie Night | Head out to Westendorff Park at 500 Preston Street in Richmond and enjoy 2018's “Hotel Transylvania 3” at 8:30 p.m. for free with the family. Hosted by the City of Richmond, the Movie Night events at the park are held on the first Friday of the month. Future shows are: Oct. 3

(The Canterville Ghost, 2023); Nov. 7 (Paddington in Peru, 2024); and Dec. 5 (Glisten and the Merry Mission, 2023). richmondtx.gov

6 Kanon's Dino Jam | The KanonBall Foundation will host its Kanon's Dino Jam at Seabourne Creek Park in Rosenberg at 9 a.m. in honor of the late Kanon Wade Garcia. Kanon's 2nd annual 5K raises water safety awareness and funds to provide swim lessons for little swimmers in the community. You must be registered to participate in the 5K. Following the 5K, there will be cupcakes, games, and more. thekanonballfoundation.com

8th Annual Ride to Rosenberg Car Show | This Southeast Texas Cats Mercury Cougar Club car show will be held from 8 am- 3:30 p.m. in Downtown Rosenberg. Limiting to 150 cars. The Southeast Texas Cats is a group for Classic Mercury Cougar owners and enthusiasts to organize events and share restoration/repair

information. Typically has a monthly meeting or event. www.facebook.com/STCCougarClub

8 26th Annual Back to School Scramble | The Fort Bend Education Foundation's 26th Annual Back to School Scramble, co-chaired by Nick Bhakta and Ryan McCauley, will be held at the Sweetwater Country Club in Sugar Land for a day of golf, good food and giving back to Fort Bend ISD students. Sponsorship ranges from \$500 - \$10,000, including hole sponsorships and beverage stations. onecau.se/fbfgolf25 or fortbendisd.com/foundation.

Teen Anime Club | Teens who enjoy the anime culture are invited to watch anime and participate in related activities such as crafts, recipes, and learning new skills at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. This month, teens will enjoy mochi ice



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cream. Registration recommended but not required. 5:30-6:30 pm, Room 2A. fortbendlibraries.gov.

13 Fort Bend Fandom | The debut of Fort Bend Fandom, organized by Fort Bend County Libraries, will be held from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. A time for fans, artists, creators, makers, performers, foodies, and more from all around the world to celebrate anime, manga, movies, video games, board games, role-playing, books and everything else. fortbendlibraries.gov/george-memorial

Native Bees & Gardening | In recognition of National Honey Month, Fort Bend County Libraries' University Branch Library will present a program on “Native Bees in Your Garden” from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, in Meeting Room 2 of the library, located at 14010 University Blvd in Sugar Land, on the UH campus. Fort Bend County Master Gardener Nancy Shafer will talk about the importance of native bees and other pollinators to the ecosystem. Hear fascinating facts about bees, such as the difference between solitary bees and social bees or why bees do not really want to sting people. fortbendlibraries.gov



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cream. Registration recommended but not required. 5-6pm, Room 2C. fortbendlibraries.gov.

10 Family-History Research: HeritageQuest Online | Carol Beauchamp from the George Memorial Library's Genealogy and Local History Department will demonstrate how this online resource can help get results tracing one's family history. Learn about the different collections included in this resource, such as the US Census, Revolutionary War pension files, and the Freedmen's Bank Records. Tips and strategies for a more efficient search will be demonstrated. 10:30-11:30 am, Computer Lab. fortbendlibraries.gov.

11 The Adult Craft Studio: Book Bedazzle | In this hands-on class at the George Memorial Library in Richmond, decorate a book cover using only shimmering gems. Those attending should bring their own book to personalize, or choose from the library's limited supply. Registra-

Paint for a Purpose | From gam -6pm, join the Rising Queens Foundation for its Paintball Fun Day - Shoot to Support: Paintball Fundraiser Showdown at TANK'S Paintball Park. At this action-packed fundraiser, every shot helps empower teenage girls through leadership and mentorship programs. Tickets start at \$50, with VIP and group booking options available. www.risingqueensfoundation.org

15 Teen Craft Corner: DIY Piñatas | In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, teens will learn about the cultural significance of piñatas while creating their own colorful piñata to take home at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. Registration recommended. 5-6 pm, Room 2C. fortbendlibraries.gov.

16 SL Garden Club | Sugar Land Garden Club's free September presentation, 'Texas Monarch Flyaway Strategy' will be led by Deborah January-Bevers of Houston Wilderness Org, at 10 a.m. at Basil's Hall, 702 Burney Rd, Sugar Land. sugarlandgardenclub.org

17 Family-History Research: Finding & Using Historic Newspapers for Genealogy | Newspapers can be valuable tools for family-history researchers who would like to learn more about the daily lives of their ancestors. Daniel Sample, manager of the at the George Memorial Library's Genealogy and Local History Department, will talk about some of the many details of daily living that can be found by searching old issues of newspapers. Learn how to find newspapers and get access to their archives. Sample will also introduce the Newspaper Archive and Chronicling America databases. 10:30-11:30 am, Computer Lab. fortbendlibraries.gov.

18 Book Break Book Club | A variety of popular fiction is discussed in this book club, which meets on the third Thursday of every month at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. Those attending may bring a lunch. This month, readers will discuss *The Turtle House*, by Amanda Churchill. This title is available in print; call

the library to check availability of additional print copies. noon-1 pm, Room 2A. fortbendlibraries.gov.

19 Story Spinners Writing Club | 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 at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. 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. Registration required. 5:30-8:30 pm, Room 2C. fortbendlibraries.gov.

Fall Book Sale | The Friends of the Albert George Branch Library will host a Fall Book Sale on Sept. 19, from noon to 4 pm, and on Sept. 20, from



9am-noon, in the Meeting Room of the library, located at 9230 Gene Street in Needville. fortbendlibraries.gov

20 Labubu-palooza | This whimsical, hands-on celebration will be full of fun and creativity at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. Teens will design their own DIY Labubu clothes, make decorative keychains, and strike a pose at the themed photo booth – then craft a custom photo frame as a take-home keepsake. Registration recommended but not required. noon-2p.m., Meeting Room.

Chess Day @ the Library | Teens and adults of all skill levels – from beginners to advanced – who are inter-



ested in playing chess, are invited to practice their strategies while playing against others in a relaxed, stress-free environment at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. Learn a new chess move (or two). A limited number of chess sets will be provided, but players are welcome to bring their own sets as well. 11am-noon, Room 2C.

Food Truck Festival | Discover Downtown Rosenberg will host its Food Truck Festival from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Downtown Parking Lot at 2221 Ave F. More than 25 food trucks and market vendors offering everything from sweet treats to savory bites, plus unique goods and handmade items perfect for shopping. New This Year: Get ready for high-flying thrills with the BMX Pros Trick Team performing three exciting bike stunt shows throughout the event. Kids and kids at heart will also enjoy bounce houses, yard games, train rides, and more. 832-595-3520. events@rosenbergtx.gov.

21 89th Annual Bazaar | Holy Rosary Catholic Church and School's 89th Annual Bazaar from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. will feature an afternoon of games, food, live music and fun for the whole family. hrccr.com

22 Scribe Society | Teens who love to write are invited to a relaxed, no-pressure writing group where they can meet other young writers, share ideas, and get inspired at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. All experience levels are welcome. Writing notebooks will be provided to the first ten attendees. 6-8 pm, Room 2C. fortbendlibraries.gov.

HOMETOWN SPOTLIGHT

In the spotlight for this month is the Fort Bend Art Center in Rosenberg. From Sept. 17-28, the center will host "The Soleful Shoe Show." Artists will be creatively embellishing shoes as well as creating shoe oriented art. Then on Sept. 27, the center will hold its closing "Flash Sale" for its current exhibit. For more information visit artleaguefortbend.org.

23 Save Smart: Digital Couponing Made Easy | In this beginner-friendly class, learn how to use apps, websites, and store-loyalty programs to save money on groceries, household items, and more. Discover ways to stack deals and shop smarter – all from a computer or mobile device. Registration required. 10-11am, Computer Lab. fortbendlibraries.gov.

25 Teen Craft Corner: Peruvian Friendship Bracelets | In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, teens will learn traditional knotting techniques and patterns while creating colorful and meaningful bracelets at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. Discover the cultural significance of these bracelets in Peruvian traditions. Registration recommended. 5-6 pm, Room 2C. fortbendlibraries.gov.

Roll with It Board-Game Club: Dominoes | The Roll with It Board-Game Club is a monthly board-gaming club for adults, college students, and teens aged 14 and up. Each month, a different game will be featured, from competitive to cooperative, strategic to classics, and everything in between. Players can try out new games for free before making an investment in their own copy. In September, the featured game is Dominoes. New members are encouraged to attend. 6-8 pm, Room 2C.

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They're calling this year's entertainment lineup for the 89th Annual Fort Bend County Fair & Rodeo "electrifying" and "bigger than ever."

Picture this: Two stages. Fifteen artists. And a vibrant mix of legendary performers and rising stars performing from barbecue weekend through the duration of the fair, Sept. 26 through Oct. 5.

Alongside the music, fairgoers will enjoy rodeo events, livestock shows, a lively carnival, delicious food, a wine room, shopping, and family-friendly activities, making this annual event a can't-miss experience for more than 100,000 visitors.

Artist Lineup & Concert Dates: Taking the stage at BBQ weekend will be Bag of Donuts on September 19 and Siggno on September 20 at the Texas Stage. The fun continues with opening weekend on the Brazos Stage, Cole Goodwin (September 26), Wade Bowen (September 27), Los Igualados & Los Morales (September 28). The second weekend begins with Maverick Murphy (October 1), Josh Weathers (October 2), John Foster (October 3), Kevin Fowler (October 4), and Gene Watson (October 5) to close out the fair. Over on the Texas Stage, enjoy performances by Steel Country (September 26), David Glenn (September 27), Lauren Lee (October 3), and Horizon (October 4).

The Entertainment Lineup

The Brazos and Texas stages will feature a dynamic mix of musical talent, ranging from Texas country and high-energy Tejano to Country soul and rising stars in traditional country music. Notable headliners include returning fan favorite Kevin Fowler, a staple of the Texas country scene, best known for his hit "Beer, Bait & Ammo." Fowler is always a crowd draw with a loyal fan-base. Wade Bowen will be returning to our fair. Bowen is celebrated for heartfelt tracks like "Who I Am" and has been on tour from the East Coast to the Midwest. Country music legend Gene Watson, with over 75 charted singles and a career spanning more than five decades, he will also be taking the stage—his timeless voice continues to captivate fans nationwide.

Two powerhouse groups will be hosted by the Go Tejano committee at the 2025 Fort Bend County Fair. Headlining the evening are Los Igualados, the dynamic six-member group from the Rio Grande Valley, whose unique blend of norteño and romantic cumbia has largely captivated fans and created a tremendous digital audience. Los Igualados promise a performance full of heart, rhythm, and pure Tejano soul. Opening the festivities will be Los Morales, a tight-knit group of three brothers and a lifelong friend who's infectious "guapachosa" cumbias and Tejano rancheras light up every stage they touch. Their performance is sure to set the perfect tone for a day of unforgettable music and celebration.

Other headliners include Cole Goodwin, a rising 24-year-old singer-songwriter from Georgia. He burst onto the scene with his self-produced EP, "Soon Enough," in 2023, and in 2024, he gained traction with fan-favorite singles like "When You Get Home," which amassed over 400,000 views on social media. This summer, he has been on tour with Luke Bryan. Josh Weathers will also be performing. Weathers' powerful country soul style draws comparisons to legends like Bruce Springsteen and Stevie Wonder. His vocals and songwriting skills make him a force in



County Fair Season

THE 2025 FOCUS: PROMOTING FAMILY, YOUTH, AND AGRICULTURE

the industry.

BBQ weekend will have the vibrant New Orleans-based party band Bag of Donuts kicking off the festivities with their signature mashups and festive performances. Siggno, a multi-award-winning Tejano band known for blending traditional sounds with modern flair, will close out the cookoff weekend.

Joining this impressive lineup is John Foster, a finalist on American Idol Season 23, where he gained national attention for his country vibe and strong fan base. He recently made his debut at the Grand Ole Opry, and his storytelling

through music has earned him a reputation as one to watch. This will be his first appearance at the Fort Bend County Fair and his first Texas stop on his tour.

Also returning is hometown favorite Maverick Murphy, a young yet seasoned performer who has opened for major acts such as Tracy Byrd, Clay Walker, and Braxton Keith. A torchbearer for traditional country, Maverick proudly continues the legacy of his father, Patrick Murphy, who performed at the fair in the 1990s.

On the Texas Stage at the 2025 Fort Bend County Fair, regional favorites Steel Country,

David Glenn, and Horizon will take the spotlight. Adding even more excitement, Baton Rouge's own Lauren Lee will make her debut, delivering her favorite country hits with a rock-and-roll twist for fairgoers to enjoy.

"This year's lineup perfectly reflects our community's love of music and tradition," said Fair President Bobby Poncik. "With these talented artists spanning genres and generations, the 2025 Fort Bend County Fair & Rodeo promises unforgettable performances and a true celebration of our legendary event."

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ENTERTAINMENT

BBQ WEEKEND:
9/19 - BAG OF DONUTS
9/20 - SIGGNO

FAIR DAYS:

9/26 - COLE GOODWIN
9/26 - STEEL COUNTRY
9/27 - WADE BOWEN
9/27 - DAVID GLENN
9/28 - LOS IGUALADOS & LOS MORALES
10/1 - MAVERICK MURPHY
10/2 - JOSH WEATHERS
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The focus for 2025 is on further expanding the fair's incredible history. "My theme this year is 'Promoting Family, Youth, and Agriculture,'" said Fair President Robert "Bobby" Poncik. "It's about celebrating the things that make this fair so meaningful — bringing families together, supporting youth through education and scholarships, and showcasing the importance of agriculture in our lives."

A Traditional Kick-Off

Entertainment curiosities covered, now consider the schedule of the fair's first and most anticipated day, which, as many know, always begins with the highly anticipated Fair Parade.

As is tradition, the parade will officially kick off the 89th season of the Fort Bend County Fair & Rodeo at 9 a.m., Friday, Sept. 26. Spectators will have a chance to watch nearly 200 entries travel from the Historic Courthouse in Richmond and proceed west down Hwy. 90-A to Jenetta Street in Rosenberg.

The 2025 Honorees

The Fort Bend County Fair Association named Marjorie and Charles Pollard the 2025 Fort Bend County Fair Honorees — a prestigious recognition celebrating their decades of service, volunteerism, and multi-generational dedication to the Fair's mission and community spirit.

This honor is reserved for individuals whose contributions have made a significant and lasting impact on the Fair, and the Pollards exemplify that legacy in every sense. From livestock shows to auction action, committee meetings to live concerts, the Pollards have been integral to the Fair's continued success for generations.

"Being involved with the Fair means being there for our kids—the youth of this county. It's all about the kids," said Marjorie Pollard, who served as the 2019 President of the Fort Bend County Fair Association, following in the footsteps of her aunt, Shirley Booth, who held the same position in 1981. Today, Marjorie proudly represents the fifth generation of her family involved in the Fair, with her children and grandchildren continuing the tradition as the sixth and seventh generations.

Marjorie's journey with the Fair began as a young girl, showing Charolais cattle at the original fairgrounds on Highway 90. She fondly recalls helping her mother, the late Helen Ann Booth, and her aunts in the Women's Department—entering arts and crafts, admiring displays of homemade quilts, canned goods, and baked treats like kolaches. One of her family's longstanding traditions has been purchasing the Grand Champion Turkey, a legacy the Pollards

carried on.

Over the years, both Marjorie and Charles have dedicated countless hours to nearly every aspect of the Fair. Marjorie has served on numerous committees, including Cowboy Camp, Entertainment, Adult Creative Arts, Reception, and Fair Queens. Her involvement in livestock auctions, exhibit check-ins, parades, and event setups has made her a cornerstone of Fair operations. Though officially elected as a director in 2004, her impact far predates that title.

One of Marjorie's proudest accomplishments was founding Cowboy Camp—an initiative offering home-cooked meals and hospitality to youth, rodeo athletes, entertainers, and staff. Today, that tradition continues, rooted in the foundation she and her family established.

Charles Pollard has been a steady partner in service, sharing his wife's passion and commitment. The couple has been active supporters and bidders at youth auctions and strong advocates for agricultural education and community involvement. Together, their influence has helped sustain and grow the Fair's reach and impact throughout Fort Bend County.

As part of their recognition, the Pollards will participate in numerous 2025 Fair events, including the Kick-Off Parade on Friday, September 26, and various receptions and public appearances. The 2025 Fort Bend County Fair will run from September 26 through October 5, with the popular BBQ Cookoff scheduled for September 19–20.

"Marjorie and Charles represent the heart and heritage of the Fort Bend County Fair," said Fair Board President Bobby Poncik. "Their devotion, work ethic, and love for this community are exactly what the Fair stands for. We are thrilled to honor them and the generations of family before them in 2025."

As a proud graduate of Lamar High School (Lamar CISD), Marjorie has also served on the boards of the Lamar Educational Awards Foundation and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, while supporting numerous local

charities. The Pollards' love for country music and the western lifestyle is matched only by their dedication to family and Fair traditions.

Military Appreciation Day

Next month, the Fort Bend County Fair will host its Military Appreciation Day, a heartfelt celebration dedicated to honoring the courageous men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

It's intent, said fair officials, is to salute the nation's heroes.

This special day, set for Friday, Oct. 3, recognizes active-duty military personnel, veterans, and their families from all service branches: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard.

As a tribute to their service, free admission will be extended to military members, veterans, and their immediate families during designated hours (3–7 p.m.) at Gate No. 1. Guests are asked to present a valid Military ID, Veteran ID, or DD214 for entry.

In appreciation, the first 500 military guests will receive a complimentary barbecue meal ticket, a small token of thanks from the Fort Bend County Fair community.

Last year's Military Appreciation Day saw personnel from several military branches on site, hosting interactive stations for guests of all ages. From hands-on exhibits to engaging activities, families had the opportunity to connect directly with service members while learning more about life in the military.

Similar interactive experiences are planned again for this year, bringing fun and education to fairgoers, young and old.

The day's festivities also include a patriotic ceremony, recognizing on-site military personnel and their families, followed by exciting PRCA rodeo action and a live concert featuring John Foster—capping off a day filled with pride, honor, and celebration.

According to fair officials, "Military Appreciation Day continues to grow as a beloved tradition at the Fort Bend County Fair, thanks to the commitment of our fair committee and the heartfelt support of our community."



Junior Fair Royalty Pageants

When: Sept. 13

What: Pageantry participants are residents of Fort Bend County or zoned to a Fort Bend County school. Age groups: Fair Prince & Princess 4-6 years; Fair Duke & Duchess 7-10 years; Jr. Fair Queen 11-14 years. Prizes include tiaras, buckles and more.

Horticulture Competition

When: Sept. 20

What: The Horticulture Competition is designed to allow students who are Fort Bend County residents, ages 8 through 18, an opportunity to showcase their horticulture photography and container-grown plants at the Fair. Participants do not need to

Senior Citizens' Day

When: Sept. 22

What: Senior citizens from around Fort Bend County get to enjoy a day of food, BINGO, music, fun and interaction amongst their peers

interview, an essay, a networking event and participation. Winners receive scholarships and prizes for their efforts, as well as the opportunity to serve as a community ambassador for the Fort Bend County Fair for the coming year.

FAIR FAN FAVORITES

Championship BBQ Cookoff

When: Sept. 19 & 20

What: The 2025 Fort Bend County Fair BBQ Cook-Off will feature the experience of cook-off teams competing for trophies, belt buckles, cash prize and free entry into the 2026 Cook-Off. The Lil' Wranglers BBQ Contest is 9 a.m. - noon on Sept. 20 and open to children ages 6 to 16 years of age.

be a member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter to participate. In Container Grown Plants, exhibitors will plant and cultivate three or more different examples of plant species in an appropriate manner. In Horticulture Photography, entries are limited to subjects related to horticulture, flower arrangements, gardens, and landscapes.

Creative Arts

When: Sept. 26 - Oct. 3

What: 4-H, FFA & FCCLA students will be exhibiting their handiwork and competing for the Grand Champion ribbon in the various categories.

Fair Queen Contest

When: Sept. 26

What: The 2025 Fort Bend County Fair Queen will be crowned. The competition is based on a personal

School/Open Youth Creative Arts

When: Sept. 26 - Oct. 3

What: The School Art Auction is designed to reward the effort and showcase the artwork for Fort Bend County Students in Grades 9 -12. This competition brings out the creativity in the youth. Exhibitors will be competing with their original pieces of art.

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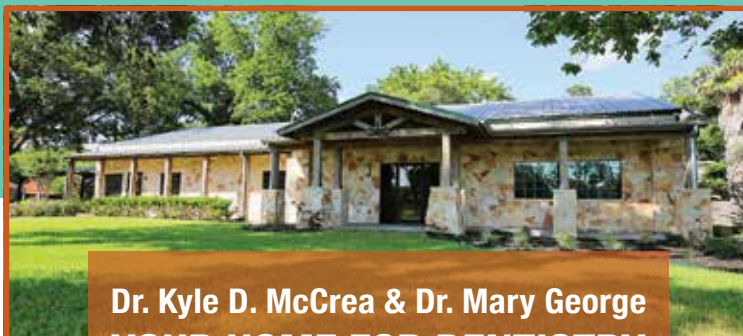


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As was the case for weeks, the day was an expectedly hot one, but the bright blue sky contrasted aesthetically against the verdant grass on the grounds, which at that moment was being walked on by a dozen or more tiny tennis shoes.

The sneakers belonged to the feet of children from a local daycare center who, on that bright and blistery morning, were gleefully touring the Rosenberg Railroad Museum in the city's downtown cultural district. The echoes of their giggles bounced around the grounds and, even when indoors, could faintly be heard. They weren't the only visitors on site that day, though. Despite the heat, and with nearly two weeks before the start of a new school year, the day turned out to be a busy one at the museum.

"We also had a scout program, adult Czech Society group, a field trip and then, of course, the regular public today," said Rainey Webster, the museum's executive director.

The museum, she added, has a notable membership group that exceeds a hundred members. Earlier this year, the museum celebrated the completion of the Heritage Rail Project, which added more than 380 feet of new track on museum grounds as well as historic railcars

and a switcher engine.

"We get repeat business and visitors from all over Texas and all around the world," Webster continued, noting recent visitors from South America and Europe.

She believes the reason speaks for itself — take a tour of the museum, consider its recent expansion projects, and listen to the volunteers and patrons, she suggests — but in times where larger entities are aggressively competing for the public's attention, Webster understands the importance of reminding the community of the museum's presence and purpose:

"To restore, preserve and educate," she said.

The Mission to Educate

Located near active rail tracks, the museum has been steadily developed since its opening in 2002. The individuals who served the museum over the decades through its board or as sponsors, donors or volunteers have, since the early 90s, preserved the impact and history



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of trains in Fort Bend County.

Those efforts are evident upon arriving at 1921 Avenue F in downtown Rosenberg.

Commonly associated with the Union Depot Replica building and the Quebec business-class railcar, these days the museum's repertoire boasts park-like grounds that can serve as a setting for a picnic and includes the Garden Railroad outdoor layout exhibit (a visitor favorite), as well as a park with an interactive play depot and a wooden children's train.

The museum also features an indoor model train room that houses working model train layout exhibits, the Education Station and its discovery playroom, a classroom for educational lessons, a gallery and Tower 17.

Last year, around 19,000 people visited the Rosenberg Railroad Museum.

"People are always shocked when I tell them [the amount of annual visitors]," Webster said.

The museum also offers adult educational programs and other programs distinctly for children, including field trips that allow them to watch trains pass, a program where scouts can earn merit badges and even a new homeschool book club.

Webster acknowledges that most associate the museum with its physical trains – but through its artifacts, attractions and programs, "we cover, science, history, economics, cultural arts and more," she said.

A more recent educational development is its "Different Perspectives" initiative, which is open to student photographers who are challenged to photograph the Rosenberg model trains. The annual event is a collaboration between the museum and local high schools.

"Everything about what we do is about educational, really," Webster said proudly, but she stressed that receiving financial support is crucial to "remaining accessible to the community."

Tickets to the museum are \$10 for children, seniors and military veterans. Adults can enter for \$12.

Without the outside funding, "a ticket would cost \$30," Webster said to illustrate the impact of the monetary donations from the museum's sponsors, municipality support and private organizations.

"We doing some great things but half the battle is finding funding," she said matter-of-factly, before noting the amount of work that goes into securing donations for the museum's projects. "But all of this," she interjected with a smile, "is what it takes to run a museum."

The Golf Tournament

For the second consecutive year, the Rosenberg Railroad Museum will host its golf tournament, which drew in 60-plus golfers last year. Webster described this year's fundraiser as "to be on track to have more [participants] this time."

The fundraising event, which has already drawn its first Title Sponsor, Classic Chevrolet of Sugar Land, and Legacy Ford as an Eagle Sponsor, will be held at the Pecan Grove Country Club.

The experience includes raffle prizes, \$20 Mulligans, \$20 Team Tiger Drive, Green for the Green, and awards for first, second and third place in longest drive and nearest to the pin. Museum volunteers will also provide refreshments and snacks to the golfers.

"If you and a few of your friends like to golf, register as a team, or if you want to register alone, you can do that, too, and you'll be paired with a team," Webster said, adding that she hopes more women teams register this year. This year's tournament, she noted, will feature, for the first time, women's trophies in the longest drive and nearest to pin competitions.

But all are welcome to participate, Webster said enthusiastically: "We're looking for entries, sponsors and supporters," she said. "It's going to be a great day of golf and a great day of raising funds."

The Rosenberg Railroad Museum Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 15 at the Pecan Grove Country Club. The tournament is an 18-hole, 4-player scramble. Player entry is \$100. Registration and check-in start at 8 a.m. with the shotgun start following at 9 a.m. For more information, visit rosenbergrrmuseum.org.

Even in critical times, La Cocina continues celebrating & supporting senior citizens

Following a critical \$400,000 shortfall in federal funding, one local nonprofit expressed its gratitude for La Cocina Mexican Restaurant, which recently held its 18th Annual Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser and raised more than \$108,000 to support Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels.

"Partnerships like this one with La Cocina are more important than ever," said Doug Simpson, CEO of Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels. "Community support isn't just helpful—it's essential."

The event, hosted on May 3 by La Cocina's owner, Andres Novoa, brought together community members, local businesses, and supporters for an evening of celebration and giving. La Cocina Mexican Restaurant has been a staple in the Richmond community, known for its authentic cuisine and commitment to giving back. For over two decades, La Cocina has partnered with local organizations to support initiatives that benefit residents of Fort Bend County.

"We are incredibly grateful to our community



for their overwhelming support,” said Andres Novoa. “This record-setting fundraiser highlights our dedication to providing the critical support seniors in our community rely on to survive.”

In recognition of his longstanding dedication to community service, Fort Bend County Commissioner Vincent Morales presented Andres Novoa with a county proclamation and challenge coin. These honors highlight Novoa’s 25 years of operation in the Pecan Grove area and his unwavering support for local seniors through initiatives like the Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser.

For more information on how to support Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, visit fortbendseniors.org.

In the Photograph

Andres Novoa (left) and Doug Simpson (right).

Sharron Melton to Emcee Child Abuse Prevention luncheon

Dynamic morning anchor for CW39 Houston, and two-time Emmy-nominated and award-winning journalist Sharron Melton will be the emcee for Child Advocates of Fort Bend’s Child Abuse Prevention Luncheon on Sept. 12, from 11am until 1pm. Melton, along with 400 community leaders, advocates, and concerned citizens will gather at the Houston Marriott Sugar Land Town Square to raise critical funds and awareness for the protection and healing of children affected by abuse and neglect.



The luncheon will feature a keynote by Dr. Gregory Williams, a nationally recognized child abuse survivor, author, and advocate. Dr. Williams is a member of the Senior Leadership Team at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and travels the country speaking to thousands about the long-term impacts of abuse, the importance of early detection, and the science behind Adverse Childhood Experiences.

He is the acclaimed author of “Shattered by the Darkness and When the Dark Clouds Come,” which have sold over 3.3 million copies worldwide. His newest book, “Embracing Your Scars: Learning How to Turn Life’s Pain into Life’s Power & Purpose,” was released in January 2025 and continues to inspire readers globally.

Dr. Williams serves on the Advisory Board of the Institute of Trauma-Informed Practices at Columbia College and is Chairman of the Steering Committee for United Against Human Trafficking. He is a State of Texas certified trainer for medical professionals in Human Trafficking Awareness and a member of Governor Greg Abbott’s Sexual Assault Survivors’ Task Force. Most recently, he was appointed to the National Survivor Advisory Board of Street Grace, a leading anti-trafficking organization.

The luncheon will spotlight the urgent need for prevention education, especially in the face of growing threats from internet exploitation, bullying, and trafficking. It will also emphasize the importance of community unity in breaking the silence around abuse and investing in a safer future for all children.

With over 6,000 reports of child abuse in Fort Bend County last year alone, the need for prevention and healing services has never been more urgent. The luncheon aims to raise \$600,000 to sustain services for more than 500 children currently receiving forensic interviews, therapy, and advocacy—and to expand life-saving prevention education to 500 additional children and parents in the coming year.

“We are at a tipping point,” said Ruthanne Mefford, CEO of Child Advocates of Fort Bend. “Federal funding is in jeopardy, and prevention services are critically underfunded. Yet, 70% of abuse is preventable. With community support, we can change the trajectory for thousands of children.”

Currently, the luncheon has raised \$207,000 toward its fundraising goal, with \$115,000 in sponsorships from supporters including the Fred and Mabel R. Parks Foun-

ation, Betty Baitland / Eileen Akerson, OCuSoft, Inc, Sandy & Jill Curtis, Hender-shot Cowart, P.C. Organizers are seeking 20 additional sponsors to meet their fundraising goal. Attendance is building with 190 guests confirmed to date.

To become a sponsor, purchase tickets, or learn more, please visit <https://www.cafb.org/events/luncheon/>. For more information on Child Abuse Prevention, to request a speaker, or to view a list of topics available for presentations, visit www.cafb.org or contact Dana at DMersiovsky@cafb.org.

Winners announced: ‘We Are Fort Bend’ photography on display

Winners of Fort Bend County Libraries’ amateur photo contest, “We Are Fort Bend: Vibrant Colors of Fort Bend,” were announced at the exhibit’s opening-day reception on Saturday, Aug. 9. All the entries will be on display in the Bohachevsky Gallery at George Memorial Library in Richmond through September 26.

The exhibit features original photographs that portray the culture, nature, people, and places of Fort Bend County – from hidden gems in our communities to favorite places and scenes around town.

Prizes for the Judges’ Choice were awarded for 1st-, 2nd, and 3rd-place, and 1st- and 2nd-place winners of the People’s Choice Award were selected by popular vote on FBCL’s

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TERRY JUDE MILLER

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Once a year, on a Sunday morning, the lives of recently departed poets are celebrated at an event called Distance Avails Not, hosted by Poetry at Round Top.

This year was the first time Fort Bend poet Terry Jude Miller spoke at the event. Miller explained that “distance avails not” is a line from Walt Whitman’s poem, “Crossing Brooklyn Ferry.”

“It signifies that physical distance between people is insignificant because we all share the human experience that transcends time,” he said. “As humans we connect through our common emotions, sensations, and observations.”

In respect to that, Miller, along with the other poets at Distance Avails Not, delivered heartfelt remembrances for other poets lost in 2024.

“I felt honored to be asked because there were so many other esteemed poets who attended the event including Naomi Shihab Nye,” Miller said.

At the annual gathering held on May 27, Miller read for the late Rashad Abu Sakhila, a Palestinian actor and poet. He was killed in September 2024 in the Al-Fakhroora School, Gaza Strip, by an Israeli airstrike.

“I did not personally know Rashad, so I read his work, took several pre-dawn walks and tried to determine what he would have felt about the gathering of poets at Poetry at Round Top,” Miller said. “He often spoke of peace for all people, not just peace for the people of Gaza, but for all people. I was so nervous.”

Following the event, Miller said Naomi Shihab Nye, “a poet-hero of [his],” who had been sitting right in front of the gathering at the Edythe Bates Old Chapel, approached him, hugged him, and

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thanked him for speaking on Rashad’s behalf.

“I will admit, I wept a bit,” Miller said.

THE GATHERING OF POETS

Miller frequently participates in poetry readings and gatherings — earlier this year, he also read at the Walt Whitman Birthday Celebration at the Pacific Yard Restaurant in Katy, Texas. Lone Star College and several arts organizations in Montgomery County host the event.

“Poets and fans of poetry gather to listen to a lecture regarding Walt Whitman, which is followed by a reading of Whitman’s work in Conroe,” Miller explained.

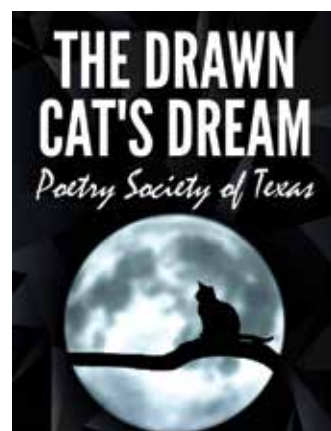
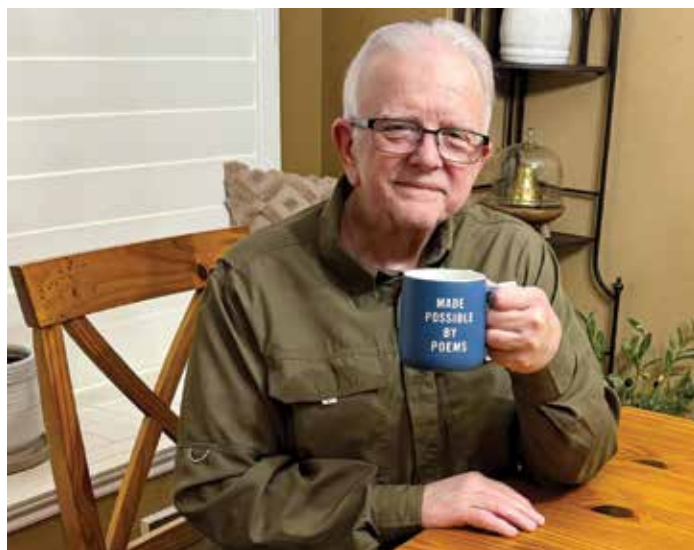
“I look forward to the lecture and the gathering of poets to celebrate Whitman’s life and work. I always learn something new about Whitman at these events, but I enjoy the camaraderie of the poetry community as well. We dine and chat about each other’s work, and celebrate Whitman by reading his work and our own.”

WORKS OF HIS OWN

Miller is a Pushcart Prize-nominated poet who received the 2018 Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Prize for his book, *A Drawn Cat’s Dream*.

“My younger brother died unexpectedly one day after his fifty-first birthday. It was completely unexpected and was an emotional blow to my family,” Miller said. *A Drawn Cat’s Dream* “celebrates the life we enjoyed together being raised on a Louisiana rice farm. The book is part eulogy, part celebration, part prayer and part letting go of grief.”

Miller’s work has been published in the *Southern Poetry Anthology*, *The Lily Poetry Review*, *The Comstock Review*, *The Oak-*



land Review, and in scores of other publications. He serves as 1st Vice Chancellor for the National Federation of State Poetry Societies.

In addition to *Drawn Cat’s Dream*, his books of poetry are titled: *The Day I Killed Superman*, *What If I Find Only Moonlight?* and *The Butterfly Canonical*.

Expectedly, Miller is still writing, and while he can’t offer details, he did confirm that he has several projects in the works and hopes to publish at least three more books in 2026, including another collaborative collection with poet Susan Maxwell Campbell.

But he’s also often at local schools teaching students how to write poetry, which isn’t unusual to anyone who knows him. For nearly three decades, Miller, who was first a computer science teacher, has worked with students, including 20 years in higher education.

“What a joy it is to see children express themselves through poetry,” Miller said.

Over the years, his daughter, who happens to be a Katy ISD teacher, has invited him to teach a workshop that Miller was given by New York poet





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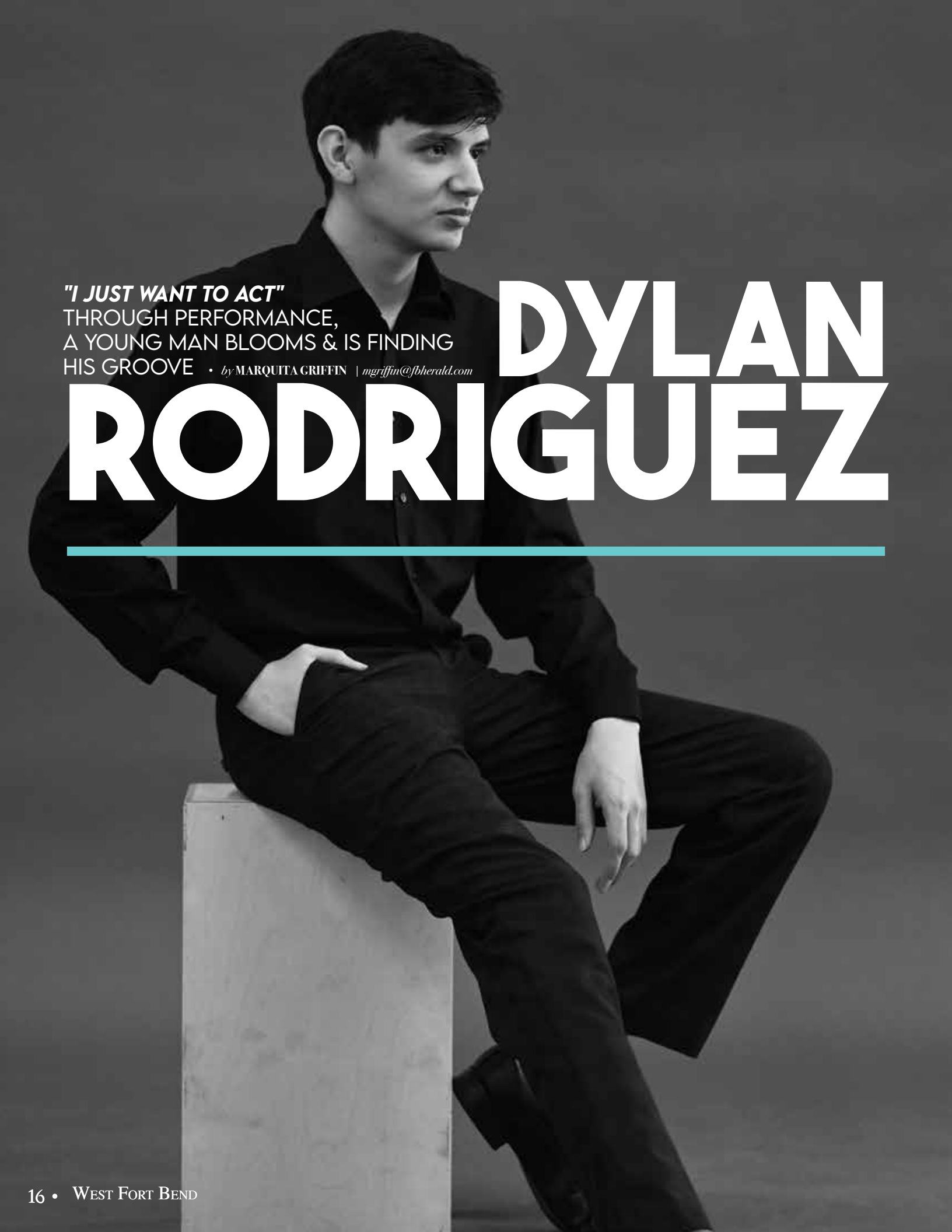


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DYLAN RODRIGUEZ

Twenty-four-year-old Dylan Rodriguez has a plan, the kind that requires a combination of grit, grind and fate.

Having already appeared a couple of times in a Netflix original show as background, Rodriguez said he'd like a chance at speaking part in the show.

He jokes light-heartedly after laying out how he would pitch his idea to the writer and director.

It's a simple one, delivered with the right covering of genuine wit and earnestness, like Rodriguez himself.

A 2020 B.F. Terry High graduate, Rodriguez's arrival to young adulthood was unlike anything he, or anyone else, for that matter, was prepared for.

"That was painful, missing out on a lot of things," he said about how the coronavirus pandemic shattered any normalcy during the conclusion of his high school years. While some of the details are fuzzy, he still remembers how it felt and looked to be spaced six feet apart at graduation.

How odd everything was. How confusing. And how disappointing that when he was on the cusp of breaching young adulthood, the world shut down.

So he decided that before taking the next most likely step, which was enrolling in community college, he would take a year off to think about what he wanted to do.

"I thought being famous doesn't sound too bad," he said with a wide smile.

A BLOOMING FLOWER

After his first taste of so-called stage life in middle school, Rodriguez found his pace in theatre. He participated in a sprinkling of other school activities, too, but in middle school,

during that pivotal time of budding adolescence, Rodriguez decided to take theatre as an elective – "and I loved it," he said.

"I opened up," he said, as a contrast to his early elementary school experiences. "I was a flower in bloom, opening up to people."

He stuck with theatre through high school, allowing himself to sink deeper into the joys and challenges of acting. He once played five different roles for a school production, and even now, he dedicates time to perfecting a range of accents.

"I got more exposure in high school and over time I discovered I had more skills," he said.

Like his singing ability, which he and his parents stumbled upon. Rodriguez is candid about his aims with it, though.

"I would love to flaunt it [in film]," he said unpretentiously, explaining his background in high school musicals, "but there is more intense prep time [in a musical]. I don't know what it's like [on film]. I have fun in musicals but there is so much prep ... and, well, I lays about sometimes."

If anything, Rodriguez is genuine about his intentions and isn't easily swayed from them. No matter the setting.

Although he decided to major in theatre and eagerly launched his collegiate studies to sharpen his craft, the moment he realized the plan wasn't meeting his expectations, he changed directions.

"I only wanted to do theatre," he said, noting that he had courses he wasn't particularly interested in, like woodworking and graphic design. He said he understood the classes' relevance to a theatre degree, but he had no desire to build sets or handle marketing.

He wants to act. He wanted in on the courses that followed all the prerequisites.

"I was majoring in theatre, but I didn't feel it at all," Rodriguez said. "I said: 'This is not what I want to do.'"

So, he left.

HAVING 'THE ENERGY, THE DELIVERY'

For nearly six years, Rodriguez has pursued acting without an agent but is answering to casting calls that cross his radar. Most of his work, for now, is background, but he is aiming for more speaking roles. To date, he's appeared in two episodes of *Mo'Nique's Mo*, streaming on Netflix, *Yellowstone* on Peacock and the show's prequel, *1923*, on Paramount+.

Rodriguez has also appeared as a feature extra in the background of Tom Segura's dark comedy television series, *Bad Thoughts*, also streaming on Netflix, and Marian Yeager's rom-com *Match Me If You Can*.

While his earlier gigs, one of which was a student film shot in Austin, Texas, weren't necessarily con-

sidered "big time," Rodriguez said it was then that he made up his mind about how he would develop his acting reputation.

"I wanted to be a professional," he said.

On that student film, horses had been on the set, and "I love horses," Rodriguez emphasized. The handler asked Rodriguez if he wanted to ride one, and while Rodriguez craved the venture, he declined.

"I have fun when I can, but when it's time to focus, you got to cut the crap and do what you have to do."

His most recent work was as the character "Fanboy Chubs," in director and writer Brandon Vega's 2024 short film *Fanboy*.

"He said he loved my energy, the delivery," Rodriguez recalled, sharing a line from the script that was lightly peppered with colorful language. He laughs at the reaction to his reading.

In an online announcement, the short's director announced that Fanboy earned an Official Selection at the Los Angeles Movie & Video Awards, and won the Best Director American

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- 1 large Vidalia or other sweet onion
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- 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk, or as needed
- 1 large egg
- ¾ cup dry bread crumbs
- ⅛ teaspoon seasoned salt, or to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Slice onion into ¼-inch-thick rings.
- 2 Heat oil in a deep-fryer to 365 degrees F (185 degrees C).
- 3 Place a wire rack over a sheet of aluminum foil.
- 4 Prepare breading station by setting out 3 wide, shallow dishes. Whisk flour, baking powder, and salt together in the first dish. Whisk milk and egg together in the second dish. Place bread crumbs in the third dish.
- 5 Dip each onion ring into the flour mixture, turning several times until fully coated with flour. Transfer to the egg mixture and use a fork to turn until coated. Lift onion with the fork and shake gently so excess liquid drips back into the dish. Place onion in the bread crumbs and turn several times to coat, scooping crumbs over the ring if necessary. Lift again with the fork, tap any excess bread crumbs back into the dish, and place on the wire rack while you prepare the remaining onion rings.
- 6 Deep-fry 3 to 4 onion rings at a time in the preheated oil until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes. Drain on paper towels while you deep-fry the remaining rings.
- 7 Sprinkle with seasoning salt before serving



(FRIED) BLT

INGREDIENTS

8 strips premium bacon, sliced crosswise into 1/8-inch strips
 8 firm Roma tomatoes or green (unripe) tomatoes, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
 1 cup flour
 3 eggs, beaten
 2 cups bread crumbs or panko
 3 or more tablespoons olive oil
 Salt
 Freshly ground black pepper
 1 4-ounce log goat cheese, approximately 1 1/2 inches in diameter, sliced 1/8-inch-thick
 24 arugula leaves, lower stems discarded

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Cook bacon over medium heat until crispy. Drain on a paper towel.

2 Select the 24 most uniform tomato slices and save the rest for tomorrow's lunch. Dredge slices in flour, then in eggs, then pat down in bread crumbs. Reserve on plates, but do not stack.

3 In a sauté pan over medium-high heat, add 3 tablespoons oil. When oil is hot, add as many breaded tomato slices as the pan can accommodate without them touching. Fry for approximately 2 minutes per side, or until browned and crispy. Remove from pan and drain on paper towels. Add more oil if necessary for subsequent batches.

To assemble, line up 12 fried tomato slices. **4** Season with salt and pepper, then top each with 1 cheese slice, a mound of bacon shrapnel and 2 arugula leaves. Cover with a second fried tomato slice. Secure with a toothpick. Let cool for a minute before serving. (Tomatoes have a surprising ability to hold the heat.)

DEEP FRIED PICKLES

INGREDIENTS

2 eggs
 1 cup buttermilk



1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 1/2 teaspoon vinegar-based hot pepper sauce
 3/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 1/4 teaspoon seasoning salt
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 1 cup cornmeal
 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
 1 (32 ounce) jar dill pickle slices
 1 cup vegetable oil for deep frying
 salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

1 In a large bowl, combine 2 eggs, 1/4 cup of the flour, buttermilk, Worcestershire sauce, hot sauce, cayenne pepper, seasoning salt and garlic powder.

2 In a separate mixing bowl, combine cornmeal, 2 cups flour, salt and 3/4 teaspoon black pepper.

3 Preheat oil in a deep fryer or pot to 365 degrees F (180 degrees C). Dip drained pickles into milk mixture and then dredge them in the flour mixture.

4 Deep fry until golden brown.

5 Drain on paper towels. Salt and pepper to taste



DEEP-FRIED OREOS

INGREDIENTS

Vegetable oil, for frying
 1 1/2 cups pancake mix
 1 large egg
 1 cup milk
 1 (14.3-oz.) package Oreos

Powdered sugar

INSTRUCTIONS

1 In a large Dutch oven over medium heat, add 1" of oil and heat to 375°.

2 In a large bowl, combine pancake mix, egg, and milk. Working with one cookie at a time, dip Oreo into batter, turning to coat well. Place Oreo in oil and fry until golden, 2 minutes. Turn Oreos as necessary. Use a slotted spoon to remove Oreos from oil and place on a paper towel-lined plate.

3 Dust with powdered sugar before serving.



FRIED CHEESE STICKS

INGREDIENTS

24 (1 ounce) sticks string cheese
 5 eggs, beaten
 3 cups Italian seasoned bread crumbs
 1 quart vegetable oil for frying, or as needed

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Remove string cheese sticks from plastic wrappings and cut the strings in half crosswise.

2 Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place eggs in a bowl and bread crumbs into a large shallow bowl.

3 Dip cheese stick halves into egg and roll in bread crumbs to completely coat the sticks; place breaded cheese sticks onto the prepared baking sheet. Allow cheese sticks to stand at room temperature for about 5 minutes to set, and repeat dipping in egg and bread crumbs to form a thick coating. Freeze breaded cheese sticks for at least 2 hours.

4 Heat oil in a deep-fryer or large saucepan to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

5 Deep fry cheese sticks, a few at a time, until the coating is golden brown and crisp and the cheese is soft, 5 to 8 minutes. Let sticks drain on paper towels; cool slightly and serve warm.



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social media. Thirty-seven photographs were entered into the competition.

For the Judges' Choice winners, first place was awarded to Kenny Hu for his photograph, "Green Herons & Ham," which shows a juvenile green heron hiding in a tree to avoid predators [see the cover].

Second place was awarded to Rashmi Gupta for "Hanging Out," featuring a row of turtles joined by an alligator on a log in a lake. [page 13]

Third place was awarded to Magaly Mucientes for "Sunflower Bee," featuring a close-up of a bee sitting on a sunflower bloom.



Judges for the event were Brenda Bowman, former president of Art League of Fort Bend; Don Golden with the Fort Bend Photography Club; and Diane Whitmarsh, vice president of Art League of Fort Bend.

For the People's Choice category, the public was invited to vote on their selections by "liking" the photo of their choice on the library system's Facebook and Instagram accounts, or via the FBCL website.

Anna Colwell was awarded first place for her photo "Snow Queen," featuring a ballerina in white posing on a snowy landscape.

Christy Hawthorne won second place for her photograph, "The Dionne Kisses," featuring vibrant orange cannabulb lilies in front of a fountain. The photo is dedicated to her sister Cheryl Dionne.

For the contest, amateur photographers



submitted their original photographs in June and July. Judging and voting took place in late July and early August.

Awards were made possible by the Friends of the George Memorial Library.

The exhibit is free and open to the public, and it can be viewed during regular library hours.

For more information, see the Fort Bend County Libraries website (www.fortbendlibraries.gov) or call the library system's Communications Office (281-633-4734). Fort Bend County Libraries' George Memorial Library is located at 1001 Golfview, at the intersection of FM 762, in Richmond.



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Domino Tournament When: Sept. 28

What: The Silver Spur Fair Club will be in Building B for the Domino Tournament. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Straight dominoes, partners will be drawn randomly, plus, cash and prizes awarded.

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When: Oct. 3

What: The Exceptional Rodeo will pair children (ages 3 to 12, living in Fort Bend County) with intellectual, developmental and/or physical disabilities, with professional cowboys, cowgirls & volunteers to help assist in fun and non-competitive rodeo activities like stick-horse course, horseback riding, bronco barrel riding, roping and a trick rider. Each participating child may receive one or more of the following items: official rodeo back number, stick horse, cowboy hat, trophy, bandanna, and souvenir photo.

Pet Show When: Oct. 4

What: Fort Bend County students up to age 14 bring their favorite pet to compete in the annual Pet Show to strut on stage and entertain spectators with costumes and tricks.



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in the photographs

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- (1) Cole Goodwin, (2) Bag of Donuts, (3) Los Igualados y Los Morales and (4) and Kevin Fowler

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Charles and Marjorie Pollard, the 2025 Fort Bend County Fair Honorees & the fair's Armed Forces Appreciation Committee.

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- (5) Wade Bowen and (6) Siggno

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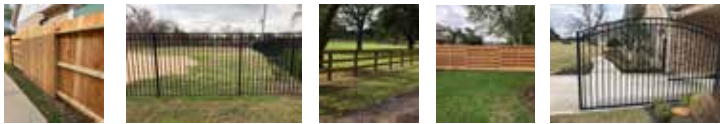
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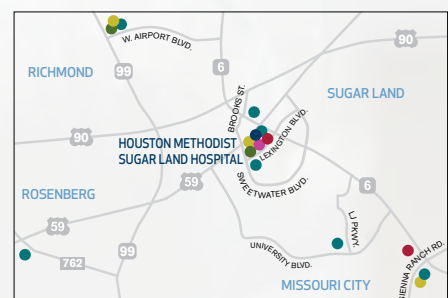
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