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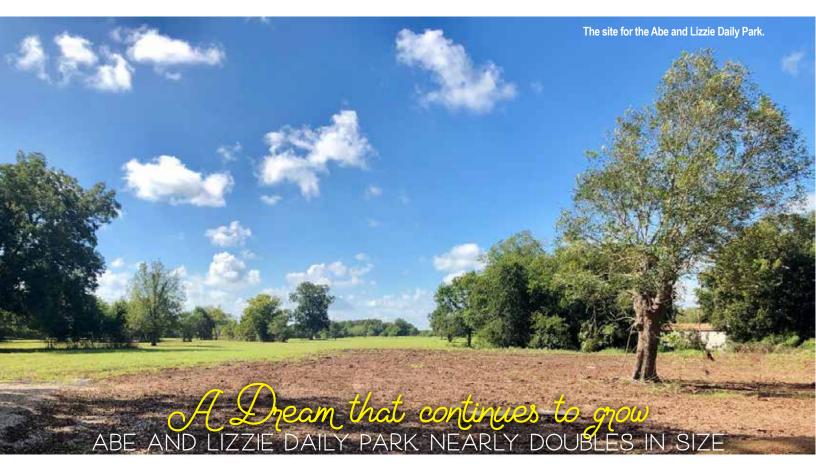
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ince being dedicated last October in front a crowd of people who had a chance to view the plans for 68-plus acres, the land destined to become the Abe and Lizzie Daily Park has already doubled in size. Following Fort Bend County's acquisition of additional land purchased from the late Abe Daily Jr. and his wife, the late Cacilie Daily of Houston, the size of the park will grow to about 120 acres.

The plans for the park include: at least four baseball diamonds, two soccer fields and a nature preserve along the Brazos River.

The original land was donated by Dr. Harold Daily, his wife Joyce and daughter, Laura in honor of Dr. Daily's parents Abe and Lizzie Daily.

Dr. Daily, who is a Simonton native, said he had treasured memories of the area, with a plethora of time spent outdoors enjoying nature. Although he moved to Houston with his family and ran a successful medical practice he never forgot his beginnings, his

roots of the land he thoroughly enjoyed growing up on.

Over the years Dr. Daily considered the best use for land he owned along the Brazos River and has he approached his 91st birthday he settled on the plan — a park and nature preserve in honor of his parents.

In April 2016, after meetings with Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers and members of the county staff, Dr. Daily, formally signed over 69 acres of land to Fort Bend County to make his vision come to life.

The deeded area was bordered by Sanders Road on the north

and the Brazos River on the south.

And now, to the Daily generations and the community's excitement, that dream has grown.

"We support being a champion of the community, we are very excited to see the Abe and Lizzie Daily Park becomes a reality and a place where adults and children of all ages will have a place to play 'daily,'" said Don McCoy, President of the Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce.

Work has begun on the original donated land, and use of the

additional land is in the planning stage. County officials said surveys are now underway to determine a drainage plan for the park and after the survey is completed, work will begin on the fields.

Already the witty slogan — "I play Daily" has taken off and sports groups are looking forward to finally having a location in Fort Bend County that their teams can call home.

With more than 200,000 residents in this

area, there is only one set of county ballfields, and those are inside the Barker Reservoir. Parents have said they are also looking forward to a closer drive to Daily Park to watch their children play.

Members of the community now have an opportunity to express their opinions and support inclusion of the park on the 2019 facilities bond.

The community is being encouraged to provide input to Commissioner Andy Meyers by contacting 281-238-1402 or andy. meyers@fortbendcountytx.gov, or the Fulshear-Katy Chamber of Commerce at 832-600-3221 or fulshearkaty@gmail.com.





Photo courtesy the Daily family | Abe and Lizzie Daily emigrated from Eastern Europe in the early 1900s to escape persecution and have a better life in America. They married in 1915 and lived in Simonton, where Abe operated the Daily Brothers General Store and farmed the land.



Abe and Lizzie Daily raised five children, Sylvia, Robbie, Harold, Abe Jr. and Dorothy in Simonton and were known throughout the area for their kindness and generosity to those in need.



Commissioner Andy Meyers with Dr. Harold and Joyce Daily at the 2018 dedication.

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_____THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT_____

STHE 83RD FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR & RODEO

FAIR PRESIDENT MARJORIE POLLARD: THE FAIR IS 'ALL ABOUT THE KIDS'

Bend County Fair Association, Marjorie Pollard said she is carrying on a family tradition with her service to the fair. Pollard, a former livestock exhibitor, can recall the days the fair was held on the original fairgrounds in Rosenberg.

"I started showing cattle in the old fair barn on the original fairgrounds on Highway 90," Pollard said of her early fair memories. "We showed Charolais cattle in the open show -I must have been about 9 or 10 years old. My momma had us wash the cattle, feed them and get them ready for the show."

Pollard's grandfather was involved in the founding years of the fair, her uncle served on the board in the '70s and her mother, the late Helen Ann Booth, and her aunts were involved in the early arts and crafts exhibits in the Women's Department.

"As a kid, I remember going up the stairs to the Women's Department. At that time only women would have entries of homemade goods like kolaches, canned goods, vegetables, crocheted items and quilts. They would be displayed on the huge wooden cases."

"I grew up all over those fairgrounds."

The 2018 president James Duke welcomed Pollard officially to the position, and Pollard said she is honored to serve as president and anticipates a great year.

"For decades I have personally been coming to this fair, and now to be president — it is an honor for my family and me," she said.

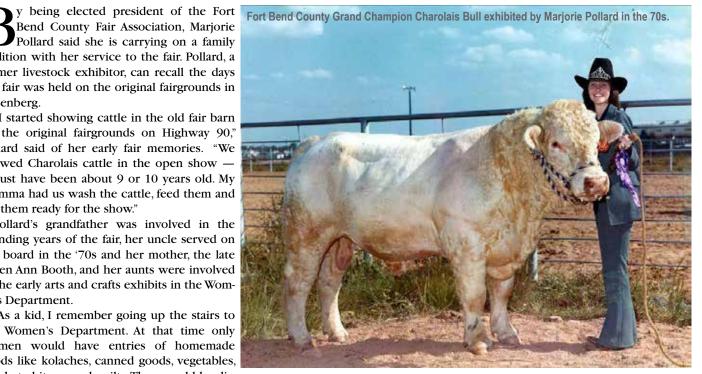
"The fair gave me a learning and growing environment," Pollard said in an open letter to the public. "I have fond memories of attending the fair - from the laughs and thrills my sisters and I found in the carnival, to watching my grandmother purchase the Grand Champion Turkey year after year, to learning from my mother and aunts the true meaning of volunteering and giving back as they worked in the Women's Department.

"As I continue to enjoy all these values and traditions while making new memories with my own family and grandchildren, I find it only fitting to choose as this year's Fort Bend County Fair theme: A Home Grown Fair."

Pollard has been involved with several committees including Cowboy Camp, fair queens, entertainment, adult creative arts and reception committees.

"Before I became a director I helped start Cowboy Camp. We would feed the cowboys and the rodeo personnel of both the youth rodeo and the PRCA rodeo," said Pollard, who became a board member in 2004. "We served up chicken and dumplings, brisket and stew. So now as a director, I am still helping to serve hot meals for the entertainers and their bands and working with wonderful caterers for many of our fair receptions."

Pollard has also participated in the parade, livestock shows and has been a buyer or bidder at several auctions. From checking in exhibits to set up, Pollard has been involved or behind the scenes.



"Being involved with the fair means being there for our kids, the youth of this county. It is all about the kids," stressed Pollard, a mother of three adult children and grandmother to nine grandchildren. Notably, her children and grandchildren have been livestock show exhibitors.

Pollard and her husband Charles live in Richmond and she is an alumnus of Lamar Consolidated High School.

Her love for country muher deep family-fair roots



sic, western lifestyle and 2019 Fort Bend County Fair Association President Marjorie Pollard

have given her a lifetime of grooming for the role of fair president. She has served on several boards and as a volunteer with Lamar Educational Awards Foundation, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and supports numerous charities and organizations throughout our community.

"I am thrilled to be able to support our kids [and] give our community a fair to enjoy, as I did and as my family did, growing up. It is a tradition for me to come to the fair and I can only hope to help inspire other families to do the same," Pollard said. "Whether it is the livestock shows, the fair food, the rodeo action or the carnival rides, I want our fair to be a place where all families can enjoy."

----FAIR NEWS---

QUEEN CANDIDATES EXPERIENCE ENRICHMENT DAY

he 2019 Fair Queen candidates and 2018 Fair Queen Hannah Hunt participated at the 3rd Annual Fort Bend County Fair's Queen Enrichment Day hosted by the Fort Bend County Fair Queen Scholarship Committee.

"Being Fair Queen is a tradition at the Fort Bend County Fair. While we have one winner, all these young ladies who take the opportunity to run for Queen will endure an experience and acquire a set of skills that they will be able to take with them into their college years and beyond into their careers," said Fair President Marjorie Pollard." Our Fair Queen Scholarship Committee is making a difference in these candidates' lives."

on interview techniques and safe social 2018 Fort Bend County Fair Queen Hannah Hunt. media practices. Breakout sessions soon

followed with public speaking exercises, make-up tutorials, fashion tips, etiquette enhancement, nutrition/well-being discussion, and hair 101.

Later, candidates attended an afternoon at a Kentucky Derby themed dinner held at the Ol'Railroad Café. Hats, heels, and a delicious meal allowed the candidates to practice what they learned in the morning workshops.

Fort Bend County Fair President Marjorie Pollard, Queen Scholarship Committee members, several past fair queens, fair manager Cindy Schmidt and fair board member Vickie Todd Autrey all attended the social event with the candidates. The young ladies vying to be Fair Queen represent several high schools within Fort Bend County.

Zelda Sosa of Mighty Moose, Charles Gilbert of Fort Bend Impact, Ammi Miller of the Retreat Boutique Salon and Day Spa, January Lincoln of Rustic Closet Boutique, and Bill and Barbara Robertson with Magana Media presented at the workshop. A business-based etiquette instruction was presented by Pollard to help lay the foundation for future college or career situations.





From left are the 2019 Fair queen candidates: Sedona Trevino, Bethany Anne Bromonsky, Hayley The day started with a group workshop Rosilez, Maya Bergen, Zoë Holden, Amanda McDowell, Kate Rabich, Jillian Voehl and Alondra Leyva and

> The queen contestants receive scholarships and prizes as part of the competition. The 2019 Fort Bend County Fair Queen will be crowned on Sept. 27.



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LIFE MEMBER CARDS DEBUT

this year. The cards will be good until July 2025.

The paper season-passes will be a thing of the past; however, the new plastic cards will fulfill the same purpose. Each Life Member will receive two cards, one for themselves and one for a guest. The cards will be good for admission, fair club and anywhere the season pass was used.

For the Life Members who serve on committees, their badge and parking pass will still need to be picked up in person. Life Members who are committee members will only be issued two passes. No person, member or committee-member will get more than two cards.

The new Life Member cards will be more convenient, said fair officials.

Life Members only need to renew their cards upon expiration. In 2025 with all cards expiring, renewal will be membership



wide, including for new Life Members who may have joined the previous year.

There will be an announcement soon regarding the times and dates for pick up.

FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR FUN WITH THE SKEETERS

2018 Fort Bend County Fair Queen Hannah Hunt threw the ceremonial first pitch of the game between the Skeeters and the Long Island Ducks on July 12 at Constellation Field. Hunt was accompanied by the 2019 Fort Bend County Fair Queen candidates at this game that doubled as a night of family fun. This was the fourth year that the Sugar Land Skeeters and the Fort Bend County Fair Association join forces for such an event. Richmond political consultant Gary Pearson and Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman.

• Fair Board President Marjorie Pollard, center, was among those who took advantage of the promotion to enjoy the afternoon at Constellation Field. Joining her are, from left, Bobby Poncik, her son Justin Fikes, Pauletta Klemstein and Jana Poncik.

• Fort Bend County Fair Executive Director Cindy Schmidt and husband Darren.

A video featuring the fair, including who is playing was shown prior to the game on the big screen and the night was capped with a full fireworks display.

"It is always a fun time at the ball park, but when you mix in our fair members and supporters, it is a great evening," said Fair President Marjorie Pollard. "There is a large group of us and our families, and the Skeeters are coming off a championship season, so we will had plenty to cheer for."

PHOTOS TOP-BOTTOM, LEFT-RIGHT Photos By Scott Reese Willey:

• Fort Bend County Fair Queen Hannah Hunt and mom Angie mingle with other Fair staff and board members during Fort Bend County Fair Day at the Skeeters.



WINNING CATCHES AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL BOOTS & BUCKLES ON THE BAY

The conditions were rough, and the wind was fierce, but the Fort Bend County Fair Association's Sixth Annual Boots & Buckles on the Bay fishing tournament was a success. A total of 45 fishing teams and nine junior anglers competed for cash and prizes totaling more than \$15,000. Prizes included trophy belt buckles, boots, and custom Frio Ice Chests. The Grand Champion Team was earned by 2Gs, whose team members include John Gully, Gary Atkins, Tim Johnson and Patrick Gully.

"The wind was howling like crazy. I didn't know if the water was going to be good enough to catch those fish. I caught the red, it was almost 9lbs. A little while later I hooked a trout, I got it close to me and it kept getting bigger and bigger. It was 7 lbs. 10 ozs. A little while later I caught the second biggest red of our stringer. So, I caught the third biggest fish within an hour and half of the day," said 2Gs team captain, John Gully. Gully and his team won first place stringer, Grand Champion Trout and Grand Champion Red.

"It was a big turn out and Boots and Buckles does an awesome job," Gully added.

A big congratulations was given to Landon Mosley, who returned to defend his title as Champion Jr Angler. Biggest Flounder was caught by We Knee Deep and Most "Spots" Redfish was reeled in by Danka Dargel. Fort Bend County Fair Queen Hannah Hunt, her father and brothers even had a team in this year's fishing tournament.

The fishing tournament is one of several events that are held

THE FAIR ASSOCIATION'S ROAD TO HIGHER EDUCATION

ore than \$200,000 in scholarships were awarded to deserving Fort Bend County students at the Fort Bend County Fair Association scholarship reception. A total of 50 scholarships and three Queen scholarships were presented to deserving recipients.

This year, more than 100 scholarship applications were submitted.

"This night is all about the kids. Some of these kids have been showing animals, marching in the band at the parade or coming to our fair for years. And for some, this is their first chance to get to know our fair," said Fair President Marjorie Pollard. "We help kids continue their education through our Livestock and Art auctions, and now through these scholarships."

The 2019 scholarship recipients represent high schools and school districts from all over Fort Bend County.

The scholarship winners are pursuing a wide range of fields of study including, agriculture, medical, law and education.



2019 Fort Bend County Fair Scholarship recipients.

throughout the year to help bring awareness to the Fort Bend County Fair and raises scholarship funds.

"We had an amazing turnout, and we were blessed with no rain," said 2019 Fort Bend County Fair President, Marjorie Pollard. "It was great to see team members and their families enjoy what we had to offer."

Todd Armstrong Shows, Rincon Air & Heat Co., LLC., and Frio Ice Chests sponsored the event. Next year's tournament is set for May 16, 2020.





THE SCHULZE FAMILY NAAMED 2019 FAIR HONOREES



Clifford Schulze and Kathie Schulze Sablatura. Sitting is Alvin Schulze.

Standing from left are Teresa Schulze Mielsch, 2018 Fort Bend County Fair President James Duke, 2019 Fort Bend County Fair President Marjorie Pollard, Teresa Schulze Mieslch and her husband Gary Mieslch.



The Schulze family has been recognized as the 2019 Fort Bend County Fair and Rodeo honorees.

Actively supporting the fair for decades as sponsors, buyers, exhibitors and fair-goers, the Schulze family has passed its commitment to the Fort Bend County Fair from generation to generation. The Schulze family owns and operates Schulze's Bar-B-Que and Catering and Schulze Family Restaurant.

Siblings Teresa Schulze Mielsch, Kathie Schulze Sablatura and Clifford Schulze have carried on the traditions that their father, Alvin Schulze, started in 1980. The siblings have passed their passion of participating in the fair's undertakings down to their children and grandchildren.

"The Schultze family has always been part of our fair for as long as I can remember. You see their family at the auction, in the livestock arena, in the rodeo arena, and all over the fair," said Fair President Marjorie Pollard. "Helping the kids and being there for the kids - that is what their family has always done. The Schulze family is very well-deserving of being honored."

The Schulze Family is best known for serving up a hot meal.

"My first memory of being involved with the fair is catering.We would be catering a reception or event. That is really where it all began," recalled Teresa Schulze Mielsch.

For 44 years the Alvin Schulze family has been in the restaurant business.

"We have been proud to be able to cater the buyers' receptions, cowboy camp and countless other fair events," added Mielsch."It is what we do."

The Schulze and Sablatura families' participation have continued to grow over the years.

"Our involvement quickly evolved into buying at the Jr. Livestock Auction. Dad and Clifford started supporting the auction and



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Bend County Fair has an entertainment lineup that is full of talented artists.

"We are thrilled with this year's entertainers," said 2019 Fort Bend County Fair President Marjorie Pollard. "We work to give our fairgoers what they want to hear, but we do also try our best to bring acts that are unique to our area."

The 83rd annual fair will kick off with Wade Bowen on Sept. 27. Bowen returns to the fair after a year that literally saw the Texas country music veteran go through life-changing challenges. Bowen allows a raw look at his life in the short film *Inconsistent Chaos*, where he shares his story of having to undergo vocal cord surgery and enduring a singing sabbatical to recover fully. The now healthy singer/songwriter is on a summer tour that has him playing all over the United States and Europe.



Opening for Wade is Katy's rising star, Hayden Baker. Baker, has opened for Willie Nelson and is nominated for the 2019 Texas County Music Association Emerging New Artist award.

On Saturday, Sept. 28 if you are a fan of traditional country, specifically George Strait and Alan Jackson, this is a night you don't want to miss. Southern County Line will be entertaining the crowd, and they are also a part of a special tribute concert that pays homage to George Strait. Derek Spence gives a genuine rendition of King George's look, sound and mannerisms. Also, in the lineup will be Doug Brewin, who will be playing all of Alan Jackson's hits. In 2018, Southern County Line was named band of the year for the Texas Country Music Association.

On Sunday, Sept. 29, there will be a full day of live Tejano music. Master of the accordion, Michael Salgado, will be headlining. The multi Latin Grammy winner will be bringing his Tejano sounds including his hits "Cruz De Madera" and "Palomita Blanca." Returning to the fair will be the all-sister sensation band, Las Fenix. The Houston-based group is talented to no end, from their vocal skills to their musical capabilities, they know how to entertain. Las Fenix has been a fan favorite and will be returning to the fair. Lucky Joe, Beatriz Gonzalez, and Mariachi Autlan will also be performing.

Debuting at this year's fair will be Bag of Donuts on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The New Orleans based band is a powerhouse in entertainment. The 80s cover band brings extravagant costumes, a flamboyant performance and a song list that is filled with hits.

Texas native and Country Music veteran, Neal McCoy, will be bringing his talents to the fair on Friday, Oct. 4. For more than three decades, McCoy has continued to tour and sell out venues. His ability to combine traditional country-music and his unwavering patriotism keeps him a music industry icon.

Millions of fans are reached daily on his Facebook Live Pledge of Allegiance ritual. Neal has a string of hits, including "Wink" and "The Shake." South Texas Country newcomer, Robert Ray, will be opening for McCoy. Ray just released "Good Country Song" this June and the song is already moving up the charts.

East Texas' favorite son, Jody Booth, will be playing on Saturday, Oct. 5. Booth grew up in Livingston, Texas and came from a long line of musicians.

"I like to tell folks that my two greatest musical influences are my momma and Merle Haggard. I love real country music and sharing that music with others. That's why I'm thrilled to be playing the Fort Bend County Fair," said Booth. "It's the perfect event for me and the band. Life is good."

His song "Life of My Love" is gaining airplay and his tour has him playing all over the Lone Star state. Bellville's own, David Lewis, will be opening.

To close out the fair on Sunday, Oct. 6, will be Jake Hooker and the Outsiders. This king of swing is a phenomenal entertainer. His iconic stand-up bass and western-attire suit add to his unique vocal arrangements. His music includes timeless classics, gospel and western swing.

The Fort Bend County Fair's schedule will have nightly rodeo action, carnival rides and livestock shows. Shopping and food vendors will provide plenty of options. All admission tickets include artists' concerts.

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as a family we wanted to help the kids and give back. It is all about helping the kids. It is my favorite part of the fair," said Mielsch.

Year after year the Schulze family and their extended families' names have been a staple on the buyer's list.

"I am thankful for the Schulze family Years ago they purchased my steer. Today I am a college student and can easily thank them for helping me further my education," said WCJC student Taylor Lutringer. "Raising a steer and making the auction is one part, it is the buyers like the Schulze family who help make dreams come true."

Today, the family looks forward to the fair with a certain excitement. Showing animals, participating in the rodeo, volunteering at the Exceptional Rodeo and even helping with media interviews, makes their involvement a family affair. In 2018, Kathie Schulze Sablatura's grandson, Needville Junior High School's Brance Farrell, won AOB Grand Champion Steer. The family celebrated the first-place finish and were thrilled to bring home the top honors. In 2016, Coby Sablatura earned volunteer of the year honors for his hard work with the Rodeo Committee.When Coby passed away in 2017, a tribute was held in his memory and a memorial bench placed in his honor.

"The family is always there for our fair. I can call them, and they always want to know what we need to be done," said Pollard. "Time and time again, they have always put their best forward for our fair."

The Schulze family can be found just about anywhere at the fairgrounds during fair time.

"I have helped with serving stew at Senior Citizens Day to working the admission gates," said Mielsch. "The fair is who we are, the Fort Bend County Fair is important to my family and our community. It is part of us."

The Schulze family will be part of many fair events including the kick-off parade on Friday, Sept. 27.

A LITTLE FAIR HISTORY

The first Fort Bend County Fair was held in October 1933. The original fairgrounds were located between Rosenberg and Richmond on Avenue H and the only interruption in the county fair was during the years of World War II. In 1974, however, the fairgrounds were moved to the existing location at 4310 Highway 36 South in Rosenberg. Through the years, the Fort Bend County Fair and Rodeo has grown into one of the largest and most successful fairs in the State.

The beloved traditions of the Fort Bend County Fair & Rodeo continues this year Sept. 27 through Oct. 6.

The 2019 Fort Bend County Fair theme is "A Home Grown Fair" and will kick off with the annual Fair Parade on Sept. 27 at 9 a.m. . Featuring nearly 200 entries, spectators will be able to enjoy the sights and sounds that travel from the Historic Court House in Richmond west down Highway 90A to Jennetta Street in Rosenberg.



FUN EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 14 6:30 p.m.: Life Member / Committee Kickoff Dance

Saturday, Sept. 21 10 a.m.: Jr. Fair Royalty Pageants - Fair Prince & Princess Contest 1p.m.: Jr. Fair Royalty Pageants - Fair Duke & Duchess Contest 3 p.m.: Jr. Fair Royalty Pageants - Jr. Fair Queen Contest

Monday, Sept. 23 8 a.m.: Senior Citizen's Day **Thursday, Sept. 26** 7 p.m.:Turkey Show

Friday, Sept. 27 8 a.m.: Rabbit Show 9 a.m.: The Fort Bend County Fair Parade. 11 a.m.: Parade reception; Commercial Heifer Show 1 p.m.: Student Fun Day. 6 p.m.: Goat Show Fair Queen Contest. 7:30 p.m.: Mutton Bustin'

Saturday, Sept. 28 9 a.m.: Broiler Show 10:30 a.m.: Diaper Derby. 11 a.m.: Talent Show Noon: Commercial Heifer Sale 5 p.m.: School Art Auction 6:30 p.m.: Steer Show

Sunday, Sept. 29 2 p.m.: Lawn Tractor Races 4 p.m.:Swine Show

Monday, Sept. 30 5 p.m.:Ag Mechanics Project Show 8 p.m.: Roaster Show

OCTOBER Tuesday, Oct. 1 6:30 p.m.: Lamb Show Wednesday, Oct. 2 7 p.m.: Scramble Heifer Show Thursday, Oct. 3 7 p.m.: Jr. Livestock Auction

Friday, Oct. 4 7: p.m. Bucket Calf Show

Saturday, Oct. 5 8 a.m.: Jr. Livestock Judging Contest 8:30 a.m. Jr. Heifer Show 10:30 a.m.: Stick Horse Rodeo 11:30 a.m.: Pet Show 12:30 p.m.: Freezer Sale 3 p.m.: Tractor Pull

These are the listed dates as of press time. For the dates, times, rules and locations of the Champion BBQ Cookoff, Lil Wranger BBQ Cook-off, 4-H Department, Grapes on the Brazos, Mutton Bustin', Open Adult and Open Youth Creative Arts Department, TEEA, School Youth Department competitive events, rodeo events or for more information on all other events, visit fortbendcountyfair.com.



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Fulshear community gives Fort Bend PAWS a monetary boost

he Fulshear community of Cross Creek Ranch recently donated \$6,905 to Fort Bend PAWS following its spring event Mutt Strut.

The day was a procession of pup-themed activities, including a peanut butter-eating contest for dogs and a canine costume contest. Houston Disc Dogs performed, and a charity walk for dogs and their people preceded the event.

The first 100 visitors received wag bags and several people also went home with new pets thanks to Fort Bend County Animal Services bringing several dogs for adoption to Mutt Strut. Newmark Homes covered the adoption cost.

"The event was a hit with dogs, their owners and everyone attending," said Rob Bamford, General Manager of Cross Creek Ranch.

Admission to the event was free, however, attendees were encourage to give a \$10 donation to Fort Bend PAWS or bring an item for the Fort Bend Animal Shelter. Fort Bend PAWS is a nonprofit organization that raises funds and awareness for Fort Bend County Animal Services.

The Mutt Strut is just one of the large-scale events Cross Creek Ranch has hosted for the public.

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Rainbow Room Crawfish Festival exceeds expectations

The Fort Bend Rainbow Room exceeded fundraising expectations at the organization's annual Crawfish Boil held at Cross Creek Ranch.

The event raised \$9,200 - more than double last year's amount of \$4,054.

The public turned out in force to support the charity, paying between \$25 and \$35 to chow down on the crunchy crustaceans and traditional sides.

Attendees also enjoyed a Kids Zone with inflatables, a silent auction, face painters, raffles, lawn games and more. Food trucks also were available.

"The Fort Bend Rainbow Room is one of our favorite charities," said Rob Bamford, General Manager of Cross Creek Ranch. "We were so pleased to host this year's fundraiser. Their success this year is a tribute to the community's love for what this organization stands for."

The Rainbow Room provides emergency and transitional supplies to Fort Bend County children and adults in crisis.

The resource room is stocked with snacks, diapers, school supplies, clothes, toiletries, toys and other items frequently



The Rainbow Room raised \$9,200 during a crawfish boil held in Fulshear's Cross Creek Ranch. Shown here, left to right, are Alex Lewis, Lyndsay Pilkinton, Nicole Johnson, Barbara Macha, Tonya Lewis, Carrie Roehling and Diane Nevels.

needed to meet the emergency needs of families. All items are new as the organization's philosophy is that abused and neglected children and adults do not deserve used items.

Prior to the establishment of the Fort Bend Rainbow Room, local caseworkers frequently used their own funds to meet these needs while waiting for permanent funding solutions.

For more information about Fort Bend Rainbow Room, visit www.fbrr.org.

Fort Bend Seniors invites local seniors to dance the day away

n Aug. 2,Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels hosted their 12th Annual Senior Prom with support from local community members. Senior citizens from across Fort Bend and Waller Counties enjoyed a morning of dancing and crowning the King and Queen, in an elegant ballroom atmosphere.

"Fort Bend Seniors has hosted this unique celebration for many years, historically in partnership with local high school students from Lamar CISD. Though originally scheduled for May, flood concerns caused us to cancel this year's prom," said Leah Ghobrial, Director of Development and Public Relations at FBS.

"When we beard that some of our seniors already had dresses and suits picked out for the occasion, our team of staff members and local supporters stepped up to reschedule the event."

More than 200 seniors from across Fort Bend and Waller Counties attended the day's event — the dance floor filled with seniors throughout the morning doing the Cupid Shuffle, Macarena, and more.

For some senior attendees, this event was their first prom — having missed or never given the opportunity to attend a prom of their own.

Seven of Fort Bend Seniors' 12 congregate centers nominated a couple to the Prom Court for the chance to be crowned King and Queen, including: Thomas Hatch and Mildred Aguilar of Hometowne on Bellfort, Charles Jones and Brenda Allen of Brookshire, Jose Liwanag and Ester Lita Liwanag, Alton Wilkerson and Anna Wilkerson of Fulshear, George Starks and Sharon Lee of Kendleton, Abraham Williams and Alice Newton of Stafford, and Keith Maresh and Margarita Contreras of Rosenberg. The Kendleton nominees were crowned this year's King and Queen, who enjoyed a first dance to "My Girl" by The Temptations.

A team of donors joined together to make this event happen. Elegant décor for the event was donated and beautifully set up by Mary Hale and her team at Excel'lant Events. Local DJ and longtime FBS supporter Victor Lucio donated the sound system and played an array of hits from the 50's to today.

Lunch was made extra special by a donation of dessert from SMADE Clothing and Saulmon Thomas III, and a donation of iced tea from McAlister's of Rosenberg. James Duke of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home provided the King and Queen a limo ride home at the event's conclusion.

Individuals or groups that are interested in supporting Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels' many programs and events either by volunteering or through financial contributions — can visit www.fortbendseniors.org or contact FBS at 281-633-7049.



George Starks and Sharon Lee rode home in a limo at the event's conclusion.



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HEALTH NEWS

MEMORIAL HERMANN SUGAR LAND TO EXPAND CAMPUS, ENHANCE PATIENT SERVICES

emorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital will add 30 licensed patient beds and an observation unit to its campus by early 2020 as part of its continued commitment to enhance services and meet the growing healthcare needs of Fort Bend County.

"Sugar Land is one of the fastest growing communities in the country and we're making sure our campus grows in kind to continue providing Fort Bend County exceptional health care," said Malisha Patel, senior vice president and CEO of Memorial Hermann Sugar Land and Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital.

When the \$15 million expansion is complete, the hospital's capacity will increase to 179 licensed beds, more than double the size from when it first opened in 2006.

Since then, the campus has also grown its services in emergency medicine, neonatology, sports medicine, imaging and pediatric services. Memorial Hermann has expanded access to care in the area as well with Memorial Hermann Convenient Care Center at Sienna Plantation and Memorial Hermann Urgent Care Telfair.

"As stewards of high-quality, safe, convenient care for this area, it's our responsibility to adapt our scope of services and size when needed," Patel said. "Following this most recent expansion, we will have increased inpatient capacity and will be able to more efficiently meet the specific needs of patients, furthering our mission to advance the health of all those whom we serve."

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A rendering of the new patient tower and the existing hospital.

surrounding region was factored into a \$93 million hospital campus expansion completed in the summer of 2016. Shelled space in that expansion project's centerpiece — a

155,000-square-foot patient tower — will be built out to accommodate the 30 additional licensed beds. Existing space near the hospital's Emergency Center will be converted into the 12-bed observation unit.

An observation unit is a designated care area for patients where conditions are evaluated and key decisions on the continuum of care are made, including diagnosis, treatment and whether to discharge or admit.

"The organization's foresight in the campus expansion two years ago has really given us the flexibility and capability to address a new service need when we identify one," said Memorial Hermann Sugar Land vice president of operations Jason Glover. "We still have shelled space to grow our surgical services and our newest patient tower was constructed in a way that would allow us to add up to four more floors. We're here now for the people we serve and we're prepared for the future."

The hospital was the proud recipient of a 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the nation's highest Presidential honor for performance excellence.

Memorial Hermann Sugar Land is located at 17500 West Grand Parkway South, Sugar Land. To learn more about the hospital's services, call 713-222- CARE (2273).





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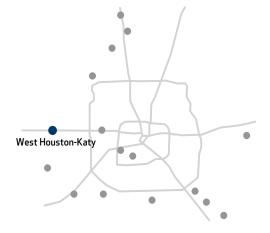
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September 3

Coastal Prairie Texas Master Naturalists' Fall training sign up

Sign up for Fort Bend, Waller Counties' Texas Master Naturalist Coastal Prairie 2019 Class Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 7 p.m. at 1402 Band Rd #100 in Rosenberg. Train with volunteers and professionals dedicated to the beneficial management of our natural resources and natural areas.

September 4

Geeks Who Drink Trivia

The Growler Spot in Fulshear will hold its Geeks Who Drink Trivia nights at 7 p.m. Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25. Geeks Who Drink is a homegrown Pub Trivia Quiz modeled after those in Ireland and the UK. Winning teams gets prizes.

September 6

Texana Center Fundraiser

Hosted by the musical band Shark Bait, this fundraiser will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Briscoe Manor in Richmond.

September 7 Togetherness Trot

This 5K Run/Walk event will held at 7:45 a.m. at the Brazos River Park in Sugar Land to bring awareness to ovarian cancer. Guest Speakers include ABC13 Chief Meteorologist Travis Herzog and ovarian cancer survivor, Leslie Newton. Proceeds will Benefit Ovarcome, an Ovarian Cancer Foundation. Tickets available at runsignup.com.

For Your Pets

Rosenberg Animal Control and Shelter is hosting its third semi-annual For Your Pets shelter adoption event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kroger Marketplace, 24401 Brazos Town Xing in Rosenberg. Kroger staff will be asking customers to purchase pet items inside the store and donate them to the shelter. A brand ambassador will also be handing out coupons and cat/dog food samples.

3rd Annual Ride to Rosenberg Car Show Hosted by Rosenberg Arts Alliance and Rosenberg Main Street Program, this event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Downtown Rosenberg. For entry forms please contact: Renee Butler at reneebnr@yahoo.com. Music, art and cars will be featured.

Funky Junque Gypsy Market The Fort Bend County Funky Junque Gypsy Market, and indoor market featuring items from jewelry and boutique clothing to crafts and gourmet food, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Stafford Center, 10505 Cash Road. Tickets are \$5.

September 8 83rd Annual Bazaar

Holy Rosary Catholic Church's 83rd Annual Bazaar will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p..m at 1416 George Street in Rosenberg. Food, games and fun featured.

September 10 Casino Night for Moms of

Children With Autism

Hope for Three is helping to bring Southwest Houston's 2nd Annual Moms Mingle for moms of children with autism from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Safari Texas Ranch. A fun casino night of free food, drinks, laughs, inspiration, prizes, and a night to connect with other moms on the same journey. www.therapyandbeyond.com

September 11

Fall Homeschool Days

The George Ranch Historical Park's Home School Days are set for 9 a.m. Sept. 11 and 12 at the park. www.georgeranch.org

September 12

Women's Pelvic Floor Health Talk

Memorial Hermann Sugar Land will host a Women's Pelvic Floor Health Talk, a panel discussion featuring physicians affiliated with the hospital's Pelvic Floor Health Center, at 6 p.m. in the East Tower conference rooms at Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital.



The Literacy Council of Fort Bend's 10th Annual Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee is slated for Sept. 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Quail Valley City Centre. This year's Bee is presented by CenterPoint Energy and Houston Federal Credit Union and co-chaired by Taylor Connor and Fallon Moody. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are still available ranging in price from \$500-\$1,250. You can also choose to sponsor a word to be used during the Bee for \$200 or purchase a letter for \$100. Spectator tickets are available for \$50 and include dinner. For more information about these opportunities, and other ways to be involved, emailing the Events Coordinator, asanchez@ ftbendliteracy.org or call 281-240-8181. I Pictured from left Co-Chair Fallon Moody, Executive Director Kelli Metzenthin and Co-Chair, Taylor Connor.



2019 Mission of Love

The 2019 Mission of Love will honor former county commissioner James Patterson at Safari Texas Ranch at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event help individuals, families and seniors in Fort Bend County and the Mamie George Community Center. CatholicCharities.org/missionoflove

September 13

2nd Annual More than a Meal Luncheon Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels' luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bud O'Shieles

September 14

Teddy-Bear Picnic

The Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library will host a Teddy-Bear Picnic at 9 a.m in the Meeting Room. Children are invited to bring their families and their teddy bears to a special Teddy-Bear Picnic at the library.

Fall Book Sale

The Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library will host a Fall Book Sale from 9 a.m to noon in the Annex, next door to the library. Gently-used adult and children's books, magazines, DVDs and videos. Prices range from 25¢ for paperback books up to \$5.00 for select hardback books.

Fall Fun Fest 2019

The Rosenberg Railroad Museum's fundraiser will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum, 1921 Ave. F in Rosenberg. The very popular theme, "May the Steam be With You," is returning this year featuring model steam trains, the trackless ride-on steam train, a Star Wars figurine photo scavenger hunt and more. Admission is \$8 for everyone 2 years old and older. Groupons, memberships and other discount admissions are not valid.

Boots for Life Gala

Pregnancy Resource Medical Center will hosts its Boots for Life Gala from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Rosenberg Civic Center.

Bites & Brews

The Fort Bend Museum's Bites & Brews event, featuring wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres from local eateries, music, historic house tours and more will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. www.fortbendmuseum.org/ bites-and-brews.html

September 15

Fort Bend County Master Gardener Ralph Fuller will provide an overview of fall vegetable gardening at the Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library at 6 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Fuller will talk about recommended vegetable varieties for this area and how to build and maintain a garden.

September 16

Fulshear Book Club

This Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library club will meet at noon in the Meeting Room. The book to be discussed is Before We Were Yours, written by Lisa Wingate.

September 18

The George Memorial Library will host an open-mic night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Performances are limited to five minutes or less, and they must not contain any profanity or other insensitive topics. This event is for adults and teens aged 14 and above. Registration required to perform only.

September 20 Brookwood Art Fest

Shop a variety of Texas artists at the Gallery at Brookwood from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 20 and 21. 20 percent of all art vendor sales will go to support the Brookwood Community. **Falguni Pathak Dandiya 2019** Dance to the tune of Queen of Dandiya - Falguni Pathak live from 7 p.m. to 11:55 p.m. at the George Ranch Historical Park in Richmond.

September 23

International Coffee Hour This event will be held at the George Memorial Library at 9 a.m. in the Meeting Room. It takes place on the fourth Monday of every month.

Fulshear Night Readers Guild This Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. The book to be discussed is The Hundred-Year House, a novel written by Rebecca Makkai.

September 26

Hosted by the Richmond VA Outpatient Clinic, the resource fair will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m at the Rosenberg Civic Center, 3825 Highway 36 S. Tickets available on Eventbrite.

September 28

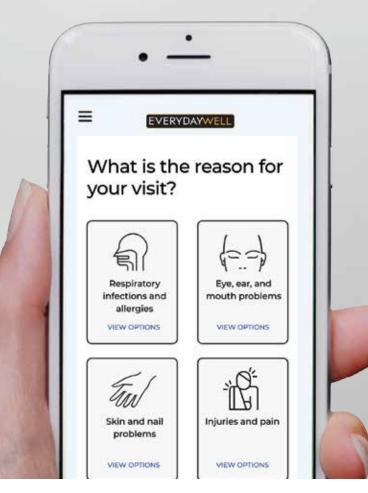
Handlebar Cyclery will host a 28mile non-competitive bike ride at 7:30 a.m. to Essence House Cafe in Fulshear. Open exclusively to participants with vintage bikes and if possible historically appropriate clothing. www.handlebarcyclery.com

Crochet Workshop

Marie Picon will review the seven essential crochet stitches, starting with the simplest and working up to the more challenging stitches at Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Suitable for complete beginners with no experience, as well as for experienced crocheters. Reservations required.



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