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Literacy Council | The Literacy Council of Fort Bend is in need of volunteers for the 2025-26 school year. Have a desire to teach? Available three hours per week? Great for people who need volunteer hours. Volunteers needed to teach GED classes, English as a second language, citizenship, basic literacy and computer literacy. No experience necessary. Free training provided. Background check required. Interested? Call 281-240- 8181 or email volunteer@ftbendliteracy.org or via email, or go online to www.ftbendliteracy.org.

Monthly Bird Walks | Texas Master Naturalist Coastal Prairie Chapter will host its first monthly bird walk for the season from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. at Seabourne Creek Nature Park in Rosenberg. Led by experienced birders, the hike is held on the first Wednesday of the month, running from October through May. All ages and experience levels are welcome. Pack your binoculars and cameras and join one of our experienced birders for a hike. txmn.org/coastal

October

ESL Conversation Circles | Fort Bend County Libraries offers a program for individuals of all nationalities who would like a place to practice their English language and conversation skills. The "ESL Conversation Circles" provide an opportunity for non-English-speaking people to gather in a relaxed setting and discuss topics of their own choosing while practicing their English skills. For more information, call the Literacy Services Department (281-341-2652). Presented in English. Held on Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 10-11 am in the Adult Services Learning Lab.

2 Texas Master Naturalist program | Texas Master Naturalist Coastal Prairie Chapter's program, "Wild About Fort Bend: Meet the Animals, Learn the Mission," will be held from 7 -9 p.m. at the Rosenberg Civic Center. Kristi Norman and Claire Schwabenland of Fort Bend Wildlife Rescue will share the inspiring origin of their orga-

nization, introduce the species they work with, and explain the importance of coexisting with native wildlife. txmn.org/coastal

The Crucible | Mustang Playhouse Theatre Co. will perform The Crucible by Arthur Miller at 7 p.m. Oct. 2, 3 and 4 at 4606 Mustang Ave in Rosenberg. This Mustang Playhouse show is the first of the season. sites.google.com/view/mustang-playhouse

Colorful Traditions: Paper-Flower Workshop | In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, teens will learn about the cultural significance of these colorful blooms made of tissue paper at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. They will then have an opportunity to create their own flowers to take home and decorate with. Materials will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Set for 5-6 p.m. in Room 2A. fortbendlibraries.gov

3 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

Farmers and Artisan Market | Don't miss out on all the options at the Pecan Grove Farmers and Artisan Market, which is open every Sunday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. facebook.com/pecangrovefm

4 Pumpkin House | Enchanted Gardens in Richmond is hosting a Pumpkin House and Palooza from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. It will feature a craft and face-painting for the kids, as well as a chance to pick a pumpkin and watch Kell Shaffner demonstrate the art of carving pumpkins.

Stars Hollow Sip & Shop | Cookies, themed drinks at Lit Book Bar and a special Gilmore Girls collection drop at EK The Boutique are all included in the Stars Hollow Sip & Shop event from noon-6 p.m. at EK The Boutique and Lit Book Bar in Richmond.

Nutcracker Market | Shop local with Texas-based small business owners offering everything from Women's and Children's Boutique Clothing, Home, Holiday and Garden Decor, Gourmet Food Items, Handmade and Fashion Jewelry and more during the 2025 Fort Bend County Nutcracker Market — Holiday Extravaganza from 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. at the Fort Bend County Epicenter.

Paleta Story Time | Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at this special story time event at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. Families with children of all ages will hear the children's book Paletero Man, by Lucky Diaz, practice fun songs in English and Spanish, and create their own paper paleta to decorate and take home. Set for 2:30-3:15 pm in the Meeting Room. fortbendlibraries.gov

Saint Faustina Festival

On Oct. 4 from 6:30-9 p.m. and Oct. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saint Faustina Catholic Church's Saint Faustina Festival in Fulshear will embody a special opportunity for the parish family to unite, have fun, meet new people, and grow as a community while celebrating the life of St. Faustina. This year, the festivities begin the day before her Feast Day, honoring the patroness and embracing the theme: Divine Mercy: Our Beacon of Hope. It will feature food, live music, a dessert auction, raffle, a petting zoo, games and more. saintfaustinachurch.org

Fulshear Farmer's Market | Enjoy fresh, locally sourced produce or homemade food at the Fulshear Farmer's Market that runs from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Saturday at 9035 Bois d'Arc Lane. Featuring 90+ local vendors who provide a wide variety of seasonal vegetables and fruit, local honey, freshly baked bread, tamales, tea, salsa, fresh juices, farm eggs, handmade chocolates, pastured meats, jellies, canned or fermented vegetables, prepared foods, pet goodies, ready-to-eat meals, sweets and more. fulshearfarmersmarket.com.



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10TH ANNUAL GOLF FORE AUTISM

Hope For Three's 10th Annual Golf Fore Autism is set for October 6, at Sweetwater Country Club. While it is a day filled with fun, more importantly, it's a chance to support local autistic individuals and their families. Expect 2 premier courses (Pecan & Cypress), Course challenges, raffles, live + silent auctions, Breakfast, food trucks on the green, and a light dinner and Awards.

Teen Test Kitchen: Takis Taste Test & DIY Takis | In this hands-on cooking session at the George Memorial Library in Richmond, teens will participate in a blind taste test to find the REAL Takis. Create DIY Takis-inspired seasoning to take home. Materials will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Set for 5-6 p.m. in Room 2C. fortbendlibraries.gov

7 National Night Out | The Rosenberg Police Department's annual National Night Out event kicks off at 6 p. at Brazos Town Center in the parking lot in front of the Rosenberg Police storefront (next to Hobby Lobby). There will be events for the kids, EMS, fire trucks and various vendors from the community in attendance.

ChatGPT: Exploring the Power of AI | Learn how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be used to make everyday tasks easier. Gain a practical understanding of ChatGPT's capabilities and discover how it can be used for a variety of tasks, from brainstorming ideas to drafting an email. Set for 10-11 a.m. in the Computer Lab. fortbendlibraries.gov

Sip & Support | The Fulshear Historical Association will host an evening of community, history, and good cheer at Sip & Support the FHA from 5-9 PM at Vino Veritas in Fulshear. fulshearhistoricalassociation.org

8 Family-History Research: Probate Records | Before many other records were kept by the states, probate records existed. Library staff member Carol Beauchamp will review the information that can be obtained in probate records, such as family members and relationships, dates of death, descriptions of the estate, and more, at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. Learn how to search for and obtain these records online as well as offline. Set for 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Computer Lab. fortbendlibraries.gov.

Think Pink Social | Alders Cross Creek will be raising awareness for Breast Cancer Awareness Month with pink treats, heartfelt conversations, and opportunities to donate to the cause at its Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Social from 4-6 p.m. at 6525 Cross Creek Bend Lane, Fulshear at 4 p.m. Dress in pink to show support for fighters and survivors.

9 The Adult Craft Studio: Pic Garland | In this hands-on adult-craft class, create a festive pic garland for adding a fall-themed touch to décor in the kitchen, on the mantel, or on the bookshelf. Materials will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Registration required. Set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 2A. fortbendlibraries.gov.

10 Tire Recycling | The City of Rosenberg is hosting the 5th annual tire collection event from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This drive-through event will be held in the Downtown Rosenberg Parking lot located at 2221 Avenue F. The event is free for Rosenberg residents. Residents must be prepared to show proof of residency by providing a driver's license or water utility bill. rosenbergtx.gov

11 Fall Open Car Show | Legacy Ford & Mustang Club of Houston Public Events and Announcements is inviting the public to get involved in its Fall Open Car Show, open to all makes and models, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater | Creative Learning Society - The Agatha Mystery Theater's performance of a parody and original story based on the classic Alfred Hitchcock will show Oct. 11, 18, 25 from 7-10 p.m. at Fort Bend Hope in Richmond. Prepare to follow the clues as evidence is hidden throughout the venue, suspects mingle among you, and if you're not careful, you just might end up as the next victim! The Alfred Hitchcock Murders introduces 4 Murder Mystery Short Stories with an entirely new lineup of characters, each with their own quirks, secrets, and suspicious motives. creativelearningsociety.com

Rose/Rich Halloween Night Market | Shop, eat, and trick-or-treat under the stars during this fun, spooky night of vendors, candy, music and family fun at the Rose/Rich Halloween Night Market, from 6-10 p.m. in Historic Downtown Rosenberg (3rd Street & Avenue F). Admittance is free.

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 create an anime-inspired lantern. Materials are provided courtesy of the Friends of the George Memorial Library. Registration is recommended but not required. Set for 5-6 p.m. in Room 2C. fortbendlibraries.gov

Texas Master Naturalist Plant Walk | The public is invited to experience the Texas Master Naturalist Coastal Prairie Chapter's Plant Walk. Susie Doe, botany enthusiast and chapter plant expert, will lead a short walk at Seabourne Creek Nature Park at 9 a.m. to learn about the plants that grow there. Each hike may last 2 hours or more, depending on weather conditions and possibly longer if attendees are interested. The event is outdoors, so please dress for the current weather conditions. Bring a hat, water bottle and bug spray. Closed-toe shoes recommended. txmn.org/coastal

Container Gardening | The Fulshear Branch Library will present a free, public program on "Container Gardening," from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the library. Fort Bend County Masters Gardeners will discuss container gardening for the home. Gardeners of all experience levels can attend. Learn about the wide range of container sizes and the types and varieties of plants that do well in containers. Get tips on plants that prefer shade or sun, and hear about selections that are known to repel mosquitoes. Get tips on planting a container garden and caring for and maintaining the plants. fortbendlibraries.gov

Blood Drive | Joy Lutheran Church in Richmond is hosting the American Red Cross for a Blood Drive and Health Fair from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The event will feature blood donations, blood pressure screening, AED training, CPR training, stroke education, diabetes education, nutritional education, prescription reviews and representatives from the Pregnancy Resource Center and Alzheimer's Association of Fort Bend County. Call: (281) 762-3310 for more information.



15 HEALING & HOPE LUNCHEON

Marcia Clark, attorney, author and legal analyst, will serve as keynote speaker at the Fort Bend Women's Center's 8th Annual Healing & Hope Luncheon on Oct. 15, 2025, at the Houston Marriott Sugar Land. The annual luncheon will run from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and will bring together community leaders, advocates and supporters to raise funds and awareness for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault. The event highlights survivor stories and the nonprofit's work to provide safety, counseling and long-term stability for those escaping abuse. Clark, best known as the lead prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson trial, has since built a career as an author, television analyst and advocate for justice. "We are honored to welcome Marcia Clark to this year's Healing & Hope Luncheon," said Josh Brown, CEO of Fort Bend Women's Center. "Her perspective reinforces why our work matters—expanding access to safety, counseling, legal advocacy and wraparound services. Together, we can build a community where every survivor is met with dignity, respect and the resources to rebuild." wfbwc.org

16 Teen Craft Corner: DIY Diwali Flower Candleholders | In recognition of Diwali – the Indian Festival of Lights – teens will create colorful, bejeweled, clay flower candleholders at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. Materials are provided courtesy of the Friends of the George Memorial Library. Registration recommended. Set for 5-6 p.m. in Room 2A. fortbendlibraries.gov

Book Break Book Club | A variety of popular fiction is discussed in this George Memorial Library book club, which meets on the third Thursday of every month. Those attending may bring a lunch. This month, readers will discuss *Ask Again, Yes*, by Mary Beth Keane. This title is available in print, audio on CD, and digitally as an ebook and e-audiobook on OverDrive/Libby; call the library to check availability of additional print copies. Set for noon-1 p.m. in Room 2A. fortbendlibraries.gov

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. 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. Set for 5:30-8:30 p.m. in Room 2C. fortbendlibraries.gov

17 Genealogy Lock-In | In recognition of Family-History Month in October, Fort Bend County Libraries' Genealogy & Local History Department at George Memorial Library will join the Genealogy Network of Texas a state-wide, collaborative Genealogy Lock-In for family-history buffs on Oct. 17, from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm, in Room 2C of the library, located at 1001 Golfview in Richmond. A series of teleconferences with topics of interest to family-history researchers will be streamed throughout the day. Participants may attend to view all the sessions, or they may choose to view individual sessions. Lunch is not included, but those attending the workshop are welcome to bring a lunch with them.

The schedule: 10:30-11:30 am – “The Stories of Our Lives: Beginning Your Family-History Research; 11:50 am-12:50 pm – “From Names to Narratives: A Simple Guide to Writing;” 1:05-2:05 pm – “Following a Civil Case Through Documents Filed in Court;” • 2:20-3:20 pm – “All in the Family: Using Collateral Research to Build Your Family Tree;” 3:35-4:35 pm – “Family Trees Get Smart: AI as Your Genealogy Assistant;” Additional video presentations will be available for viewers to enjoy at their convenience. These bonus videos will not be shown at the library because of time constraints, but links to the videos will be available to everyone who registers for this event. The links to the videos will expire and can only be viewed on the day of the event, for a 24-hour period. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. fortbendlibraries.gov

18 Touch A Truck | Get up close and personal with trucks and other vehicles by climbing inside a police car; walking right up to a dump truck or just admiring other cool vehicles from around Richmond and Houston during Shady Oak Primary School PTA's free and public “Touch A Truck” event on 6th Street between Houston &

Fort Streets in Richmond from 9a – 1p. shadyoak.net

Chess Community Club | Teens and adults of all skill levels – from beginners to advanced – who are interested in playing chess, are invited to the George Memorial Library in Richmond to practice their strategies while playing against others in a relaxed, stress-free environment. 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. Set for 11 a.m. – noon in Room 2C. fortbendlibraries.gov

CURE-ageous 5K – Run/Walk | Cross Creek West in Fulshear will host CURE-ageous 5K – Run/Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness from 8-11 a.m. in CCW. Whether you're a seasoned runner, a weekend jogger, or just want to enjoy a morning walk with friends and family, this community 5K event is the perfect way to make an impact.

Annual Bazaar | Enjoy the St. John Fisher Catholic Church Fall Annual Bazaar 2025 – a free family-friendly event packed with live music, delicious food, exciting games for kids, bingo, crafts, and a silent auction. The bazaar will be held at the KC Hall and Grounds from noon to 11 p.m. stjohnfisher.info

19 Fall Bazaar | Sacred Heart's Fall Bazaar will be held on the parish grounds in Richmond at 10:30 a.m.. A tradition within the community, the Bazaar features a turkey dinner, raffle, live music, food booths, live and silent auctions, games, crafts, and a children's midway. Free admission. Food, fun and fellowship. sacredhrt.com

20 Teen Financial-Literacy Series | Fort Bend County Libraries offers programs specifically designed for high school-aged teens in grades 9 through 12, and this fall, FBCL's George Memorial Library in Richmond will host a free series of Financial Literacy workshops designed to give teens a better understanding of personal finances, credit cards, and money-management skills that will help them succeed in the adult world



after high-school graduation. The series of classes will be presented by Fort Bend County Extension Agent Janelle Johnson. Each month's session is a stand-alone topic; students may choose to attend individual programs, or they can opt to attend the whole series. The series will begin on Monday, October 20, with a program on “Budgeting 101.” The class will take place from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, in Room 2A. In this class, teens will learn how to create and stick to a budget by tracking income and expenses, prioritizing needs over wants, and saving for future goals. The series is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and registration is required. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbendlibraries.gov), click on “Classes & Events,” select the library, and find the program on the date indicated. For more information, call George Memorial Library (281-342-4455) or FBCL's Communications Office (281-633-4734)

Sealy Area Golf Tournament 2025 | The Greater Sealy Area Chamber of Commerce's 24th Annual Golf Tournament will be held in the Weston Lakes Country Club at 10 a.m. Featuring silent auction, tiger drive, & hole-in-one contest.



23 SUPERHEROES OF FORT BEND HOPE

Fort Bend Hope's annual gala, Superheroes of Fort Bend Hope, is set for 6-9 p.m. in The Manor at Safari Texas in Richmond. The gala will feature KPRC Channel 2's Mario Diaz, an award-winning investigative reporter from the Houston area. Coming from a Spanish-speaking home, Diaz gained a firsthand understanding of the perseverance it takes to learn English as a second language—an experience that continues to shape his story. This inspiring evening will include dinner, silent auction, a wine pull and a crowd favorite “Heads or Tails” game, all in support of empowering families through education. As a nonprofit organization, Fort Bend Hope provides low-cost educational programs five days a week to children and adults. These include tutoring, ESL, GED, and citizenship classes, all designed to improve

economic opportunity and build stronger communities across Fort Bend County. "Our gala is more than a fundraiser—it's a celebration of the real-life superheroes in our community: the students, families, volunteers, and supporters who believe in the power of education," said Adam Yates, Executive Director of Fort Bend Hope. "We are grateful for the continued support that helps us grow and serve more neighbors every year." fortbendhope.org/gala

Roll with It Board-Game Club: Wingspan and Trivial Pursuit: Classic Edition | The Roll with It Board-Game Club is a monthly board-gaming club at the George Memorial Library in Richmond 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. Board games offer a great opportunity to unwind, meet new friends, and challenge one's mind! In October, the featured games are Wingspan and Trivial Pursuit: Classic Edition. New members are encouraged to attend. Set for 6-8 p.m. in Room 2D. fortbendlibraries.org

24 Home For The Holidays | Home For The Holidays Market at Rosenberg will run Oct. 24-Oct. 26 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. General Admission Hours are: Friday 9a-5 p.; Saturday 9a-5p; and Sunday 11a-4p.

25 Relentless Defender Foundation Gala | The Relentless Defender Foundation Gala will be held from 6-11:30 p.m. at Safari Texas Ranch in Richmond. The foundation's mission is to assist first responders and their families nationwide, including those who suffered injury, serious illness, or death while active or honorably retired, those whose lives have been impacted by catastrophic events, and those who could benefit from scholarships leading to law enforcement.

Sock Hop | Step back in time and join Another Time Soda Fountain in

Rosenberg from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. for a retro afternoon full of fun, music, and community spirit. Slip on your bobby socks and saddle shoes and enjoy contests, photo opportunities and games. The Sock Hop supports Isaiah 117 House, a nonprofit whose mission is to reduce trauma for children awaiting foster placement, lighten the load for child welfare services, and ease transitions for foster families. 20 percent of all sales will be donated directly to Isaiah 117.

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

The Fulshear Police Department, in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will host National Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fulshear Police Department, 6639 West Cross Creek Bend Lane. The event gives residents a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unwanted, unused, or expired prescription medications. Community members are encouraged to bring tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs for safe disposal. Removing unneeded medications from homes helps prevent misuse, addiction, and overdose.

What to Bring / What Not to Bring: Accepted: tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription medications; Liquids (e.g., cough syrup) must remain in original, tightly sealed containers; Not accepted: syringes, sharps, or illicit drugs. DEATakeBack.com

27 Scribe Society | Teens who love to write are invited to the George Memorial Library in Richmond for a relaxed, no-pressure writing group where they can meet other young writers, share ideas, and get inspired. All experience levels are welcome. Set for 6-8 p.m. in Room 2C. fortbendlibraries.org

28 Online Games for Brain Power | Discover free online games that challenge one's memory, logic, creativity, and problem-solving skills at the George Memorial Library. Hear about a variety of browser-based games that can be

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With the arrival of October comes the commencement of the holiday season, the remaining quarter of the year packed with gatherings, celebrations, travels, cuisine, entertainment and long-anticipated plans.

Blowing in with its gradually dipping temperatures and turning leaves, a sprinkle of mischievousness and coziness carried within the wind, October brings a quiet but electric satisfaction to the many people who are enamored with fall-themed festivities, weather and spaces. No matter if you prefer a more walk-through-the-woods eerie vibe or cuddle-up-on-the-couch sentiment, there are plenty of budget-friendly, imagination-inspiring activities to initiate or complete a memorable autumn mood.

If you like being outdoors...

HIKE

Fall hiking can be a unique and exciting experience. Thanks to the vibrant foliage, crisp air and smaller crowds than might be around during summer, fall is a prime time to lace up one's boots and hit the trails. Beyond the opportunity to check out the amazing foliage displays synonymous with this time of year, spending time outdoors in fall provides various health benefits. According to UAB Medical West, some benefits of hiking include improved mental well-being, enhanced balance and improved muscle strength.

BACKYARD CAMPING

Children can ease into the idea of camping by having the first overnight excursion take place in their own backyard. Set up a tent, light a campfire in the fire pit, and have fun experiencing the sights and sounds of outdoors at night. With close proximity to the bathroom, and an easy means of escaping the outdoors if bad weather sets in, backyard camping can be a safe way to learn some basic camping skills and experience a night under the stars. **BONUS:** Fire pits and early fall evenings make a perfect pair, so add in the experience of toasting marshmallows. Add to the fun with marshmallows toasted on

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skewers and a fixings bar of other sweet treats, like s'mores ingredients or cookies and fruit to enjoy with the melted marshmallows.

SCAVENGER HUNTS

Everyone in the family can take part in a scavenger hunt. Doing so in the dark can make the hunt a bit more challenging. Young children can be paired off with an older sibling or an adult for safety's sake. Items to collect outdoors can include a garden stone, tree branch, pine cone, clover, or backyard accessory, like a grill brush. Curate the list so items can be found without too much exploring in the dark. **BONUS:** If it can be done safely, Flashlight Tag is a fun way to wrap up an evening scavenger hunt. A spin on traditional hide and seek, children and adults run around in the evening with flashlights and try to find or rescue team members.

STAR GAZING

Learn about the galaxy, stars, solar system, and more by finding a dark place away from artificial lights to stare into the sky. Consult books about what you're seeing, or rely on a phone app that can identify celestial bodies and constellations. From meteor showers to eclipses, there are plenty of celestial events to engage stargazers.

LEAF PEEPING

The gradual depletion of chlorophyll in tree leaves is responsible for the amazing and colorful display Mother Nature puts on each fall. Everyone is treated to vivid panoramas of reds, oranges, purples, and yellows, making them ideal all-natural photo backdrops. Plenty of people travel to more rural areas to witness leaves change color, and that means that country areas can get crowded. It always pays to plan a leaf-peeping excursion for early in the day to account for the possibility of traffic along the route. Make an entire day of it by seeing the sights, grabbing lunch, and hitting a farmer's market while out and about.

PUMPKIN PICKING

Most people already make pumpkin picking an annual treat. Don't overlook mishappen pumpkins that can be carved into spooky jack-o'-lanterns. Also, enhance Halloween decor with pitted and warty gourds that lend that scary appeal. Local and popular pumpkin patches include: Rosenberg First Methodist Church [fmcrosenberg.org]; Holy Cross Church Pumpkin Patch [holycrosschurch.com]; Dewberry Farm [dewberryfarm.com]; and Blessington Farms

[blessingtonfarms.com].

GNOMES

Gnomes have been popular for years, and they keep turning up in different iterations. You can craft your own gnomes for Halloween with a few supplies. Start with a 9-inch-tall foam cone. Cut the bottom off the toe part of a solid colored ankle sock just past the heel, and pull it up so it covers the lower few inches of the cone. Add some hot glue to secure, draw a beard shape on the back of the faux fur and cut it out. Attach the beard to the lower part of the cone over the sock. Use a crew length patterned sock to create a hat for the gnome, and glue to the top part of the cone. Glue on a large wood bead for the nose. Decorate the gnome any way you'd like, such as adding felt patches to the sock hat.

OUTDOOR MOVIE

Projectors can now be hooked up to smartphones and tablets, so it's easier than ever to watch movies outside. Simply project a device onto a screen, white fence or even a bedsheet. Since it gets dark somewhat early in October, the movie doesn't have to start very late. Depending on the audience, choose a movie that is very scary or only mildly so if children will be viewing. **BONUS:** Add in a "treat exchange" to sweeten the festivities. Similar to a Christmas "Secret Santa," participants put together a wrapped gift of homemade or store-bought foods and exchange with others to enjoy at the outdoor viewing. Also worth mentioning is the City of Richmond's monthly "Movies At Wessendorff," a free, outdoor, family-friendly, film-watching event for residents and visitors. The Rotary Club of Richmond pops free popcorn for everyone and the city provides free water. Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets, and a dessert truck will be on site for food purchase. The October showing of "The Canterville Ghost" takes place from 8-9:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at Wessendorff Park, 500 Preston Street in Richmond.

If you feel like being crafty...

3D PUMPKINS

Carving pumpkins is a popular Halloween tradition. But there are many people who feel the job is too messy. Instead, a fun way to add personality to pumpkins comes by way of some hot glue and paint. Use a hot glue gun to create a pattern on the outside of the pumpkin. It can be designs, a jack-o'-lantern face or just about anything. Once dry and hardened, use craft paint to go over the entire pumpkin. The raised design

will be evident and add dimension.

SPOOKTACULAR WREATH

Adorn the front door with something creative. It can be utterly frightening or something more festive. Start with a premade spring greenery wreath or a wreath frame that you cover with your own greenery. Purchase a round, unfinished wooden sign panel and paint with black chalkboard paint. Add your own message with chalk or chalk paint. "Keep Away" or "Enter at Your Own Risk" are great Halloween phrases to consider. Attach the sign in the middle of the wreath. You can also add some embellishments to the wreath, including black moss and floral stems and leaves. A glittery black and green ribbon or bow is the finishing touch before hanging.

COOKING COMPETITION

Take a page out of the cooking show playbook by pitting the family against one another in a light-hearted manner with a set list of affordable ingredients, rules, challenges and prizes. Start a new seasonal trend by hosting a festive fall-themed dinner party by turning the meal experience into a fun-spirited cooking competition.

If you want something lowkey....

SPOOKY LITERATURE

There's something to be said about reading scary stories or poems throughout the month. Edgar Allen Poe, an author of many notably macabre works, is a popular read come Halloween, but for those interested in something a little closer to home, the George Memorial Library in Richmond will have Fort Bend Ghost Stories by John C. Allwright for sale, with the proceeds benefiting the library. This book is Allwright's compiled collection of ghost stories that he recalled from throughout his lifetime of living in the Rosenberg/Richmond area. Also consider hosting a Halloween-themed book club. Again, Fort Bend County Libraries is a great source and location for such an idea.

WINE TASTING

October is a prime month for grape harvesting, which means local vineyards may host special tours and events to take advantage of their growing season. Fall is also a great time to visit a vineyard that offers tastings, as you can sit out in the sun and cool weather and enjoy a glass or two of the latest vintage. Follow local vineyards on social media or get on their email lists to stay on top of upcoming events.



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Cozy Comfort Cuisine for the Fall

NAVY BEAN AND COLLARD GREENS SOUP

INGREDIENTS

3 cups vegetable broth, such as Pacific Organic brand
4 cups coarsely chopped stemmed collard greens, preferably organic (1 bunch 10 to 12 ounces)
1½ cup packaged julienned (matchstick) carrots
1½ teaspoons chili garlic puree or chili paste with garlic
1 (12 ounce) package extra firm tofu, cubed in bite size pieces
1 (16 ounce) can unsalted navy beans, drained
¼ cup grated Romano cheese

INSTRUCTIONS

Combine broth, collard greens, carrots, and chili garlic puree in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 10 to 12 minutes or until greens are nearly tender. Stir in tofu and beans; cover and simmer 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Ladle into shallow bowls; top with cheese.

2 Tips: Great northern or cannellini beans may replace the navy beans and Swiss chard may replace the collard greens if desired. Also, look for chili garlic puree or chili paste with garlic in the ethnic section of the supermarket. Because the beans are unsalted, there is no need to rinse them before adding to the soup.



ROASTED PUMPKIN SOUP WITH PUMPKIN CRISPS

INGREDIENTS

3 to 3½ pounds pumpkin
6 tablespoons olive oil
2 onions, chopped
3 garlic cloves, chopped
1 3-inch piece of fresh ginger root, grated
1 teaspoon ground coriander
½ teaspoon ground turmeric
Pinch of cayenne pepper
4 cups vegetable stock
Salt and ground black pepper
1 tablespoon sesame seeds
Fresh cilantro leaves, to garnish
For the pumpkin crisps
Wedge of fresh pumpkin, seeded
½ cup olive oil

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Preheat the oven to 400 F. Prick the pumpkin around the top several times with a fork. Brush the pumpkin with plenty of the oil and bake for 45 minutes or until tender. Leave until cool enough to handle.

2 Take care when cutting the pumpkin, as there may still be a lot of hot steam inside. When cool enough to handle, scoop out and discard the seeds. Scoop out and chop the flesh.

3 Heat about 4 tablespoons of the remaining oil (you may not have to use all of it) in a large pan and add the onions, garlic and ginger, then cook gently for 4 to 5 minutes. Add the coriander, turmeric, and cayenne, and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in the pumpkin flesh and stock. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer for about 20 minutes until tender.

4 Cool the soup slightly, then puree it in a food processor or blender until smooth. Return the soup to the rinsed out pan and season well.

5 Meanwhile, prepare the pumpkin crisps. Using a swivel-blade potato peeler, pare long thin strips off the wedge of pumpkin. Heat the oil in a small pan and fry the strips in batches for 2 to 3 minutes, until crisp. Drain on paper towels.

6 Reheat the soup and ladle it into bowls. Top with the pumpkin crisps and garnish each portion with sesame seeds and cilantro leaves.



GINGER MISO CHICKEN SOUP

INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon garlic oil
2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs
6 cups poultry broth (see below)
¼ cup red miso
4 cups chopped bok choy
4 large eggs

INSTRUCTIONS

1 In a large, deep pot, heat the oil over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add the ginger and chicken thighs, browning the chicken for 3 to 5 minutes per side.

2 Add the broth and miso to the pot, then cover and cook over medium-low heat for 30 minutes.

3 Remove the chicken from the pot and transfer it to a cutting board. Shred the chicken with 2 forks.

4 Return the chicken to the pot and stir it into the soup.

5 Add the bok choy and cook for 5 minutes.

6 Crack the eggs into the soup and stir constantly so the egg cooks in ribbons. The eggs will cook quickly.

FOR THE POULTRY OR BEEF BROTH INGREDIENTS

8 cups water
2 pounds chicken, turkey or beef bones
4 carrots, coarsely chopped
1 celery stalk, chopped
2 tablespoons onion oil
½ teaspoon sea salt
9 peppercorns

INSTRUCTIONS

1 In a medium pot over medium-high heat, stir together the water, bones, carrots, leeks, celery, oil, salt, and peppercorns. Bring to a boil and then reduce the heat to low.

2 Simmer the broth for 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Strain the solids and discard.

3 Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 1 year.

CHEF'S TIP: Garlic or onion oil is made by simmering 5 garlic cloves or 1/2 chopped onion in ½ cup olive oil for 10 minutes, then straining out the onion or garlic.



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CHEESY CHICKEN TORTELLINI BAKE

INGREDIENTS

Pasta mixture
 ½ cup chopped onion
 1 teaspoon olive oil
 1 garlic clove, pressed
 1 jar (16 ounces) white Alfredo pasta sauce
 2 packages (9 ounces each) refrigerated cheese-filled regular or spinach tortellini
 1½ cups cubed cooked chicken
 1 cup milk
 1 cup water
 1 cup frozen peas
 ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
 2 tablespoons snipped fresh basil leaves or 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves

Crumb topping

1 ounce grated fresh Parmesan cheese
 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
 1 cup fresh bread crumbs

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 F. For pasta mixture, chop onion. In a 4-quart casserole, heat oil over medium-high heat; add onion and garlic pressed with a garlic press. Cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes or until onion is tender. Stir in pasta sauce, tortellini, chicken, milk, water, peas, and black pepper. Heat until mixture just comes to a boil; remove from heat. Stir basil into pasta mixture.

Meanwhile, for crumb topping, grate Parmesan cheese. Place butter in a small microwave-safe dish, microwave on high 30-45 seconds or until melted. Stir in bread crumbs and cheese; mix well.

Spoon pasta mixture into a baking dish; sprinkle with crumb topping. Bake 15-20 minutes or until edges are bubbly and topping is golden brown.

CHEF'S TIP: Alfredo sauce in a jar can be found in the pasta sauce section of the supermarket. Do not substitute refrigerated Alfredo sauce; it may separate and curdle during baking.



BEEF STROGANOFF

INGREDIENTS

½ cup chopped onion
 ½ pound boneless beef round steak, cut ¾-inch thick, all fat removed
 4 cups uncooked yolkless egg noodles
 ½ can fat-free cream of mushroom soup (undiluted)
 ½ cup water
 1 tablespoon all-purpose (plain) flour
 ½ teaspoon paprika
 ½ cup fat-free sour cream

INSTRUCTIONS

In a nonstick frying pan, saute the onions over medium heat until they're translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the beef and continue to cook for another 5 minutes or until the beef is tender and browned throughout. Drain well and set aside.

Fill a large pot ¾ full with water and bring to a boil. Add the noodles and cook until al dente (tender), 10 to 12 minutes, or according to the package directions. Drain the pasta thoroughly.

In a saucepan, whisk together the soup, water and flour over medium heat. Stir until the sauce thickens, about 5 minutes. Add the soup mixture and paprika to the beef in the frying pan. Over medium heat, stir the mixture until warmed through. Remove from heat and add the sour cream. Stir until combined.

To serve, divide the pasta among the plates. Top with the beef mixture and serve immediately.

RATATOUILLE

INGREDIENTS

1 pound eggplant
 1 pound zucchini
 1 teaspoon salt
 6 to 7 tablespoons olive oil, more if necessary
 ½ pound (about 1½ cups thinly sliced yellow onions
 1 pound firm red tomatoes, or 1½ cups pulp
 2 sliced green bell peppers (about 1 cup)
 2 cloves mashed garlic
 Salt and pepper to taste



INSTRUCTIONS

Peel the eggplant and cut into lengthwise slices ¾-inch thick, about 3 inches long, and 1 inch wide.

Scrub the zucchini, slice off the two ends, and cut the zucchini into slices about the same size as the eggplant slices.

Place the vegetables in a bowl and toss with salt. Let stand for 30 minutes. Drain. Dry each slice in a towel.

One layer at a time, saute the eggplant, and then the zucchini, in hot olive oil for about a minute on each side to brown very lightly. Remove to a side dish.

In the same skillet, cook the onions and peppers slowly in olive oil for about 10 minutes, or until tender but not browned. Stir in the garlic and season to taste.

Slice the tomato pulp into ¾-inch strips. Lay them over the onions and peppers. Season with salt and pepper.

Cover the skillet and cook over low heat for 5 minutes, or until tomatoes have begun to render their juice.

Uncover, baste the tomatoes with the juices, raise heat and boil off several minutes, until juice has almost entirely evaporated.

Place one-third of the tomato mixture in the bottom of the casserole and sprinkle over it 1 tablespoon of parsley.

Arrange half of the eggplant and zucchini on top, then half the remaining tomatoes and parsley.

Put in the rest of the eggplant and zucchini, and finish with the remaining tomatoes and parsley.

Cover the casserole and simmer over low heat for 10 minutes.

Uncover, tip casserole and baste with the rendered juices. Correct seasoning, if necessary.

Raise heat slightly and cook uncovered for about 15 minutes more, basting several times, until juices have evaporated leaving a spoonful or two of flavored olive oil. Be careful of your heat; do not let the vegetables scorch in the bottom of the casserole.

Set aside uncovered. Reheat slowly at serving time or serve cold.

11th

Fulshear's Folly Fall Concert

fulsheartexas.gov

Fulshear's Folly Fall Concert is a newly reignited celebration bringing back a beloved tradition from more than eight decades ago. The event will be held 4-8 p.m. at City of Fulshear Municipal Complex. In the 1940s, Fulshear residents and guests gathered every Fourth of July for a festive barbecue and picnic. Officially named Fulshear's Folly in 1978, this event has been a cornerstone of community celebration. This year, the City of Fulshear is revived the event, infusing it with new festivities and ideas while honoring its historic roots. Expect a lively weekend featuring: a live concert with two headlining acts: Parker Ryan and Original Remnants, a variety of food, drinks, and shopping opportunities and fun activities for the entire family.

17th

Haunted History Tours

fortbendmuseum.org

Experience Richmond at twilight during the Haunted History Tours – Oct. 17, 18, 24 and 31 at 7 p.m. – that will be held in the city's Historic District. Then return to the Fort Bend Museum grounds to continue a haunting tour inside the Museum's gallery, 1855 Long-Smith Cottage and 1883 Moore Home. Comfortable shoes are recommended (minimum of 2 hours). Haunted History Tours with the Fort Bend Museum offer a unique way to experience the city's history and folklore through a guided walking tour to reputedly haunted locations. Recommended essential items: flashlight for lowlight conditions, camera or smartphone to capture any potential sightings or historic sites (no flash photography or recording is allowed), water bottle to stay hydrated during the tour and bug spray to prevent bug bites in outdoor areas.

Needville Fall Festival

needvillefallfestival.org

The Needville Fall Festival is back. Set to take place Friday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 18, the festival will be an exciting weekend of live music, contests, food, and festivities designed

to bring the community together. Texas country favorite Bart Crow is headlining Saturday night and Dalton Lewis opening the show. Adding to the weekend's excitement are the beloved Royalty Contests, including the Little Mr. and Miss Needville Fall Festival and the Annual Fall Festival Queen Coronation, celebrating the young leaders of the community.

18th

Spazmatics Halloween

fortbendseniors.org

The Ultimate New Wave 80s band playing the best of (and sometimes the worst of) the most beloved decade of all time, The Spazmatics, are returning to rock out at the best Halloween Party with a Purpose in Richmond. The evening runs from 6 – 11 p.m. at Scotty's Saloon in Richmond. The Spazmatics Halloween benefits Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, which serves thousands of nutritious meals daily to senior adults, aged 60 and over, who are typically unable to prepare their own meals. Proceeds from this event will ensure nutritional and social needs of seniors are continuously met throughout the year, so join presenting sponsor Staff Force Personnel Services at Scotty's Saloon, 114 Agnes Road in Richmond, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. for a flashback to the 80s. A cash bar and food will be available onsite for purchase. Costumes or 80s attire is encouraged.

25th

Scarecrow Festival

fulshearregional.com

Get ready for a spooktacular time at the Fulshear Regional Chamber of Commerce's Scarecrow Festival from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Fulshear High School, 9302 Charger Way, Fulshear. An event filled with community spirit, local flair, and plenty of fun for all ages, the festival is a family-friendly event that is the perfect way to celebrate the fall season. From games to interactive fun, there's something for everyone in the family to enjoy. Stroll through the park and discover a variety of local vendors, showcasing unique goods and handcrafted treasures. Satisfy your cravings with

delicious offerings from a selection of food trucks, serving up tasty fall treats and savory bites. Get creative and explore the arts and crafts area, where you can find one-of-a-kind handmade items perfect for gifts or personal treasures. The Kid's Zone will be packed with exciting activities and entertainment to keep the little ones entertained all day long.

Little Wrangler's Trick Or Treat

georgeranch.org

The George Ranch's annual Trick-or-treat at the Ranch creates the experience of traveling back in time to learn how people celebrated All Hallows Eve, while you trick or treat from historic house to house. Wear your best costumes for this spooktacular event. And don't miss out on your change and take some fall pictures at the George Ranch Pumpkin display. Editor's note: The dates and times were not available at the time of publishing.

Miss Ivy's Spooktacular Halloween Party

fortbendmuseum.org

Miss Ivy's Spooktacular Halloween Party is open to families and children of all ages. Spooky games, mysterious tricks and sweet treats will be part of the fun from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Bend Museum, 410 S. 5th Street in Richmond. Plus, a costume contest will be held at 1 p.m.

The Midnight Hounds of Misty Moore

fortbendmuseum.org

Head over to the Historic Moore Home, 406 S. 5th Street in Richmond from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to step into the world of Gilded Age Spiritualism with

"The Midnight Hounds of Misty Moore" – an immersive night of wine, light bites, and a chilling social deduction experience where secrets hide in plain sight. Then, huddle close for a guided ghost tour of the historic Moore Home and take part in intimate group readings with evidential mediums attuned to the word unseen.

Gathering of the Zombies

hopefortbend.org

Visitors to Seabourne Creek Nature Park, in Rosenberg, at 8:30 a.m. just may find the hiking trails and woods swarming with "zombies" thanks to Hope for Fort Bend's annual Gathering of the Zombies fun run/walk, which is a student scholarship fund-raising event.

Boogyman Bash

rosenbergtx.gov

Gather your costumes and prepare for a hauntingly good time in Historic Downtown Rosenberg during the Boogeyman Bash from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Historic Downtown Rosenberg, 2100 Ave. G. This Halloween party will feature trick-or-treating with local downtown merchants, trunk or treating with local businesses and organizations, games, children costume contest and food trucks to satisfy your creature cravings



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INHERENT JUSTICE



Just over twenty years ago, Bili Morrow Shelburne's first published novel, *Blackbirds and Butterflies*, was released, and a couple of months ago, the Pecan Grove author's fifth published novel was released.

Following *Blackbirds* in 2004, Bili Shelburne's collection began growing with her novels *Clemmie* in 2012, *Collateral Justice* in 2015 and *Racing With The Tide* in 2020.

In August, *Inherent Justice* hit the shelves.

Described as "a riveting sequel" to the well-received novel *Collateral Justice* (a story following attorney Matt Stevenson, who returns to his hometown to attend his mother's funeral, and inadvertently becomes embroiled in a homicide involving an old and trusted friend), *Inherent* "deploys compelling nourish first-person narration in continuing the saga of Matt and pals," according to Kirkus Reviews.

In *Inherent*, protagonist Matt Stevenson is about to return to his law practice but ultimately "finds that he is not so enamored with the mile high city [and] permanently relocates from the city to his hometown in Rural Tennessee, where he establishes a solo law practice, connects with old friends, and pursues the woman of his dreams," said Shelburne. "Soon, he learns that not all is as it seems as he becomes caught up in an intrigue involving a local character called Freaky Fred — you might remember him from *Collateral Justice* — and a missing child.

"All of Matt's acumen will be tested as he navigates the surprisingly slippery shoals of small town America," she concluded.

A SIGNING WITH SHELBURNE

On Oct. 18, in The Club at Pecan Grove, Shelburne will hold a book signing for *Inherent Justice* in the upstairs ballroom from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. She will read, speak and host a Q&A session at the signing. She said she will have hardcover and paperback copies of *Inherent* available for purchase.

"I'm hoping to have a good attendance," she said eagerly.

A former resident of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (which served as the setting for her novel *Clemmie* and its sequel), Shelburne and her husband, Ralph, have traveled around the globe and lived in several states, but for more than two decades, the couple has made Pecan Grove their home, hence Shelburne's anticipation for the upcoming book signing.

While technology is a default and often beneficial tool to use when self-promoting, Shelburne has demonstrated the impacts of a book signing, which, especially for devoted readers, is a coveted chance for readers to connect with their favored authors face-to-face.

Shelburne also knows what can happen in the absence of a book signing, too. Her fourth novel, *Racing With The Tide*, was released during the throes of the pandemic, so, unfortunately, Shelburne's hopes for a signing were ruined.

"It didn't get the initial boost that *Clemmie* did," she said.

But she doesn't bemoan the fact; instead, she emphasized that she will have her other works that readers may have missed available for purchase.

"Only my other books I have on hand will be available. I have copies of *Clemmie*, *Racing With the Tide*, and a few copies of *Collateral Justice*," she said. "Unfortunately, I don't have any *Blackbirds and Butterflies*. That was my first published novel, and it remains my favorite, possibly because it was the first. It is nothing like any of the others."

"It seemed that there was something foul in the air in Martinsville each time I returned to my hometown. I had hoped this time things would be different; that I would be able to bask in the sun of this small southern town with its slow, laid back lifestyle. But this was now, unlike the Mayberry of my childhood. Attitudes had changed. Innocence had morphed into more worldly thoughts and actions, and everyone seemed a little more guarded than before..."

— INHERENT JUSTICE, CHAPTER THREE

All of Shelburne's books are also available on Amazon in hardcover, paperback and e-book versions. The books can also be ordered from Barnes & Noble.

"I hope the novel doesn't disappoint any of my readers," Shelburne said. "I like to keep people up later than they would like. I hope they hate to put the book down to go to sleep."

TIDBITS & CHITCHAT WITH BILI SHELBURNE

MARQUITA GRIFFIN: You're on your fifth book and another sequel, congratulations. I'm curious, why was there a ten-year stretch of time between the release of the two Justice novels?

BILI SHELBURNE: The reason for the pause between the two Justice novels was because people wanted to read more about *Clemmie*, so I took my readers back to Hilton Head Island to continue Clemmie's journey in *Racing With The Tide*. After that, it took me a while to switch gears and get on with the Justice series, because I took a hiatus from writing, but I missed it. Thus, *Inherent Justice* started marching through my head.

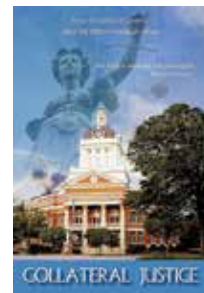
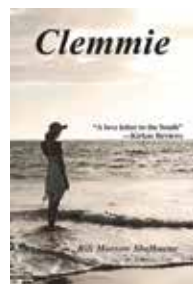
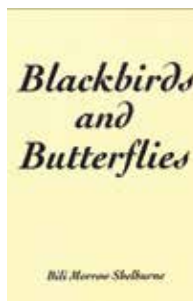
MARQUITA: Tell me more about the Justice Series. How many more novels are you considering for this series? Is there another book already in the making?

BILI: There is not another book in the making at the present time. I don't have a specific number of books in mind [because] I have to get the inspiration bug in order to begin a new book ... I'll have to wait and see.

MARQUITA: I remember when you announced the completion of your first sequel and you said you were nervous about it ... I am assuming it turned out well since you've completed another sequel. How do you feel about your ability to write sequels now? Or does it still make you nervous?

BILI: (laughs) No, it doesn't make me nervous anymore. As long as I feel that my characters resonate with readers, I'll feel good about continuing their journeys. It's sometimes difficult to make sure my protagonist is not perfect. Every human being has at least one flaw, no matter how subtle.

LEARN MORE ABOUT BILI AND HER WORKS AT FBHERALD.COM/SPECIAL



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played individually or with friends. Set for 10-11 a.m. in the Computer Lab. fortbendlibraries.gov

30 Fall Brahman Show | Brahman USA's fall open Brahman show that's setting a new standard for integrity, excellence, competition and innovation, will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg. brahmanusa.org

November

Dia De Los Muertos Celebration | Lamar CISD Performing & Visual Arts Lamar CISD partnered with Rendezvous Event Center & Backyard for its Dia De Los Muertos Celebration from 4-8 p.m. The event will be filled with culture, music, food and heartfelt remembrance and showcase the creativity of the dis-

trict's skilled students.

Mistletoe Market | The St. Faustina Women of Mercy are hosting a Mistletoe Market from 9am-3pm at St. Faustina Catholic Church in Fulshear.

Texas Master Naturalist Nature Day | Join Texas Master Naturalist 10am- 2p.m. for a fun-filled and educational day celebrating nature at Seabourne Creek Nature Park in Rosenberg. This "Prairie Promenade- Nature Day event" is perfect for nature lovers, families, and outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. Includes a scavenger hunt, education stations, native plant and grass information and guided tours.

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THE SUGAR PLUM MARKET

Presented by Fort Bend Junior Service League and Title Sponsor Memorial Hermann Sugar Land, the Sugar Plum Market is the largest, all volunteer-run holiday

shopping extravaganza in Fort Bend that features more than 100 vendors with unique items for everyone. The market will be open from Nov. 5-8, from 8a-5pm at the Stafford Centre. Nov. 5 is the 2025 Sugar Plum Market Preview Night. sugarplummarket.com

7 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 Wessendorff Park at 500 Preston Street in Richmond and enjoy 2024's "Paddington in Peru" at 8:30 p.m. for free with the family. Future show: Dec. 5 (Glisten and the Merry Mission, 2023). richmondtx.gov

8 Murder Mystery Scavenger Hunt

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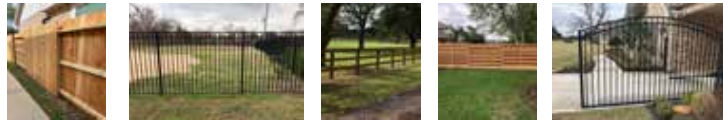
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