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Buy and Sell Event

Fort Bend Parents of Multiples a non-profit group support group is hosting a buy/sell or garage sale where members gather with all their gently used goodies for sale.

“We will also host a couple of small business vendors so shoppers can get a jump-start on gift giving,” said Kristine Mikolas, member of Fort Bend Parents of Multiples.

The buy/sell event is set for 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 5 at

Parkway United Methodist Church, 5801 New Territory Blvd. in Sugar Land.

Items that will be on hand include: Infant, toddler, children clothing, adult, and maternity clothes, shoes, toys, cribs, select furniture, strollers, car seats, exersaucers, outside toys, swim gear, and more.

Cash and credit cards are accepted. All sales are final.

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May, Steubing promoted to Assistant City Managers

Executive Director of Business and Governmental Affairs Jennifer May and City Engineer Chris Steubing, P.E., C.F.M, were recently promoted to

assistant city managers in Sugar Land.

The promotions were part of a city reorganization to address the loss of Assistant City Manager Mike Goodrum, who accepted the position of city manager in Coral Springs, Fla.

May’s management responsibilities now include

Parks and Recreation, Planning, Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development (including tourism and cultural arts), Human Resources, Finance and Communications, while Steubing will oversee Engineering, Information Technology, Environmental and Neighborhood Services, Permits and Inspections and Public Works.

First Assistant City Manager Steve Griffith will continue to manage fire, police, municipal court, public safety dispatch and aviation, and Assistant City Manager Jim Callaway is tasked with the extensive citywide planning process to prepare for annexation of Greatwood and New Territory on Dec. 12.

May has been with Sugar Land for 11 years. As executive director of business and governmental affairs, she was responsible for the oversight of economic development (including tourism and cultural arts), planning, communications and intergovernmental relations.

She previously served as director of economic development, providing leadership for the completion of agreements to secure the expansion of Sugar Land companies such as Nalco Champion, Applied Optoelectronics and Schlumberger, as well as the

recruitment of companies such as First Data and the implementation of the lease and development agreements for the Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land.

May’s Sugar Land career began in 2006 as a management assistant, a role in which she managed strategic planning and intergovernmental relations programs and served as the City’s liaison for a public-private partnership to transform a Central State Farm Prison building into the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land.

May holds a bachelor’s degree in public administration from the University of Arkansas and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Kansas with a focus on urban/city management. She is a member of the Texas City Management Association and International City/County Management Association, as well as a past-president of the Urban Management Professionals of South East Texas.

Steubing is a professional engineer with 20 years of city, county and private-sector experience in the field of engineering and construction project management. He has served as Sugar Land’s city engineer since 2006, providing



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oversight of plat and plan reviews for new developments and construction of civil infrastructure improvements. He has also managed the development and implementation of the city's capital improvement program, including planning, design and construction of all

construction projects, and provided leadership for floodplain management and administration, thoroughfare planning and land acquisition.

He provided leadership and oversight for the design and construction of the Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, the largest capital improvement project in the City's history, and has provided leadership on projects to develop plans and programs to establish and strengthen relationships and protocols with the city's drainage and transportation partners.

Prior to Sugar Land, Steubing spent the first 10 years of his career in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in leadership positions with Denton County, the cities of Decatur and Colleyville and Racetrac Petroleum.

He received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University in 1996, earned a Texas engineering license in 2002 and completed the LBJ School of Public Affairs Public Executive Institute in April 2016. He is a member of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Texas Society of Professional Engineers,



the Texas Floodplain Management Association, the American Public Works Association and the Construction Managers Association of America.

He and his wife, Darla, have been married for more than 20 years and have three children.



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At Sugar Land

Tom Larsen Is Texana's Volunteer Of The Year

Texana Center hosted the 2017 Reaching for the Stars Awards Ceremony at Harvest Green in Richmond in the new 'Farmhouse' community center.

Ten awards were presented at this "Oscar style" awards gathering and, to make the event more special, 17 year old Justin Gustafson provided a drum roll for each opening of the envelope and winner announcement.

Texana Center has always asked Tom Larsen to present the 'Lou Larsen Volunteer of the Year Award', named for his late wife who was one of Texana's most dedicated volunteers. However, this year Texana surprised him with the award using the 'Oscar envelope mix up.'

Larsen has volunteered at Texana Center since the non-profit was formed in 1999. Prior to that, he volunteered for Texana's predecessor organization - so he has been volunteering for at least 25 years.

Tom has spent many hours at Texana



Presenter, Andi Wallis is picture with the Lou Larsen Volunteer of the Year, Tom Larsen.

helping with all kinds of projects including; a garage sale, carrying donated supplies into the art room, selling clients' arts & crafts at all kinds of expo's and craft fairs.

He is an active participant in the Center's Christmas Choir Program helping; to organize the event and donating refreshments to make sure the evening is a great success and that the choir members with intellectual & development disabilities (IDD) had a great time.

He has also donated numerous large

ticket items to the center and always thinks of Texana and how he can help.

"There are so many things that Tom has done for our clients, that we would be here a long time if I listed them all but, it is the reason why I am delighted to give him this award as he is a very deserving winner," said Andi Wallis, Community Relations Manager, who coordinates the volunteer program at Texana Center.

Other awards winners are: IDD Employee of the Year - Brandon Black; BH Supported Employment Employee of the Year - Alejandro Chavez; Supported Employment Employer of the Year - Lowe's Home Improvement in Missouri City; Supported Employment Manager of the Year - Kevin McDermott; Company of the Year - Cherrydale Farms; Champion of Behavioral Healthcare - Pat Sumner; Community Supporter of the Year - Fort Bend Cares Foundation; Volunteer Organization - Exchange Club of Sugar Land and Media of the Year - Fort Bend Herald.

Help the Fort Bend Rainbow Room support local youth

Malcolm LaCoste is participating in the Cypress Triathlon Weekend July 29 - 30 and has chosen to raise money for children involved within the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Fort Bend Rainbow Room announced it is supporting LaCoste's efforts in this event.

LaCoste, who will be participating in the triathlon for the second year but this time at the senior level division, is trying to raise \$1,000.

"I realize how blessed and fortunate I am to be able to participate in activities like this and I know that is not the case for all kids," LaCoste

said. "That is one of the reasons I have decided to help support a wonderful organization called the Rainbow Room. I want to help other kids who may be having a tough time [get] the things they need like new clothes and shoes, school supplies and even diapers for babies."

For more information visit my.reason2race.com/MalcolmLaCoste/CypressTri2017



Malcolm LaCoste hopes to raise \$1,000 for children in need.

Youth In Philanthropy students building a better community

Hope For Three Autism Advocates earned a Recognized Leadership Award of \$1,250 from The George Foundation for their active participation and involvement with the Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) Program.

The YIP program enabled 162 students from 21 schools in Fort Bend County to learn the roles of volunteering and philanthropy and how they serve in building a better community for all. YIP has been in existence since 1997 and partners with the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, Fort Bend County school districts, local businesses and

the community-at-large.

Because of this county-wide partnership, \$200,000 in scholarship awards were handed out as a celebration of the 20th anniversary of YIP.



Caroline Bordelon, Hope For Three Development Director, and students at the University of Houston Sugar Land campus after completing their YIP project for Hope For Three.



The annual Doggone Fun Run and Canine Carnival in Sienna Plantation raised \$24,500 for Fort Bend Cares, which provides programs for disadvantaged children in Fort Bend.

Doggone Fun Run Fetches \$24K for Fort Bend Cares

The recent Doggone Fun Run and Canine Carnival in Sienna Plantation raised \$24,500 for Fort Bend Cares.

The event combined the charity's annual dog-friendly 5K run and 1-mile Run/Walk with the Fort Bend community's yearly Canine Carnival for a day-long festival of fur in support of disadvantaged children.

More than 200 walkers and

runners laced up their sneakers and leashed up their dogs for the event, which was held at Sienna's Village of Sawmill Lake, raising \$8,700 more than the previous year.

"We were thrilled to be part of Fort Bend Cares' fundraising efforts," said Allison Bond, marketing director for Sienna Plantation. "Our Canine Carnival is very popular, but using it to benefit local children made it that much more special."

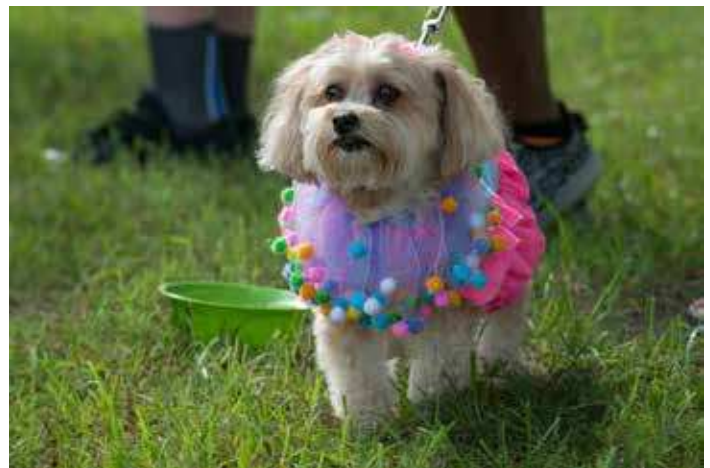
Children were not the only beneficiaries. The Fort Bend Animal Shelter and Hunting for Adopt a Rescued Friend offered on-site adoptions, giving a number of animals a chance at a forever home.

Following the run, well-heeled pups competed for top-dog status in a costume contest and the high-energy Houston Disc Dogs took to the lawn with tricks and back flips delighting dog-lovers of all ages. Music, carnival rides, inflatables, food trucks and other family-

friendly activities rounded out the tail-wagging fun.

The annual Doggone Fun Run and Canine Carnival in Sienna

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INSPIRATION STAGE

Inspiration Stage's Jasmine Rogers Wins the TUTS Tommy Tune Award for Best Actress

Photos by Erika Waldorf

National award-winning Inspiration Stage is proud to congratulate one of its own – Jasmine Rogers.

A graduating senior and veteran of the school's theatre department and Sugar Land's community theatre, Inspiration Stage, Jasmine was recently awarded the coveted Best Actress nod in the greater Houston area Tommy Tune Award Ceremony for her portrayal of The Witch in Austin High School's "Into the Woods."

Hosted by Theatre Under the Stars (TUTS), the Tommy Tune Awards recognize and reward excellence in high school musical theatre created by students and educators in the greater Houston metropolitan area. 2017 marked the Awards' 15th year. The 2017 ceremony, held April 18 at the Hobby Center, recognized theatre troupes from 45 local high schools from districts including Fort Bend, Lamar Consolidated, Houston, Pearland, and more.

Participating schools performed a chosen musical before judges in the Spring, in anticipation of nominations for a variety of awards at the annual awards showcase. Jasmine was awarded the top honor after competing against eight talented peers nominated in the Best Actress category.

Jasmine brought to life, in an incredibly sinister way, the much-hated witch. Surprised and elated by her win, her Tommy Tune acceptance speech, which was riddled with the class that she portrays in all areas of her life, was filled with thanks to her mother, Jacquelyn McCardell, for all of her support through the years.

"Winning this award was an amazing experience — one that I will treasure for the rest of my life," Rogers said. "The Witch has always been a dream role of mine, and finally getting to portray her on stage was incredible. I was glad to finish my high-school career portraying such a strong character, and hope to tackle the show again in the future."

Rogers was born in Boston, where she lived until her family moved to Texas in 2010. She is currently a Richmond resident. Rogers, who knew from a very young age that she liked to perform, was seven years old when she was cast in her first play as a member of Tiger Lily's tribe in Milford Performing Arts Center's production of *Peter Pan*, a community theatre production in Milford, Mass.

"Jasmine has always loved to sing, and putting it together with acting just seemed to make sense," said McCardell. "She likes to challenge herself. I remember the audition for her first musical. Jasmine was only seven and she chose to audition with Popular from 'Wicked.' I asked if she might want to pick something a little easier, and she said, 'No thanks, I like this song.'"

Subsequently, she has performed in dozens of school and community productions, with some of her favorite musical roles being Mimi in "Rent," Candy in "Zombie Prom," Danielle in "Bring it On," Aunt Spiker in "James and the Giant Peach, Jr.," and of course, The Witch in "Into the Woods." One of her favorite non-musical roles was portraying Marie Antoinette, in the play of the same name.

"Acting has taught me so many things about myself. The beautiful thing about being on stage in front of an audience is how you can feel completely vulnerable and safe at the same time," Rogers said. "The art of story telling is such an amazing thing; you have the ability to make an audience member think, change their perspective, or simply just brighten their day. There is nothing else I would rather do."

Jasmine's first show with Inspiration Stage was "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," during iStage's inaugural year.

She has dedicated hours to developing unique characters in both adult and youth productions, but her breakthrough performance that truly wowed audiences, was her portrayal as Mimi in "Rent" in 2016. The same year, she starred in "James and the Giant Peach, Jr.," which later traveled to Atlanta in January 2017 to compete at the Junior Theatre Festival.

For her role of James' ridiculous Aunt Spiker, Jasmine received an All Star Cast Award and the show received the festival's top honor of Outstanding Performance, both presented in front of the festival's 6,000 attendees.

"Jasmine shines onstage and off. She is a fearless performer who works tirelessly to bring her characters to life," said Mandy Seymore-Sensat, Inspiration Stage's artistic director. "She has a tremendous voice that takes your breath away."

Jasmine auditioned for and was accepted to many performing arts schools across the country, from Texas

all the way to Boston. She made her final decision to attend the Manhattan School of Music, where she will continue to train and perform in coming years, with aspirations of eventually tackling Broadway.

"Jasmine's future looks bright," said Seymore-Sensat. "It has been a joy to watch her grow and to see her spread her wings and soar. I know she is destined for big things. I'm so very proud of her."



Jasmine portrays Danielle in "Bring it On" in September of 2016 at Inspiration Stage.



Jasmine portrays James' evil Aunt Spiker in Inspiration Stage's production of James and the Giant Peach in November 2016. Also shown: James' other evil Aunt Sponge Maura Dooley.



Jasmine and her mother Jacquelyn McCardell, Jasmine's biggest fan and greatest supporter.

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Rosenberg Railroad Museum Garden Cocktail Party

Herald Photos By Diana Nguyen

Donned in pastels, cocktail dresses and train-print button downs, several dozen guests gathered at the Rosenberg Railroad Museum in June for the museum's Garden Cocktail Party. The occasion celebrated 25 years since the dream of a museum began, and 15 years since the RRM opened its doors. The event honored Fort Bend County Precinct 1 Commissioner Vincent Morales and wife Regina, showcased the Garden Railroad in action, provided tasty bites and cocktails donated by local restaurants, and held a silent auction to benefit the museum.



1 Barbie Benton and Rosenberg Parks board member George Zepeda enjoy the Rosenberg Railroad Museum's Garden Cocktail Party.

2 Houston Area G-Gaugers members Keith Stratton and Craig Percora, converse about train technicalities and

who will win the Train basket.

3 From left, Beverly and mom, Caroline Banfield, Marsha Vogelsang, former Rosenberg mayor Joe Gurecky and Paul Knight enjoy the Rosenberg Railroad Museum's Garden Cocktail Party.

4 Mom Shawna and daughters Sydney and Sophia Russo enjoy the tasty food.

5 From left, Rosenberg Railroad Museum Education Coordinator Tracy Hobdy, Lisa and Bill Rickert smile as they listen to Honorary Event Chair and Fort Bend County Precinct 1 Commissioner Vincent Morales' speech.

6 Ol' Railroad Cafe owner Daniel Ornelas takes a look at the miniature moving trains at the Rosenberg Railroad Museum's Garden Cocktail Party. In back, Christina Nguyen and Event Chair Linda Leathers share a conversation.

7 Honorary Chairs Vincent and Regina Morales hold up a gifted mark of



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Fort Bend Spring Brunch raised nearly \$51,000 — more than double its goal — during an exciting and colorful occasion. The festive fete, chaired by Fort Bend County residents Susie Goff and Susan Novasad, took place on May 8 at the Fort Bend Children's Discovery Center. More than 200 guests attended the event which is known for its extravagant and ornate hats.



1 Amanda Wisian and Jessica Jubin

2 Ann Smith, Nell Ciancarelli, JoAnn Eagleton, Betty Baitland, Bridgit Yeung

3 Chair Susie Goff

4 Co-Chair Susan Novasad with daughter Tiffany Ley

5 Debbie Gamble, Judy Kisner and Lynn Halford

6 Diana Null and daughter Tracy Pipes

7 Farrah Gandhi and Sonal Bhuchar

8 Jamie Harris, Tiffany Ley and Jenn Sadler

9 Jan Bartholomew and Chair Susie Goff

10 Lisa Wood, Karen Liles, Debbie Nash, Julie Falcon and Kim Kelly

11 Nancy Olson and Ruthane Mefford

12 Rose Hinz, Londa Rourick, Nancy Olson and Debbie Marcell



FOR 35 YEARS THE FORT BEND BOYS CHOIR HAS BEEN ABOUT EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT

BY MARQUITA GRIFFIN

Forget what you think you know about boys choirs if descriptions like “effeminate,” “weak,” “snobbish,” or “weird” come to mind, because you are reacting to unfair fallacies and stigmas shrouding boys choirs, said William “Bill” Adams, founder of the Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas.

“People have this image about what a boys choir is and it is so very wrong,” he said. “They think boys are in the choir because they can’t be in anything else. That they can’t play sports. That they are weak. That they are sissies.

“This is far from the truth.”

Adams, who performed in The Phoenix Boys Choir in the early 60s, has long understood the stigmas of an all-boys choir, but was never deterred from finding solace in the music.

“I loved the hauntingly beautiful sounds of boys singing together,” Adams said. “That was my impetus [to get involved with the boys choir].

“When I was younger I was a big guy ... a big guy who played football and was a good singer.”

And his experience is precisely why he stresses that “what other people think” should not discourage boys who enjoy singing from auditioning for the choir.

“The choir offers them an equality that is not present in the world.”

William Adams

“Our choir boys play sports, too,” he said. “They’re into all kinds of other activities. Just because they sing in the choir does not mean they can’t or won’t

do anything else.

“What the boys find in the choir is a comradeship because although they all come from different cultures, races and socioeconomic backgrounds, the choir offers them an equality that is not present in the world.

“On the stage they are all equal. They don’t have to justify themselves to each other. They are in the choir for one reason: To sing well.”

Epitome of a Positive Message

The choir is divided among five performing ensembles: the Training, Town and Tour Choirs; the alumni choir called Cantabilé; and Music Magic, an introductory program for six and seven year old boys.

The choirboys, who are selected by audition, rehearse twice a week and the Tour Choir performs concerts, at weddings and conventions, and have even been requested to perform for commercials and television specials.

“I have heard nothing but positive reviews from people who have heard our boys sing,” said Tiana Mortimer, the choir’s executive director who has been involved with the choir for 18 years. “And those who haven’t heard us, they are intrigued by us. Especially in these times when there are so many news stories about boys

getting in trouble because these choirboys are on stage proving to be a positive message.”

New Territory mom Tami Hawkins praises the Fort Bend Boys Choir for offering instruction in lessons far beyond singing.

“The choir has been instrumental in teaching Eli about what it takes to be a model young man,” she said. “Mr. Adams, as well as the other directors, teach each of the boys the importance of being self disciplined, being courteous and well mannered, being confident, and being kind, all while allowing them to be boys.”

Hawkins’ son, Eli, who has been in the choir for four years, three of them on the Tour Choir, said boys who join the choir will be amazed at the opportunities afforded to them.

“We touch people through song, become strong musicians, learn to be more mature and make friends who are trustworthy and supportive,” he said. “We work hard but we have a great time while doing it.”

These are precisely the lessons the directors of the choir want the boys to learn.

“We teach the boys that the world can be a better place and they can do that through music,” Mortimer added. “Music is powerful. Music can transcend everything.”

More than Singing Lessons

Each choirboy is required to maintain high academic standards and adequately manage their dedication to the choir as

“Music is powerful. Music can transcend everything.”

Tiana Mortimer

well as to any other activities like scouts, sports, church or volunteering.

“And from early on they learn leadership roles, organization and responsibility,” said Mortimer.

Liz Dewey, who has been a member of the choir’s board of directors since 2012, added that the choir also teaches the boys “discipline that will help them long after they voice out of the choir.”

“Mr. Adams teaches the boys: ‘If you’re on-time you’re late. If you’re early, you’re great,’” Dewey added.

Alex Dewey, Liz’s 16-year-old son, was a member of the Fort Bend Boys Choir and testified to the benefits of the structure the choir provided.

“It helped me learn discipline and self control, which I need in band,” said Alex, who is currently a member of his high school’s varsity choir and band.

Mortimer also stressed that the boys learn the importance of being able to rehearse and perform alongside others who are different from themselves.

“What they discover is they are singing with other boys who also enjoy singing,” Mortimer said. “They may be different in every other way, except that, and that is what brings them together.”

While society may focus on uncontrollable characteristics of people like race or the social class they were born into, Adams said the Fort Bend Boys Choir is resolute in teaching the boys that it does not matter where they came from, but rather where they are going.

During the camps, Adams, who is a licensed child psychologist, discusses more than music with the boys.

“When we have our camps we incorporate in lessons from how to deal with bullies and build self-confidence to learning how to take your mask off.”

That mask Adams refers to is the “face” people put on in order to reflect society’s definition of success.

“I have an empty box at camp where they can put their ‘mask,’” Adams said. “They can be themselves here because



The Tour Choir at the Pinecone Dedication at the January 2017 campfire at winter vocal camp. The choir has two vocal camps a year — a week long summer camp in August and a winter camp in January.

this choir is about empowerment. There are no boys who are better than the others. No one has to sit on the sidelines. Every boy sings. Every boy is important.”

Embraced by the Community

The Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas is in its 35th year and it shows no signs of

fading out like boys choirs around the nation and world have. Since its inception in 1982, nearly 6,000 boys have sung in the Fort Bend Boys Choir, which Adams says testifies to the choir’s uniqueness.

“This community has been awesome with its support,” Adams said. “From parents and businesses to civic clubs and companies, they all have embraced us and that is why we are a unique niche. That’s why we are successful.”

Adams is humbled by how receptive Fort Bend is of the choir, especially considering some of the comments made when he first had the idea to start it.

“I was told: ‘You know, Fort Bend is more of a sports place,’” Adams recalled. “But then I figured why not give it a try? I mean, if I didn’t try I would never know.”

Although there were no such organization like a boys choir in Fort Bend at the time, and Adams would have to build it from scratch, he had more than enough experience to make it happen.

Immediately prior to starting the Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas, Adams was a director with The Singing Boys of Houston for six years. And to his credit, he has also worked with both adult and children’s choirs and toured both in the US and abroad and served as a guest conductor of the Vienna Boys Choir and the Vienna Chamber Orchestra.

On top of that Adams earned his Bachelor of Arts degree with a dual major in psychology and vocal performance

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Choirboy brothers Ian and Jason Cannon with Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas founder and Artistic Director Bill Adams. Photo by Terri Cannon



Tour Choir boys, from left, John Hoelscher, Charlie Kacal, Joshua Thurman and Shaurya Mathur at the Corvette Museum during their 2015 Tennessee summer tour.

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from Northern Arizona University and a Master of Arts degree in psychology from Arizona State University.

With that kind of experience and encouragement from friends, especially those in the local school districts, Adams pushed forward and started the choir with 42 boys.

“And then more boys joined and I had to split the choir into two choirs and then split it again,” Adams said, the pride clear in his voice. “Over the years the choir has blossomed.”

The choir currently has more than 130 choirboys making it the largest independent boychoir in the world.

“When I first started the choir, I just wanted to see if it would fly,” Adams said.

“And it flew.”

A Wonderful Opportunity

“It doesn’t seem like it’s been 35 years

“But society has changed so much [since the choir’s inception] and I will admit this

“When I first started the choir, I just wanted to see if it would fly...and it flew.”

William Adams

is a difficult time for a boys choir with so much grabbing for our children’s attention.

“But the boys still come to audition and we’re trying to encourage even more. So society may have changed, but it’s clear people still love hearing these boys sing,” he added. “And come to think of it, that hasn’t changed in the last 500 years.”

In early June the Tour Choir traveled to Zürich, Switzerland, serving as musical ambassadors of Fort Bend County and Texas during a two-week performance tour.

The summer tours are a traditional event for the choir, and in the past the boys have traveled to around Texas and the nation as well as Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Mexico, Canada, Denmark, Italy, Australia and France.

“This choir is a great opportunity for young boys, and not only because of the singing,” Adams said. “Singing is the tool to get them excited about life. They get to travel. They get represent their community. They build their confidence.

“We teach them to become much more than singers.”

An Important Organization

Tami Hawkins of New Territory praises the Fort Bend Boys Choir for teaching her 13-year-old son, Elijah “Eli” Hawkins, “incredibly strong musicianship.”



“My husband and I have seen such growth in Eli since he started with the choir,” she said. “We are so glad that we made the

choice to join the organization.” Eli, who has been in the choir for four years said “it feels good to know that other boys look up to [him] as a role model.”

“Mr. A has taught me how to be the best musician that I can possibly be,” Eli said. “His guidance has even helped me become a better drummer in my middle school band. I like the fact that I am becoming more responsible and mature.”

“I, at times, feel as if values such as kindness, courtesy, and manners are lacking in people, in general, today,” his mother said. “The Fort Bend Boys Choir is definitely doing their part to help shape these young men to go out and positively influence everyone they come in contact with.”

Eli said he also enjoys singing with his friends, learning new things and traveling to different places.

“The Tour Choir travels every summer in order to share our music in other places. My first year in Tour Choir we went to Tennessee. It was the first time I had been away from home and my family. I was gone for 10 days, I had a great time, though.

“We got to sing for a lot of different people—one of the times we sang in a cave! We don’t only sing when we tour. We also went to visit the Grand Ol’ Opry, went to Dollywood, and we did some zip lining.”

Last year the choir went to Minnesota and has the chance to take a paddleboat cruise and visit the Mall of America.



Photo by Geof Nesossi of Nesossi Studios



AUDITION NOW!

The Fort Bend Boys Choir of Texas will be holding auditions throughout the summer. Auditions are free and parents can call the office at 281-240-3800 or visit fbbctx.org to complete forms.

Tiana Mortimer, whose own son was in the choir for five years, stressed getting the boys into the choir as early as possible is important.

“We are trying to get parents to see the value of getting their sons involved early because there is a limited amount of time a boys can be in this choir,” she said. “Sometimes parents don’t realize that their son’s voices can change quickly. Sometimes it seems like overnight. That voice will be gone before they know it.”

Visit fbbctx.org for more information.

The Sweet Taste of Summer

Summer is in full effect and we hope you're enjoying it. But if you're running out of ideas on what to do with your time, we have you covered. From local events and attractions to movies being released soon, we are sure we have something to pique your interests.

To start, consider the fun activity of making ice cream with your kids on those really hot days. It's sweet, cold and edible. Win, win, win situation.

No Ice Cream Maker? No problem.

Follow these simple steps to make vanilla ice cream from scratch:

You'll Need:

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 2 cups half-and-half cream
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Time: 3.5 hours

Step 1

Prep Your Pan

Freeze an empty freezer-safe shallow bowl or pan. If you can, use a 13x9-inch pan, but anything stainless steel works well here. Avoid any material that might shatter.

Step 2

Mix It Up

In a large bowl, stir all the ingredients until the sugar is dissolved.

Tip: For the smoothest texture, make sure the sugar is completely dissolved before you freeze.

Step 3

Freeze

Transfer your mixture into the cold pan and stick it back in the freezer for about 20-30 minutes. Around that time, check the ice cream. Once the edges start to freeze, take out the mixture and beat it using a hand mixer.

Step 4

Back to the Freezer

Return the pan to the freezer. Every 30 minutes or so, take it back out and beat the ice cream again. Repeat until it is firmly frozen, usually around four or five mixing sessions. Once it's frozen, the mixture should be smooth and creamy.

If at any time the ice cream becomes too hard, place it in the refrigerator until it becomes soft enough to beat, and then continue the process.

Store the ice cream in a covered freezer container until ready to serve.

Now that you know the basics, try these ice cream upgrades:

- Mix in chunks of your favorite candy bars.
- Drizzle in toppings like melted caramel, dark chocolate or toffee.
- Layer the ice cream between two cookies for the ultimate dessert. Take it to the next level with our recipe for Candy Craze Ice Cream Sandwiches.
- Add in unexpected flavors like chocolate and sriracha or maple syrup and fig.



By breaking up the ice cream, you'll help make it smooth and creamy. You cannot beat the mixture too much.



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We know that many of you may decided to stick close to home this summer and to keep your summer fun-filled we thought we should compile a list of local spots you and your family can enjoy.



3. Brazos Bend State Park

Nestled in a serene area of Fort Bend County is a park where camping, picnicking, hiking, biking, horseback riding and fishing are high on the list of things to do. The Brazos Bend State Park, which was opened to the public in 1984, covers about 5,000 acres and is home to alligators, deer, raccoons, telescopes aimed at the heavens and a mock-up of the NASA mission control center. Watch alligators sunbathe, check out the Nature Center's exhibits or be amazed by what you see at the George Observatory and the Challenger Learning Center, also found in the park. The George Observatory, which is operated by the Houston Museum of Natural Science, is home to three large telescopes. On a clear night, visitors can catch a glimpse of star constellations and planets such as Jupiter and Venus. Camping is a major attraction for the park, and it also has a handicap-accessible nature trail and pier. Walking trails wind their way through the trees and will even lead walkers down to the edge of the Brazos River.

21901 FM 762, Needville

979-553-5102

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/brazos-bend

4. Fort Bend Museum

Known as one of Texas' best local history showcases, the Fort Bend Museum allows visitors to travel through time to experience life on the Brazos River. The museum features galleries, historic home museums, walking tours of Richmond and exhibits that interpret more than 100 years of history of the area and Texas. This award-winning museum chronicles the settlement of Fort Bend County by the "Old 300" who received Mexican land grants through Stephen F. Austin.

500 Houston St., Richmond

281-342-6478

www.fortbendmuseum.org

5. George Memorial Library

The central hub for the Fort Bend County Libraries is the George Memorial Library. The library offers a broad spectrum of services to patrons of all ages, from checking out books,

videos, CD's and magazines to searching databases and using computers. Children enjoy weekly programs and activities, including the popular Summer Reading Club. Teenage patrons are invited to activities tailored to their age range and interests. Adults can take advantage of free computer classes and computers are available for patrons or they may bring personal laptops to access the library's Wi-Fi service. Adult readers may also enjoy participating in Book Clubs that meet monthly at all nine locations of the system. Each branch library offers special programs and incentives to encourage children to read. Call the George Memorial Branch at 281-342-4455 to sign up. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call 281-341-2677 or visit www.fortbend.lib.tx.us.

1001 Golfview Dr., Richmond
281-342-4455

www.fortbend.lib.tx.us



6. George Ranch Historical Park

Discover a treasury of Texas traditions at this park where visitors can experience more than 100 years of Texas history. The George Ranch Historical Park is a living history museum that tracks four generations of one family over 100 years of Texas history. Tour an authentic 1890s Victorian mansion, sit around the campfire with cowboys during a spring roundup and witness long-forgotten crafts such as the making of lye soap, all in the same day. Visitors are greeted by authentically costumed characters who accompany them on tours through the restored homes, barns and buildings on the grounds.

10215 FM 762 Rd., Richmond
281-343-0218

www.georgeranch.org

1. Fort Bend Children's Discovery Center

The Fort Bend Children's Discovery Center is a very special project of the Children's Museum of Houston. The Discovery Center occupies a 12,000 square foot restored building and features six exhibits. It gives the Museum the opportunity to enrich the educational lives of Fort Bend's children by expanding cultural and educational family-focused opportunities. All Fort Bend Children's Discovery Center exhibits will be managed as platforms for learning for children birth through 12 years, with specific, measurable educational outcomes for each. Each exhibit will be focused on a quintessential childhood question such as "How Does it Work?" The exhibits will reflect the requirements mandated by Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for children in grades K-6.

198 Kempner St., Sugar Land
832-742-2800

www.childrensdiscoveryfb.org



2. Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center

Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center is the only dual rink facility in the Gulf Coast. This means that we offer open skating sessions to the Public almost every day of the week. You do not need your own skates in order to enjoy Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center. The center carries a full line of rental skates in a wide range of sizes, as well as, both hockey style and figure style skates so you are sure to find a pair that fits you just right. Special public skating sessions are held through out the year. This includes theme skates and sessions designed for various groups such as teens. Check the calendar link for the most up-to-date schedule.

16225 Lexington Blvd, Sugar Land
281-265-7464

sugarlandice.com



7. Rosenberg Rail Road Museum

The museum resembles the circa 1900 Union Depot that served Rosenberg rail travelers as they made their way through Fort Bend County. Indoor cabinets house historic artifacts, including lanterns, oil lamps, tools and photos of Rosenberg at the turn of the century. Visitors can sit at the station agent's desk and watch the trains chug through the rail yard. Model railroad layouts are on display, an 1879 business car undergoing refurbishing, a switching station and Tower 17, the last tower in Texas that operated. The museum offers model railroad camps, children's school and summer programs, birthday parties and more.

1921 Avenue F Rosenberg
281-633-2846
www.rosenbergrrmuseum.org



8. Seabourne Creek Nature Park

The City of Rosenberg opened this 164-acre park in the summer of 2000. The park features walking, jogging, and biking trails, wetlands, prairie restoration area, butterfly garden, restrooms, and a 4-acre lake stocked with bass, perch and catfish. Also inside the park is the R.W. Lindsey Gazebo, which is 1,025 square feet equipped with electricity and available for rentals.

3831 Highway 36 South,
Rosenberg



9. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land

Housed in the former dormitory of the Central State Farm prison, which was built in 1939, the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land was the result of a partnership between the museum, the city of Sugar Land and Telfair developer Newland Communities. The museum is a 43,000 square foot facility that hosts both permanent and traveling exhibits.

13016 University Blvd., Sugar Land
281-313-2277
www.hmns.org/hmns-at-sugar-land

10. Sugar Land Town Square

Home to the 1.4 acre Sugar Land Town Plaza, Sugar Land Town Square is a mix of activity appealing to children, adults, couples and family units. Shopping and playing often combine here where you can shop at the nations most popular retailers, spend a night watching a movie under the moon with your children or dine out with friends a local restaurants. To find out which events are hitting the plaza visit:

www.sugarlandtownsquare.com.



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Events & Happenings

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FORT BEND 4-H SUMMER ROBOTICS CLASSES

Plug into the world of 4-H Robotics & connect with future 4-H club members. Fort Bend 4-H will be holding three introductory robotics classes this summer at various Fort Bend County libraries. The classes are FREE and open to Fort Bend County youth in 3rd-8th grade. Youth will use Lego EV3 kits to explore constructing and programming simple robots. Just choose the class nearest you and reserve your spot online at agrillife.org/ftbend4h. Max 14 youth per class.

- University Library, 14010 University Blvd. in Sugar Land; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 6
- Sienna Library, 8411 Sienna Springs Blvd. in Missouri City; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 13
- Cinco Ranch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Blvd. in Katy; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 20

PERFORM ON THE BIG STAGE WITH INSPIRATION STAGE THIS SUMMER, AND GET \$50 OFF!

Which Inspiration Stage shows did YOU see at the Sugar Land Auditorium this season? Which show was your (or your child's) favorite?

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Inspiration Stage offers summer camps for these shows, and more, including the Lion King, Annie, the Wizard of Oz and Shrek. You can be this summer's Annie, Simba, Princess Fiona, Marie, Ariel, the Cat in the Hat, or Alex the Lion in a summer performance of these fun shows at the Sugar Land Auditorium.

And now, you can even get \$50 off tuition. Just use the code "SAVE50" at checkout. The 2017 summer schedule includes 19 youth summer camps for ages four through 18. For a comprehensive list of camps with dates and times, visit <http://inspirationstage.com/Summer/>

ENJOY MUSIC IN THE PARK WITH SAVANNAH ADKINS & MORE

The Historic Richmond Association will present its Annual Music in the Park Summer Series at Wessendorff Park, 400 Preston Street in Richmond. Each show will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring your blankets and chairs. The remaining summer performances include: Savannah Adkins on July 14; Sydney Bryant on Aug. 11; and Kayla Gulley on Sept. 8.

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START YOUR SUMMER VACATION AT THE LOCAL LIBRARY

July Programs At University Branch Library

Fort Bend County Libraries' University Branch Library, 14010 University Blvd in Sugar Land, on the UH campus, presents a variety of free children's programs, adult computer classes, book clubs, and special programs for people of all ages each month. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call the University Branch Library (281-633-5100) or the library system's Public Information Office (281-633-4734).

Special Events

1. "Creat Infographics Online with Piktochart"

Wednesday, July 5; 2:00 pm, Computer Lab.

Staff from the library's Adult Services department will demonstrate how people with little-to-no experience can create informative and engaging infographics, reports, or marketing materials with this free online resource, which provides templates, icons, and graphics. Those attending the class should have a working email address already set up. Reservations required. Registration will open on June 21. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on "Events," select "University Branch," and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library at 281-633-5100, or by visiting the library.

2. "Presenting with Prezi"

Thursday, July 6, 2:00 pm, Computer Lab.

Learn how to design presentations with Prezi, the free presentation software that allows one to craft visually stunning presentations with ease. Learn tips and tricks that will help streamline the presentation. Registrations required. Registration will open on June 22. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on "Events," select "University Branch Library," and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library at 281-633-5100, or by visiting the library.

3. "7 Tips to Rock Your Business Plan"

Friday, July 7, 10:30 am, Meeting Room 1.

SCORE mentor Tiffany Taylor-Hicks will provide insight into how to create a customized business plan that will achieve

successful results through increased client sales. Learn how to develop strategies by knowing the competition and understanding one's customers and their needs.

4. "Facebook for Business"

Thursday, July 13, 2:00 pm, Computer Lab.

Learn how to use this popular social-media website to grow a business. Get tips on setting up a business page and hear about features that are unique to business pages.

Reservations are required. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on "Events," select "University Branch Library," and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library at 281-633-5100, or by visiting the library.

5. "Culinary Book Club"

Wednesday, July 19; 1:30 pm, Meeting Room 2.

This month, the theme is "Firecracker Food." Hear about spicy or patriotic food. Cooking enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels - from beginners to advanced - are invited to join. Those attending are welcome to bring their own cookbooks and recipes, or they may browse the library's collection of cookbooks. Share tips, get ideas, and enjoy the camaraderie of other individuals who have an interest in cooking and good cuisine! Meets on the third Wednesday of every month; different cooking genres are explored each month.

6. "College Financial Aid: Filling Out the FAFSA"

Wednesday, July 19; 7:00 pm, Meeting Room 2.

Completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the first step toward receiving federal or state financial aid for college. Kathy Rose, Executive Director of the CollegeCommunityCareer nonprofit organization in Sugar Land, will provide an overview of the FAFSA-application process, including how to apply and what to expect when applying. Learn about what types of information will be needed to complete the application, and how to avoid common mistakes. She will also discuss the TASFA (Texas Application for State Financial Aid), and the process to go about applying for this financial aid. Worksheets for the FAFSA can be downloaded from FAFSA's webpage, <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. College-bound high-school students and their parents are encouraged to attend this informative presentation on completing the FAFSA application.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

(for teens in grades 9-12)

1. "YA Creative Dance"

Thursday, July 20, 2:00 pm, Meeting Room 1. Jia Ma, director of the Mitsi Dancing School, will teach basic elements of creative dance improvisation, including dance movements and combinations.

2. "YA: Harry Potter Birthday Celebration"

Saturday, July 29, 1:00-4:30 pm, Meeting Room 1. Celebrate the birthday of Harry Potter, the fictional character created by author J.K. Rowling, with trivia, crafts, butterbeer, and a showing of a recently released movie from the popular series (rated PG-13). This program is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the University Branch Library.



will NOT take place on July 31.

2. Toddler Time

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am - offers caregiver/child activities, stories and songs for older babies, from 12 to 36 months of age. This activity will NOT take place on July 4; the library will be closed for the holiday.

3. Preschool Story Time

Thursdays at 10:30 am - presents stories, movies, and age-appropriate craft activities for children 3 to 6 years of age.

4. Pajama Night Story Time

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm - gives families an evening option for some activities presented during the day time.

5. Rise & Shine Family Story Time

Saturdays at 10:30 am. Families with children of all ages are invited to come and enjoy stories, movies, and crafts together.



FAMILY PROGRAMS

This summer, the library will have special Family Programs - activities for families with children of all ages -- on Wednesdays, beginning at 2:00 pm. These programs are made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the University Branch Library. The library is not able to accommodate daycares or school groups at these activities. The July schedule is as follows:

July 5 - Movie Day

July 12 - Mr. Jeffrey's Magic Shop (presented by Jeffrey Gardner)

July 19 - Stories from Near and Far (presented by Leona Hoegsberg)

July 26 - Craft Carnival & Snacks

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Middle School Programs, which are designed for youth in grades 6 through 8, take place every Monday, beginning at 3:00 pm, in the summer. These programs are made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the University Branch Library. The library is not able to accommodate daycares or school groups at these activities. The July schedule is as follows:

July 3 - Movie Day

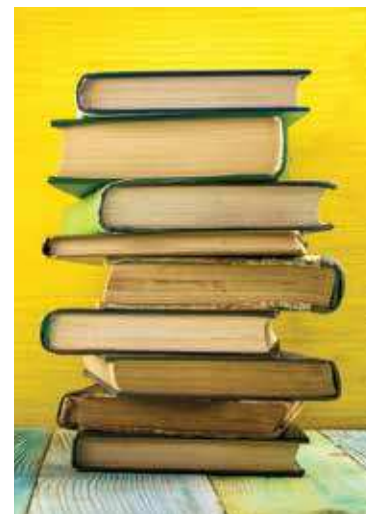
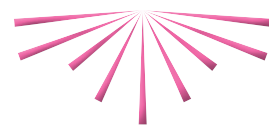
July 10 - Let's Go LEGO®!

July 17 - Rocks & Minerals (presented by Houston Museum of Natural Science). Learn the differences between rocks and minerals, and discover the practical applications they are used for every day. SEATING IS LIMITED.

July 24 - Button-Making Bonanza! Create customized buttons with a button-making

machine using images from magazines, comics, and more.

July 31 - NO PROGRAM



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS - Summer Schedule

1. Mother Goose Time

Mondays at 10:30 am - provides caregiver/infant multisensory circle-time activities - including simple sign language, folksongs and lullabies, and finger plays -- that are especially designed to stimulate babies' social, emotional, and physical development through rhythm and music. Mother Goose Time is intended for infants from age 1 month to 12 months. This activity



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JULY EVENTS NEAR YOU

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Giving Spirits benefiting
Caiden's Hope
7:30 - 9:30 pm

Enjoy live music from Collector's Item in the Plaza and learn more about the local non-profit, Caiden's Hope. This organization increases each NICU parent's ability to care personally for their precious newborn by partnering with hospital social services departments nationwide to provide travel expenses for NICU families. Entertainment will include a mix of dance, Motown, funk, R&B, smoothjazz & contemporary music.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Movie Under the Moon
8:30 - 10:00 pm

Enjoy a free Movie Under the Moon brought by our friends at First Colony Church of Christ. This month's movie is the new live-action Pete's Dragon.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

Dancing Under the Stars
7:30 - 9:00 pm

Break out your dancing shoes and join in on the Plaza for a night of Dancing Under The Stars with Fred Astaire Dance Studio instructors.

FRIDAYS

Children's Summer History Fridays At the Fort Bend Museum "Gone to Texas"
9:30 a.m. - Noon

It's time to pack up your bags, hang your G.T.T. sign on the door and head to Texas. After receiving your land grant from an empresario you will make your homestead on the Texas frontier. All ages welcome. Many of the activities are designed for ages five through 12, but younger children are welcome. \$4/child (Members)| \$6/child (Non-Members)

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Sugar Land Superstar Round 2
7:30 - 9:30 pm

Bring lawn chairs to the Plaza and enjoy Sugar Land's American Idol-like competition. A highly talented group of singers will perform and five will be named Finalists to compete for the title in August. Plus, enjoy a performances by previous Superstar contestants. The music kicks off at 7:30 pm

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Children's Summer History Fridays
At the Fort Bend Museum
"Life on the Homefront During the 1860s"
9:30 a.m. - Noon

Experience daily life on the homefront during the American Civil War in the Smith Family Cottage. Take a tour of their home before helping with the family's chores including washing clothes, making butter and grinding corn. All ages welcome. Many of the activities are designed for ages five through 12, but younger children are welcome. \$4/child (Members)| \$6/child (Non-Members)

FRIDAY, JULY 28

Vino & Vintage Vocals with Vino & Vinyl
7:30 - 9:30 pm

Travel through the decades with live music featuring Nightbird, a band that recaptures the fire, energy, and spirit that Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks bring to the stage with their spot-on tribute performance. Wowing audiences across Texas and Louisiana for the last five years, they were nominated in 2010 and 2012 for Best Tribute Band in the Houston Press Awards. Vino & Vinyl will be on the Plaza with special wine to purchase.

FRIDAYS

Children's Summer History Fridays At the Fort Bend Museum "Victorian Life"
9:30 a.m. - Noon

Travel back to the early 1900s as you take a tour of the beautiful 1883 John and Lottie Moore Home. Experience life in the Victorian period as you attend class in the one-room school, make thaumatropes that will amaze your friends and play historic games on the front lawn. All ages welcome. Many of the activities are designed for ages five through 12, but younger children are welcome. \$4/child (Members)| \$6/child (Non-Members)



Seussical – Inspiration Stage



Little Mermaid – Inspiration Stage



Aristocats – Inspiration Stage



Madagascar – Inspiration Stage



Savannah Adkins – Music In The Park

COMING TO A THEATRE NEAR YOU

JULY 7

Spider-Man: Homecoming

Genre: Action, Comic Book

Official Facebook:

www.facebook.com/SpiderManMovie

Plot: A young Peter Parker/Spider-Man (Tom Holland), who made his sensational debut in Captain America: Civil War, begins to navigate his newfound identity as the web-slinging super hero in Spider-Man: Homecoming. Thrilled by his experience with the Avengers, Peter returns home, where he lives with his Aunt May (Marisa Tomei), under the watchful eye of his new mentor Tony

Stark (Robert Downey, Jr.). Peter tries to fall back into his normal daily routine - distracted by thoughts of proving himself to be more than just your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man - but when the Vulture (Michael Keaton) emerges as a new villain, everything that Peter holds most important will be threatened. Official plot version from sonypictures.com

JULY 14

War for the Planet of the Apes

Genre: Sci-Fi

Official Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ApesMovies

Plot: In War for the Planet of the Apes, the third chapter of the critically acclaimed blockbuster franchise, Caesar and his apes are forced into a deadly conflict with an army of humans led by a ruthless Colonel. After the apes suffer unimaginable losses, Caesar wrestles

with his darker instincts and begins his own mythic quest to avenge his kind. As the journey finally brings them face to face, Caesar and the Colonel are pitted against each other in an epic battle that will determine the fate of both their species and the future of the planet. Official plot version from foxmovies.com

JULY 21

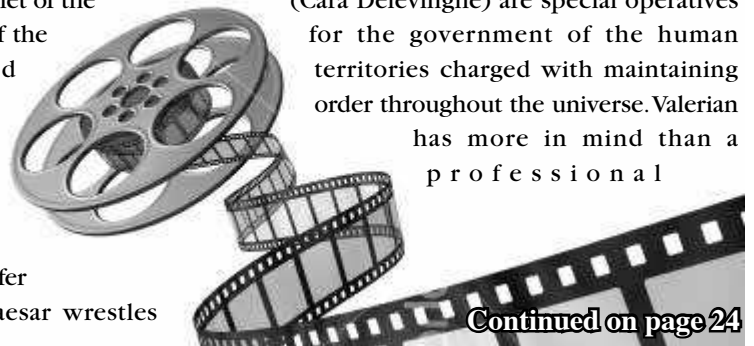
Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets

Genre: Action, Sci-Fi

Official Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ValerianMovie>

Plot: Valerian (Dane DeHaan) and Laureline (Cara Delevingne) are special operatives for the government of the human territories charged with maintaining order throughout the universe. Valerian has more in mind than a professional



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JULY 21

Girls Trip

Genre: Comedy

Website: www.girlstripmovie.com

Plot: When four lifelong friends travel to New Orleans for the annual Essence Festival, sisterhoods are rekindled, wild sides are rediscovered, and there's enough dancing, drinking, brawling and romancing to make the Big Easy blush. Official plot version from universalpictures.com

JULY 21

Dunkirk

Genre: Action, Adventure

Official Facebook:

www.facebook.com/Dunkirkmovie/

Plot: Miraculous evacuation of Allied

soldiers from Belgium, Britain and France, who were cut off and surrounded by the German army from the beaches and harbor of Dunkirk, France, between May 27- June 04, 1940, during Battle of France in World War II. Official plot version from warnerbros.com

JULY 28

The Emoji Movie

Genre: Family, Animation

Official Facebook:

www.facebook.com/EmojiMovie/

Plot: The Emoji Movie unlocks the never-before-seen secret world inside your smartphone. Hidden within the messaging app is Textopolis, a bustling city where all your favorite emojis live, hoping to be selected by the phone's user. In this world, each emoji has only one facial expression - except for Gene (T.J. Miller), an exuberant emoji who was born without a filter and is bursting with multiple expressions. Determined to become "normal" like the other emojis, Gene enlists t h e

help of his handy best friend Hi-5 (James Corden) and the notorious code breaker emoji Jailbreak (Ilana Glazer). Together, they embark on an epic "app-venture" through the apps on the phone, each its own wild and fun world, to find the Code that will fix Gene. But when a greater danger threatens the phone, the fate of all emojis depends on these three unlikely friends who must save their world before it's deleted forever. Official plot version from gravitasventures.com

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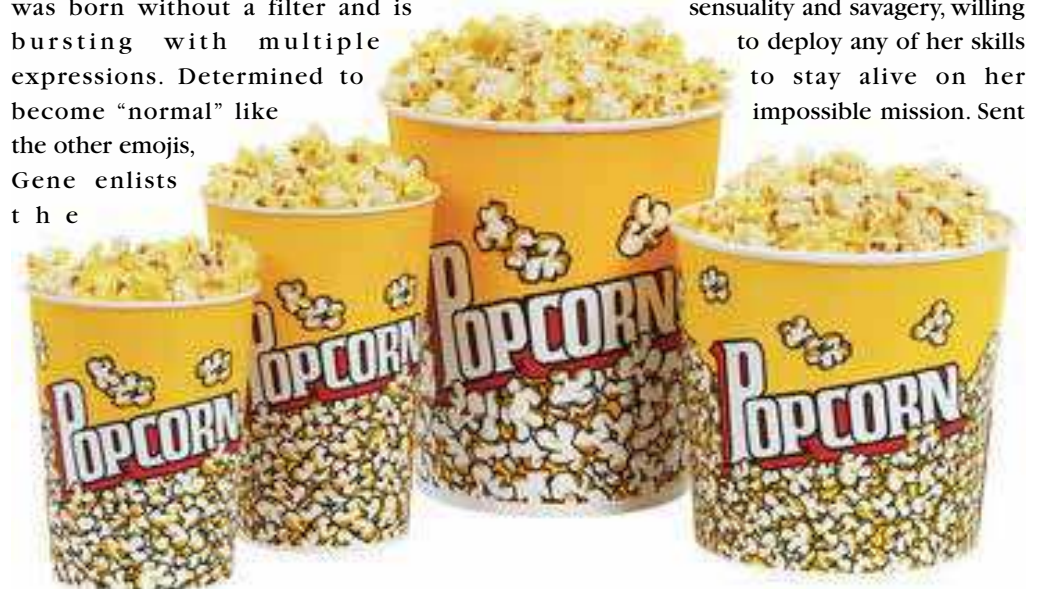
Atomic Blonde

Genre: Thriller, Spy

Official Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/AtomicBlondeMovie/>

Plot: The crown jewel of Her Majesty's Secret Intelligence Service, Agent Lorraine Broughton (Theron) is equal parts spycraft, sensuality and savagery, willing to deploy any of her skills to stay alive on her impossible mission. Sent





alone into Berlin to deliver a priceless dossier out of the destabilized city, she partners with embedded station chief David Percival (James McAvoy) to navigate her way through the deadliest game of spies. Official plot version from focusfeatures.com

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JULY 28
An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power

Genre: Documentary
Official Facebook:
www.facebook.com/AnInconvenientTruth/

Plot: A decade after An Inconvenient Truth brought the climate crisis into the heart of popular culture, comes the riveting and rousing follow-up that shows just how close we are to a real energy



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NEW Arts program for CANCER SURVIVORS offered at **Houston Methodist Sugarland Hospital**



Fort Bend-area cancer survivors now have a new artistic outlet to help with emotions surrounding their life-changing experience.

Thriving Through Creative Arts is a complimentary expressive art program designed for local cancer survivors and administered by Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital. The program gives survivors the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings about being diagnosed, treated and surviving cancer through art.

“Cancer survivors — being anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer — need time to process their emotions and doing so through creative artistic expression can be a stress-relieving outlet for them as well as a means of coping,” said Melissa De Los Santos, breast and gynecologic oncology nurse navigator, who developed the unique program along with the Director of Oncology Services, Amy Sebastian-Deutsch.

“Thriving Through Creative Arts provides the softer side of cancer care — the much needed, but often forgotten element, of wellness,” said Sebastian-Deutsch. “Through this program, Houston Methodist Sugar Land is helping to provide the important components of expression and healing that can provide significant benefits to survivors.”

The art program is designed to help cancer survivors view Houston Methodist Sugar Land not only as a place that delivers care for the body and eliminates cancer, but also as a center of emotional and spiritual health.

“It’s really about offering a more holistic approach to health care, something that is often missing in today’s technology-driven approach to medicine,” said De Los Santos.

Thriving Through Creative Arts will debut May 5, 2017. The class will take place at Houston Methodist Sugar Land

Hospital on the first and third Wednesday and Thursday of each month starting at 12:15 p.m. The mediums used will vary at each meeting along with the project. Photography, painting, jewelry making and journaling are just a few of the mediums planned.

Go to houstonmethodist.org/events to register for a class. For more information about Thriving Through Creative Arts, please contact Melissa De Los Santos at mdelossantos@houstonmethodist.org or call 281.414.8027.

Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital is Fort Bend County’s only hospital with American College of Surgeons-Commission on Cancer accreditation. The Cancer Center at Houston Methodist Sugar Land treats a wide range of cancers and provides high quality, specialized services — including screenings, diagnostics, genetic testing, advanced technology, clinical trials and patient support — close to home. For more information on the Cancer Center, visit us at houstonmethodist.org/cancer-sl or call 281.242.CURE (2873).

Auction generated \$6,500.

Proceeds from Pink in the Park will be used to enhance the breast cancer services offered through Memorial Hermann Sugar Land including digital mammography for screening and diagnostics and the cutting edge 3-D breast tomosynthesis. This digital technology can detect smaller breast tumors that may be missed by traditional mammography.

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Dr. Karyn-Anne Cumberbatch with Memorial Hermann poses with Sugar Land Skeeters mascot and Laurie Barnett at annual Pink in the Park game.

Fifth annual Pink in the Park event draws in \$6,500 for breast cancer services

Families were decked out in pink attire at the fifth annual Pink in the Park in May at Constellation Field in Sugar Land.

The annual event presented by the Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital and the Sugar Land Skeeters is an opportunity to recognize breast cancer survivors living in the Sugar Land community.

“Our annual Pink in the Park event was a highlight moment for Memorial Hermann Sugar Land as we recognized the women in the community we serve,” said Greg Haralson, Sr. Vice President and CEO, Memorial Hermann Sugar Land. “Thank you to all of the families for helping us raise money that will be used to advance services available for breast cancer patients.”

Patients and their families joined Memorial Hermann Sugar Land employees to enjoy a full menu of burgers, hot dogs and more in the outdoor picnic area. More than 2,000 fans received a complimentary gift as they entered the gates of Constellation Field.

As the Skeeters took on the Lancaster Barnstormers, 49 breast cancer survivors were recognized on the field during the seventh inning stretch. Throughout the game, the more than 6,750 attendees had the opportunity to place bids on baseball bats painted by Skeeters players. The silent auction generated \$6,500.

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Skeeters team wore pink to bring awareness to breast cancer

New and expectant moms invited to Community Baby Shower

Houston Methodist Childbirth Center at Sugar Land invites new and expectant moms – along with their partners and babies – to its annual Community Baby Shower on Thursday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will feature demonstrations on how to safely use baby carriers, presentations on the importance of safe sleeping practices, and a Sugar Land police officer will be on hand to speak about car seat safety.



In addition, lactation consultants from the Childbirth Center will be available to talk one-on-one with moms and provide guidance and support.

“This is a great opportunity for new moms to speak directly with someone who understands their concerns,” said Donna Timmer, lactation consultant. “There will be great discussions and information provided at this event. It’s been a very beneficial experience for our attendees.”

Timmer says new and expectant moms, their partners and babies are welcome to stop by any time during the shower, which will be held in the Brazos Pavilion Conference Center on the Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital campus.

Demonstrations will be repeated several times throughout the event, and light refreshments will be provided. Attendees can also participate in several drawings.

“This is a fun event, but it’s also a great outreach program,” said Timmer. “Our goal is to celebrate new and expectant moms, as well as help them master the techniques they need to know in order to care for their newborns. Sometimes a mom gets home from the hospital and realizes that she needs additional support or information, and we’re here to help.”

For more information about Houston Methodist Childbirth Center at Sugar Land, visit houstonmethodist.org/childbirth-sl or call 281.274.7080. Visit its Facebook page at fb.com/methodistsugarland for the latest news, events and information.

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Clayton Oaks is the Beginning of a New Chapter

Story and Photos By Averil Gleason

Sally Cullom has been roller skating since she was a young girl, and for her birthday all she wanted to do was slip into a pair of skates once again.

With two Clayton Oaks nurses beside her and her walker in front, Sally and her friends from the assisted living facility skated the day away while she celebrated 93 years of life.

“Clayton Oaks isn’t about living a stagnant life,” Sales and Marketing Director Jessica Morales said. “When seniors come to Clayton Oaks, it’s not the closing of a book, it’s the beginning of a new chapter.”

Clayton Oaks, 21175 Southwest Freeway in Richmond, is a place where residents ages 60 and older enjoy life.

Nurses and staff are committed to providing housing, personal care, and many other services that are responsive to the lifestyles of residents and their families.

Clayton Oaks has a community area comprising 37 percent of the facility, where residents can take art classes, enjoy tea time, play putt-putt, watch movies and attend sewing groups.

“We want to give our residents reason to wake up every morning,” Morales said. “This is their home, so activities should be

worked around their likings.”

Clayton Oaks offers a neighborhood of private studios designed to create a peaceful environment and Morales said that residents enjoy life in an atmosphere of individualized support that fosters creativity, independence and fulfillment.

All assisted living services at Clayton Oaks are planned with the understanding that residents’ individual needs can change over time.

Personal care services are supervised by a licensed nurse, and may include the dispensing of medication, grooming, bathing assistance, well-being monitoring, personal laundry, transfer assistance, and stand-by or hands-on assistance.

Resident service plans are created and reviewed on a routine basis with the involvement of the resident, family members, and key staff members.

“We aren’t corporate owned, and that’s important to know,” Morales said. “Our owner, Kip Dornhorst, had his own family member in an assisted living home, so we’re looking through the family members’ eyes, not through a corporate eye.”

For more information visit claytonoaksliving.com.



Clayton Oaks residents Bill Wagisbach and Sally Cullom discuss their funniest memories at afternoon tea.



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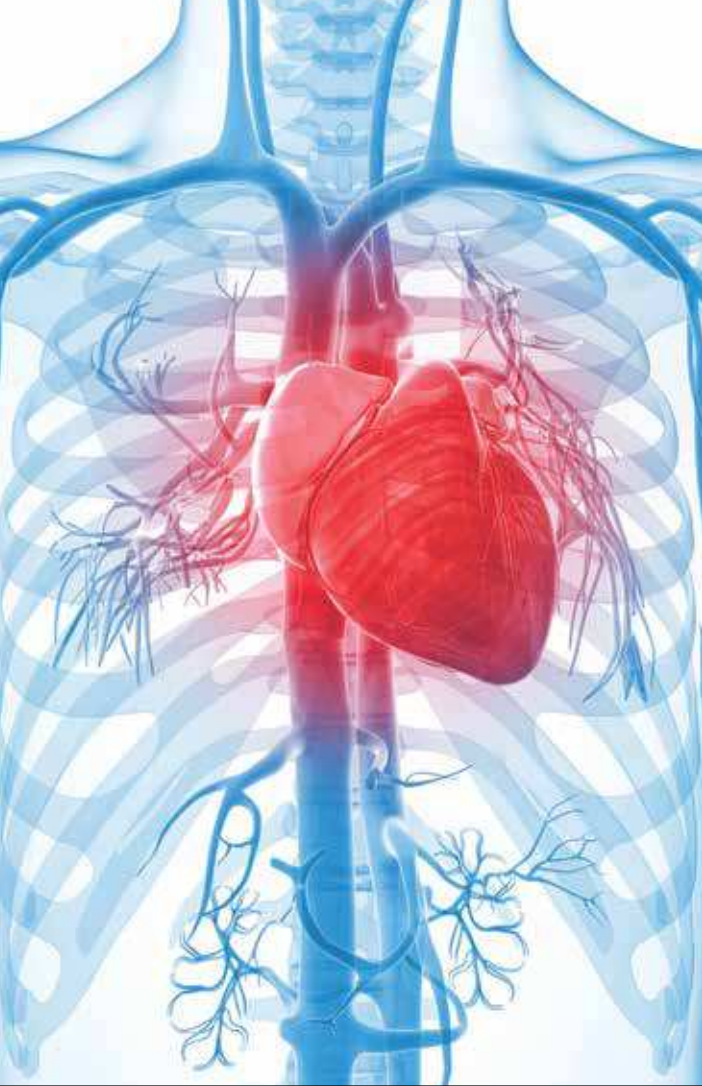
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