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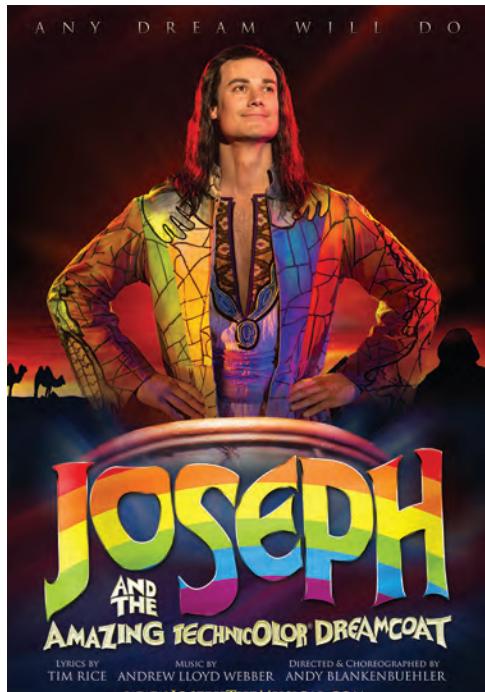
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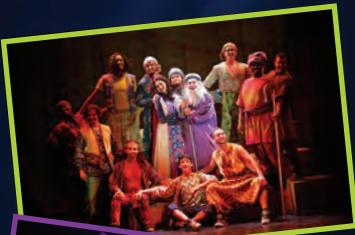
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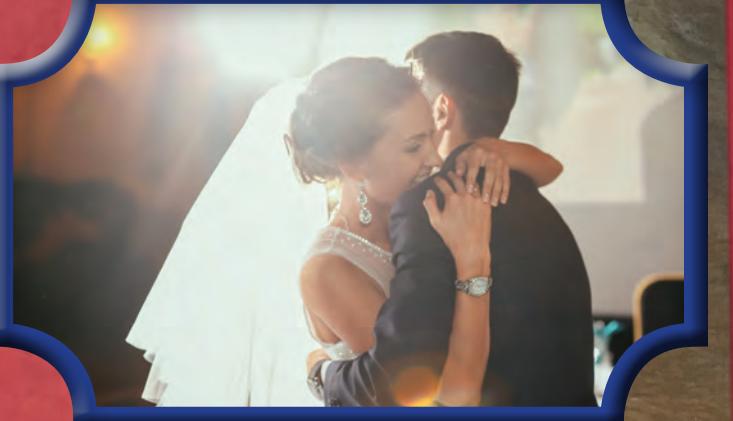
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COACH BLAIR CHARITIES

13th ANNUAL CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC

By LIZ HEIDELBERG



Celebrating and benefiting Special Olympics Texas, Coach Blair Charities will host the 13th Annual Celebration Dinner & Live Auction and Celebrity Golf Classic, Thursday, April 28, and Friday, April 29.

While coaching at the University of Arkansas 23 years ago, Blair started hosting golf tournaments to benefit the Special Olympics. Since the inaugural auction and tournament in Bryan/College Station, Coach Blair's Auction and Golf Tournament has raised more than \$1 million for Coach Blair Charities and Special Olympics Texas. The majority of funds for the local Brazos Valley Special Olympic Teams are raised through this single fundraising event held each year.

"Athletes blame this or that, but Special Olympians are just excited to compete," says Blair, explaining why he continues to host the tournament year after year. "They just want a hug afterwards, and once you become a hugger, you're hooked."

The Celebration Dinner and Live/Silent Auction will be held Thursday, April 28, at the Brazos County Expo Complex in Bryan. Those who purchase tickets will enjoy a speech and dance from Special Olympians, and a catfish dinner from Outback Steakhouse. Alternative options will be provided for those who do not eat fish. MacResource Computers will be the presenting sponsor.

Celebration Dinner and Auction

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The tournament will be held Friday, April 29, at Traditions Golf Club. The Classic will be a scramble format, consisting of teams of four players plus a celebrity player. This year's expected celebrities include former NFL and Texas A&M football player Steve O'Neal, College Football Hall of Fame inductee and former Texas A&M Football Coach R.C. Slocum, and Texas A&M Head Football Coach Kevin Sumlin.

"People that don't golf can still contribute by coming to the auction," Blair says. "Most of us have more than what we need, and it's time to give back." This year, potential auction items will include a dinner for 12 with Coach Blair at Café Eccell, a guitar and case autographed by Lady Antebellum, and a day with TexAgs. Tickets are available to purchase for \$10 at C.C. Creations, any women's basketball event, or in the women's basketball offices located at the Cox-McFerrin Center for Aggie Basketball on the Texas A&M campus.

Coach Blair Charities is also looking for volunteers to help with both the Celebration Dinner and the Golf Tournament. No golf experience is needed. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

To volunteer, email Cathey Batista at batistacat@aol.com. For more information, or to make a donation, visit CoachBlairCharities.org. [i](#)

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PREMIERE MARKET

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Compiled By **KATIE CANALES**



With shopping, sipping, and noshing all on the schedule, the Premiere Market will offer plenty of new attractions in April. However, the most important thing has not changed.

"Every cent of [Premiere Market's proceeds] goes straight to the Brazos Valley Symphony," say Executive Director Mary Koeninger. "When you're out there shopping, you're also shopping for a nonprofit that's been around for 34 years."

The Brazos Valley Symphony Society brings high-end merchants and shoppers with discerning tastes together again for the fourth annual market fundraiser at The Brazos County Expo on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 15-17. Specialty gift items, unique home accessories, designer fashions for adults and children, custom designed and heirloom jewelry, gourmet foods, and much more will be on sale with proceeds benefitting the cultural and educational programs of the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra.

Lou Ellen Ruesink is merchant coordinator and a symphony volunteer. "Many of our customer favorites will return with their bestselling fashions, jewelry, and gift items," says Ruesink. "New products this year include grill mats, barbecue sauces and rubs; loose teas and teapots; men's dress shirts and sophisticated neckwear; as

well as new gourmet items and pampering products."

Market organizers are gearing up for three days of shopping, beginning with an exclusive Sneak Peek Party on Friday, April 15. Eager shoppers get "first pick" at the selections while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres, champagne and musical entertainment from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is \$35 per person or \$65 for two, and reservations are requested by April 8.

On April 16-17, the community is invited to "shop in support of the symphony" from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Delicious "tea room" menu selections will be available to shoppers. Individual passes are \$5 per person and include both Saturday and Sunday entry.

"Muffins, Mimosas & More" is a special VIP Shopping Event on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Morning guests will receive VIP treatment with a complimentary mimosa (or nonalcoholic alternative for those under age), gourmet muffins and other breakfast goodies, a coffee bar, and private shopping for VIPs only from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Admission will be \$15.

For the first time, the Friends Association of the Symphony Orchestra will be holding the "Dressed To A Tea" fashion show during the Premiere Market. "Dressed To A Tea has had a makeover!"

says Gail Henry, FASO president. "This year the fashion show and luncheon will present the latest fashion ensembles expertly put together, and all available from the merchants at Premiere Market." Admission is \$55 for the event on Saturday, April 16, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Also new will be "Bacon, Bloody Marys, and Bargains" on Sunday, April 17, featuring bacon-themed food as well as Bloody Marys sold by concessions. There is no entry fee to shop from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Premiere Market Co-Chair Jennifer Fredericks encourages everyone to come out and shop the Market. "For the first time, we are offering buy one get one free admission to students with a valid student ID," says Fredericks. "We are having bargain shopping hours Sunday morning, and on both days of the market we will have mini-seminars from our merchants featuring everything from cooking a 15-minute meal, to taking an outfit from day to night with accessories, to packing for the weekend in one small hanging bag."

All special event reservations and pricing information is available on the Premiere Market website premieremarket.org. For tickets or more information, visit bvso.org or call the symphony office at (979) 696-6100. **i**

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LEMONADE DAY

FOSTERING FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS

By LIZ HEIDELBERG



2015 ENTREPRENEURS OF THE YEAR, SAMANTHA AND QUINCY SMITH, WITH MARK ROMERO AND CAROLYN TURK OF MACRESOURCE, CONTEST SPONSORS, AND LENAE SCROGGINS, FOUNDER OF LEMONADE DAY B/CS. PHOTO BY HALLIE GAMMON



LEMONADE DAY PARTICIPANTS IN 2015. PHOTOS BY MIKE LEE

The 6th Annual Bryan/College Station Lemonade Day will be held on Sunday, May 1. Samantha and Quincy Smith, owners of "S & Q's Sweet Deal," will return to Lemonade Day this year after winning "Entrepreneurs of the Year" in 2015.

"Lemonade Day taught me a lot about running a business," says Sam, age 9.

"Sam came to me with a business proposal and asked if I would be her investor," says Kasee Smith, mother of Sam and Quincy. "The girls made some really good business decisions because of guidance from the Lemonade Day Entrepreneur Workbook."

Lemonade Day, a national program, teaches youth how to own and operate their own business, using a lemonade stand as their main tool. Lemonade Day is a hands-on approach to empowering youth to become business leaders, social advocates, volunteers, and forward-thinking citizens.

"Lemonade Day helps teach our kids how to be the next generation of hard-working, productive, and charitable adults," explains Lenae Scroggins, founder of Lemonade Day in the B/CS area.

Lemonade Day encourages kids to spend, save, and share the profits from their

lemonade stand. "[Last year], we bought our family dinner and put some money in our college fund," says Sam. "We donated the rest of our money to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research because our grandpa has Parkinson's disease."

This year, the girls plan to donate the profits to the American Cancer Society in honor of their grandmother, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Sam and Quincy will be stationed at the Walgreens on Rock Prairie Road, serving regular lemonade, strawberry lemonade, and Sam's personal favorite, a mix of both.

GET INVOLVED

If you would like to mentor or participate in Lemonade Day, register at bcs.lemonadeday.org. Once registered, check online for a backpack pick-up location nearest you. Registration is open until May 1.

"I'm so excited to do it again this year!" says Sam.

"Everyone in the community has a job," says Scroggins, emphasizing the importance of community effort in Lemonade Day. "You're either out there buying lemonade or helping a kid sell lemonade." **i**



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THE HANNIGAN HOME LOCATED AT 4713 HERON LAKES CIRCLE. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUNTER

The Woman's Club of Bryan's 2016 Annual House and Garden Tour, Gracious Hospitality, is set for April 13. Three stunning homes in Miramont vary in style and furnishings, but each showcases the owners' vision of what makes a home warm and inviting. Common features of all the homes are soaring windows, bringing the outside in, and celebrating the glorious landscaping.

Gracious Hospitality is reflected in the diverse designs and furnishing of each of these homes. Filled with family treasures and

collections they give us a first hand view of hospitality and how each couple achieves it in their own distinctive design. All in all, these are truly homes meant to be lived in and enjoyed. See them for yourself on April 13 during the Woman's Club annual House and Garden Tour.

Tickets to see all three homes will be available for \$15 at each of the homes the day of the Tour or can be purchased in advance at the Woman's Club, 1200 Carter Creek Parkway in Bryan. *i*

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EAVES HOME 5104 IVERNESS

Completed less than six months ago, the home of Cathleen and Kenny Eaves, 5104 Inverness, is the perfect setting for a relaxing life style, entertaining, and large family gatherings. Named "Maison Bella la vie" by the owners, it is landscaped with roses, mountain laurel, wisteria, heather, and crepe Myrtles.

A large, black baby grand piano is found upon entering the round entry foyer. Cathleen chose the round design to allow music to fill the home. The floor of the foyer is honed travertine and a winding staircase leads to the second floor.

The dining room table is large enough to seat the entire family on special occasions, which was important to Kenny. A wine grotto is adjacent to the dining room and features a copper ceiling, as do all the bar areas throughout the home.

The living room includes two motifs found throughout the home: coats of arms and fleurs-

de-lis. Built-in cabinets were constructed with feet, so as to resemble furniture, giving the room an even more welcoming feel.

A central fireplace separates the family room and living room. The family room and kitchen are two rooms in one. The owners' planned a kitchen large enough for the family to cook and visit together. A butler's pantry is next to this area. Cathleen's collection of tea sets is displayed here.

Kenny's office/study features very tall ceilings and large floor to ceiling windows that overlook the pool area. Mementoes and treasures important to Kenny are incorporated in the décor – his father's U.S. flag from World War II, a jade eagle purchased in Shanghai, and a sculpture of a father and daughter hugging, reminiscent of their daughter, Brittany.

There are four additional bedrooms on the second floor. A unique feature found in



some of the baths are pull out steps at the base of vanities designed to make it easier for the grandchildren. This floor also includes a gift-wrapping closet, a billiard room, and a coffee bar for guests. There is also an upper terrace central to the home's design. This terrace provides a majestic view of the ninth hole and the Miramont Club House. It is cooled by gentle breezes even during the hottest months in Texas. The pool features a monogrammed script E done in mosaic tiles. Planters that will burst with color in the coming months and tall Grecian columns frame a large entertainment area and the pool.





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HANNIGAN HOME 4713 HERON LAKES CIRCLE

Patty and Ray Hannigan, 4713 Heron Lakes Circle, chose to replicate much of their home in San Antonio in their new home in Miramont when they retired in this community. This home reflects a French Provincial influence and is constructed of brick and cast stone. The design also incorporates treasured furnishings from previous homes.

Entertaining is second nature for this couple and their home facilitates it very well. A flowing floor plan allows for large groups, but smaller more intimate gatherings are also easily accommodated.

The two-story entry foyer in this home features a domed ceiling, off-white and black marble tile, and a three-tiered chandelier. The dome is bright yellow with a metallic foil finish and embedded matte design accented by a hand-painted scroll. Three women from Anything But Plain in Houston put up scaffolding and did the hand painting on their backs. Intricate

molding and woodwork, designed and made by project manager, Eric Wendt, is found throughout the home starting in the foyer.

One quickly realizes the importance of color to the owners when touring this home. Exquisite colorful fabrics and wallpaper fill the home with soft color. Pink is Patty's favorite color and is featured in both her bath and study. Since blue is her mother's favorite color, a bedroom on the second floor is designated the Blue Room and was used by Patty's mother when visiting the home.

Ray's study mirrors his study in San Antonio. His treasures include a shadowbox he received upon his retirement containing pins from important times in his career. A much-cherished photo of Patty and Ray meeting with Pope John Paul in the Vatican is also seen. A garden is found outside the study.

Baseball has a special significance for this couple. Patty's father was a professional ball player for the Louisville Sluggers for a time. Ray played baseball while at Texas A&M University. A painting in the family



room, titled "Retired" celebrates the sport. This room features high coffered ceilings and is decorated with paintings of traditional Southern homes and a watercolor of Charleston basket weavers. Pictures of Ray's homes and church in Galveston, as well as of the church where he and Patty were married in Macon, Georgia, are included as well.

A winding staircase leads to the second floor where you will find four guest rooms each one in a different color palette. The "Flex Room," so named by the owners, can be used as both a TV room and a bedroom. Also on this floor is a fitness room which Ray uses every day. Memorabilia from his A&M days and early career decorate the room. The back stairs lead to the alcove between the kitchen and Patty's study.

The Hannigan's kitchen is spacious, warm, and inviting. Patty chose white cabinets for this room for a clean open feel. The counters are Quartzite and the hand-made, hand-painted tile behind the range is scattered with flowers. There is also a large oak center island. The fabric on the barstools coordinates with fabric in the family room, and the hardwood floors in the family room extend into the kitchen.

A large screened porch opens off Patty's study. A comfortable and welcoming area, it holds a barbecue grill and fireplace. The porch overlooks the lap pool and the gazebo. A covered arbor is found at one end of the pool providing a perfect setting for outdoor entertaining.

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KELLY HOME 4705 MIRAMONT CIRCLE

Cyd and Tom Kelly's Tuscan inspired home, 4705 Miramont Circle, was designed to fit their lifestyle. The couple wanted a home with a few but spacious rooms that retained an intimate and comfortable atmosphere. This home is built of Austin Stone, a tile roof including "Hill Country" metal roof accents and three-coat stucco veneer. Meant to be a Texas home, the Austin Stone was quarried in Jerrold and the wooden floors in the kitchen, dining room, and hallway are wide planked mesquite made locally. Other floors are tumbled travertine stone and mesquite. They wanted to create a space that would incorporate the many furnishings and artwork they had inherited and collected in their travels.

An entrance patio leads to the front entrance with a foyer displaying a nautical touch. A replica of the sailing yacht that won the 1901 America's Cup reflects Tom's love of sailing. The model sits on a carved Oriental table. A David Adickes painting is found in the arcade. The Kellys appreciate the whimsical nature of Alaskan artist Rie Muñoz's paintings that are hung throughout the house.

Tom continued a nautical theme in his design for his study. This includes the rope design molding, the birch

cherry paneling – chosen because he liked the birch cherry used in his sail boat and former home in Seattle – and gimbal wall sconces. There is also a hidden cork map wall that is disguised by an obscure clipper ship graphic. The office has a bead board ceiling, which had been common to yachts of yesteryear. Outside the study is a collection of Alaskan artifacts, acquired during Tom's years working as a consultant in Alaska.

The master bedroom overlooks an interior courtyard filling the room with sunlight and greenery. A Tuscan fountain is the centerpiece of the courtyard. A sitting room is separated from the bedroom by a see-through fireplace. Designed for comfort, the room includes overstuffed chairs, a French writing desk and an upholstered window seat. Leading from the sitting area is a gallery featuring more David Adickes paintings, as well as those by R.M. Santos. Cyd's office, one she calls a working office, is off the gallery.

The dining room is Tom's favorite room in the home. The room overlooks Miarmount's golf holes and a lake. The table is designed to seat all of the adult members of the family. The walls of the dining room are stenciled and faux painted in rustic red tones.

This home's kitchen is open to the living room. The Kellys wanted a large kitchen



recognizing how frequently family and guests congregate in it. Special features in the kitchen include an oxidized copper counter top, a polished granite island with a copper farmhouse sink, a wood vent hood with hammered copper and nail head trim, and mesquite cabinets and flooring reflecting a Texas home. At one end of the kitchen there is a large walk-in bar and a huge pantry with a built-in china cabinet. At the other end there is the "tunnel," a hallway connecting the kitchen with the dining room.

The comfortable and warm family room is found at the top of the stairs. A favorite part of the second floor for the owners is the Margarita Terrace, which overlooks the grounds, terraces, and gardens.

Beginning with the entrance gateway and continuing to the back of the property, the

warmth of the interior of this home continues outdoors. There are three courtyards with fountains and gardens. A rose garden was paramount for Tom, because he was a former test rose grower for Jackson Perkins. Most of the bushes were handpicked at the Antique Rose Emporium. There is also a Cactus Garden where favorite cacti are grown in pure sand. The owners decided to maintain the natural areas that surround the home to avoid any visual obstructions of the golf course and these areas. A soft moonlight glow of artificial lighting surrounds the pond and adjoining areas at nightfall. A guest casita is separated from the main house by a breezeway and a small courtyard and fountain. Some of the furnishings belonged to Tom's mother and include two, petite-point needleworks done by Cyd's aunt. *i*



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MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

CITIES TEAM UP TO PROTECT MONARCHS

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Bryan and College Station are teaming up to help Monarch butterflies, thanks to the ongoing efforts of Texas A&M University scientist Craig Wilson.

Wilson, a senior research associate in the Center for Mathematics and Science Education, has maintained a registered Monarch Waystation for the past six years at the USDA-sponsored People's Garden, located across the street from College Station's Wolf Pen Creek Park. He routinely hosts elementary and middle school student groups, educating them in the basics of scientific inquiry and encouraging them to explore their inner scientists by observing the bounty of nature.

This past December, Wilson contacted College Station Mayor Nancy Berry and Bryan Mayor Jason Bienski, asking both to commit their respective cities to efforts intended to help save the Monarchs, whose national numbers have declined by about 90 percent in recent years. Both mayors subsequently agreed to take the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, a new, national campaign working with mayors and local government chief executives to identify and execute specific steps to help Monarchs and other pollinators thrive.

"I would like to add my thanks to those of the Monarch butterflies currently overwintering in Mexico awaiting their return through Texas in the spring," Wilson says. "By your efforts and by involving citizen scientists, you are helping to ensure that the magnificent and magical Monarch butterfly migration between Canada and Mexico through Texas will survive for future generations to marvel at and to enjoy."

Monarchs, which are found across the United States, numbered some one billion in 1996 but have since fallen victim to a variety of threats, including loss of habitat due to agricultural practices, development, and cropland conversion. Degradation of wintering habitats in Mexico has had a negative impact on the species, which now is estimated to number around 50 million – a figure Wilson says is up from a historic low of 33 million in 2013-14.

"Mayors and other local government officials play a pivotal role in advancing Monarch butterfly conservation in urban and suburban areas," says Collin O'Mara, president and CEO of the

National Wildlife Federation. "By working together, we can ensure that every American child has a chance to experience majestic Monarchs in their backyards and communities."

As part of the campaign, cities and municipalities commit to creating habitats and educating citizens on ways they can make a difference in their own homes and neighborhoods. Mayors who take the pledge commit to at least three of 25 specific actions to help save the Monarch butterfly. Some of these actions include creating Monarch-friendly demonstration gardens at city hall, adding milkweed, and nectar-producing plants in community gardens, and changing mowing schedules to allow milkweed to grow unimpeded.

Both mayors are working with their respective parks and recreation departments to decide which pledge-related actions to implement. In the meantime, both say they are grateful to the National Wildlife Federation for bringing awareness to the Monarch's plight.

"Our parks system represents more than 1,300 beautiful acres, which means we have countless opportunities to create and sustain Monarch-friendly habitats," Berry says. "We'll continue to do our part to ensure College Station is a helpful stop for these beautiful travelers."

"The Bryan/College Station community is rapidly growing," Bienski says. "It is important for cities to be cognizant of the impact of development activities on nature. For this reason, I join Mayor Berry in pledging to work with our City of Bryan Parks and Recreation Department to take actions to help save the Monarch butterfly. The Monarch adds one more dimension of beauty to our community, and we hope to play a part in saving the Monarch migration through Texas."

The National Wildlife Federation is America's largest conservation organization inspiring Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future. Learn more about the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and other activities at NWF.org/News.

For additional information on Wilson's scientific outreach efforts and related Center for Mathematics and Science Education initiatives, visit cmse.tamu.edu.

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LOCAL, ORGANIC, AQUAPONIC FARMING

By KATIE CANALES



The vegetables planted in the greenhouses at AG Farms are green and growing, with their roots stretching downward through their troughs, not toward the moist soil, but toward the nutrient-filled pool of water that feeds them.

AG Farms practices aquaponics farming, which is a combination of aquaculture and hydroponics. In other words, they utilize a close-loop water circulatory system to sustain and develop their produce.

And the driving force behind the vegetables' growth? Fish.

"What really benefits the plants is typically in dirt, they have to use a lot of energy, sending out their tap root, pushing through the soil looking for nutrients, and you'll get a lot of roots down there and not as much growth up front," says Kenny Closs, of AG Farms.

"With this method, it's less work for the plant to find those nutrients, and it's able to grow up top a lot quicker and more efficiently."

Kenny, a Texas A&M University graduate, studied Agriculture Economics and Rural Entrepreneurship while a student and took interest in AG Farms through his mentor Stanley Wells and through Stanley's daughter-in-law Sharon Wells, who now runs the farm.

The farm operates with four greenhouses, one "fishhouse," and a commercial kitchen. The produce is grown within three of the greenhouses; the fourth house is used for

germination. Long troughs of water are placed in two of the greenhouses, where lettuce, onions, Swiss chard, kale, and other herbs grow.

Within the fishhouse are pools of water housing Goldfish and Bluegill Sunfish, which provide the plants with food. The nutrients are then transported through the water to the plants in their troughs.

Eventually, AG Farms plans to switch out the Goldfish and Bluegill Sunfish for Tilapia to start a hatchery process. The

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Tilapia will serve a dual purpose by feeding the plants and being put on the market.

Kenny explains how beneficial the recyclability of aquaponics is: the reciprocal relationship between the plants and the fish; the algae, which grows being used as fish food; and the future dual purpose use of Tilapia. Water conservation is one of the biggest components.

"Because we're using a recirculating system, up front it looks like a lot of water, but because we're reusing it, we use a lot less water than you would use working in the soils," says Kenny.

Even the water they use is sourced from the rainwater collection they have on location.

AG Farms has a presence at the Brazos Valley Farmer's Market about every other week, but their home delivery system is the primary way the produce is distributed to the public.

"Our goal is to get the best possible produce out to people in Bryan/College Station," says Sharon.

Sharon explains how, at one point, they attempted to coordinate with H-E-B and Chipotle, but were turned off when they realized their produce wouldn't stay local and instead would need to be shipped to Dallas. Their mission is to keep their produce fresh and local. They also are certified organic.

"Everything was harvested this morning, and it's delivered this afternoon," says Sharon.

The farm prepares three different sizes of home delivery arrangements, with lettuce, onions, broccoli, Swiss chard, and more. Prices range from \$15-\$35. For the most part, the baskets are delivered straight to the doorsteps of customers; however, they're looking into establishing delivery/pickup points at local businesses in town, such as The Village Cafe.

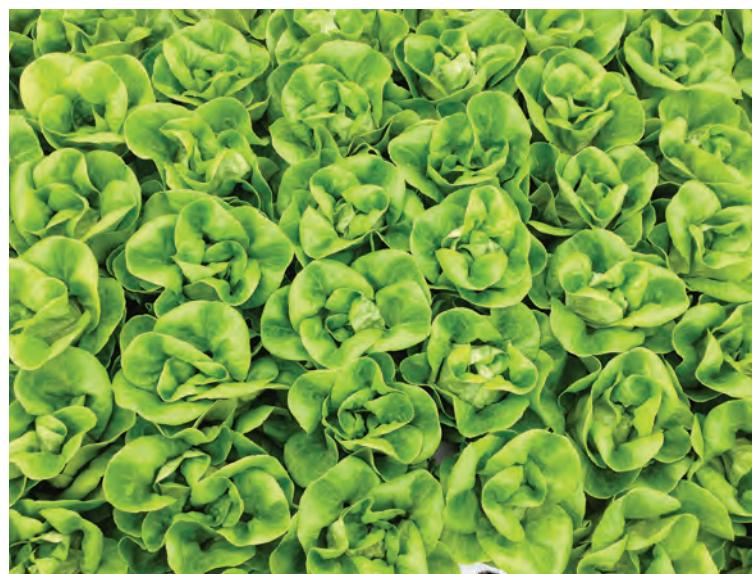
The future of AG Farms will be Earth Galley Farm, as the farm revamps and rebrands with two new partners, Kenny and Spencer Temple, and a mission for more community involvement. By utilizing an unused acre of land behind the greenhouses, Earth Galley Farm will be able to host more community projects.

"We'd like to do a raised, pick-your-own community garden field," says Kenny. "We'd like to do a lot of community stuff, so we're thinking dinners, you know, getting local chefs out here to prepare some food and teach people about organics."

Kenny explains how education would also play a big part in their interaction with the community.

"We've got a lot of space to kind of be with the community and kind of show the importance of food and where it comes from."

For more information about aquaponics, the produce, or Earth Galley Farm, visit earthgalleyfarms.com. 



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GROW INTO SPRING

HARVEST MOON CANNING COMPANY

By KATIE CANALES



Jennifer Windham was working in her garden one night, picking berries to fuel her hobby of canning jellies, when an idea came to her to can professionally. By the light of the Harvest Moon, her dream was born.

Jennifer now produces canned jams, jellies, marmalades, and conserves, among other items, through her company, Harvest Moon Canning, using mostly locally grown produce when possible. At the start of her business, she operated inside her home for a year until she realized that her kitchen was too small.

"I had stuff everywhere," Jennifer says. "I had to get a kitchen! So I rented from [AG Farm] because I knew them from the market."

Jennifer now operates out of AG Farms' commercial kitchen. There, she produces and stores product for both her online and market stores.

Jennifer's process differs with each product. She explains how each major food item she's known for entails processing a different type of fruit. "If you're making a jelly, it's juice only," Jennifer says. "If you're making a jam, it's chunky fruit. If you're making a butter,

like pear butter or apple butter - that doesn't have any butter in it. Basically it spreads on your toast like butter. That's how they get the name. It's more like apple sauce, but thicker and stickier."

She explains that marmalades are citrus-y, containing rind, and are popular in England where fans favor the thicker orange rind marmalades. Jennifer says she prefers a light citrus zest on hers.

As far as her orange marmalade goes, Jennifer says it goes well on a variety of things - meat being one. She's experimenting with other flavors as well.

"The lemon dill - I'm not too sure what to put that on yet, but it's got a real strong lemon flavor," Jennifer says.

Nuts set conserves apart from jams. Conserves will feature usually two fruits and one variety of nuts, and serves well as a dip, among other things.

"You can put it with cream cheese or brie," Jennifer says. "The cranberry conserve is really good with turkey and dressing; it's a good substitute for the gelled cranberry sauce."



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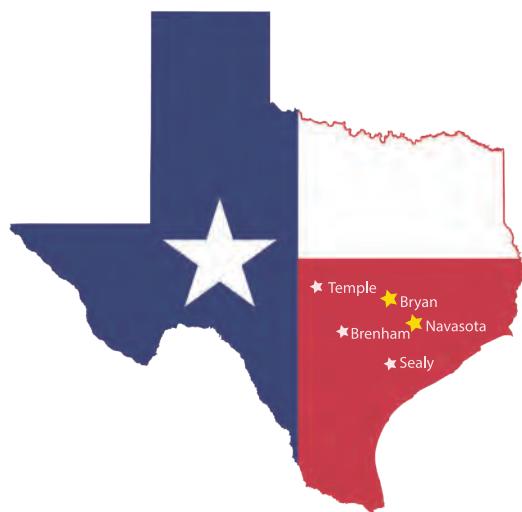


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Owning a culinary business and operating in a commercial kitchen requires certification, which Jennifer completed and got a license for a little over a year ago. Obtaining the license means understanding the science behind food production and food storage.

After processing the fruit and getting it to the desired consistency, Jennifer explains how the product is cooked, jarred and then cooked in a water bath canner for about 10-15 minutes.

Jennifer uses one-piece lids for her jars instead of the typical two-pieces. One-piece lids are easier to remove and more convenient, says Jennifer.

"What we do is we heat the lids in a separate pot," Jennifer says. "Lids here, jars there. We get them hot before we even put the jelly in the jar because, if you have a cold jar, you can crack the jar by putting a hot product in a cold jar."

Jennifer cooks the products at 220 degrees, which is gelling point, or at least close to it. This helps prevent any food poisoning and ensures the quality of the product lasts.

With springtime approaching, Jennifer says pineapple products will be in stock more often as they come into season.

"I have a product called Pineapple Paradise, and it's a pineapple jam," Jennifer says. "I also use pineapples in the pepper jellies, but pineapple paradise takes five pineapples for one batch. So you have to wait until it's spring, until it's easier to get. At the same time, we want to have the best quality product."

Plantersville's Jollisant Farms produces the strawberries for Jennifer's Strawberry Jam. She explains how Jollisant's strawberries are darker in colors, sweeter, juicier, and harvested without the use of pesticides.

"I can't use anything else now because I know the difference, my customers know the difference, you can see the difference," Jennifer says. "I'm not going back to a strawberry that's not the best quality."

Jennifer says that, in the future, she hopes for co-packer companies and retailers to take notice in Harvest Moon Canning. "Once I get at least one large retailer, I want to get some of our jams and jellies in the local stores here," says Jennifer.

Until then, you can find Harvest Moon Canning Company products at the Brazos Valley Farmers Market in Downtown Bryan on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, visit HarvestMoonCanning.com. **i**



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GROW INTO SPRING

A SPICY TAKE ON LIFE

By KATIE CANALES



The International Herb Association has named Chile Peppers the 2016 Herb of the Year. In honor of this spicy award, we asked two local chefs for their take on chile peppers and how they are used in their restaurants. Read more...if you can handle the heat!

**Christopher Lampo, Christopher's World Grille
Dish: Chille Rellano**

"Right now on the menu, we have a chili relleno, which is a poblano pepper that we roast and we skin, and we stuff that with beef tenderloin and cheese and pico de gallo and spices. That's breaded and deep-fried and served with another sauce that we use peppers in. Our ancho sauce - these are ancho peppers that are dried, and we rehydrate them and we blend them with chipotle peppers, which are smoked jalapenos, they're smoked red jalapenos. We blend those up with different things so it has a tobacco-y, very dark intense smoky flavor."

His advice for cooks at home:

"Chile peppers are all over the grocery store, they're so easily accessible now. You just kind of have to know what you're working with. You don't want to make a certain dish with habanero peppers for instance and realize later on that you've made both of your children go off crying, and your eyes are watering because the pepper's still on your finger and you accidentally rubbed your eye. You have to know what you're

working with. Honestly, one of the best things to do is get your inspiration from probably something that you've seen before. If you're not used to working with hot peppers, you need to google something, find it in a recipe, find something in a magazine that interests you. You need to start experimenting with different things. People see the word 'pepper' in the grocery store, and they automatically assume that it's spicy and hot. They just walk away from it. So, the best thing to do when you're walking through the grocery store is just go ahead and google that pepper. Our poblano pepper that we stuff is not hot. It's not hot, it's like a big bell pepper sort of thing but with a more intense flavor. So the idea is... you don't have to avoid all peppers. Just experiment and play, and when you see a recipe you like, don't get freaked out."

**Chef Tai, Veritas Wine and Bistro LLC
Dish: Schezuan Style Steak, Schezuan Style Shrimp, Schezuan Style Sea Bass**

"We use this dressing to make a variety of dishes. So it's basically minced chile peppers, with a season on it so it's really spicy. And then we make a soy ginger garlic broth, and it makes it really spicy but also savory at the same time. The three methods that we serve it up is grilled shrimp with a little bit of butter and a lemon, and then finish it up on the grill. And then we douse the Schezuan dressing on top, just to

Want hear more about chile peppers and other herbs? Check out the 21st Annual Herbal Forum at Round Top, March 18-19. Workshops include: the "New" New Orleans-Savory Spectrum of Edible Vietnamese and Mexican Zeal!; Springtime Cocktails and Cocktail Gardening; and, Sweet Treats with Chile Heat. The weekend will also feature plant sales, lectures, instruction, and more. For a full schedule of events and more information, visit festivalhill.org.

contrast the very sweet flavor of the shrimp with the little sharp zing of the pepper. And then, the other one we do is a whole-oven baked sea bass. So it's a whole fish that we bake in the oven, and then we douse the whole fish with the sichuan dressing that has been tossed with red bell pepper, green pepper and red onion, and arugula and cilantro, and top the whole fish with this dressing."

His advice for cooks at home:

"Chile peppers are really healthy for you, it has more vitamin C than oranges and citruses. I like to eat chile peppers a lot. My favorite way of eating chile pepper is heating it up on a hot sauté pan to kind of blister out the pepper. You don't need a whole lot, you just need one or two. Blister out the chile pepper, and then you're going to salt it and squeeze out a little bit of lime juice. Now, you can add onions on top of it or potatoes or whatever, just to give that heat on the back note of it. If you want to try a really neat pepper, we used to have it during the fall season, it's called a Shishito pepper. It's a Japanese sweet chile. And it looks like a serrano pepper, but really wrinkly. We used to sell that like crazy. Basically on a hot pan, a little bit of oil, make it hot, throw in maybe one hand of chile pepper and sauté it up. Oh, I'm salivating! Put a little bit of salt and lime juice, and it's a fantastic little snack to nibble on as an accompaniment to beer." *i*

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SPRING CLEANING

8 TIPS FOR HOME, LAWN & AUTO

By SHELBY LANG

It's spring, which means it's that special time of year for spring cleaning, changing out air filters, preparing for spring break, and taking weekend trips. Home and car maintenance are often at the bottom of our to-do lists, but here are eight easy ways to get a jump on the season.



1 Garage Door

Your garage door is the largest moving part of your home. It gets used multiple times a day, at all hours of the day, and in every season, says Oscar Alejandro, manager and head service technician at American Overhead Doors in Bryan. A broken garage door could leave your home vulnerable to intruders or hold your car hostage inside. Both of these are reason enough

to maintain it to the highest degree.

First, look and listen. Be sure your garage door is moving smoothly, silently, and symmetrically. If it is jerky or asymmetrical, you might need to tighten the hardware, replace the rollers, or check the door balance, says Alejandro. Test the door balance by opening the door halfway and disconnecting it from the motor. If the door is balanced, it will stay in place. If

your garage door is off balance, it could come slamming down at any time and not only cause damage to anything in its path but seriously injure you or your loved ones, warns Alejandro.

Keep all of the moving parts on your garage door greased, the weather stripping sealed tight, and the tracks free of debris to ensure your garage doors run smoother and longer, adds Alejandro.

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Keeping the air conditioning system in tip-top shape is probably the most important thing anyone can do as we approach the spring and summer months in Texas. High efficiency air filters, which should be replaced every 90 days, can help achieve optimum performance in your HVAC unit, advises David Garrett at Barker's Heating & Cooling. Inspecting your refrigerant lines bi-annually can help keep your utility bills down and enhance efficiency while keeping your system in great condition, adds Garrett.

When it comes to your AC unit, make sure the outside unit is on firm, level ground and clear a two-foot area around it. Garrett also suggests sealing existing ductwork to prevent dust and dirt from entering your house through the attic or underneath the house.

Also, don't forget to replace the batteries to the carbon monoxide detector each year in advance of using the heater, adds Garrett.

3

Pest Control

Pest control is the area of home maintenance that no one wants to deal with, yet pests can sometimes be the most damaging threat to your home. Spring is the most important season for pest control, says Scott Lingren at Venus Pest Company. Lingren suggests starting with your sprinkler system.

Check your sprinkler system for leaks and make sure it isn't spraying directly on your house. Also, only use your sprinklers on grass that needs it, adds Lingren. Longer watering duration fewer times per week is better for your lawn and worse for pests, says Lingren.

Another thing to check is rodent entry points on your home's exterior. Lingren says the most common entry points found by Venus Pest Company include the garage doorframe and around HVAC pipes. Stuffing the holes with copper wool can prevent rodents from entering at these places, advises Lingren.



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Spring Cleaning Refrigerator Coils

Don't forget the inside and outside of your refrigerator when starting on spring cleaning. Cockroaches love to nest in the warm, moist atmosphere of refrigerator coils and with easy access to food in the kitchen it makes an ideal breeding ground for the bugs. Most refrigerator brands have an easy-to-follow video or instructions online with the best way to clean your coils. Take note of your refrigerator's brand and model, check online, and get to cleaning.



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5. Car Engine

Your car's engine is its heart. It's the most important and also the most confusing part. However, basic maintenance can keep you from being stranded without notice, says Jodi Rice at Henson Motors.

Keep an eye for any signs of corroded battery cables and worn belts, says Rice. Inspect the engine every few months to be sure everything is intact and in good shape. Engine belts should be checked every 25,000 miles and replaced every 50,000 miles, advises Rice. Checking the belts will let you know if any need to be tightened and will also make you aware of any abnormal wear and tear.

Don't forget the importance of windshield wiper blades as we approach April showers. Rice says these are inexpensive but important to keep maintained for unexpected rainy days.



6. Tires

There are several important factors to think about when it comes to your tires. Tires should be rotated every 5,000 miles or every other oil change, advises Rice. Tires should have good tread depth, which is what keeps your car from sliding off the road every time you take a turn. If your tread depth is too low, it's time to replace your tires. Rice suggests keeping your wheels in proper alignment as improper alignment can cause faster wear and put an extra load on the engine.

Finally, check your tire pressure. Keeping your tires inflated with the right amount of pressure is extremely important, says Rice. Over or under inflation can wear out your tires quicker and decrease fuel efficiency.

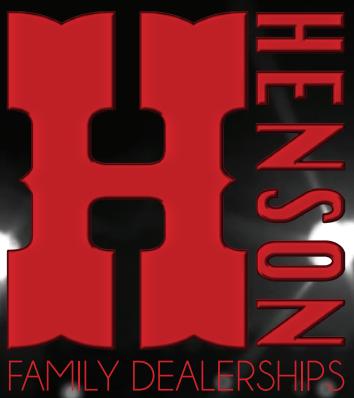


7. Lights

Your car's lights let other drivers know that you exist and what you are doing. If these burn out, not only could you get a ticket but you could get into an accident.

Most people mistake their broken blinkers as a funny glitch making one blinker flash faster than the other, but this is not the case. If one or both blinkers are blinking faster than normal, this is a clear indicator they are broken.

This is an easy fix. You can pick up a new bulb from any auto parts store and replace it yourself. The tricky part comes from handling the glass. If you touch the glass with your skin, you will leave an oil residue on the bulb, making the light blurry when others see it from the outside. Always hold the light by the metal bulb holder or use surgical gloves if you need to touch the glass.

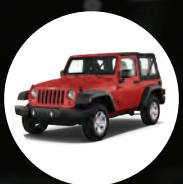


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Spring is almost here, but before you ramp up your watering, be sure to spruce up your irrigation system. If you don't know how much water your sprinkler system applies in a certain time period, it's difficult to water your landscape efficiently. You could easily apply too much water, which is a waste of money and resources.

Now is the perfect time to spruce up your irrigation system. To get started, follow these four simple steps—inspect, connect, direct, and select:

Inspect. Check your system for clogged, broken, or missing sprinkler heads. Leaks and broken sprinkler heads can waste up to 25,000 gallons of water over a six-month irrigation season!

Connect. Make sure sprinkler heads connect to pipes/hoses without leaks. A leak as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.

Direct. Redirect sprinklers to apply water only to the landscape, instead of the driveway, house, or sidewalk.

Select. An improperly scheduled irrigation controller can waste water and money. Update your system's schedule with the seasons, or select a WaterSense labeled controller to take the guesswork out of scheduling.

Another way to take the guesswork out of watering is to follow recommendations of the Brazos Valley WaterSmart Network (<http://brazosvalleywatersmart.tamu.edu>). Brazos Valley Water Smart provides neighborhood-specific watering recommendations based on weather stations and rainfall data collected across Brazos County.

Finally, the City of College Station offers a free landscape irrigation checkup service for customers concerned about high water use. Contact Jennifer Nations at (979) 764-6223 or jnations@cctx.gov to schedule a free landscape irrigation checkup. Customers receive a rain gauge and soil moisture sensor to keep track of irrigation needs, along with a detailed inspection report and suggested irrigation schedule.

Learn more about maintaining a water-smart yard at www.cctx.gov/water. *i*

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COUNTRY FAIR

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES

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Take the family on a short Saturday drive to enjoy an old-fashioned Country Fair while supporting veterans and their families on Saturday, April 9, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Oil Ranch in Hockley. Just a 50-minute drive from College Station, the action-packed event has something for everyone, from a petting zoo and a mechanical bull to live music and free line dancing lessons.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Lone Survivor Foundation, which provides support for wounded service members, their spouses, children, and caregivers.

The public is encouraged to come out and support the Country Fair at Oil Ranch. Active military and veterans with valid military ID will be admitted free. Miss Texas 2015, Angelica Alcala-Herrera, will be taking photos with guests. There will be live music, a silent auction and concessions available.

Activities will include rock climbing, a mechanical bull, zorb collision course, and free line dancing lessons for adults. Children's activities will include pony rides, train and hayrides, face painting, bounce houses, hay maze, hamster wheel races, mini golf and more.

"NEVER QUIT on those who NEVER QUIT on us!" is the creed of the Lone Survivor Foundation. Funds raised at this event will allow veterans and their families to participate in therapeutic retreats, which are provided at no cost for service men and women in need. Retreats provide helpful tools addressing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, sexual trauma and pain management.

Pre-sale tickets are \$20 for adults (\$25 at the gate) and \$15 for children ages 2-12. For directions to Oil Ranch and to purchase tickets online, visit OilRanch.com.

ART FAIR

DOWNTOWN BRYAN

Compiled By **SHELBY LANG**



From dancers to painters to jewelers and more, the Downtown Street & Art Fair has it all. The seventh annual fair in Downtown Bryan will "feature artists and artisans from across the region selling their homemade creations," according to Amanda Reynolds, the events and programs manager for the Downtown Bryan Association.

On April 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., artists will cover the 200 block of W. 26th Street in Downtown Bryan with tents containing all of their art as well as stations outside of their tents. The Street & Art Fair will also have live music and street performers in addition to hands on art demonstrations.

This year, the Street & Art Fair is featuring a one-of-a-kind event, a live steamroller print demonstration. This is the first time the fair will feature such an event and it is the only steamroller printmaking event in the area.

"Over the last several years, Downtown Bryan has actively fostered arts and culture," says Reynolds. "This fair continues to build on that by inviting our local artists as well as regional artists to support the rebirth that is occurring there."

Reynolds says Downtown Bryan encourages everyone to visit the Street & Art Fair to experience the culture of the area. Admission is free and you might even find a little gem of your own to take home.

For more information, visit downtownbryan.com

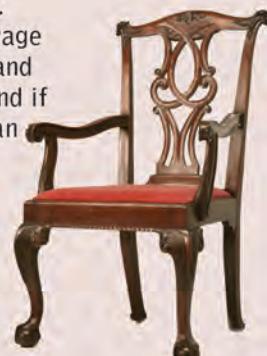
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DESIGNER PURSES AND MILITARY VETERAN MODELS

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2015 POWER OF THE PURSE MILITARY VETERAN MODELS. PHOTOS BY JENNY LIVINGSTON.

You can exercise the power of your purse to help those in need at the 7th Annual Power of the Purse Fundraiser, April 22, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the College Station Hilton.

Power of the Purse is an annual fundraising event benefitting Easter Seals East Texas, also known as the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center and Early Childhood Intervention program. The event will include a live auction, a silent auction, a raffle, photo booth, food, and a cash bar.

"Power of the Purse has become a signature event in our community, one to which many look forward," says Carol Binzer, chair of the board of directors for Easter Seals.

Auctioned handbags will include a variety from top designers like Michael Kors, Tory Burch, and Coach. The auction will also include many other options, including jewelry, furniture, luxury services, and more. There will be items for the

man in your life as well, says Binzer.

"Once again, the auction models will be military veterans, some of whom are students at Texas A&M University. They add a wonderful dimension to the support of this cause and bring enthusiasm to the bidding," says Binzer.

Last year's fundraiser raised approximately \$42,000.

This year's key sponsors include Davis and Davis Lawyers, Dealers Lighting, Commerce National Bank, Kristi Fox Satsky, Realtor of Century 21 Beal, and Bubba Moore Memorial Group, among others.

"The needs of Brazos Valley continue to outpace the resources, both in terms of people that need care, as well as the dollars that go to charitable giving and medical reimbursements," says Binzer.

Fundraisers like Power of the Purse help compensate for this growing disparity.

BVRC is a nonprofit outpatient treatment facility dedicated to the mission of helping people with disabilities lead independent lives. Physical, occupational and speech therapy, and an Autism program are available at the center. BVRC is the only local source of charitable rehabilitation for children. Early Childhood Intervention helps infants ages 0-3 and their families.

"It is our lucky 7th year, so support for Power of the Purse is most appreciated and really helps the children in the Brazos Valley," says Binzer. "You know you are having fun, but you are doing something charitable and supporting our community at the same time."

For ticket information, contact Carol Binzer (979) 412-1025, or visit PoPBCS.com. For more information about the BVRC/ECI visit www.east-texas.easterseals.com. **i**

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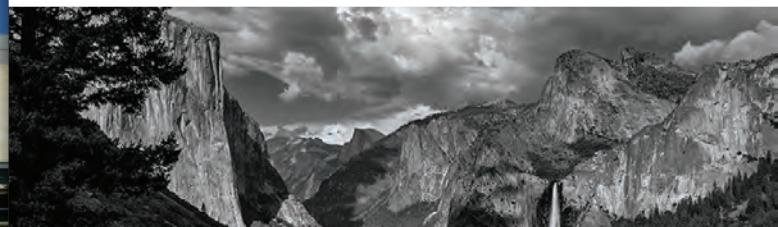
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ROCK THE CASA 5K

HELPING LOCAL CHARITIES HELP CHILDREN

By SHELBY LANG



Picture yourself crossing the finish line, with Thetas in tutus and cheering fans lining the sidewalks, and contributing to two local nonprofit organizations in the process. Talk about a feel-good moment.

Texas A&M University's chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority is hosting the 31st Annual Rock the CASA 5K on April 9, starting at 9 a.m. at the Theta Sorority house, located at 1503 Athens Drive in College Station. The race benefits

Theta's two philanthropies, Scotty's House and Voices for Children.

Scotty's House is a nonprofit organization that works as an advocate for abused and neglected children through professional and compassionate help. Scotty's House ensures the children have proper medical testing as well as transfers from the court system to their forever home, according to the Theta 5K Promotions Chairman Carley English.

Voices for Children is the Brazos Valley chapter of the national nonprofit organization Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA also works with volunteers to help children going through the court system and to speak on their behalf. CASA strives to minimize the number of times an abused child has to tell their story as it could be traumatizing for some children. CASA volunteers help keep the children at ease throughout the court system

process and act as a link so neither the child nor the child's information is lost in the process.

Both Scotty's House and Voices for Children work towards getting the children out of foster care and into safe, permanent, and nurturing homes. They do everything possible to keep sibling sets together, give hope when options seem to be running thin, and most importantly provide

consistent faces during unstable and emotional times.

Last year, the Theta sisters expected to raise \$80,000, but exceeded their goal and raised \$97,000, says English. The goal this year is to raise \$85,000. Approximately 1,300 participants are expected, according to English.

Along with the race itself, Rock the CASA will also provide music, food, and a silent auction with items ranging from weekend getaways to sporting events, or even puppies. All of the proceeds from the event benefit Scotty's House and Voices for Children.

To register for the race or to make a donation, visit theta5k.webs.com. Pre-registration before April 9 is \$15 per person, which includes the race, a t-shirt, and food. Registration is available the day of the event from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for \$25. The race begins at 9 a.m. and chip timing is available. **i**



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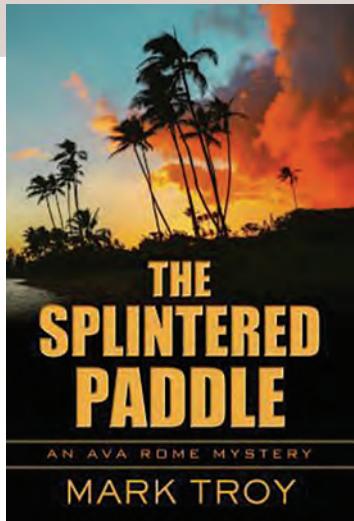
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BRAZOS READS

MARCH MYSTERY

By SHELBI LEMEILLEUR

**In Hawaii, the
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The defenseless shall be guaranteed protection from harm.

The Splintered Paddle by Mark Troy

In Hawaii, the Law of the Splintered Paddle is simple – protect the defenseless. Mark Troy's 2014 mystery novel, The Splintered Paddle, is aptly named. The main character, Ava Rome, has one goal – to protect the defenseless, just as the law suggests. However, this concept isn't always easy for Ava, who soon finds herself wrapped up in a messy scheme and a fight for her life.

The Splintered Paddle is available in hardcover or ebook. This novel is exhilarating, constantly changing directions and keeps the readers on their toes, trying to solve the mystery before Ava does. Ava finds herself protecting Jenny Mordan, a hooker who is assaulted by a corrupt police detective, Ron Nevez. Meanwhile, Norman Traxler, whom Ava put behind bars several years ago, is trying to put an end to Ava's life. Ava juggles both of these situations while trying to help a friend's daughter, Cassie, who finds herself wrapped up with a marijuana dealer, Alvie Wong. Is it possible that all of these things are connected? Well, book a ticket to sunny Hawaii, and join Ava Rome on an adventure you won't soon forget. *i*

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ARTS UPDATE

THIS IS WATER THEATRE

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JOVAN MARTINEZ AND AMY GUERIN IN GOING DARK BY ELIZABETH KEEL, FEBRUARY 2014.

The first professional ensemble theatre company in the Brazos Valley, This Is Water Theatre, has announced new educational opportunities and auditions, along with its Spring/Summer 2016 lineup of performances.

"Next Level Acting" is divided into teen and adult classes, and runs a total of 16 hours over eight weekends. They will offer a solid foundation of self-awareness, confidence, and techniques developed by several master teachers, including Konstantin Stanislavsky, Uta Hagen, and Sanford Meisner. Cost per student is \$200.

The "Improv Studio" is a weekly class, requiring no upfront commitment, and is an opportunity to learn about improvisational acting. Classes are open to all teens and adults, and will take place weekly on Sunday evenings from 5-6:30 p.m.

April 20-23 and 27-30, the company will present "Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom" by Jennifer Haley and directed by Seth Johnson. Set in a suburban subdivision with identical houses, the play tells the story of parents who find their teenagers addicted to an online horror video game. The game setting? A subdivision with identical houses. The goal? Smash through an army of zombies to escape the neighborhood for good. But as the line blurs between virtual and reality, both parents

and players realize fear has a life of its own. *Patrons should be aware the show contains intense mature themes and strong language.*

In late June and early July, This Is Water Theatre will present the Southwest Premiere of "The Man in Her Dreams," by Katherine Glover, directed by Andrew Roblyer. Megan Shepard is positive Jabari Woods is the man who assaulted her and left her for dead in a local park. Nikki Woods knows her husband was home with his family the entire time. Gloria Woods knows only that she wants her son out of prison. "The Man in Her Dreams" is a play about memory, justice, and living with a loved one behind bars.

Tickets for all This Is Water Theater productions can be purchased online for a minimum of \$5, or reserved through e-mail, info@thisiswatertheater.com, or by calling (979) 574-9364.

Auditions for men, ages 18-50, will be held on March 5, from 4-6 p.m. This Is Water Theatre is looking to fill one role in "Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom," and asks all actors to prepare a one minute contemporary monologue and a one minute movement piece (dance, monologue, etc.). Registration is required online.

For more information, to purchase tickets, register for classes, or sign up for auditions, visit thisiswatertheater.com.

BRA ART

HEALTH FOR ALL

Compiled By **INSITE STAFF**



This April, The Village Cafe will once again adorn its walls with bras to benefit Health for All.

The inaugural event raised a healthy amount of funds for the nonprofit clinic that provides access to free, high-quality, and comprehensive, primary, and preventive health care for low income, and medically uninsured individuals in the Brazos Valley. Bra Art is a fun and unique way to make a difference.

Artists, individuals, businesses, and nonprofits submit original works of Bra Art to be showcased and auctioned during a night filled with light, color, movement, and most of all – attitude. All Bra Art is auctioned with 100 percent of the proceeds going to Health for All to help with local health needs.

More than 300 people participated in 2015 to bid on 70 donated Bra Art entries. Anyone interested in participating is welcomed and encouraged to decorate a bra and submit it for display at The Village Cafe for the month of April. Bra submission are due March 21. Stop by The Village between March 29 and April 25 to vote on your favorite bra.

The 2nd Annual Bra Art Event & Auction will be Wednesday, April 27, at the Phillips Event Center. Enjoy appetizers, music and dancing while bidding on a bra to take home with you. The bras voted most favorite will be in a live auction during the evening.

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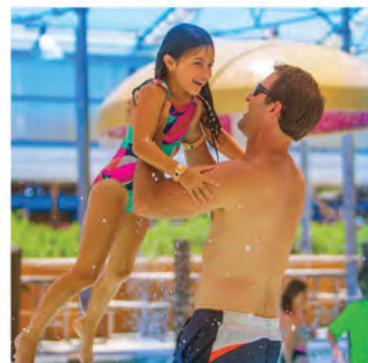
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