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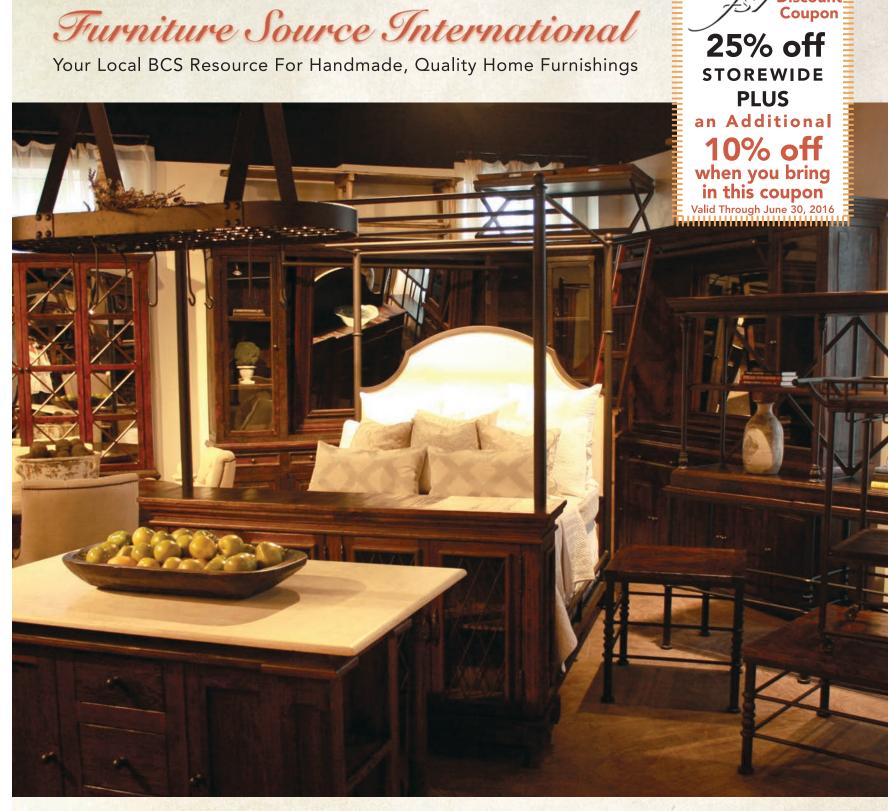
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DRIVEN TO DRIVE

New Exhibit at George Bush Library

By KATIE CANALES



In partnership with the Houston Automobile & Transportation Museum, the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation at Texas A&M University will present the exhibit "Driven to Drive: Defining Our Identity" starting May 16. The exhibit tells the story of the automobile through historical objects, interactive media, and hands-on displays, highlighting cars beginning with the 1950s through the present and into the future.

The automobile transformed the way Americans lived and how they defined their identities. This exhibit explores how

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the evolution of car designs and functions reflected the progression of twentieth century America.

Additionally, there will be short-termed displays and events that focus on other historically significant and popular cars throughout the run of the exhibit. There will be a speakers series based on the automobile theme and the **Education Department will** focus on related topics for programs and summer camps.

The exhibit will be on display in the Bush Library's Ansary Gallery of American History beginning May 16 and ending January 8, 2017. The cars will change throughout the duration of the exhibit

with three different groups of cars on display during this timeframe.

The first group will consist of 1950s car makes and models on display from May 16 to July 31. Cars included in the exhibit will be the 1955 Corvette, the 1955 Ford Thunderbird, the 1957 Chevy Bellaire, the 1957 Chevy Nomad wagon, and the 1959 Cadillac Series 62.

The second exhibit will span from August 8 to October 16 and feature cars from the 1960s era, including the 1963 Corvette with a split rear window, the 1965 Ford Mustang, the 1966 Ford Mustang GT-350 Shelby,



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the 1966 Pontiac GTO, the 1969 Chevy Camaro V8, the 1967 Dodge Charger, and the 1966 Dodge Coronet Hemi.

The third group combines elements of the past, the present, and the future. Current makes and models will be displayed, including the Prius Hybrid and the Ford F-150. A Terrafugia Flying Car will also be on display, as will the electrically run 2016-2017 Nissan Leaf.
Other cars displayed throughout the

exhibit duration include the 1915 Model T Touring and a custom Aggie truck. Yellow taxi cabs will make a special appearance on May 19.

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Ham Orchards

Story & Photos By SUSANNAH HUTCHENSON



Then Ham Orchards opens for the season, East Texas rejoices. Ever since the days when Dale Ham and his daughter would sell peaches on the side of the railroad tracks, the people have come in droves - all eager for the sweet taste of summer. Boasting more than 10,000 peach trees and the infamous peach ice cream, the little white store off Old Highway 80 is an East Texas institution.

On a typical summer day, people emerge from the pickvour-own blackberry patch covered in sugar and sticky fingers, carrying gallon-sized buckets filled with sweet,

Juicy, full of summer, and picked off the branches just that morning

hot berries. Lines wrap around the barbecue pavilion, people waiting eagerly for homemade potato salad and melt-in-vour-mouth peach pulled pork sandwiches. The store itself is full with jars of peach preserves, freshly baked moonshine pecan pies, and a rainbow array of locally grown fruits and vegetables. Homemade peach and strawberry ice cream beckons from the back wall, as kids beg their parents for just one

more sample of creamy fudge. The peaches are what keep the people coming back. It's the kind of peach that only comes from a Ham tree - juicy, full of summer, and picked off the branches just that morning.

Dale Ham, the orchard patriarch, didn't quite grow up thinking he wanted to be a peach farmer. He was a Richardson firefighter for 32 years and also owned a landscaping business, while raising two daughters with his

wife Judy. "One day, God put a desire in my heart to grow peaches," says Dale, taking a sip of his iced tea. "It wasn't ever anything I'd thought about. I hadn't even been to a peach orchard, but it was a calling."

Dale leaned back in his recliner, eager to tell the story behind the orchard. He and Judy bought 22 acres just east of Terrell in 1979 and planted 100 trees, not knowing what was going to happen. Every single one of the trees lived, and the Hams had so many peaches they weren't sure what do with them. Dale and his youngest daughter, Sharien, would set up a card



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table on the side of the railroad tracks and watch in wonder as car after car would screech to a stop, all eager for a bucket of Ham's peaches.

When the railroad knocked on their door and told the Hams they couldn't sell down by the road anymore, Judy was convinced they would have to sell. "But sure enough, we moved above the tracks the next day and the people that stopped doubled," laughs Judy. "People said they were too scared to stop on the side of the highway when we sold down by the road."

The trains came by three or four times a day, rattling the card tables and knocking peaches to the ground. Sharien would toss up peaches to the train engineers as they sped by, the men above grinning as they caught them. People lined up, day after day, rain or shine.

"We had caught ourselves a gold mine," says Dale. "We sold 'em cheap two or three bucks a basket - and let 'em get as ripe as they could before picking them off of the trees. They were so good."

In 1986, the Hams built a store, or as Sharien puts it, "a glorified garage," to sell their peaches. Every single day, they sold out by noon. It was becoming impossible to keep up with the demand.









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By then, they had some more help from a certain Richardson Fire rookie named Richard Strange, who had taken a liking to the business of peaches ... and to Sharien. People knocked on the doors at all hours of the day and night asking for "just one peach." It seemed like the peaches couldn't get picked fast enough, so they bought some more land and expanded again, and Richard officially joined the family business when he married Sharien.

More than 30 years and 10,000 peach trees later, Ham Orchards is thriving. The little piece of land 30 miles east of Dallas is visited by more than 100,000 customers in the peach season window between May 14 and August 15. Everyone from Dallas Cowboys to country singers to newborn babies come from all over Texas to buy bushels of peaches and pints of ice cream, eating their ice cream cones in rocking chairs and enjoying the sweet community that comes with being in East Texas.

"It has been an absolute dream," Dale smiles. "I haven't woken up yet." i



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Wine Road 290

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Tighway 290 cruises through the heart of the Texas Hill Country. Highway 290 cruises un ough the heart of the land sky on either A winding road with rolling hills of field and sky on either side, it is the corridor where Fredericksburg Wine Road 290 links an association of Texas wineries on either side of Fredericksburg. Beginning at Chisholm Trail Winery east of Fredericksburg and finishing at Texas Hills Vineyard in Johnson City, Wine Road 290 spans 45 miles offering stops at 15 member wineries for the perfect weekend road trip. The member wineries sponsor shared events, including pairings by local restaurants. Cheers to the road trip!

Chisholm Trail Winery

2367 Usener Rd., Fredericksburg

The first winery on the trail started **I** producing wine for the public in 1999 and has a 15,000-gallon capacity of wine tank space. With expansion plans in the works, Chisholm Trail offers a variety of wines, including their 2014 Ghost Rider Sweet Red Wine and their 2013 Captured - Dry Rose, which won silver and bronze medals in the 2015 Lone Star International. Captured contains tastes of apple, pear, and persimmon with a hint of nutmeg. chisholmtrailwinery.com

Fredericksburg Winery

247 West Main Street, Fredericksburg

eep in the heart of the Texas Hill Country lies a winery named one of the top three producers in Texas by USA Today. Operated by the Switzer Family, Fredericksburg Winery produces its wine in a 10,600-square-foot facility on Main Street. So far, it has bought production grapes exclusively from Texas vineyards. Wines offered include a 1996 Der Keller, a Texas White Wine, and a 2009 Rain Lilly. also a white wine, fbqwinery.com

Lost Draw Cellars

113 E Park St., Fredricksburg

perated by Andy Timmons and his team, Lost Draw Cellars opened in 2014, eight years after the establishment of Lost Draw Vineyards. The tasting room is located a few blocks off Main Street in Fredericksburg, Lost Draw Cellars wine selections include a 2012 Tempranillo, a Texas red with notes of leather, cherry, and vanilla, and a 2014 Arroyo Rose. lostdrawcellars.com

Rancho Ponte

315 Ranch Road 1376, Fredericksburg

ancho Ponte's owners moved to Texas Kfrom California and established the 20-acre winery five miles east of Fredericksburg. Among the wine selections include a 2014 Dolcetto, with hints of dried plums and white pepper, and a 2014 Montepulciano. ranchoponte.com

Fiesta Winery

18727 W FM 580. Lometa

Fiesta Winery operates along the Colorado River on a ranch that has been in the family for six generations. For 2016, the winery has planted five acres of Viognier, Montepulciano, and Marsanne grapes. fiestawinery.com

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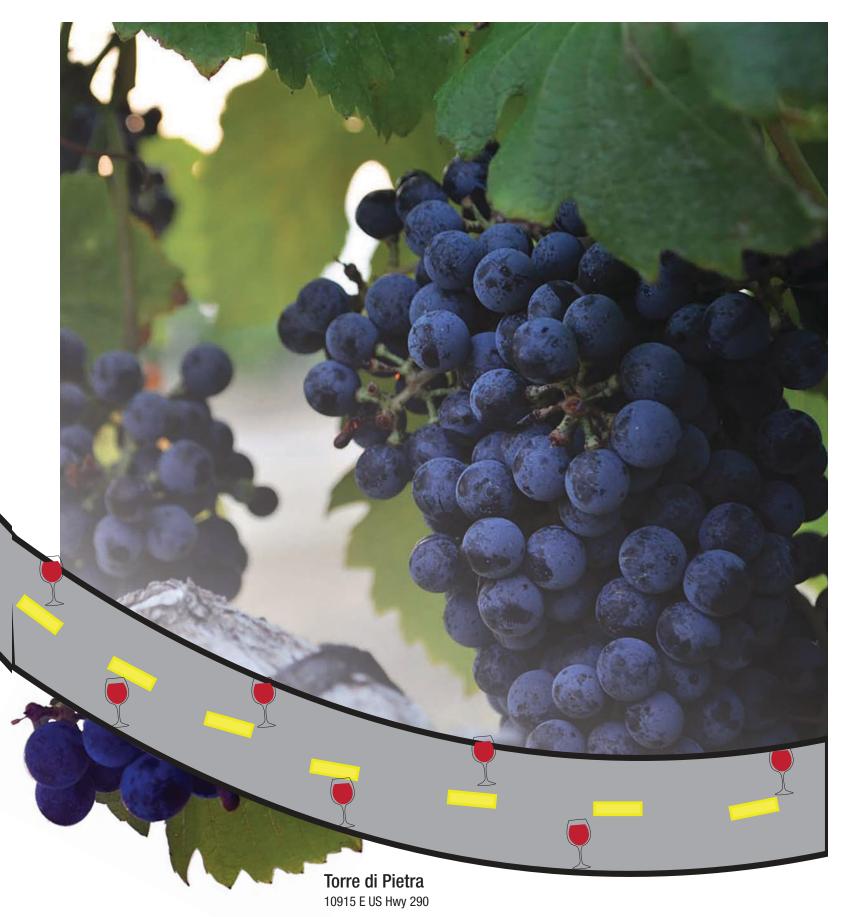
10354 E. US Highway 290, Fredericksburg

The Four Point O Cellars is a **▲** Fredericksburg winery born from the collaboration of three different Texas winemakers: Brennan Vinevards; Lost Oak Winery; and McPherson Cellars. It opened in 2012 and offers signature tastings such as The Texas Wine Experience and the Texas Cheese & Wine Experience, fourpointwine.com

Grape Creek Vineyards

10587 East US Highway 290, Fredericksburg

This Fredericksburg winery incorporates Tuscan elements into their wine experience, adorning its tasting room with rustic vibes and a tile roof. The vineyard features Stout's at Grape Creek Vineyards Trattoria, a restaurant offering casual Italian cuisine paired with Grape Creek wine. Wine choices include a 2012 Cabernet/Syrah and a 2013 Merlot. grapecreek.com



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Torre di Pietra's wine production tradition can be traced back to the late 1800s. Torre di Pietra's wines include

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Hilmy Cellars

12346 E US Hwy 290, Fredericksburg

perated by Erik and Neldie Hilmy, Hilmy Cellars planted its first vineyard 2009. Following the vineyard's planting came the construction of the winery and tasting rooms. Current wine selections include a 2013 "a.k.a." Sauvignon Blanc and a 2013 "a.k.a." Robin, a fruity dry red. hilmywine.com

Woodrose Winery

662 Woodrose Lane, Stonewall

ocated 14 miles east of ▲Fredericksburg, Woodrose Winery was purchased by Mike Guilette in 2005 and is quickly expanding. The winery's wide variety of wines include a 2010 Sea Breeze, a sweet wine blend of Ruby Cabernet and Muscat, and a 2014 Rose of Mourvedre, a rose with hints of watermelon and strawberry. woodrosewinery.com

Pedernales Cellars

2916 Upper Albert Rd., Stonewall

This family owned and operated winery **I** specializes in Spanish and Rhone style wines. Overlooking the Perdernales River valley, the winery's wines include a 2014 Pedernales Dry Rose, a spring and summer wine, and a 2014 Viognier Reserve. pedernalescellars.com

William Chris

10352 US Hwy 290, Hye

The tasting room of this winery is located in a 100-year-old farmhouse, which is the starting point of a walking tour of the property accented with oak trees. The winery's selections include a 2015 Cinsault Rose, with notes of red berries and cream, and a 2014 Mandola Field Blend, williamchriswines.com

Hye Meadow Winery

10257 W US Hwy 290, Hye

This winery spans 62 acres off Highway 290 and offers a space to drink wine and enjoy the Texas Hill Country scenery. Hye Meadow's wine choices include a 2015 Sundown, which is noted to taste similarly to cotton candy, and a 2014 Roussanne, a white wine with hints of lemon, grilled pineapple, and honey. hyemeadow.com



Texas Hills Vineyard

878 RR 2766, Johnson City

Operated by Gary and Kathy Gilstrap and son, Texas Hills Vineyard grows seven different types of grapes, including merlot and Orange Moscato. From the Sangiovese grapes grown comes the 2012 Rosato di Sangiovese, a dry, fruity rose wine with tastes of raspberry, strawberry, and cherry, texashillsvineyard.com 1



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A ZOIGL COMMUNITY

A New Old Tradition of Beer

By SARAH KINZBACH WILLIAMS

Eastern Bavaria in the 15th century was a great time and place to grab a beer. In the midst of the European Renaissance, this era of communal brewhouses spawned the Zoigl-style beer.

Characterized by community involvement and shared brewing space, traditional Zoigl-style beers were brewed in the township's shared brauhaus, or brewery, fermented at home, tapped when ready, and served in the family's garden or sitting room. In the six centuries of the Zoigl-brew, the concept traditionally stayed in towns of the Upper Palatinate of Germany.

Until now.

Stephen Guetersloh is lanky, relaxed, and as likely to discuss radiation physics as Eastern Bavarian history and the chemical reactions occurring in his most recent brew. The Bryan/College Station Zoigl is Guertersloh's creation.

"Zoigl brewery is around a community, not just the taste of beer," says Guetersloh. Surrounded by the traditions of Texas A&M University. German and Czech heritage. and in the heart of Downtown Bryan's rejuvenation, the Bryan/College Station Zoigl is perfectly aligned to maintain the key ingredient to the historic Zoigl concept community involvement.

"We want anyone who is willing and able to come brew," says Guetersloh. "If you don't know how, we'll teach you." From old school sodas and ciders to beer and sake, Guetersloh says Bryan's



Zoigl brewery is around a community, not just the taste of beer

newest brewery will try to accommodate anyone's interests. With a simple partnership agreement, anyone can brew and have their creation tapped and served when ready.

The Zoigl concept has literature dating back to the early 1400s, according to zoigl.de. "Zoigl," pronounced zoy-gul, is a German derivative of "zeichen," meaning sign. Houses with brews ready to serve would have the

community's zoigl sign hanging outside to signify their home was open as a pub until the cask had run dry, says Guetersloh. The zoigl sign looks similar to the Star of David, with six-points combined to represent the three ingredients (malt, hops, and water) and the three natural elements (earth, fire, and water) necessary to brew. Even today, the five remaining Bavarian townships still operating a Zoiglbraurie use

the town's zoigl sign and open their home to share the cask.

The B/CS Zoigl will store the casks to ferment prior to serving in their private space behind the Square One Downtown Brvan Events Center & Loft. Styled with traditional zoigltisch - long picnic patio tables for everyone to sit together – the B/CS Zoigl will be ready this summer to serve the brews straight from the cask, along with locally catered German food, and live music. By fall, they hope to have mounted big-screens for Aggie football fans to watch the games with a new/old kind of brew.

"[We're} trying to do as close as a facsimile to the traditional Zoigl as possible under the Texas legal structure." says Guetersloh. The legalities aside, the concept is simple: community involvement brewing, teaching, and enjoying the company of all involved over a pint of fresh, local brew.

For more information, visit bcs-zoigl.com. i





PADLOCKED IN!

Can You Escape?

By SHELBI LEMEILLEUR



rriving home one evening, A_{my} family and I rush to our father's study to tell him about our latest adventure only to discover he is missing, a cryptic note waiting on his desk. The door slams behind us, locking us in and a timer on the wall starts counting down; we have one hour to escape. For 45 minutes, we work together solving puzzles, searching for clues, and trying to find a way out of the room. We frantically search for the missing piece of the puzzle and manage to escape with four minutes to spare. It was a close call. We can't wait to do it again.

This may sound like a scene from a suspenseful thriller movie or nailbiting mystery novel ... but it's not

This may sound like a scene from a suspenseful thriller movie or nail-biting mystery novel, but it's not. Some of the **INSITE** staff were invited to check out College Station's latest craze. Welcome to Padlock Escape Games.

Jillian and Brandon Blamer opened Padlock Escape Games in January. They got the idea

to open their own escape games facility after visiting some friends in Tennessee and going to one there. They quickly realized the concept would fit in well in Bryan/ College Station.

"We have a lot of people who would be interested in [escape games] - with Texas A&M, Blinn, and even young professionals

and businesses bringing people in for team building exercises," Jillian explains.

There are currently three different escape rooms, each with the same goal, but with a different story. The newest room is a murder mystery masquerade. "People are going to be trying to find out who murdered this person at this masquerade in order to win an inheritance," Jillian says. "There's going to be a bit of a dual focus for that room."

In addition to the Murder Mystery Masquerade and Secret Study (the room INSITE participated in),

You've been kidnapped from the mall parking lot after a long day of shopping. You wake up handcuffed in a dark, abandoned warehouse with one hour to escape before the kidnappers come back for you.

Padlock Escape Games offers the chance to conquer the Kidnapped! room. In this room, you've been kidnapped from the mall parking lot after a long day of shopping. You wake up handcuffed in a dark abandoned warehouse with one hour to escape before the kidnappers come back for you. Don't worry, if you don't want to be handcuffed, you can still participate without manacles - the handcuffs just add another challenge to

Around 35 to 40 percent of the groups manage to escape their rooms, according to the Blamers. The owners and employees monitor the rooms through video cameras and can provide clues to the groups if requested. Both Jillian and Brandon agree that their favorite part





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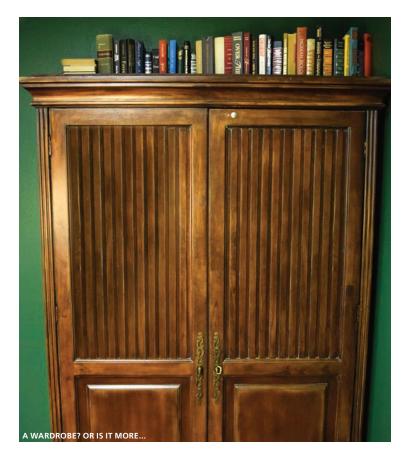








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of the games is watching how people interact together in the rooms.

"You really see people's strengths and how they interact with each other," Jillian says. "Even though it's the same puzzles that they're doing in the same rooms, people don't react or work together the same way."

So what is the secret to escaping the rooms? Jillian and Brandon's advice is to communicate with one another. take advantages of hints, and think outside of the box.

"Communication is very important," Jillian says. "We've had people before where they got a hint and then they hid it from the rest of the group and I didn't really understand why... Communication is much better. Always be really observant of everything. If you see anything that you think might be something, take a note on it, write it down, tell your group mates. Don't be afraid to think outside of the box."

The games are designed to be fun for anyone. "We see a

lot of people come through," Brandon explains. "College students, young adults, birthday parties, families." They can even adjust the difficulty of the rooms for the vounger patrons.

Tickets are \$18 and can be booked online at padlockescapegames.com. The games work best with four to nine people, although it is possible to solve them with less. You can leave the room at any time if uncomfortable, but will not be allowed to return to your group after. Groups who escape will be able to purchase an exclusive t-shirt as well.

So what are you waiting for? Grab your friends, teammates, coworkers, or family members and try to escape! Your challenge is to beat INSITE's time of 55 minutes and 56 seconds. Good

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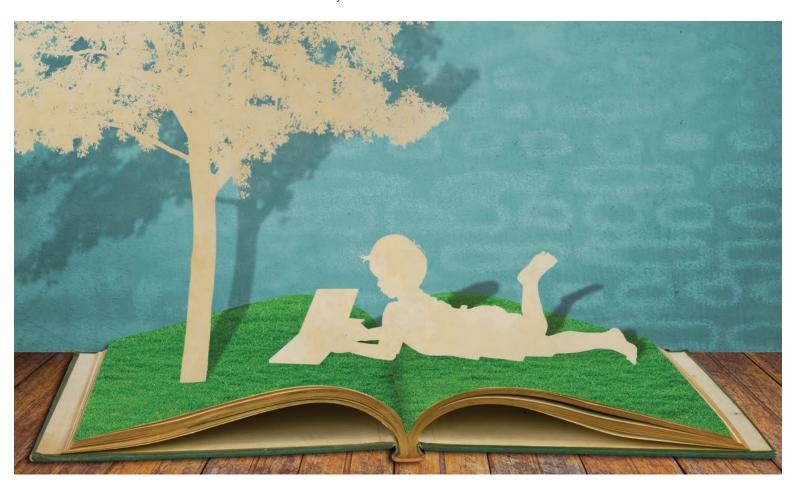
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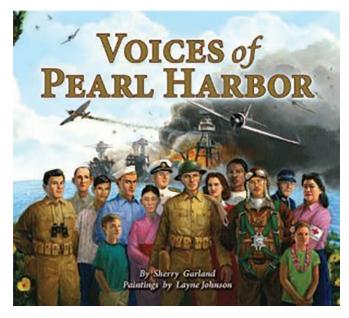
BRAZOS BOOKS

Summer Reads for Children

By SHELBI LEMEILLEUR



School may be out, but there are still plenty of opportunities for your little ones to continue learning and growing this summer. These seven books by members of the local **Brazos Valley chapter of** the Society of Children's Writers and Illustrators, are great for Storytime and young readers ready to stretch their imagination.



Voices of Pearl Harbor by Sherry Garland. **Paintings by Layne Johnson**

Sherry Garland's "Voices of Pearl Harbor" is a wonderfully expresses to young readers the severity behind the attacks on Pearl Harbor. There are 16 poems, beautifully illustrated by Layne Johnson, each told from a different perspective before, during, and after the Japanese attacks. Garland's extensive research is reflected through each entry, allowing the reader to understand the historical context from the voice of Japanese and American military, nurses, mothers, children, and citizens.

Some of Garland's 32 other books include "The Lotus Seed," "Voices of the Alamo," "Shadow of the Dragon," "Song of the Buffalo Boy," and "The Buffalo Soldier." 100 P<u>A</u>RK

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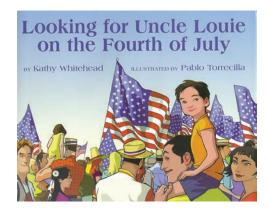
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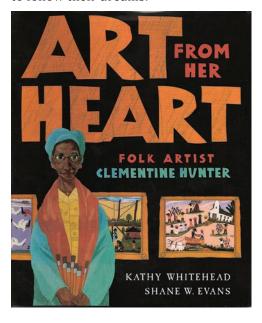
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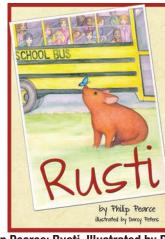
Kathy Whitehead: Looking for Uncle Louie on the Fourth of July, Illustrated by Pablo Torrecilla; Art from Her Heart, Illustrated by Shane W. Evans



"Looking for Uncle Louie on the Fourth of July" by Kathy Whitehead is the perfect summer read as the national holiday quickly approaches. The book, illustrated by Pablo Torrecilla, perfectly captures the excitement and anticipation young children experience during Fourth of July arades. Whitehead also does a great job incorporating elements of the south into the parade, including dancers in boots and bandanas, a conjunto band, and the highly anticipated lowriders. The only thing missing from the parade is "Big Joe's" Uncle Louie! Join Joe as he watches the celebration and searches for his uncle as the parade continues.

Also by Whitehead is "Art From Her Heart," inspired by the true story of artist Clementine Hunter and illustrated by Shane W. Evans. Whitehead tells about the extraordinary life of Clementine, a slave who painted in her spare time. Her paintings, and the story, depict Clementine's favorite memories feeding the chickens, fishing with her grandson, spending time with her husband, and more. It's a story filled with perseverance, passion, and hard work, setting a great example for kids to follow their dreams.





Philip Pearce: Rusti. Illustrated by Darcy Peters

For older readers, "Rusti" by Philip Pearce is the perfect summer read. This easy-to-read chapter book follows the story of a young boy named Cody and a pig from his family's farm named Rusti. Cody is in elementary school, but when he is at home, he loves to help his dad with chores around the farm. After noticing that Rusti's mom was injured and Rusti could not feed, Cody offers to hand-feed and raise Rusti. Rusti soon becomes more than just a regular farm pig.

Rusti is not only a cute story about a boy and a pig, but it teaches many great lessons for young readers including farm life, doing the right thing in tough situations, and the value of hard work. It won't take long before Rusti has nudged her way into the heart of these young readers.





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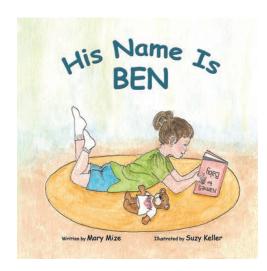
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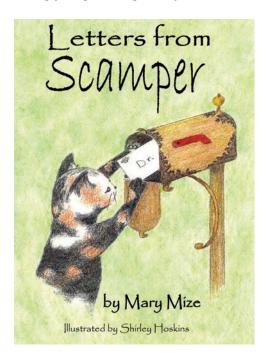
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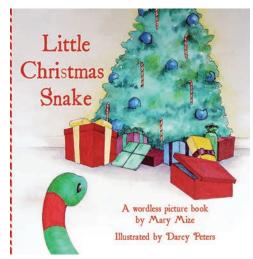




In "Letters from Scamper," Mize writes letters and poems from the perspective of her cat Scamper. It's the perfect book for young readers who are on their way to reading more complex texts. It's not quite the caliber of a chapter book, but meatier than a picture book. The hilarious and poignant letters are accompanied by Shirley Hoskin's illustrations. Scamper's letters to her veterinarian tell of the cat's life on Mize's farm. Chasing birds, taunting ducks, and playing with the menagerie of other animals are some of the many activities that fill up Scamper's days. Readers will love the letters as they see the life of the cat through its own eyes.

"His Name is BEN," by Mary Mize and illustrated by Suzy Keller, is the sweet tale of a young girl Kelly who names her new brother Ben. Mize perfectly captures the joys and frustrations of being an older sibling, especially when everyone refuses to call Ben by his name. Throughout the book, Kelly adamantly corrects everyone who calls Ben "darling" or "precious" that "His name is BEN!" It's a fun. humorous read for kids of all ages, whether they are an older sibling, younger sibling, or only child.





The holiday-inspired "Little Christmas Snake" is best for the youngest readers. Mize's book tells the story of Little Christmas Snake solely through Darcy Peter's illustrations. The wordless story allows the reader to stretch their imagination and explore the same curiosities as the snake. A page with questions at the end prompts parents to discuss the story with their child after flipping through the vivid book. *i*

Mary Mize: His Name is BEN, Illustrated by Suzy Keller; Little Christmas Snake, Illustrated by Darcy Peters; Letters from Scamper, Illustrated by Shirley Hoskins







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Cultural Experiences

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Tith so many museums in the Bryan/College Station area, you can keep the kids engaged for the summer. Many local museums are opening new and exciting exhibits, hosting summer camps, and extending summer hours. Take the kids on a learning adventure through time and culture while also having a good time for yourself.

The Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History will display the Capturing Time exhibit until

May 30. Capturing Time showcases early photography, including vintage cameras and production materials. The museum will open the History of Tarzan exhibit on June 16. The museum is open from 10:00 a.m. from 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. General Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 4-17, senior citizens and university students. Children under age three are free with an adult. For more information, visit brazosvalleymuseum.org.

featuring the 150th Anniversary exhibit for the City of Bryan. This exhibit will showcase the African American activities in Bryan as well as the history of African American education at Kemp High School, according to Oliver Sadberry, Museum

The Brazos Valley African

American Museum is

Curator. The exhibit will be on display through the end of August. The Brazos Valley African American Museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. General admission is \$5, seniors are \$4 and students are \$2. For more information, visit byaam.org.

The Museum of the American GI will be hosting summer camps starting in July. Send your upcoming first through fourth graders to the World War II **Experiences Camp for** the last weekend in July or the Junior GI Camp for the second week of August. Kids will learn about different

branches of military, both historical and modern military, as well as participate in arts, crafts, and physical activities. For more information, visit americangimuseum.org.

A new exhibit called "Spring in Aggieland" has opened at the **Beniamin Knox Gallery** and will continue to showcase through the fall. The gallery will also have some new original artwork and custom framing on display throughout

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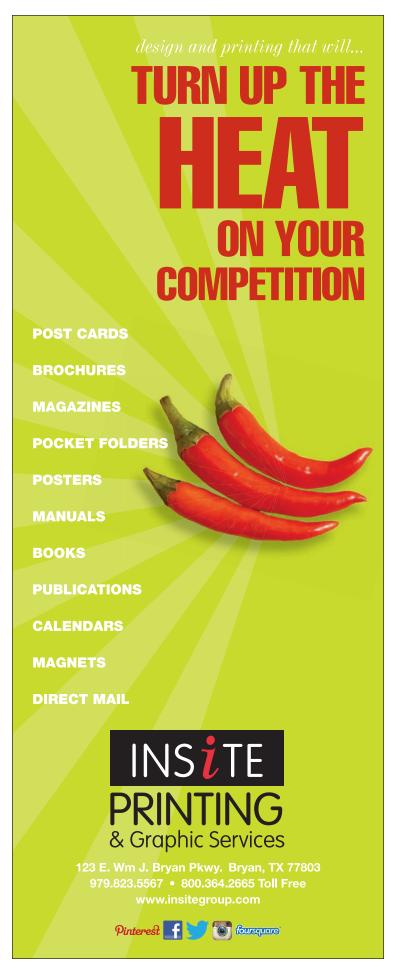




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May and June, according to Museum Director Clay Kosh. The Benjamin Knox Gallery is free for the public and open from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, visit benjaminknox.com.

The Sam Houston Sanders **Corps of Cadets Center** has several exhibits all year long displaying the various traditions at Texas A&M University. Topics include Reveille, Silver Taps, Muster, Cadet Life. Ross Volunteers. and more. There are also exhibits about the Medal of Honor Recipients, as well as General Rudder '32, and General Hollingsworth, the most decorated Aggie and the fifth most decorated United States Serviceman, according to Lisa Kalmus, the Museum Curator. The museum is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is free to the public. For more information, visit corps.tamu. edu/corpscenter.

The Hall of Champions, located on the west side of Kyle Field, has a new digitalized showcase featuring all the trophies ever won by Texas A&M University sports. The interactive display allows guests to rotate pictures of the trophies 360 degrees and provides information about each award. The Hall of Champions is free to the public and open Monday through Friday from 10am to 4pm. For more information, visit 12thman.com.

The Bonfire Memorial is a memorial site for the 12 Aggies who lost their lives when the bonfire collapsed in 1999. The Spirit Ring around the site represents the Aggie Spirit and shows where the bonfire once stood in 1999. The 12 portals are positioned toward the hometowns of the fallen Aggies and each one gives guests an insight to

that fellow Aggie. The Bonfire Memorial is open 24/7 and free to the public.

The Kyle House, located at 800 S. Bryan Ave. in Bryan, will showcase "Vibrant, Timeless Scenes," by Bets Davis. The exhibit will run through July 28. For more information, visit acbv.org.

The Forsyth Galleries. located in the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M, will continue to showcase "The Glass of Stevens & Williams" through June 12. The exhibit features decorative English glass art from the late 19th century. Additionally, Forsyth's "Painting the Four Seasons" exhibit will continue until June 12. The galleries are located on the second floor of the MSC and exhibits are free to visit. For more information, call (979) 845-9251. While visiting the MSC, stop by the Stark Galleries on the first floor and visit the permanent collection on display.

The SEAD Gallery, located in Downtown Bryan, combines elements of art, science, and technology in the exhibits presented and has multiple exhibits slated for the summer. Finnish printmaker Inari Krohn will present at SEAD on May 21 as the guest of honor for the annual Wood Engravers Network Workshop in Downtown Bryan. Two local abstract painters, Thomas Cavaness and John Krajicek, will exhibit a joint show at SEAD opening June 16. Kristine Kainer, an oil painter from Central Texas with featured exhibits all over the country, will display her work of food and landscape scenes beginning July 21. For more information and a full listing of events and exhibits, visit seadgallery.com. i

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LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Cool Activities for Long, Hot Days

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George Bush Library And Museum

Thurs, May 19 Lyzander Lion and Bitsey Bull

Fri, May 20 Movies by the Pond: "Cars" Fri, June 10 Bush Birthday Celebration Thurs, June 16 **Community Celebration** of Juneteenth Fri. June 17 Movies by the Pond: "The Game Plan" Daily, Mon. July 11 through Fri, August 12 "Transportation: Riding, Driving, & Flying Into the Future" Day Camp

Clara B. Mounce Library

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MOUNCE CHILDREN'S EVENTS:

Fri, June 3 Hometown Heroes & Big Rigs Sat, June 4 Motorcycles with Jericho Riders Wed, June 8 Animal Day! Wed, June 15 Elizabeth Kahura/Juneteenth Wed, June 22 Zoofari/ **Exotic Animals** Thurs, June 23 Southwest Mobile Dairy Sat, June 25 Ice Cream from Neptune! Wed, June 29 Domino's

Dough Show

Wed, July 6 Snakes Alive! Sat, July 9 Paradise Farm Animal show Wed, July 13 Texas A&M Chemistry Road Show Wed, July 20 Texas A&M Physics Show Wed, July 27 Brett Roberts/Magician

MOUNCE STORYTIMES AND SUMMER BOOK TALK:

Thursday Mornings June 2 – July 28 Babies (infant - 2) 10:15 a.m. Ready 2 Read (Ages 3 & up) 10:45 a.m.

Tuesdays June 7- July 26 Book Talk! (Elementary) 3 p.m.

This year, Mounce Library is hosting a new family program called "Ice Cream from Neptune". Dr. Jim Pennington of the Texas A&M Chemistry Road Show will be on hand to teach kids how to create ice cream with liquid nitrogen – an ice cream social that is "out of this world."

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MOUNCE TEEN/TWEEN EVENTS:

Thurs, June 9 Chips & Dip Book Swap 3-5 p.m. Thurs, June 16 Chemistry Road Show for Teens 3-5 p.m. Thurs. June 23 Shuffle with the BV Bombers 3-5 p.m. Thurs, June 30 Recipe Pro Demo 3-5 p.m. Thurs, July 14 Cake Pops R Wicked 3-5 p.m. Thurs, July 21 Game Day Unplugged 3-5 p.m. Thurs, July 28 Fun for Foodies

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RINGER CHILDREN'S EVENTS:

Sat, June 4 Big Rigs/Sports Tues, June 7 Epic Entertainment/Fun Action Tues, June 14 Safari with Elizabeth Kahura Tues, June 21 Animal Day

Tues, June 28 Positive Repercussions/ Music Tues, July 5 Texas A&M Chemistry Road Show Fri, July 8 Go Van Goghs (Ages 5 and under) Tues, July 12 Jurassic Library/ Dinosaurs/Puppets Sat, July 16 Be the Next Bill Nve the Science Guv Tues, July 19 Texas A&M **Physics Show** Tues, July 26 Texas A&M Treasure Hunt Sat, July 30 Reptile Hospice & KnK Reptile Rescue Tues, Aug 2 Domino's Dough Show (must register)

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Mondays June 6- July 25 Wiggle Worms - babies & toddlers 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays June 8- July 27 toddlers (ages 2-3) 10 a.m./ family (all ages) 11 a.m. Thursdays June 9- July 28 Babies and Books - newborns & crawlers 9:15 a.m.

RINGER TEEN/TWEEN EVENTS:

Fri, June 3 Ice Cream Social and Book Swap 12:30-1:30

Fri, June 10 Imagication 2-4

Sat, June 18 1-5 p.m. Mon, June 20 Late Night @ the Library 7-11 p.m. Mon, June 27 Mud Wars 6-8 p.m.

Sat. July 9 Painting Yourself 2-4 p.m. Mon, July 11 If You Give a Teen A Cookie 6-8 p.m.

Fri, July 15 Without Music, Life Would b Flat 2-4 p.m.

Mon, July 18 Around the Year in 80 Minutes 6-8 p.m.

Thurs, July 7 Hour of Code 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sat, Aug 27 Tween Back to School Party 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Teens Publish - Creative Writing & Illustrating at Larry J. Ringer Library for 7th-12th grade. Registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Kendra at kperkins@bryantx.gov or (979) 764-3416.

Mon, July 25, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Pool Party! Teens and tweens who attend at least two teen programs at either Clara B. Mounce or Larry J. Ringer Libraries are eligible to attend a free pool party at Adamson Lagoon. For details or to register, call Kendra at (979) 764-3416.

Books And A Blanket

Have extra children's books lying around? Books and a Blanket would love for you to donate! This summer, Books and a Blanket will be focusing their efforts on giving books to the Brazos Valley Food Bank, Voices for Children, and two laundromats in the area to encourage reading while parents are doing laundry. Books and a Blanket was started in the Brazos Valley by Maggie and Harper, two sisters who are avid readers with giving hearts. The purpose of Books and a Blanket is to promote literacy among young students in need. This year, Harper and Maggie received the 2016 Ronnie Jackson Friends of Children Award and a Bush Point of Light Award. i



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WATER PARKS

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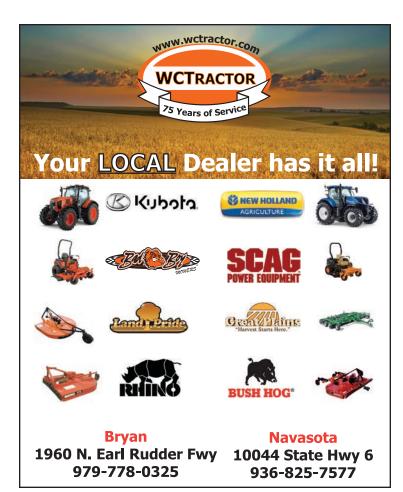
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Wildflower Days

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Starlight Music Festival

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George Bush Presidential Library and Museum

The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Texas A&M University has a full schedule of events for the summer, including the Summer Film Series: Movies by the Pond. Enjoy family friendly films such as "Cars," "The Game Plan," "Herbie Fully Loaded, and more. For a full schedule of events, visit bush41.org.

Hot Nights, Cool Tunes

Bring your lawn chairs and visit Downtown Brenham's Courthouse Square for cool tunes in July. Free concerts will be held every Saturday night in July at 7pm. VisitBrenhamTexas.com

FARMERS MARKETS

Brazos Valley Farmers Market

Take your family for a day of local, farm-fresh shopping every Saturday. Check out the Brazos Valley Farmers' Market in Downtown Bryan located between Main Street and Bryan Street, a few blocks north of William I. Bryan Parkway. All produce is locally grown. Stock up on fresh eggs, jellies, jams, honey, herbs, and garden crafts. brazosvalleyfarmersmarket.com

Bellville Farmers Market

Get homegrown seasonal fruits and vegetables, grass-fed beef, seafood, herbs, baked goods, and more every first and third Saturday of the summer. Located in Bellville on the corner of Bell and Palm Street, one block off the Bellville Square. Opens at 9 a.m. bellvillefarmersmarket.com

The Farm Patch

Purchase fruit, vegetables, food products, flowers, and other plants all in one place. Since opening in 1974, The Farm Patch has become widely known and recognized for its quality, freshness, and overall "Old Market" appeal. Check it out at 3519 South



Enjoy the World Famous Marching Kazoo Band, unique entries, decorated floats and golf carts and marching entries! Over \$600.00 in Prize Entry Money!

Chappell Hill CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce invites you to come celebrate the "40th Anniversary of our Independence Day Parade" July 4 @ 10AM. Join us in downtown Chappell Hill at 10 A.M. for the "Biggest Small Town Parade!"

> Immediately following the parade enjoy the newly launched "Cool Rods Car Show" sponsored by the Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce with live music and plenty of food vendors!



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College Ave. in Bryan. thefarmpatch.com

Home Sweet Farm Market & Biergarten

A local food hub open daily, the Home Sweet Farm Market & Biergarten is a mecca of local produce, craft beer, wine, and entertainment. For daily hours, events, and more information, visit homesweetfarm.com.

PLAYS/MUSICALS

Into the Woods

The Theatre Company presents "Into the Woods" June 10-19. For tickets and show times, visit theatrecompany.com/tickets.

Pinocchio

Enjoy the classic story of a wooden puppet who thinks he is a real boy. The Children's Musical presents "Pinocchio" at Unity Theatre in Brenham, July 28 – 31. For tickets and show times, visit unitybrenham. org/SpecialEvents-Pinocchio.

Scapino!

Unity Theatre in Brenham presents "Scapino!" June 2–19. For tickets and show times, visit unitybrenham. org/MainStage-Scapino.

SING AND DANCE

P.O.E.T.S. Billiards and **Sports Bar**

Grab a mic at P.O.E.T.S. in College Station for karaoke every Friday night. poetsbilliardsbcs.com

Salsa Lessons at The Village

Put on your dancing shoes and head to The Village in Downtown Bryan. Salsa lessons are just \$8 every Wednesday night from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., or skip the lesson and dance for \$5 from 10:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. Drink specials available. thevillagedowntown.com

FOURTH OF JULY

Burton's Annual Fourth of July Celebration

Don't miss Burton's Annual Fourth of July Celebration at Burton Community Center. Featuring an auction, cakewalk, games, food, and refreshments for all. For more information. call (979) 289-5051.

Fireworks on the Brazos

The Annual Fireworks on the Brazos will feature a free music concert from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Washingtonon-the-Brazos' amphitheater, featuring Texas country artist Cody Bryan Band. The firework extravaganza starts at 9:30 p.m. HEB will host face painting, bubble stations, and other fun activities for kids. Food vendors will offer a variety of festival food choices. Visitors can bring picnics, blankets, lawn chairs, and flashlights. birthplaceoftexas.org

Kurten Fireworks Show

Celebrate Fourth of July at the Annual Kurten Fireworks Show and Fundraiser. This event offers residents the opportunity to meet and support firefighters and first responders who volunteer their time and efforts to the community, while enjoying a familyfocused celebration. The event features barbecue. children's games, and activities, raffles. and fireworks show. district2vfd.org

Fourth of July Parade in Chappell Hill

Celebrate the Fourth of July in Chappell Hill at the Biggest Small Town Parade in Texas. Featuring the famous Marching Kazoo Band, the parade starts at 10 a.m. The Chappell Hill Historical Society will host the Summer Cowboy Event featuring the Rocking T Chuck Wagon, Cowboy Bob, pony rides, petting zoo, oxen demonstrations. and a food and beverage vendor, chappellhilltx.com

Fourth of July Parade in **Round Top**

Round Top's 166th Fourth of July Parade will kick off at 10:30 a.m. in Downtown Round Top with the roar of the Civil Warera cannon. Fun for the whole family, great food, good music, and parade will be among the festivities of the longest running annual Fourth of July celebration west of the Mississippi River. roundtoprifle.com

I Love America Fourth of

The 56th Annual I Love America Fourth of July celebration will be presented by the College **Station Noon Lions** Club at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Texas A&M. Activities begin at 9:30 a.m. on July 4 with free games, rides, and live entertainment with free museum entry until 8 p.m. Fireworks begin at dark and end at 10:15 p.m. csnoonlions.org

SUMMER CAMPS

Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

Hosting nature camps for more than 45 years, the Museum will host summer camps for kids June 6 through August 19. For weekly and daily themes, visit brazosvalleymuseum.org or call (979) 776-2195.

Camp Humane

Aggieland Humane Society will host a hands-on interactive camp with animals. Featuring guest speakers, animal safety, pet ownership lessons, and more. Camp dates: Iune 22-24, July 13-15, and August 3-5. For more information, visit aggielandhumane. org/camphumane or call (979) 775-5755.

Transportation Summer Camp

George Bush Presidential Library and Museum will host a weekly day camp weekdays between July 11 and August 12. Campers will learn about the history of transportation, riding, driving, and flying.

For information and registration, visit bush41. org/camps.

Summer Art Camps

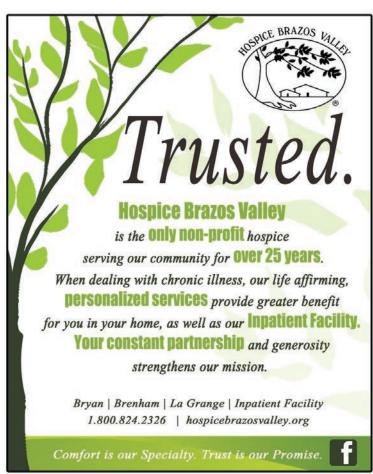
Arts Council of the Brazos Valley will host fun, interactive camps for kids ages 6–12. Various camps and dates throughout the summer. For dates, topics, and registration, visit acbv.org.

Camp Millican

Send your kiddos to camp! Camp Millican is a week-long day camp for ages 5-10, which promotes healthy discovery and outdoor adventures. As an outdoor program, Camp Millican provides a fun, enriching experience aimed at strengthening a child's sense of wellbeing and cultivating a bond with nature. Sessions are June 13-17, June 20-24, July 11-15, and July 18-22 at Millican Reserve, 19851 FM 2154, College Station. campmillican2016. splashthat.com i









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CENARE RESTAURANT

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www.cheftai.com, check website for daily locations and hours (979) 268-3251. Chef Tai's Mobile Bistro is America's Favorite Food Truck serving a blend of globally inspired cuisine.

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206 West 26th St, Bryan (979) 823-4837. Voted Best Wine By The Glass, Downtown Uncorked Wine Bar is where the adults go. Choose from more than 100 bottles! Special nights include Women Gone Wine Wednesdays, Half Price Bottle Thursdays, and Friday Night Flights.

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www.grubburgerbar.com, 980 University Dr, CS (979) 268-1041. Grub Burger Bar believes in fresh ingredients and big flavors, delivered by caring, friendly people. Dine in, or order online for pick-up or delivery. Open 11am-10pm; Happy Hour M-F 3-6pm.

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LASALLE HOTEL

www.lasalle-hotel.com, 120 S. Main St, Bryan (979) 822-2000, Located in the heart of historic downtown Bryan, LaSalle Hotel, Café and Bar has corporate and group rates, conference and meeting rooms, and an executive chef on staff.

LUIGI'S PATIO RISTORANTE

www.luigispatiorstorante.com, 3975 SH-6 S, CS (979) 693-2742. Luigi's Patio Ristorante offers genuine Italian cuisine in a cozy atmosphere that transports you straight to the heart of Italy. You can choose to dine in the villa-style home interior or "outside" in the piazza town center, an indoor patio outfitted to embody all the excitement of a traditional Italian market square. Live music, check website for schedule. Open for lunch Tu-Fri 11:30am-2pm. Open for dinner Tu-Su 5:30pm, call for closing times. Brunch Su 11:30am-2pm.

MADDEN'S CASUAL GOURMET

www.maddenscasualgourmet.com, 202 S Bryan Ave, Bryan (979) 779-2558. For catering and private party planning, call (979) 450-5354. Madden's Casual Gourmet is the perfect place for lunch or dinner, celebrations, and catering any event! Open M-W 11am-2pm, Th-Sa 11am-9pm.

MESSINA HOF WINERY

www.messinahof.com, 4545 Old Reliance Rd, Bryan (979) 778-9463. Founded on the cornerstones of family, tradition, and romance, Messina Hof Winery & Resort has held its place as a Brazos Valley staple since 1977. Open M-Th 10am-7pm, F-Sa 10am-8pm, Su 11am-6pm.

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MUST BE HEAVEN

www.mustbeheaven.com, 100 S Main St, Bryan (979) 822-7722; 1136 East Villa Maria, Bryan (979) 731-8891; 1700 Rock Prairie Rd, CS (979) 764-9222. Reminisce the good ole' days of Ice Cream Shoppes and hand-crafted sandwiches at Must Be Heaven. Bryan locations' hours: M-F 8am-6pm, Sa 8am-3pm. College Station hours: M-F 8am-8pm, Sa 8am-3pm.

NAPA FLATS

www.NapaFlats.com, 1727 S. Texas Ave, CS (979) 383-2500. Napa Flats Wood-Fired Kitchen is a lively restaurant with a unique patio and bar serving Californian-Mediterranean-Italian meals. M-Th 11am10pm F-Sa 11am-11pm Su 11am-9pm

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THE TAP

www.tapbcs.com, 815 Harvey Rd, CS (979) 696-7396. The Tap is a former train depot transformed into a sports bar and restaurant. This local favorite has more than 30 TVs, darts, pool tables, NTN trivia, dominoes, two huge porches, occasional live music specials, burgers, sandwiches, and free peanuts. M-Sa 11am-2pm.

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