Remember when you could count on the neighbor’s kid to come over and feed your dog or cat when you were on vacation? Well, unless you have some really good neighbors, those days are gone.

Figuring out what to do with your pets while you’re gone is a puzzle. Should you keep them at home and hire a pet sitter? Should you board them at the vet’s office? Should you put them in a doggy “camp” where they can have fun, too? Or maybe get them trained or groomed while they are being boarded somewhere.

There’s a solution, and a price tag, for all of these options. The Bulverde Spring Branch area is flush with choices of boarding, training, and playing places for your dog, in addition to licensed and bonded pet sitters who can come to your house. Pet sitters typically not only feed, exercise, and cuddle your pet, they can also take care of your house plants, and perform other household services.

The following are some local businesses you can check out before making your decision. All the facilities received very favorable reviews posted online from people who have used their services.

VETERINARIANS

Most veterinary clinics offer limited boarding. On the plus side, you know medical care is nearby if needed. On the minus side, the pet is closed up in a pen or in a small outside run and gets little exercise or interaction.

BOARDING FACILITIES

A Better Dog Training, Inc. - Spring Branch
Owner and operator Janet Echavarry offers training options in addition to boarding. She uses balanced dog psychology methods and specializes in puppies and fearful dogs. www.abetterdogtrainingtexas.com

This “resort” will board your dog or cat in roomy enclosures, take dogs for walks, and provide grooming. 830-625-7387. www.jinsbedandbiscuits.com.

K 9 Country Club - Bulverde, TX
This facility on 13 acres offers roomy inside/outside kennels, play groups, daycare, a dog “beach” with sand for digging in and a large pool for swimming. Cat boarding is also available. Training, grooming, and massages optional. (830) 980-8476 or www.k9countryclub.net

Pet Galaxy – Spring Branch
This “pet resort” on 6 acres provides boarding, grooming, training, and daycare.

Photo courtesy of Jin’s Bed & Biscuits

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LIBRARY OFFERS THREE STORYTELLING EVENTS

by Lacee Sowell

Calling all storytellers and lovers of stories! Three very exciting storytelling events are scheduled at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library. If you or someone you know enjoys listening to the stories of others or would like to learn more about storytelling, don’t miss out on these events!

Wednesday, August 23 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm – The Art of Storytelling

Effi Brandenburg will lead us through the art of sharing our stories. We all long for meaningful relationships. In this age of technology we connect with many sound bites, yet we may be lonelier than ever. The art of deep conversations and sharing our stories is lost.

Through guided games, leads, theater and personal sharing, Effi will guide you in a safe environment to hear or freely share. Learn more about yourself and walk in others’ shoes.

Invite your teen to hear the dreams you had when you were their age, hear theirs. What are three things that annoy you—why? What is your favorite birthday memory? When have you felt strong? When was the last time you laughed yourself silly? Make new friends connecting in a fun, safe, entertaining, meaningful way sharing stories.

Effi Brandenburg is a wife, mother of two grown children and a grandmother. She has a BA in Child Development and a MA in Adult Education. (She jokes there is no difference!)

She has worked abroad as well as in the USA with kindergarten age children through adulthood in schools, institutions, museums, houses of worship and folk camps.

This program requires registration and will meet weekly throughout the year.

Thursday, July 20 from 6:30pm – 7:45pm – The Doc Moore Storytelling Guild

After learning how to share your stories, see it in action with the Doc Moore Storytelling Guild!

The Doc Moore Storytelling Guild will celebrate their Grand Opening meeting at the Bulverde Library on Thursday, July 20, from 6:30-7:45pm. Refreshments will be served and the first ten in attendance will receive a free book (one book per family), signed by nationally known storyteller and author Tim Tingle. The guild will meet monthly and welcomes audiences (middle school age to adults) to enjoy stories told by both professional oral performers and up-and-coming storytellers.

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To find out more or register for the classes, please visit the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library’s online calendar at bsblibrary.libcal.com.

Bulverde/Spring Branch Library | 131 Bulverde Crossing | 830.438.4864

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THURSDAY, JULY 20TH FROM 6:30PM – 7:45PM
Bulverde/Spring Branch Library | 131 Bulverde Crossing | 830.438.4864
BSB Fire Department Benefit – Boots for Blossoms
On July 22, Spring Creek Gardens at 11355 US Highway 281 N, will hold the Boots for Blossoms fundraising event for the BSB Fire Department. For a $10 donation, make an interesting garden piece from an old fireman’s boot.

Classic Car Cruise-In
On August 8 from 5pm - 8pm come out to the Ay Chiwawa! Mexican Café in the Singing Hills Shopping Center to see classic cars, hear live music, and enjoy happy hour drinks and food specials. On the second Tuesday of each month. Sponsored by Sonora Bank.

Day of Services & Back to School Outreach
On Saturday, August 5 from 10am - 2pm come to the Bulverde Community Park for free family health screenings and low cost child vaccinations, free kids’ haircuts, free school supplies for children. Bring your pets for low-cost rabies vaccinations and exams. Contact: Weslea Miller 210-316-1940.

Market Days - Ongoing
Be Fab Market Days - Every 2nd Saturday of the month, 10am - 4pm at Be Fabulous Boutique, 2877 Bulverde Rd in Bulverde. Contact: Cathy Scroggins-Brownlow at 210-343-9272.
The Bulverde Farmers Market on Wednesdays from 11am - 2pm features locally produced veggies, honey, and more. You’ll find it next to the Hatch 5 Boutique at 2630 Bulverde Road.
The New Braunfels Farmers Market is open year-round on Saturdays 9am - 1pm at 186 Castell Avenue.
The Sage Gardens Bandera Farmers Market is open on Thursdays 8am - 11am at 702 Main Street.

Johnson City Market Days is held every 4th weekend, on Saturdays 10am-5pm and Sundays 10am - 4pm in City Memorial Park on US 290, 830-868-7684.
Boerne - Farmers Market at the Cibolo is open every Saturday 9am – 1pm at the Herff Farm at 33 Herff Road in Boerne.
Fredericksburg Farmers Market will be open every Thursday from 4pm - 7pm beginning May 4 through August at the Kinderhalle in MarktPlatz in downtown Fredericksburg.

Movie in the Park
Finding Dory will be showing FREE on Friday, July 14 at the Bulverde Community Park starting at dusk (about 8:30pm). Bring lawn chairs and the kids. There will be food vendors and activities.

Music and More
Max’s Roadhouse has live music on most Fridays and Saturdays. Food and drinks, shuffleboard and pool, plus sports on TV. At 5375 U.S. 281, Spring Branch, Texas 78070, 210-352-0820.

Sandra’s Cantina and Grill has great margaritas, homemade salsa, and Tex-Mex. Local bands play on the patio Friday and Saturday nights. 13100 US 281, Spring Branch, TX 78070, (830) 885-2939.

Speccht’s Store – Historic store and bar/restaurant that features live music Wednesday thru Saturday nights and on Sunday afternoons. Bike Night on Wednesdays. 112 Speccht Road, Bulverde 830-438-1888.
Shade Tree Saloon is a biker-friendly honky tonk that serves good burgers and other fare, plus drinks. Call 830-885-5550 for information about live music schedule. At 13430 Highway 281 North, Spring Branch, Texas.

Tejas Rodeo Company presents Saturday night rodeos through November 25, 2017. Doors open at 5pm and rodeo starts at 7:30pm. Call 830-980-2226 for more information. At 401 Obst Road, Bulverde.

Whitewater Amphitheater features outdoor concerts on the Guadalupe River. See the lineup at www.whitewaterrocks.com for schedule and tickets.

Outdoors
Honey Creek Hike takes place at the Guadalupe River State Park every Saturday from 9am - 11:30am. Cost: $7 for age 13 and over. See http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/guadalupe-river/park_events for many other activities at the Guadalupe River State Park.

Summer Shelter Storytime
Every Wednesday from 10am - 11:30am at the Bulverde Area Humane Society, bring a favorite book or two to read to the dogs and cats! All ages are welcome. Hand out pupsicles to the dogs and have a popsicle for yourself. At 3563 Kingsnake Road, Bulverde, 830-980-2247.

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Theater
S.T.A.G.E. – WAIT UNTIL DARK by Frederick Knott will be showing on July 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 at the Krause House Theater, 1300 Bulverde Road in Bulverde (wheelchair accessible). 830-438-2339.

Brauntex Theater in New Braunfels will present The Little Mermaid by the Performing Arts Academy of New Braunfels from the great Western swing band Asleep at the Wheel with Ray Benson, on July 28 through August 6. Tickets $12 for children and $18 for adults. Call 830-627-0808 or go to www.brauntex.org.

Rockbox Theater in Fredericksburg will present “Motown Breakdown with Michael Hix” for one show only, on Saturday, July 15 at 3pm. On July 21 and July 22, Donny Edwards will present his amazing “Tribute to Elvis.” Then on August 4, “Surfin – A Beach Boys Tribute” will recreate their greatest hits. For details and tickets go to www.rockboxtheater.com or call 830-997-7625, 109 North Llano, Fredericksburg, TX.

Wine
Public Hill Country Wine Tours by 281 Wine Tours – Tours of wineries & vineyards every 3rd Saturday. You must register by the previous Saturday. $75.00 per person. Contact Greg Ortiz at 830-202-0697.
Library Events - July & August

All library classes and events are FREE unless otherwise noted. Where: BSB Library at 131 Bulverde Crossing, Bulverde, TX 78163. Questions? Call the library at 830-438-4864 or go to www.bsblibrary.org.

NOTE: If you registered for a class and need to cancel, please do so by clicking the link to unregister in your confirmation email or call the library.

Saturday, July 15
Comal Master Gardeners Program
1:00pm - 2:00pm
CE presentation from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: by author Cheryl Beesley. She will discuss *Landscaping with Edible Plants in Texas.*

Tuesday, July 25
Gamer’s Night: Board Games for Adults
5:00pm - 7:45pm
Show up to play board games. Snacks provided! Please register.

Wednesday, August 9
Lunch and Learn - T-Shirt Necklaces
12:00pm - 1:30pm
Adults and teens are invited to bring some of your old t-shirts or use some of ours to make some fun and trendy necklaces out of the t-shirts. Registration is required and supplies may be limited. For questions email bethanie@bsblibrary.org.

Thursday, August 10
Learn to Download eBooks and Audiobooks from Overdrive
6:00pm - 7:45pm
Interested in being able to read or listen to books anytime from from your home? Come learn about Overdrive’s new app, Libby. Its free and is made for library users. This class will focus on Apple, Android and Kindle eReaders, tablets and phones. Please bring your device and know your password for your Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Registration required.

Ongoing Programs at the Library

Mondays
Sit and Piece/Quilt – July 10 & Aug. 7
10:15am - 4:00pm
Watch a video on a quilt project and then sew.

Toddler Storytime
10:30am - 11:30am

Tuesdays
Conversational French – last class July 25
9:30am – 10:30am
Beginning French – starts August 1
9:30am - 11:00 am

Book Club – 3rd Tuesday
10:30am - 12:30pm
Open to new members. Check the library’s website for the current book.

Intermediate French – starts August 1
11:00am - 11:30am

Hill Country Christian Writers
6:00pm – 7:45pm
For adults who want to improve their writing.

Family Lego Night
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Book Club - 2nd Tuesday PM
6:30pm - 7:45pm
New members welcome! Please come ready to discuss the book selection for this month. See Book Clubs under Classes & Events on www.bsblibrary.org.

Wednesdays
Preschool Storytime – resumes
July 26
10:30am - 11:30am

*NEW* The Art of Storytelling - for Adults & Teens 13+
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Effi Brandenburg will guide the group in the art of storytelling and sharing our stories. The group will meet weekly throughout the year. Registration required.

Thursdays
Conversational Spanish – through August
10:00am – 12:00pm

English as a Second Language
6:00pm - 7:30pm
No registration required.

Saturdays
Walk-In Computer Help
11:00am – 12:00pm
“The Poppabilities Are Endless”
at Popcorn Friday
by Lacee Sowell

Just down East Highway 46, nestled amongst the Shops of Faithville, rests a quaint little place called Popcorn Friday. It’s likely the name rings a bell for many from the Bulverde/Spring Branch community. The business is no stranger to community events having made appearances at Bulverde Market Days, Movies in the Park, and others. Owned by Dan and Priscilla Schrubb, Popcorn Friday is a thriving business with friendly faces waiting to greet all those who dare walk through the door.

Upon entering the shop – and sometimes before – the scent of fresh popcorn graces the senses. The popcorn is popped and flavored on site at the store. For those who may not know, the various – sometimes wacky – flavors are created and tested in the back room before being put to the test on the sales shelf. At any given time, you can find around 40 different flavors at Popcorn Friday. Not sure what a flavor tastes like? Samples can be requested and are free!

There are three main categories of popcorn to give a go at the store.

Savory flavors tend to steer away from sweet and for those who enjoy popcorn without the fancy colors, this may be your stop. With popular flavors like dill pickle, jalapeno ranch, frito pie (seasonal – this one is fantastic! Grab a bag if you see it out!), buttery white cheddar, and salt and vinegar, the savory flavors are still adventurous without drifting too far away from the traditional flavors of popcorn.

For those who prefer sweeter treats, the candy popcorn flavors are not only delicious but beautiful to look at. Usually a popular attraction for the young and young at heart, flavors such as cotton candy, cherry limeade, sour apple-melon, and red hot cinnamon can be found on the shelves. The best part about the candy popcorn? It lasts a little longer than the popcorn from going stale too quickly.

The final category offers a little extra with the popcorn. The specialty popcorns usually come with added goodies like candied nuts, crushed cookies, or chocolate pretzels. Pralines and cream, and caramel nut have become a staple in my household. Other flavors like birthday cake, salted dark chocolate caramel, and chocolate peanut butter are also available.

For those who may not be looking for a popcorn adventure, “naked” popcorn is available for purchase.

There are many seasonal flavors and usually a new one to try each month (sometimes two). Popcorn Friday currently has two seasonal flavors to give a try. Triple Berry Pie is an explosion of berry flavors. Strawberry, blueberry, and raspberry mixed with graham crackers and drizzled with white chocolate. For the Harry Potter fanatics, the second flavor is Butterbeer – a delicious blend of cream soda and butterscotch with a hint of rum. Hurry into the store to give these a try before they disappear for some time.

There are 4-5 sizes you can choose from as well as options like tins, gift boxes, and custom labels for parties or gifts.

If traveling to the store isn’t an option, Popcorn Friday recently debuted their new website which includes online shopping! Shipping is available for United States, APO, and FPO addresses. Shipping in-state and out of state have flat rates. For those doing some online holiday or birthday shopping, shipping is free for orders over $50!

Many a non-popcorn lover have visited and left a new person, including myself. Prior to Popcorn Friday, very rarely would I eat popcorn. I fought visiting the store because I had assumed there wouldn’t be anything for me, an anti-popcorn eater. One hope Dan and Priscilla have is that their efforts will help make lasting memories. Popcorn Friday has certainly left me with lasting memories and I hope many more to come!

Popcorn Friday is located at 117080 Hwy 46 West, Suite 102, Spring Branch, TX 78070. They are open Monday – Saturday from 10:00am – 6:00pm. You can find them on Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest at Popcorn Friday (popcorn_friday on Instagram).

End your summer the right way by joining us for a one-man performance by EPIC entertainment.

PET OF THE MONTH - RED

Red is a happy, energetic chocolate lab mix who was taken from another shelter that was at-capacity. Young and healthy, one-year-old Red looks and acts all lab, but he’s smaller and leaner. At only 40 lbs, he’s considered a medium-sized dog. A shelter favorite, this guy loves everyone. He will do best with an active owner and the opportunity to run and play.

Come out and meet Red – he might be your next best friend!

For more information or to meet Red and other adoptable pets, come by 3563 Kingsnake, Bulverde, just off TX 1863 west of Hwy 281. Open TUES, THURS, AND SAT from 10am-1pm and SUN from 1-4pm. Contact BAHS at 830-980-2247 or www.bulverdeareahumanesociety.com.
The following workshops are for Adults & Teens 13+. All classes are free and require registration unless otherwise noted. Registration for Summer Reading is not required to attend classes. To register or for more information on a class, please visit the library calendar at bsblibrary.libcal.com or call the library at 830.438.4864!

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- Waffle It! Pizza Waffles
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- Principles of Permaculture & Hygge - Hygge Craft
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- Upcycled Crafts/Wind Chimes
- Build a Better Milkshake
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- Mixed Media Art
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Children’s Program Finale - EPIC

*SATURDAY* July 22nd 11:00am - 12:00pm
End your summer the right way by joining us for a performance by EPIC entertainment.

Highlights from the Summer Reading Program

- Critterville
- Critterville
- Joe McDermott
- Illusionist Richard Blake
- Water Day
- Wild Things Zoofari
WHAT BOOK CLUBS ARE READING

by Cassie Wedding

The BSB Library sponsors five book clubs, and two are still open for new members, the Second Tuesday Evening Book Club and the Third Tuesday Book Club. See our website under Programs and Classes for meeting dates and times.

Even if you’re not in a club, you might want to read one of the books described! For August the following books have been selected:

**Blackbird House, Alice Hoffman – novel**
These interconnected stories capture the lives and fortunes of the various occupants of an old Massachusetts house over the course of two centuries. Blackbird House, a small farm on the outer reaches of Cape Cod, is a place that is as bewitching and alive as the characters we meet. Within its walls, more than a dozen men and women learn how love is the one lasting element in their lives.

**March, Geraldine Brooks - novel**
*March* imagines the Civil War experiences of Mr. March, the absent father in Louisa May Alcott’s *Little Women*. Mr. March has gone south with Union troops as a chaplain. He emerges as an idealistic chaplain in the backwaters of a war that will test his faith in himself and in the Union cause. As he recovers from a near fatal illness, he must reassemble his shattered mind and body and find a way to reconnect with his wife and daughters.

**The Magician’s Assistant, Ann Patchett - novel**
When Parsifal, a handsome and charming magician, dies suddenly, his widow Sabine, who was also his faithful assistant for twenty years, learns that the family he claimed to have lost in a tragic accident is very much alive and well. Sabine is left to unravel his secrets, and the journey she takes, from sunny Los Angeles to the bitter windswept plains of Nebraska, will work its own magic on her.

**The Unlikely Lavender Queen, Jeannie Ralston – Hill Country memoir**
Jeannie Ralston was a successful magazine writer in New York City, until she fell in love, got married and ended up on a farm in Blanco, Texas. At times she wondered – did she give up too much for the man she loves? Then, she started growing lavender on the farm and discovered a passion that made it all worthwhile. Ralston’s funny and poignant memoir is a testament to the fact that unexpected adventures await us around every bend in life.

**Everything I Never Told You, Celeste Ng – suspense novel**
This acclaimed debut novel is about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee. Her parents are determined that Lydia will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. When Lydia’s body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together tumbles into chaos.

2nd Annual Day of Services and Back to School Outreach

by Lacee Sowell

Do you need help purchasing school supplies for your children this year? August 5th at the Bulverde Community Park, business and organizations will come together to provide not only school supplies but other services to help your children prepare for the new school year!

This free event will begin at 10:00am where children and their parents can sign in and receive a school supply punch card. Only 300 cards will be made and will be a first come first serve basis. Children will take their cards to various stations to receive school supplies and other goodies. Free health screenings and low-cost vaccinations will be available as well as free haircuts for kids!

For those interested in donating supplies, drop boxes and baskets have been set up at different locations around the Bulverde/Spring Branch community. For those interested in setting up a donation box or how your business/organization can help, please contact Weslea Miller at dayofservices.weslea.miller@gmail.com.

To keep up with the event, join the Facebook event at 2017 Day of Services & Back to School Outreach!
Clubs and Meetings

Do you have a special interest? Would like to explore a new one? Then check out these groups. If you would like your club listed, email us about it at news@comalchronicle.com.

Book Clubs

History Book Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 1:00pm - 3:00pm at Mystic Shores Community Center. Contact: Dellene Deeny at vatrading@msn.com. Emailed Dennis

2nd Tuesday Evening Book Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the BSB Library. Check the library website for this month’s book selection.

3rd Tuesday Book Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:30am at the BSB Library. Check the library website for this month’s book selection.

Gardening

The Bulverde Community Garden Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:15pm at the BSB Activity Center.

The Bulverde Garden Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00am. For location, contact Lorelei at 830-885-4318 or lorelei@gvtc.com.

The Butterfly Garden Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of each month from 9:00am - 10:00am at the BSB Library to maintain the butterfly garden.

Comal Master Gardeners Program - CE presentation from 1:00pm - 2:00pm by author Cheryl Beesley. She will discuss Landscaping with Edible Plants in Texas. Business meeting following the presentation at 2:00pm.

Comal Master Gardeners & Friends of the Library (FOL) Garden Lecture Series will not meet during the summer.

Native Plant Society of Texas/Lindheimer Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the GVTC Auditorium.

Texas Master Naturalists/Lindheimer Chapter meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30p - 8:30pm. On July 20 speaker Jensie Madden of the Comal Trinity Groundwater Conservation Board will discuss water conservation efforts in the county. At the Tye Preston Memorial Library in Canyon Lake. Open to the public. www.txmn.org/lindheimer.

Hobbies

The Bulverde Quilt Group meets at Bulverde United Methodist Church on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:30am – 1:30pm. Contact: Sherry Sorbera at sorbera@gmail.com.

Comal County Beekeepers Association meets the 1st Thursday of every month at the EMS station at 353 Rodeo Drive, Spring Branch, Texas (830) 438-5643.

Guadalupe Valley Amateur Radio Club meets on Saturdays at 7:30am at Granzin’s BBQ, 660 W. San Antonio in New Braunfels. Contact: David Schreiter, 830-914-6270 or 210-392-0676.

Sit and Piece/Quilt – Meets every 1st Monday of the month (in July the 2nd Monday) from 10:00am - 4:00pm at the BSB Library. Watch a project video and sew. Call BSB Library to register 830-438-4864.

Local Government

The Bulverde Planning and Zoning Commission meets at 6:30pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month at City Hall. The public is welcome. 830-438-3612.

The Bulverde City Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Bulverde City Hall, 30360 Cougar Bend, Bulverde. The public is invited. 830-438-3612.

Service Clubs

The Bulverde Men’s Lions Club meets 7:00pm - 9:00pm every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Bulverde Community Center at 1747 E Ammann Rd.

The Spring Branch-Bulverde Lions Club meets 7:30pm - 9:00pm every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center.

Toastmasters

Col. Jack Wallace Toastmasters meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 6:30pm to 7:45pm at the BSB Library.

Web Design

The San Antonio Web Spinners, an Adobe User Group, meets 6:00pm - 7:45pm on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library. They focus on web design and other web related topics.

Writing

Canyon Lake Area Writers (CLAW) meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at Tye Preston Memorial Library.

Hill Country Christian Writers meet weekly on Tuesdays from 6:00pm - 7:45pm at the BSB Library to share encouragement and writing.

Community Resources

Animals

Animal Rescue Connections provides instructions and traps for the Trap, Neuter, Return feral cat program and furnishes speakers for HOAs and other organizations. www.animalrescueconnections.org.

Bulverde Area Humane Society offers dogs and cats for adoption, plus volunteer opportunities, at 3563 Kingsnake in Bulverde, just off TX 1863. Open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10am-1pm and Sunday from 1-4pm. See www.bulverdeareahumanesociety.com.

Comal County AgriLife Extension Service

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Comal County offers free or low cost classes and resources in the following areas: Foods and Nutrition, including canning and cooking classes. Agriculture and Natural resources, including hunting, horticulture and 4H for Youth. Health – continuing education classes. Call 830-620-3440 or go to https://comal.agrilife.org for more information.

ESL Classes

Free ESL Classes are available at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library. This summer the classes will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30pm. Call or go online at www-bsblibrary.org for details.

Food Pantries

Helping Hands Food Pantry offers food, nutrition education, and spiritual guidance. Open 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 2pm–5:45pm. At Rebecca Creek Baptist Church on Hwy 281 in Spring Branch. For more information, call 830-885-3945 or 830-221-5526.

Provisions: A 25:35 Outreach is a food pantry open Tuesday-Thursday from 9am to 3pm. At 2295-1 Bulverde Road in Bulverde, behind Wine 101.

Hope Center Food Pantry and Outreach distributes food every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10am – noon at Riverside Community Church, 1100 Bulverde Road in Bulverde. Call 830-980-4673 for more information.

GED Classes

GED Classes will be offered again in the fall semester at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library. In August call or check the registration schedule online at www-bsblibrary.org.

Health and Wellness

Wellness on Wheels is a rolling medical clinic and classroom staged by the BSB Fire & EMS. Every 2nd Thursday of the month, from 1-2 pm, WOW will be at St. Joseph’s Church Rotary, 25781 State Highway 46 W in Spring Branch.

Jobs

New Braunfels Works is a free service that helps adults and youth find jobs. “Work Force Class” meets the 1st Friday of each month at 11 am and “Java and Jobs” meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 9:30 am. At the Kitchen Table at the Marketplace Shopping Center, 651 N. Business 35, New Braunfels. Contact: 210-431-8367.

Literacy

The Bulverde/Spring Branch Library offers books, audiobooks, and DVDs for free checkout, plus a variety of free classes in all topics for everyone from children, teens to adults, including ESL, Spanish and French. Check it out at www-bsblibrary.org.

Mental Health

Mental Health Crisis Number- 1-800-325-8931

Comal County Mental Health Center - Provides mental health services for adults with severe & persistent mental illness. Fees based on a sliding scale. 830-620-6221.

Recovery/Support

AA or Alateen – For help or information about AA meetings near you call the 24/7 Helpline at 210-828-6235. Call 210-829-1392 for information about Alano or Alateen meetings.

Seniors

Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center - Provides a friendly meeting place for adults over 50 to gather socially as well as a place to take free classes! Call 830-438-311 or come by 30280 Cougar Bend in Bulverde. www-bsbac.com.
Take advantage of the bounty of summer fruits and vegetables with this cool summer salad!

½ lb. baby arugula leaves
2 lbs. seedless watermelon, ¼ inch diced (3 lbs with rind)
1/3 cup olive oil
¼ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice (2 lemons)
1 tsp kosher salt
½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
½ lb. chunk Parmesan cheese

In a large bowl, combine arugula and watermelon. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and pepper. Pour enough dressing over arugula/watermelon mix to moisten. Toss well. Using a sharp knife or peeler, shave Parmesan cheese over each serving. Adjust seasoning to taste.

Serves 6.

Source: Ina Garten, foodnetwork.com

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PET SITTERS IN YOUR HOME

Familiar Surroundings Pet Sitting - Canyon Lake, Bulverde

My former neighbor Claudia Collier runs this business. She has taken care of our two dogs many times. She is licensed, bonded, and certified in pet CPR. She takes care of pets and does house extras, like watering plants, getting the mail. 210-744-9044 www.familiarsurroundings.com

PET SITTERS IN YOUR HOME

Furry Godmother - Bulverde

Offers pet sitting, house sitting, and related services. Licensed, bonded, knows pet CPR. Has many years of service in this area. 210-367-9391 or 830-438-4400

Homey Hounds Pet Sitters - Timberwood Park, San Antonio

This service run by Lauren covers San Antonio and the Comal County area. She comes to your house to feed your pets, exercise them, and whatever else you need. She will also pet sit overnight in your home. 210-452-9148 or www.homeyhounds.com

**WHERE CAN I PICK UP THE WEST COMAL CHRONICLE?**

You can always find the paper at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library. Plus, we distribute on the second Thursday of each month to the following locations:

46th Street Pizza  The Loft Coffee House
Big’s on 46  McDonalds on Hwy 46
BSB Activity Center  Pet Galaxy on 281
BSB Chamber of Commerce  Popcorn Friday
Bulverde City Hall  Smoky Mo’s on Hwy 46
Bulverde Post Office  Spring Branch Animal Hospital
Bulverde Tax Office  Spring Creek Gardens
Bulverde/Spring Branch Library  Strutty’s on Hwy 281
Family Fitness  Walgreens across from HEB
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UPCOMING ARTIST IN THE HALLWAY

Dyan Lee is our artist in the hallway for August. Like so many artists, she has a colorful background. She studied art in school and attended the Parson School of Design in New York City. From there she went to the Universidad de las Americas in Mexico City where she studied sculpture.

She spent some time in South America and Europe before getting married. Marriage, motherhood, and work took up her time and art was put aside for many years. It was in Naperville, Illinois, where she discovered porcelain doll making. She owned and operated a doll studio, where she taught classes in sculpting, casting and creating original porcelain dolls. She was designated a Master Dollmaker by the Seeley Doll Company.

In 2013 Dyan and her husband retired to Canyon Lake from Naperville. A couple of years ago she rediscovered her love of drawing. She “plays around,” as she puts it, with a variety of media but her favorite is pencil art and people are the subjects she enjoys drawing the most. At the library Dyan will display portraits of people, along with two of her cats, done mainly in graphite or colored pencil.

Besides art, Dyan loves scuba diving and underwater photography. She enjoys Hill Country activities like hiking, tubing, and kayaking.

Watermelon & Arugula Salad

By The Bulverde Community Garden Committee

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Word Labyrinth #1417

by Vic Furtado

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Juvenile Probation Launches New Evening Program

The Juvenile Probation Department runs the Student and Family Empowerment Program, or SAFE, designed to intervene in the lives of children before they get in trouble with the law.

The SAFE program accepts children ages 6-11 who live in Comal County with school attendance problems or other behavioral issues that indicate the child is headed down the wrong path. Although schools are the primary referrers to the program, other members of the community, including the child’s family, also can enroll their at-risk children. About 50 children are enrolled in the program, which is overseen by Juvenile Probation Services Case Worker Crimson Hux.

“Crimson does a great job working one-on-one with children and their families to address problems they’re experiencing, referring them to appropriate services, helping them obtain daily necessities, and providing emotional support,” said Nick Reininger, the county’s chief juvenile probation officer. “We hope these two programs will help kids who might be going in a bad direction to turn their lives around.”

The other program Mr. Reininger is referring to is the training and counseling program for juveniles who have already gotten into trouble with the law. That program is limited to juveniles who have been ordered by the Court to attend the program. The purpose of that program is similar to that of SAFE.

For more information about SAFE, call 830-221-1290 or email reinin@co.comal.tx.us.

The Makery Introduces Online Art Classes

by Cassie Wedding

Have you always wanted to make beautiful handcrafted items for your home or to give as gifts?

Now The Makery, an art studio and art workshop center in Bulverde, has created online workshops. The online classes make it possible for you to experience live instruction from the comfort of your home. The Makery owners Nick and Francesca Watson are launching their first online classes (live!) on July 8 and 9, through the Makery University. The first classes will focus on making jewelry.

Says Francesca Watson, “We’ve had a lot of requests to put our workshops online, but before we joined the online teaching community, we wanted to find a way to make sure our workshops really reflect the heart of The Makery. And now... we’re finally taking the plunge.”

The Makery continues its schedule of in-studio classes, as well.

When you register for an online workshop with Makery University, you’ll spend the day with one of The Makery instructors, just like coming to the studio. The day will be divided into live demonstrations and individual work time. You’ll be able to ask questions of your instructor and have them answered in real time. Your instructors will be standing by for each stage of your project to coach and answer questions while you work. At the end of the day, all live demos will remain available to you online to watch as many times as you want.

Included with these live online workshops are downloadable step-by-step handouts, lists of materials, and resources for all your tools and materials. You’ll have plenty of time to gather everything you need to be successful in completing your project, and since the forums stay open for a period of time after the live portion of your online workshop is done, you’ll be able to stay in touch with your instructor and your fellow students as you practice your new skills.

New workshops will be added throughout the year, and special opportunities will be available to Makery University students for coaching, discounts, and early registration. Visit our website at www.makeryarts.com. You can ask to be put on The Makery mailing list to be notified when new online workshops are announced.
Reflections and Gratitude - 2017 Summer Reading Program
by Lacee Sowell

As the 2017 Bulverde/Spring Branch Library Summer Reading Program draws to a close, the library would like to reflect on the success of the program.

With the introduction of the online reading log—ReadSquared—the program saw a large increase in participants of all ages. ReadSquared allowed parents to link their children’s accounts to their own, making it easier to log every family member’s reading and activities from the comfort of their home.

The children’s program proved to be a big hit, bringing in high numbers to the programs. The craft times grew from a small attendance number to a large one in the span of a week, taking Laura Kraus, the children’s librarian, by surprise. “I was happily surprised that a traditional craft, such as origami, would bring in so many people,” she commented. Not only were the crafts drawing in large crowds, but the Wednesday Performer Series averaged around 300 people each performance.

Likewise, the classes and events for adults and teens have been full and popular over the course of the program. All 7 art classes reached the maximum registration available, with Watercolor Calligraphy requiring more seat openings.

All of the classes and events, as well as the fantastic prizes, would not have been possible without some generous donors and sponsors. The children’s program was sponsored by the Friends of the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library, H-E-B Tournament of Champions, and the San Antonio Area Foundation. The Friends of the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library accepted a grant from the Ruth Lang Charitable Fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, which assisted in the purchasing of prizes, supplies and more for the children’s program.

The adult program was sponsored by the Friends of the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library, 46th Street, Smoky Mo’s, Popcorn Friday and a grant from the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation. These organizations and businesses provided their time, giftcards for adult prizes and the grant provided the amazing Saturday performances.

Thank you to all of our donors and sponsors for your support, and thank you to our members who participated this summer and made the program a huge success. We hope the excitement from this year will carry over to next summer!

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Wednesday, August 9th from 12:00 - 1:30pm

Adults and teens are invited to bring some of your old t-shirts or use some of ours to make some fun and trendy necklaces out of the t-shirts. Learn to make your own t-shirt yarn and to finger weave a necklace… Don’t be surprised if you start making all sorts of things from these basic skills! Go home with a cute necklace and a fun new talent with great ideas of future projects! Registration is required and supplies may be limited.

Learn to download ebooks & audiobooks from OverDrive
Thursday, August 10th 6:00pm - 7:45pm

Interested in being able to read or listen to books anytime from your home? Come learn about OverDrive’s new app, Libby. It’s free and is made for library users. If you have had a hard time using ebooks and audiobooks in the past, this new system should have many fewer kinks in it! This class will focus on Apple, Android and Kindle eReaders, tablets and phones. Please bring your device and know your password for your Apple app store or Google Play store.

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