BULVERDE/SPRING BRANCH LIBRARY TO EXPAND
by Lacee Sowell

On September 11th, the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library held an open to the public meeting to reveal the floor plan and exterior design for the Library Expansion Project. Marinvon Mok, the company behind the creation of the plans, presented the proposed plans and brought along virtual reality glasses for those interested to have a virtual tour of the expanded library’s interior.

The expanded floor plan includes features the Library hopes will appeal to the community and current members.

Currently, the library has 2 study rooms and 5 meeting rooms of differing sizes. Once expanded, the space for private studying and meeting will more than double. Part of the addition includes a large meeting space that can hold up to 500 people, but can also be split into three separate meeting rooms.

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A dedicated teen and children’s area will be added to the library. At the moment, the children, teen, and adult literature areas are all grouped together in the building. Following the expansion, each area will be located in their own unique place.

With the safety of the Library staff in mind, the book drop currently located by the flagpole will be relocated. Instead of a stand-alone box, the book drop will be placed in the wall of the building for members to drive up to, cutting out the need for staff members to cross the parking lot or to go outside during bad weather.

With the plans coming together, the Library hopes to move forward with construction plans. “We hope to have [construction plans] expanded, the space for private studying and meeting will more than double. Part of the addition includes a large meeting space that can hold up to 500 people, but can also be split into three separate meeting rooms.

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ANHALT HALLE: OLDEST STATE FAIR IN TEXAS
by D. Ellis Phelps

Anhalt Halle: Oldest State Fair in Texas
It was a four-day affair in the 1870’s. Making a two-day round trip, traveling by horse and buggy, local farmers and their families came twice a year on the third Sunday of both May (to show garden products) and October (to show field and livestock exhibits), to picnic, to drink, and to dance at the two-day Verein Fair. The Germania Farmer Verein, the organization formed in October of 1875 as a cattlemen’s association for protection against cattle rustling, has been sponsoring what may be the oldest state fair ever since.

Now, the “fair,” known in October as Oktoberfest, is primarily a dance and all-you-can-eat roast beef and sausage meal. The event takes place October 21, 2017, and marks the one-hundred and forty-second anniversary of the event. Anhalt Halle, where the festivals take place, is located on Anhalt Road off of Hwy 46 about four miles West of Hwy. 281. Hint: Drive all the way to the end of Anhalt Rd. to find the dance halle.

How Anhalt Halle Got Its Name
Local farmers and ranchers needing a place to receive mail solicited Conrad Krause, a German immigrant and then owner of the land on which Anhalt sits, to build a post office. Krause complied, building a post office and feed store (no longer visible) near the corner of Anhalt Rd. and Highway 46. Since post offices were required to have names, Krause consulted with one of his workers, Henrich Wehe who suggested they name the post office after Krause’s German home town, Anhalt.

The first dances were held on an open air platform near the feed store, but in 1879 the organization obtained five acres of land from Krause and built the dance halle that some say is the oldest one in Texas. It’s a beauty, with its original huge wooden dance floor and gable bracket rafters exposed to view.

Later, with cattle rustling under control, the group’s purpose shifted to that of a benevolent society, insuring that upon the death of a member, the spouse would receive five-hundred dollars. Given that during the late 1800’s five-hundred dollars would buy five-hundred acres of land, this was a substantial gift.

Dress Up and Come On Down!
Today, at Oktoberfest, you’ll see a spectacular array of modern cowboy and cowgirl attire: boots, hats, belts with buckles the size of Dallas. And you’ll see some of us in flip-flops and crop-tops. But in the old days, women wore short dresses in the afternoon and changed (in the bushes) to evening gowns at night. Almost every man wore a suit-coat and tie. Whereas in the past, the fair and dance happened only twice a year, today dances at Anhalt happen monthly. The hall is available for rental and is a fabulous venue for weddings and other large gatherings.

When you’re ready to kick-up your heels and soak up some serious Texana, head on over to Anhalt Halle. You’re likely to hear the old folks speaking German. You’ll be wowed by the ceiling, by the stars, and by the harvest moon. You’ll drink some beer (responsibly) and work up a sweat (no AC!). But I promise, you won’t want to go home.

For more information, find Anhalt online at http://www.anhalthall.com.

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SPECIAL VOLUNTEER AT BULVERDE ANIMAL HUMANE SOCIETY

The Bulverde Area Humane Society (BAHS) could not do what it does without its volunteers. This month BAHS wanted to call attention to one very special sixteen-year old-who has been working with dogs here for over two years. Sophie is known for her dog handling skills; often she’s the first one to make headway with a frightened new intake. She also works part time at Red Barn Kennels. When asked her favorite thing about coming out to BAHS she said, “I want to make sure the dogs get love, and it’s an escape from reality.”

When not working with dogs, Sophie likes to go to baseball and football games, and train her pet pig.

FOUNDATION OF THE BULVERDE/SPRING BRANCH LIBRARY AWARDED GRANT

The Foundation of the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library received a grant of $8,894 from the Dena and Lawrence Cade Fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation.

Designated specifically as a “Capacity Building” grant, the funds will be used for a Strategic Plan project, including two retreats for Board members, with consultant Rose Mary Fry.

The goal of the project is to develop long range plans for generating a sustaining financial legacy for the Library.

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131 Bulverde Crossing Rd.
**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**Bulverde Jubilee**
Saturday, September 16 from 10am to 5pm in Downtown Bulverde with parade at 11am. Booths and food! Games and rides open from 12:30-4:30pm. Free to the public.

**Locally produced veggies**

**The New Braunfels Farmers Market** is open year-round on Saturdays 9am-1pm at 186 Castell Avenue.

**Chamber Market Day**
Chamber Market Day - October 7 from 10am-4pm at the Old HEB Parking Lot at Highway 46 and Bulverde Crossing. Food, crafts, shopping, and family fun.

**Be Fab Market Days**
Every 2nd Saturday of the month, 10am to 4pm at Be Fabulous Boutique, 2877 Bulverde Rd in Bulverde. Contact: Cathy Scroggins-Brownlow at 210-343-9272.

**Market Days - Ongoing**

**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.

**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 4-7 p.m. beginning May 4 through August at the Kinderhalle in MarktPlatz in downtown Fredericksburg.

**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.

**Specht's Store** – Historic store and bar/restaurant that features live music Wednesday thru Saturday nights and on Sunday afternoons. Bike Night on Wednesdays. 112 Specht 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.

**TJX 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 to 11:30am. $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.

**Theater**

**S.T.A.G.E.** – The Savannah Sipping Society will be playing at the Krause House Theatre, 1300 Bulverde Road in Bulverde on October 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, and 22. The story involves four Southern women drawn together by Fate and an impromptu happy hour. See www.stagebulverde.org or call Mona Klein/Charlotte Miniard at 830-438-2339.

**Brauntex Theater** in New Braunfels on Thursday, October 12 at 7:30pm will present Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels, whose hits include “Devil with a Blue Dress On.” Tickets start at $57. On Thursday, October 26 at 8pm Rosanne Cash will perform. Tickets start at $60. Doors and concessions open at 7:00pm. For tickets call 830-627-0808 or go to www.brauntex.org.

**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 - September & October

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.

Thursday, September 14
Family Place Parent/Child Workshop
2:00pm - 3:00pm
In this five week workshop, which began on 8/31, professionals will guide parents and caregivers in encouraging literacy, sensory and motor development.

Read To Dog
3:30pm - 4:30pm
Help your child build confidence by reading to Tessa, a certified Therapy Dog.

Great Decisions Discussion Series
5:45pm - 7:45pm
Come join the group! A light meal will be served at 5:45pm followed by a viewing of a DVD then an address from an expert guest speaker. A question and answer period will follow.

Monday, September 18
Computer Basics – Email I
10:30am - 11:45 am
Sign up for a Gmail email account and learn how to send and receive email. Laptops available or bring your own. Registration required.

Tuesday, September 19
Watercolor Basics for Adults & Teens 13+
3:00pm - 5:00pm
Learn some watercolor techniques with Debbie. We can supply a limited amount of paint and brushes but will supply the paper. Registration required.

Paint a Wood Sign for Adults & Teen 13+
6:30pm - 7:45pm
We will be painting a sign on wood for fall. All materials supplied. Registration required.

Thursday, September 21
Family Place Parent/Child Workshop
2:00pm - 3:00pm
In this five week workshop, which began on 8/31, professionals will guide parents and caregivers in encouraging literacy, sensory and motor development.

Watercolor Calligraphy for Adults & Teens 13+
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Learn watercolor calligraphy! If you have a water pen please bring it. Please register for supplies count. If you didn’t register or the class is full, come anyway!

Great Decisions Discussion Series
5:45pm - 7:45pm
Speaker Michael Malone, Attorney and Adjunct Professor at St. Mary’s University School of Law will discuss: Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan Does the U.S. face a no win situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan? A light meal will be served at 5:45pm followed by a viewing of a DVD the guest speaker’s address, followed by a question and answer period.

Friday, September 22
Lord of the Rings: Bilbo and Frodo’s Birthday Party
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Come celebrate Bilbo and Frodo’s birthday with us. Food, crafts, and fun for the whole family! Please register.

Monday, September 25
Computer Basics – Email II
10:30am - 11:45 am
In this class you will learn how to clean up your email inbox, protect against spammers, create folders to organize emails and use attachments. An email account is required. Laptops available or bring your own. Registration required.

Tuesday, September 26
Medicare 101
1:00pm - 2:30pm
Free informational seminar on Medicare insurance. Please register.

Watercolor Technique for Adults & Teens 13+
3:00pm - 5:00pm
Learn watercolor techniques with Susan. Please bring any supplies you want to use. We have a limited amount of paint and brushes but will supply paper. Registration required.

Wednesday, September 27
Lunch and Learn – Landowner Management Series
12:00pm - 1:30pm
Bring your lunch and learn something new!

Genealogy--Understanding Census Records
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Learn how to find valuable clues within census records. Registration required. Bring your laptop or use one of ours.

Thursday, September 28
Family Place Parent/Child Workshop
2:00pm - 3:00pm
In this five week workshop, which began on 8/31, professionals will guide parents and caregivers in encouraging literacy, sensory and motor development.

Great Decisions Discussion Series
5:45pm - 7:45pm
Speaker Hyon Joo Yoo, Ph.D. Associate Professor Political Science, Trinity University, will discuss the topic: Conflict in the South China Sea. A light dinner will be served at 5:45pm followed by a viewing of a DVD the guest speaker’s address. A question and answer period will follow.

Monday, October 2
Computer Basics - Finding and Saving Files
10:30am - 11:45am
Laptops available or bring your own to the class. Registration is required.

Tuesday, October 3
Mixed Media Book Collage Art for Adults & Teens 13+
6:30pm - 7:45pm
We will make a frameable art page using book pages, covers and other materials. All materials supplied. Registration required.

Thursday, October 5
Do Well Be Well with Diabetes
9:30am - 12:00pm
This is a several week series covering self-care and nutrition topics to improve management of Type 2 diabetes, by instructor Krystal R. Snider, County Extension Agent/Health Education. Every Thursday October 5 – November 7.

Cookbook Demo & Potluck Club
11:30am - 1:30pm
Join us as we enjoy recipes from a selection of the month cookbook. We will demonstrate a technique out of the cookbook and you
will select a recipe to share family style.  
Please sign up at the Printing Station next to the front desk in the library, where you can choose a recipe and get it printed.

Bluebonnet Bunch - Homeschoolers & Afterschoolers  
3:30pm - 5:00pm  
Bluebonnet Bunch is a book club for children, grades 3-5. Each meeting we’ll have activities based on a different book from the 2017-2018 Bluebonnet Nominee List. Space is limited. Registration required.

Medicare 101  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Free informational seminar on Medicare insurance. Please register.

Friday, October 6  
Mixed Media Book Collage Art for Adults & Teens 13+  
3:00pm - 4:15pm  
We will make a frameable art page using book pages, covers and other materials. All materials supplied. Registration required.

Monday, October 9  
LIBRARY CLOSED

Tuesday, October 10  
Watercolor for Adults & Teens 13+  
3:00pm - 5:00pm  
Debbie will guide as the class continues to work on the tree painting. Please bring any supplies you want to use. We will supply paper but have a limited amount of paint and brushes. Registration required.

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Check the library website for updates on the content of this class.

Ongoing Programs at the Library

**Mondays**

**Greatful Threads Quilt Group**  
1st Monday of each month  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
Registration required.

**Toddler Storytime**  
10:30am - 11:30am

**FOL Meeting**  
2nd Monday  
1:30pm - 3:00 pm

**BARLD Meeting**  
2nd Monday  
5:00pm - 6:30pm

**Region 20 ESL**  
5:00pm - 7:30pm  
Ask for Bethanie Corder at the Library for more information. Registration required.

**Tuesdays**

**Beginning French**  
9:30am - 11:00 am

**Region 20 GED Morning Class**  
10:00am - 1:00pm  
Ask for Bethanie Corder at the Library for more information. Registration required.

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**Intermediate French**  
11:00am - 11:30 am

**Hill Country Christian Writers**  
6:00pm - 7:45pm

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

**NEW! Teen Writing Group**  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Registration required.

**2nd Tuesday Ev. Book Club**  
2nd Tuesday  
6:30pm - 7:45pm

**3rd Tuesday Book Club**  
3rd Tuesday  
10:30am - 12:30pm

**Gamer’s Night – Board Games for Adults**  
4th Tuesday  
5:00pm - 7:45pm

**Wednesdays**

**Beginner Spanish**  
9:30am - 10:30am

**Intermediate Spanish**  
10:30am - 12 noon

**Preschool Storytime**  
10:30am - 11:30am

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**Folks**

**Nursing Care Plan for Alzheimer’s Patients**  
9:00am - 11:00 am  
All information will be shared with current patients and interested community members.

**Nursing Home Tour**  
10:00am - 11:30 am  
Join us for a tour of a local nursing home.

**Community Outreach**

2nd and 4th Thursday  
12:00pm - 1:30pm  
The Trekker will stop by several local spots to deliver library materials AND to deliver the West Comal Chronicle, a free community newspaper created by the staff of the BSB Library.

**Helping Hands Food Pantry**

1st and 3rd Thursday  
1:30pm - 6:00 pm  
The Trekker will offer hands-on help with library resources and check out books.

**The Heights**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays  
10:30am - 11:30am  
The Trekker will be stopping by Tamiga Acres to check out books to children.

**Bulverde Activity Center**

1st and 3rd Mondays  
12:30pm - 1:30pm  
The Trekker will offer hands-on help with library resources and check out books.

**Bulverde Jubilee Parade**

1st and 3rd Thursdays  
1:30pm - 6:00 pm  
The Trekker will be set up to provide WIFI, books and magazines.

**Bulverde Jubilee Parade**

Saturday, September 16th  
11:00am - 12:30 pm  
The Trekker will be participating in the Bulverde Jubilee Parade and giving out SUPPER treats.

**Senior Health Fair**

Friday, September 29th  
10:00am - 2:00 pm  
The Trekker will be at the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center for the Senior Health Fair with information, library cards, and more.

**BSBL TREKKER CALENDAR**

**Bulverde Activity Center**

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays  
10:00am - 11:30 am  
The Trekker will be visiting with a craft. Please sign up at the Activity Center.

**Tamiga Acres**

Every Tuesday  
5:00pm - 5:30 pm  
The Trekker will be stopping by Tamiga Acres to check out books to children.

**The Heights**

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The Trekker will be traveling to The Heights for adult story and craft time.

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CHAMBER MARKET DAY IS UPON US AGAIN

The Bulverde/Spring Branch Area Chamber of Commerce is celebrating our 15th consecutive time to host CHAMBER MARKET DAY on Saturday, October 7 from 10am to 4pm at the Old H-E-B parking lot at Hwy 46W and Bulverde Crossing. The event will feature more than 100 local vendors and artisans, offering jewelry, gifts, hand crafted items, a variety of food choices and exciting door prizes. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a wonderful Fall day of shopping and fun for the entire family, and to take advantage of this array of special crafts and items for your Holiday purchases.

Children will be delighted to participate in activities provided at the booths where the Home Depot and H-E-B will have fun projects, and a special visit from H-E-Buddy! Throughout the day there will be performances by local dance and school groups for your entertainment as well, so bring your family and friends.

Vendors wishing to participate should contact the Chamber office at 830-438-4285 as spaces are going fast. Booths are $45 for Chamber members, $55 for non-members and $30 for non-profit organizations. The fee for all food vendors is $55. All spaces are outdoors on the black-top on a first-reserved basis. This is the seventh year of this well-attended event and we have many long time returning vendors, so you will not want to miss this opportunity to showcase your products and meet our Hill Country residents.

The Chamber would like to thank the following sponsors for making this Market Day the best yet: Kathleen Banse State Farm Insurance. Our appreciation goes to H-E-B, The Home Depot, The City of Bulverde, Money Mailer and Mustang Equipment for their support.

The Bulverde/Spring Branch Area Chamber of Commerce, established in 1995, is an association of businesses and individuals whose mission is to advocate and promote the success of our members and responsible growth of our business community. Visit www.bulverdespringbranchchamber.com for more information.

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Questions: 210-370-5498

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Bulverde, TX 78163

BRUSH DROP-OFF FEES WAIVED FOR HARVEY CLEAN-UP

To help residents clean up from Hurricane Harvey, Comal County will waive its usual fees for dropping off brush at its Recycling Center through Saturday, Sept. 16.

The fees will be waived for non-commercial customers who bring proof of county residency with their load of brush.

“We’ve received numerous reports of branches and limbs knocked down by Harvey, as well as some reports of trees blown over,” said James Tart, coordinator of the county’s Moe Schwab Recycling Center. “Waiving the fees will help homeowners clean up their property without adding to the cost.”

The Recycling Center, located outside the New Braunfels city limits at 281 Resource Drive, is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.
The 165-year-old Fischer Historic District in northern Comal County has officially been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This Register is the National Park Service’s official list of historic places worthy of preservation.

The listing is the culmination of many hours of work by the Comal County Historical Commission and Texas Historical Commission, with assistance from Comal County itself, which supported and helped fund the effort, said Karen Boyd, chair of the county historical commission.

“The Fischer Historic District comprises about 429 acres and more than 70 structures, including Fischer Store, Fischer Cemetery, Fischer Hall and Bowling Alley, and several late 19th century and early 20th century homesteads. The area was settled by immigrant brothers Hermann and Otto Fischer in 1853.

All of the pets featured this year by the West Comal Chronicle have found homes! So instead of our usual Pet of the Month feature, we wanted to provide the good news about those pets.

The May featured pet, Lenny, was a two year old Great Dane mix who came to BAHS from the county facility. He needed expensive kidney surgery, which was performed at Texas A&M Veterinary Hospital. He recovered fully yet remained at the shelter, month after month. He was to be featured in the WCC again in July, when a Facebook post caught a family’s attention and brought them to BAHS. The teen girl in the family “fell in love” with Lenny, and he went home that day.

Bella, a two year old female lab mix, was the June featured pet. She also had an extended stay at the shelter, despite being gentle, leash-trained and affectionate. She finally found her forever home and now lives with a doggie buddy in San Angelo.

An energetic male chocolate lab mix, Red, was the July Pet of the Month; he also came from the county facility. He went home to a family with children.

A two year old rat terrier mix, Chloe, captured everyone’s heart. Badly injured by a larger dog in her former home, she was owner surrendered and arrived at the shelter terrified. Volunteers began sitting with her quietly in her kennel and tossing treats. She overcame her past and blossomed into a happy little girl. By the time she was featured in August, she had waited for months to be noticed. Recently, Chloe rode out in the lap of her new owner, on her way to a new life.

For more than thirty years, BAHS has been sheltering, rehabbing and finding owners for homeless dogs and cats who come into their care. Many are owner surrenders, pets no longer wanted for a variety of reasons. Some come from the concerned citizen who has picked up a dog on the side of the road or sees a domestic cat abandoned. A few come in as strays in the community. Some come from another Comal County facility that requests BAHS’ help to prevent their euthanasia for space when they have no open kennels.

There are the extreme cases, too. A pregnant Boxer was recently seen being dumped from a vehicle on Borgfeld Road. The caller contacted BAHS after rescuing the dog from the side of the road. Less than twenty-four hours after she arrived at the shelter, Bianca Boxer delivered nine puppies; eight lived and will be ready for homes in a few weeks.

Yet for every pet that finds its way to BAHS, another pet finds a home. Every year BAHS places more than three hundred pets. The featuring of pets in print media like the West Comal Chronicle, along with Sunday afternoon adoptions at the shelter, and the promotion of animals on Facebook, raises awareness of the dogs and cats available for adoption. BAHS is also a great place to volunteer, for adults, teens, and children. See the related article in this issue about special teen volunteer Sophie.
WHAT BOOK CLUBS ARE READING

by Cassie Wedding

For September, the book clubs that meet at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library will read and discuss the books described below. You are welcome to come to the Second Tuesday Evening Book Club or the Third Tuesday Book Club. The other three clubs are full and have a wait list.

Even if you’re not in a book club, take a look at these popular books

American Heiress: The Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes and Trial of Patty Hearst, Jeffery Toobin – non-fiction

American Heiress is the definitive account of the kidnapping and trial that defined an era in American history. On February 4, 1974, Patty Hearst, the heiress to the Hearst family fortune, was kidnapped by a ragtag group of revolutionaries called the Symbionese Liberation Army. The sensational story took many incredible twists, including the photo of her wielding a gun during a bank robbery she participated in with the SLA.

The book recounts the craziness of the times and examines the life of a young woman made the stunning decision to join her captors’ crusade. Or did she? From Goodreads.

My Name is Lucy Barton, Elizabeth Strout - novel

Elizabeth Strout (Olive Kitteridge, The Burgess Boys) shows how a simple hospital visit becomes a portal to the most tender relationship of all — the one between mother and daughter.

Lucy Barton is recovering slowly from what should have been a simple operation. Her mother, to whom she hasn’t spoken for many years, comes to see her. Gentle gossip about people from Lucy’s childhood in Amgash, Illinois, seems to reconnect them, but just below the surface lie the tension and longing that have informed every aspect of Lucy’s life. From author’s website.

The Nightingale, Kristin Hannah – historical fiction

Kristin Hannah is a popular thriller writer, but her novel The Nightingale soared to new heights. Named by Goodreads as Best Historical Novel of 2015, the book captures the epic panorama of WWII while telling the more intimate story of two sisters, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France. From author’s website.

Cutting for Stone, Abraham Verghese - novel

Cutting for Stone follows twin brothers Marion and Shiva Stone, born of a secret union between an Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. They are orphaned at a young age and must learn to navigate the world together as they grow up in Ethiopia on the brink of a revolution. The twins’ story swings from Addis Ababa to New York City and explores the themes of family, betrayal, health care, everyday magic and the way that two lives can forever intertwine.

NPR reviewer Lynn Neary said, “This … is at once a family saga that crosses continents and cultures and a love story with tragic consequences. … The book is very much about what it means to be a doctor and what it takes to be a good one.” From NPR review.

When Breath Becomes Air, Paul Kalanithi - memoir

Neurologist Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed at the age of 36 with what was to become terminal cancer. A child of immigrants, Kalanithi is an exemplar of the modern American dream. His account of life as a student surgeon is equally rich. But the diagnosis of his own condition wrenches to the fore questions like, “What makes human life meaningful?” When he died, Kalanithi left behind a wife and a daughter born shortly after his death. From The Guardian review.

UPCOMING ARTIST IN THE HALLWAY - OCTOBER

by Cassie Wedding

For the month of October, Barbara Anderson will be the featured artist at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library, where a selection of her oil paintings will be on display.

As soon as she was old enough to smear paint onto paper, Barbara has loved to paint. When she was only three years old, her finger paintings were featured in a newspaper article and she was hailed as a child prodigy. Throughout high school, she continued to paint and win awards. After graduation, she married and raised a family, and years would pass before she returned to her first love.

Twenty years ago, at the age of 59, Barbara started to paint and study art again. “I think when you have that creative urge, it always rises to the top, like cream.”

Barbara racked up enough college credits to be just one class short of a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, but events have conspired to make completing that last class elusive. She said that at this point in her life, it hardly seems worth it to get that BFA.

Although previously she focused more on pastels and photography, Barbara always yearned to be an oil painter. “Oil painting is more of a challenge,” she said. “When a painting turns out well—and sometimes they don’t—it’s fun and rewarding.”

She used to focus mainly on portraits, but now her favorite subjects are trucks, longhorns, and chickens, with the occasional cat or dog.

“Trucks are easy,” she said. “It’s more difficult to paint facial expressions, like on dogs and cats and, of course, people. Longhorns, not so much.”

Barbara and her daughter, also an artist, plan to take a painting road trip to New Mexico this fall. Barbara has lived on the shores of Canyon Lake for 27 years with her dog and cats. Besides painting, she enjoys gardening, reading, and exploring thrift stores for vintage treasures.

JERRY BARLOW

CELTIC FINGERSTYLE GUITAR CONCERT
TUESDAY, OCT 10, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Come enjoy an evening of cultural enrichment through music, story and laughter with Jerry Barlow, Celtic Fingerstyle Guitarist. www.jerrybarlow.com

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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 1-3pm at Mystic Shores Community Center. Contact: Dennis Deeny at vatrading@msn.com.

Gardening

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

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

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

Native Plant Society of Texas/Lindheimer Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the GVTC Auditorium. At the September 19 meeting, learn all about the sunflower family from Craig Hensley, whose topic is “Confusing Composites: An Introduction to the Sunflower Family.”

Texas Master Naturalists/Lindheimer Chapter meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30pm at the Tye Preston Memorial Library. On September 21, Robert Edmonson, Texas A&M Biologist, will speak on the topic “Oak Wilt.” Open to the public.

Hobbies

The Bulverde Quilt Group meets at Bulverde United Methodist Church on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. 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 Schreier, 830-914-6270 or 210-392-0676.

Local Government

The Bulverde Planning and Zoning Commission meets at 6:30 pm 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 8pm at Bulverde City Hall, 30360 Cougar Bend, Bulverde. The public is invited. 830-438-3612.

Service Clubs

The Bulverde Men’s Lions Club meets 7-9pm 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 7:30-9pm 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 7:45 pm at the BSB Library.

Web Design

The San Antonio Web Spinners, an Adobe User Group, meets 2:00pm - 3:45pm (NEW TIME!) on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library to discuss Dreamweaver Basics, and web design in general.

Writing

Canyon Lake Area Writers (CLAW) meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 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.

Animals

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

Bulverde Area Humane Society has 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.bulverdeareahumaneorganization.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: Health, Foods and Nutrition, Agriculture and Natural resources, and 4H for Youth. 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. Morning and evening classes available. 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.

Wellness on Wheels is a rolling medical clinic 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 11am and “Java and Jobs” meets on 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. 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

Celebrate Recovery – a Christ centered 12 step ministry dealing with hurts, habits and hang-ups meets Thursdays at 7pm at the Cowboys for Jesus Christian Fellowship, 8400 FM 32 on north side of Canyon Lake.

AA Meetings in Bulverde – Every Monday and Wednesday at 8:15pm in the Bulverde Community Center, 1747 E. Ammann Road, Bulverde, 210-413-4800.

AA Meetings in Spring Branch – Every morning including Sunday at 7:00am plus Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:15pm. New location: 9850 FM 311, Spring Branch, Ron at 512-508-3541.

AA Helpline 24/7 - 210-828-6235

Alanon Helpline - 210-829-1392 for information about Alanon or Alateen meetings.

Seniors

Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center - Provides a friendly meeting place for adults over 50 to gather socially! Call 830-438-311 or come by 30280 Cougar Bend in Bulverde. www.bsbac.com.
TEXAS PERSIMMON JELLY
By The Bulverde Community Garden Committee

9 cups ripe persimmons
2 cups water
¼ cup lemon juice
1 pkg powdered pectin no-sugar-needed
½ tsp margarine
3 cups sugar

Wash fruit. Place in large pot and add water. Mash fruit with potato
masher. Bring to a boil for 10 minutes. Press fruit with a food mill,
reserving juice. Strain juice through cheese cloth to remove seeds.
Return to pot and add lemon juice. Bring to a boil. Add pectin and
margarine, which helps prevent foam formation. Bring to a rolling
boil, then add sugar. Again bring to a rolling boil, but only boil for
one minute. Pour jelly into freezer containers. Allow to cool and then
freeze.

Source: https://texasjellymaking.wordpress.com/2011/007/13/texas-persimmon/

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     McDonald’s 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
HEB

EXPANSION CONTINUED FROM PG 1

documents] by November so that
we can put it out to bid and make a
decision on a construction company by
January. “We hope to start construction
sometime in early spring and expect it
to take a little over a year,” said Library
Director, Susan Herr.

Meanwhile, the upcoming expansion
has brought together four outdoor
groups—the Friends of the Library
Butterfly Garden Committee, Native
Plant Society, Master Gardeners, and
Master Naturalists. Together they
have determined how to best handle
the changes to the Butterfly Garden.
This fall, they will carefully repot
current plants and sell them. Those
that remain will be replanted in a safe
spot on the premises, untouched by the
construction. They will be replanted in
the new garden area fall of 2018.

A Capital Campaign Committee has been
created to raise funds for furnishing and
equipping the expanded Library. The
committee has already begun writing
letters for grants, planning fundraisers, and
creating a list of naming opportunities.
Individuals or businesses interested in
viewing the naming opportunities and
policy should contact Library Director,
Susan Herr.

To keep up with more expansion updates
and news, follow the Bulverde/Spring
Branch Library on social media (Facebook,
Instagram, Twitter) or check the West
Comal Chronicle for periodic updates.

FALL VEGETABLE GARDENING
PROGRAM AT SPRING CREEK GARDENS

Lee Franzel, Comal Master Gardener and Vegetable Specialist,
will give part two of his program on Fall Vegetable Gardening on
Saturday, September 30 from 9:30am to 11:00am. The event has
been moved from September 23 to September 30 and will take
place at Spring Creek Gardens, 11355 Hwy 281 North, Spring
Branch, 78070.

In this free program, Lee will talk about growing veggies in
the second productive season of our year. He will have printed
information to share, including directions for building a 4’x8’
raised bed for under $100. Come and hear tips from the pro!
Experienced gardeners are encouraged to come and share their
wisdom on this topic, as well. If rainy, the program will be in the
large greenhouse.
FALL VEGETABLE GARDENING
by Lee Franzel, Comal Master Gardener

Newcomers to South Central Texas may be interested to know that we have two vegetable gardening seasons. We have such a long period of frost-free weather each year that in the spring we can grow plants that take 60-100 days to mature, plus we have about 70-80 days in the fall.

In the spring, warm weather plants such as tomatoes, beans, squash are planted after danger of frost is over—about March 22, depending on weather in the current year. Early planters need to be ready to cover the baby plants on frosty nights. Most spring warm weather crops are harvested by the 4th of July.

Mid-summer is a pause between the two seasons. Only a few veggies thrive in our summer heat—okra, eggplant and basil are examples. During that hiatus, the gardener can work the soil by adding manure compost or perform other garden maintenance chores.

By mid-September, temperatures are starting to moderate, and rain chances are increasing. This period offers veggie growers some ideal conditions for a second planting season, although the fall season is shorter. That limits the choice of plants to those that reach maturity in 60-80 days.

Many gardeners believe that the fall offers our best growing season. There is less pressure from bugs when nights grow cooler, and some people prefer the types of vegetables that do best in the fall.

Tomatoes. By mid-September it is too late to plant new tomatoes, because they don’t have time to ripen. Hence, “fried green tomato” recipes. One solution is to plant fast-maturing cherry-type varieties. Sun Gold is very reliable as a fall producer, and folks rave about the taste. Other cherry types for fall include Sweet 100, Juliet, Large Red Cherry, to name a few. If you want a tennis-ball size tomato, try Early Girl.

In general for fall, look for a variety of tomato that lists 60 days to maturity, and rule out 80-100 day varieties, which includes all the heirlooms.

Those gardeners who planted tomato transplants in late July up to early August and who shaded them and watered diligently, will start seeing baby tomatoes by now. With some luck, they’ll ripen before the first freeze, which is generally in mid-November in this part of Comal County.

Broccoli. The cabbage family is the real star in the fall in Comal County. I suggest buying broccoli transplants and putting them in the ground in mid-September. You should have mature broccoli for your Thanksgiving table with proper culture. That means good soil with lots of nutrients, full sun, adequate water and some bug control. Cabbage loopers are a certainty unless plants are protected with an application of Bt, which is a bio remedy approved for the organic label. Thuricide is an easy brand to find. Read and follow label directions. Don’t wait for holes in the leaves, but apply a couple of times as a preventative.

All the cabbage family plants—cabbage, cauliflower, kohlrabi, bok choy, and kale—are easy and productive when planted in the fall. Tuscan kale has become more popular in recent years. It is best to use transplants of this family rather than seed. The transplants have a head start that will results in growing to maturity before the hardest freezes, generally in January. All cabbage family plants will take a light frost—down to about 28º. If lower than that, throw a cover over them on frosty nights.

Wait until mid-October to plant root vegetables by seed and even a little later for lettuce, spinach and cilantro. Swiss chard is a beautiful plant that grows over winter in this area and can even be grown mixed with flowers in a bed around the house.

Carrots, beets and turnips are planted by seed. The seed germinates best after the hottest days are over. Mustard greens and sugar snap or snow peas will do well here, planted in October. Onions do extremely well. Plant green transplants about mid-January for an early June harvest. Suggested varieties include Texas 1015Y and Southern Belle Red, both of which are sweet onions.

Good luck with your fall/winter vegetable garden. I love getting photos, comments or questions. Email me at leefranzel@gvtc.com.
You’re invited to Bilbo & Frodo Baggins’ birthday celebration!

Enjoy archery, games, food, crafts and more for the whole family!

Friday, September 22nd
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Registration required.

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OCTOBER 14TH FROM 2:00PM - 3:30PM

SPOOKY STORIES WITH TIM TINGLE & FRIENDS
Get in the mood for Halloween! This event starts off with 45 minutes of Funny Spooky Stories, followed by a refreshment break, and we end the afternoon with slightly spookier stories! For all ages!

Harry Potter Party
October 21st
3:00pm - 5:00pm
Explore the world of Hogwarts. Get sorted into your house. Eat snacks even Hagrid would be excited about and make themed crafts.
Registration is required for supplies count.

The scar had not named Harry for nineteen years. All was well.