

COMMUNITY

GET THE WORD OUT

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

School Supply Drive

The Brownsville Trailblazers and A Hand Up organizations are doing their annual school supply drive to benefit students at Putegnat and Longoria elementary schools. Preferred items to donate: 100-page composition books, 24-count box of colors, glue sticks, 70-page notebooks, and No. 2 pencils. We are also in need of prizes for our 5th Grade Essay contest. The collection period is from July 15-Aug. 15. Donations may be dropped off at CSL Plasma, 1601 E. Price Road Ste. C. Please visit www.brownsville-trailblazers.org or email us at bt4education@brownsvilletrailblazers.org for additional information.

CASA Volunteer Training

When: 5:30-8:30 p.m., July 25-Aug. 4
Where: CASA Office, 1740 Boca Chica Blvd. Ste. 300
For more information: Call (956)546-6545

Must be 21 years old, pass criminal and CPS background checks, and complete the training. Court Appointed Special Advocates serve children who have been removed from their homes and are in foster care. CASA volunteers get to know the child and everyone involved in the child's life in order to advocate for the child's best interest.

SOLE Shoe Drive

Valley Day and Night Clinic is holding its annual SOLE Shoe Drive collecting new shoes for the needy children in Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr counties. Officials hope to collect enough shoes to accommodate 4,000 children. During last year's event more than 1,000 pairs of new shoes were collected. Several businesses have signed up to be drop off locations including The Brownsville Herald, located at 1135 E. Van Buren. Cameron County's SOLE Shoe Drive giveaway event will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Aug. 11, at the San Benito Boys and Girls Club, 410 N. Stookey Rd. There will be music, free haircuts, raffles and blood pressure checks. For more information call (956) 517-0445.

Exhibit: A sample of Into the Wild West

When: Through Sept. 3
Where: Brownsville Heritage Museum, 1325 E. Washington St.
Admission: Free with paid museum admission
For more information: Call (956) 541-5560

Exhibit: A sample of Into the Wild West. Part II from the Ben Edelstein Collection.

Health & Wellness Summer Camp

When: 9 a.m.-12 p.m., through July
Where: Tip of Texas Family Outreach, 455 E. Levee
Admission: \$25 per person
For more information: Call (956) 541-5566

Tip of Texas Family Outreach will offer Health & Wellness Summer Camp activities for children ages 5 to 12 years during the months of June and July. This educational camp will focus on teaching children to stay safe and healthy over the summer months. Camp hours are 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Monday-Friday. One-week registration scholarships available for children whose parents receive SNAP benefits. Limited space is available and registration is on a first-come first-serve basis.

Children's Bike Rodeo

When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2
Where: Brownsville Sports Park
Admission: Free and open to the public

For more information:

Call (956) 548-7045
Fun obstacle course for children ages 6-14 years old. There will be several Bike Raffles must be present to win.

Brownsville Raid 110 Anniversary: presentation and walking tour

When: 6-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 5
Where: Brownsville Heritage Museum, 1325 E. Washington St.
Admission: Free and open to the public
For more information: Call (956)541-5560

Join Professor Mills for a guided tour following the timeline and route where the historic events occurred.

Brownsville Raid 110 Anniversary: Panel Discussion, presentation, book-signing, and dinner

When: 6-9 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6
Where: Historic Alonso Building, 510 E. St. Charles St.
Admission: \$35 reserved seating
For more information: Call (956)541-5560

This event will begin with a discussion panel of scholars. The discussion panel will be followed by a dinner and presentation/book signing by Harry Lembeck: author of the book, "Taking on Theodore Roosevelt."

Kids Appreciation Day

When: 12-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 7
Where: Gladys Porter Zoo
For more information: Call (956) 548-9453

Discover the rainforest at the 13th annual Kids Appreciation Day. Every child will receive a passport booklet which will take them on an adventure around the zoo where they will visit themed activity stations including health and wellness, safety, animal conservation and enrichment. Once their passport is full they will be eligible to enter a drawing for back-to-school prizes. In honor of National Kids Day, the zoo also will give away goodie bags filled with school supplies to the first 1,000 children that complete their passports. This event is free with the purchase of general admission or membership. Coupons for free child admission will be available at all Brownsville H-E-B locations, select Upper Valley H-E-B locations, KVEO News Center 23 in Brownsville and McAllen and select Metro PCS locations.

Community Health Fair

When: 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 11
Where: Proyecto Juan Diego, 2216 Eduardo Ave.
Admission: Free and open to the public
For more information: Call (956) 542-2334 or 542-2488

Proyecto Juan Diego and the Brownsville Border Youth-4-H Health Ambassadors, would like to invite children and their parents to this event. The goal is to encourage healthy habits in the community. There will be an exhibitors' stations in which each station will teach kids and their parents about healthy habits: "How to have a Healthy Breakfast," "A Healthy Mouth," "Starting Fitted this School Year," "Fighting about different healthcare Coverage," and much more. The kids will receive a school kit, while supplies last, and will have the opportunity to participate in a raffle of a Back to School Back Pack Kit.



Sofia Garcia

EGLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Joselin Hernandez

CHAMPION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Parent: Cynthia Puente
What is your favorite hobby and interest? I like watching TV.
What do you like best about your school or class? What I like the most is when we draw in class.
What is your favorite subject and why? My favorite subject is reading, because I like to read.
What do you want to be when you grow up? When I grow up, I would like to become a cloth designer.
Who is your favorite role model, either in the community or a public figure? What is it about this person that you admire? I like Taylor Swift, because I like the way she sings.

Parent: Celia Garcia
What is your favorite hobby and interest? My favorite hobby is reading stories.
What do you like best about your school or class? What I like the most is when we go to music class.
What is your favorite subject and why? My favorite subject is music, because it's fun.
What do you want to be when you grow up? When I grow up, I would like to become a doctor so I can help sick people to feel better.
Who is your favorite role model, either in the community or a public figure? What is it about this person that you admire? I like Hannah Montana, because I like how she sings.

China photography study



COURTESY PHOTO

Eleven University of Texas Rio Grande Valley students focused their camera lenses on China's cultural and historic treasures during a digital photography study abroad course at Hengyang Normal University in Hunan Province, China. The trip, from May 16 to June 3, was under the direction of UTRGV art professor Ping Xu. Shown with Miao dancers are (front row, from left) Ping Xu, Fernanda Cortes, Eva Larraga, Monica Nichole-Delgado, Yvette Salinas, Roxana Tello, Derick Somoso and Ivan Castillo; and (back row, third from left) Isabella Hernandez, Kimberly Alaniz, Angelica Quezadas and Lisa Serna (third from right).

FIND YOUR EVENT

Sunday

>POLISH AMERICAN CLUB of the Rio Grande Valley meets the second Sunday of the month in Harlingen. For more information call Gene Ksepka at (956) 838-5106.

Monday

>ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOC. Brownsville chapter 522 meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Monday of the month at Golden Corral Restaurant, 4555 N. Expressway. Active, retired federal employees, surviving spouses and former members are welcome. For more information call Dwight Abbott at (956) 546-1151.

>THE HEALING ROOMS OF BROWNSVILLE meet every Monday from 7-9 p.m. at 12 MackIntosh Drive and from 1-3 p.m. every Saturday at Border Indoor Flea Market-Stall H-10 Amigoland. The Healing Rooms are an International Christian Interdenominational fellowship that believes in praying for people who are physically sick or dealing with other personal issues or needs. They are free and open to the public. For more information call (956) 459-7836.

>ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH BROWNSVILLE business and professional organization meets at noon every Monday at La Cantera Restaurant, 1800 N. Expressway 77/83. For more information call Johnny Champion at

(956) 592-2152 or Fred Hernandez at (956) 496-9095.

>THE BROWNSVILLE SERRA CLUB meets at noon the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (956) 546-1838.

>ZONTA CLUB OF BROWNSVILLE meets at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month. Call Rosalie Gutierrez at (956) 546-0824 or Marlys Cortinas Zapata at (956) 551-0219.

>ALANON meets from 7 to 8 p.m. every Monday at 1225 Boca Chica, call (956) 459-3764. Meetings also are held at 12:10 p.m. every Saturday at 450 Palm Blvd., call (956) 504-1720.

Tuesday

>HANNA AND PORTER CLASSES OF 1976 will be celebrating their 40 year high school reunion from July 29-31 at Rancho Viejo Casa Grande. For more information visit www.brownsville76.com or email Marta Munoz at mmunozHHH@gmail.com

>CITIZENS AGAINST VOTER ABUSE meets every third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 1175 W. Price Road. CAVA is a group of nonpartisan volunteers working on ending corruption in the electoral process of Cameron County via voter education and outreach. For more information call Mary Helen Flores at (956) 280-5965.

>BROWNSVILLE VETERANS GROUP, Warriors United in Arms, meets at 11 a.m. every first Tuesday of the month at the Brownsville Historical Museum. For more information call Jesse Huerta at (956) 371-2768, Tony Garcia at (956) 459-9375 or G. Wally Hodges at (281) 948-7878.

>PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets at noon

every second Tuesday of each month at Texas Oncology, 2150 N. Expressway 83. Meetings will be facilitated by Dr. Carlos Gonzalez-Angulo, radiation oncologist with Texas Oncology. For more information call (956) 982-7128.

>GIRL SCOUTS BROWNSVILLE Service Unit Leaders and Assistant Troop Leaders meet at 7 p.m. every first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1225 Boca Chica Blvd. For more information call (956) 655-1786 or (956) 495-6142.

>BROWNSVILLE DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB meets every first and third Tuesday of the month at La Cantera in the Omni Plaza on Frontage Road. For more information call Martha Cramer at (956) 579-5324.

>THE SOUTH TEXAS UNITED AUTO WORKERS RETIREES meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Elks Lodge No. 1889, 126 S. Commerce St., Harlingen. For more information call (956) 428-3555.

>AA SERENITY GROUP meets from 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. For meeting place and more time schedules call (956) 404-9425 or (956) 542-0043.
>CHURCH OF THE DIVINE SPIRIT offers Reiki Share spiritual healing at 6 p.m. every Tuesday; guided meditation and spiritual healing at 6 p.m. every Thursday; and Intention Circle at 4 p.m. every Sunday at 15 E. St. Charles St. Call Dr. Roberta Dahl at (956) 621-3520.
>THE NARCISO MARTINEZ CULTURAL ARTS CENTER Writers Forum meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., at 225 E. Stenger St., San Benito. Contact facilitators Beto Conde (956) 350-3905 or Mel Hinojosa (956) 244-3731 for details. Writers

and performers receive 7½ minutes to present original works, usually in Spanish or English.

>BROWNSVILLE MUSEUM OF FINE ART board of trustees meets at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the museum, 660 E. Ringgold St. Call (956) 542-0941.

>BROWNSVILLE PAN AMERICAN ROUND TABLE II meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Marriott Courtyard. For more information go to www.parrt.org or call Linda Wise Marin at (956) 541-1466.

>CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS St. Mary's Mother of the Church Court Bishop Adolph Marx No. 1988 meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Ferreira Parish Hall. Call Tricia Galindo at (956) 832-3699.

>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL NO. 1553 meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the K.C. Hall, 525 Old Port Isabel Road. Call Grand Knight Mike Solis at (956) 466-9370.

>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 1127 meets at 8 p.m. every second Tuesday at K.C. Hall, 525 Old Port Isabel Road. Call Faithful Navigator Jesus Muniz at (956) 466-1777.

>THE BROWNSVILLE COMPOSITE SQUADRON meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Pan American Building, 495 S. Amelia Earhart Drive. Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization staffed by civilian volunteers that serves local communities in the areas of emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education. For more information call Lt. Col. Juan Arredondo, (956) 755-9539, or go to www.gocivilairpatrol.com

