

# TEXANA TALKS



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## 2016 TEXANA TEE OFF



The weather could not have been more perfect for the Texana Tee Off which was held on April 4 at Weston Lakes Country Club.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors:

Legacy Ford is the Presenting Sponsor for the Tee Off.

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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION



Texana Center's booth was decked out Irish at the St. Patrick's Celebration in Fulshear providing balloons to the kids and information about the new campus in Fulshear. To add a little extra fun a very green photo booth was set up with props for some fun photographs to mark the occasion.

Karen Van Holten, with Van Holten Law Firm PLLC were right next store and after weeks of tutu making they were selling green and rainbow tutu's to benefit Texana's *Forward in Fulshear Together Capital Campaign*. Don McCoy, President, Fulshear Area Chamber donned a green tutu for the day and make numerous announcements about the tutu opportunity. What a great community, can't wait to have something on the ground!

[For more photos click here](#)

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## FBJSLS SUSTAINERS HELPS THE TEE OFF



Fort Bend Junior Service League Sustainers asked all of the League's Core Placement non-profit organization to bring a project for the ladies to work on during their monthly meeting.

In readiness for the Texana Tee Off the ladies at the Texana table were asked to put together golf tee packets for the golfer's goodie bags; placing green and white tees in a clear bag and placing a label on the front. This was successfully completed with some interesting chatter and a good time was had by all.

We now have 130 packets assembled and ready for the golfers. Thanks to all the ladies who participated.

[For more photos click here](#)

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## THERAPY FOR TOTS PLAYGROUND



Texana Center sent out an SOS asking for donations of 8 x 10 canvases for the Therapy for Tots March Playgroup which had an Arts & Music Theme. No sooner did the call go out and we had all kinds of offers to donate.

As you can see from the photographs the children in the program had a great time and made some really cute artwork. Therapy for Tots is an infant and toddler program that provides early identification and delivery of therapeutic services for children from 0-3 years with developmental delays or risk factors for developing delays.

Thank you to everyone who donated a canvas, I think we may have some budding Picasso's!

[For more photos click here](#)

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## SPOTLIGHT on ABILITIES

Texana's learning Center at Bay City hosted an event to mark March as Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month.

The learning Center also wanted to celebrate their move to a new location on Avenue F in Bay City.

The Learning Center hosted 'Spotlight' on Abilities with the purpose of demonstrating the hidden talents that people with intellectual disabilities often have and can use given an opportunity.

Di Ann Sneed, Director with the United Way of Matagorda and Cody Holloway, the Administrator, Matagorda Nursing & Rehab Center both gave testimonies about the clients with intellectual disabilities that they hired and could not say enough about the great job that they are doing. They also encourage other employers to consider





hiring someone with an intellectual disability particularly in those hard to fill, repetitive positions because they will get a reliable, loyal and enthusiastic employee.

Texana staff informed guests about the supported employment program and how they prepare the clients and train them at their workplace so that they can be successful in their job.

The Learning Center staff talked about the activities both inside and out of the center.

Making the evening very special were the two volunteer client greeters; ShaTona Austin and Jacinto Mendoza who they did a fantastic job in welcoming our guests and handing out programs.

Tonya "Renee" Earles and Jason Gephart showed their skills by helping to set up the buffet and then serving our guests. Both had really mastered placing food on plates with tongs as guests selected what they wanted - no easy task!

[For more photos click here](#)

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## INVESTMENT IN YOUTH LUNCHEON



In December 2015 Texana was hosted 22 junior and senior high school students from the Youth in Philanthropy program at the Learning Center for adults with intellectual disabilities. Joining the students for the day's project with Texana Décor & More... were some of our Texana clients, three members of our Community Advisory Board and several Texana staff who were also volunteering.

The goal was to breakdown a pile of pallets and fencing that had been delivered to Texana Décor & More... Then assemble the wood to make pallet signs with hangers, placing lettering on signs, which were then ready for additional decoration, and then for sale.

Most of the students learned new skills; using power tools and learned to work alongside our clients and realize that people with intellectual disabilities are really no different than them; they want to be included, recognized and to learn. By the end of the day, there were many group photos being taken and friends made.

The students also worked on some special pallet signs with their school name, which they took with them to remember their time at Texana.

On March 30 at the Investment in Youth Luncheon Texana Décor & More.. was awarded a \$1,200 grant.

The students, know as Team Synergy, surprised Dee Koch with a special pallet sign which they had made for her at Texana and all signed - to thank her for all that she had done for them!

Our clients are already looking forward to next year's group!

[For photos from the YIP Project click here](#)

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## \$2,500 GRANT

Andrew Graessar from Enterprise Holdings presented a check at the March Meeting of the Texana Board of Trustees to Dianne Wilson and Kate Johnson-Patagoc. Andrew told the Board about his involvement with Texana through Legacy Ford and that he had hired one of our clients to detail and park the rental cars at the return. The client has worked with Enterprise for approximately 3 years.

The grant was awarded to the Behavior Stabilization Team to purchase iPod Touch devices for the program to be used by the Behavior Analysts to collect data and for the clients with intellectual disabilities to be used as motivational tools for good behavior.

Pictured L to R: Kate Johnson-Patagoc, Director Specialized Services, Andrew Graessar with Enterprise Holdings and Dianne Wilson, Texana Board Chair

A flyer for a "LUNCH n' LEARN" event. At the top is the RMWBH logo (ROBERTS MARKEL WEINBERG BUTLER HAILEY). Below it, the text says "Join Us for a LUNCH n' LEARN Wednesday, April 27, 2016 12 noon to 1:00 PM at the office of Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey 2207 Inwood Drive, Suite 200, Sugar Land, TX 77478". A dark blue box contains the text "Protecting Your Child's Future: special needs trusts and other tools to care for your child when you can't". Below this, contact information is provided: "To register contact Tracey Shaw 281.239.1311 or email tracey.shaw@texanacenter.com". The Texana logo is at the bottom. On the right side, there is a vertical blue banner with a photo of Kelley M. Bentley, her name and title "Kelley M. Bentley Senior Associate", and a bio: "Ms. Bentley focuses her practice on elder law, estate planning, trust administration, probate and guardianship. Ms. Bentley is board certified in estate planning and probate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, in addition to being a Certified Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation. Ms. Bentley is a VA accredited claims attorney. Ms. Bentley is a member of Texana's BOARD CERTIFIED Board of Legal Specialization".

## LUNCH n' LEARN

**Protecting Your Child's Future - Lunch n' Learn**

*Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 12 noon to 1:00 PM*

*at the office of Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler Hailey (RMWBH).*

Kelley Bentley, Senior Associate with RMWBH will talk about special needs trusts and other tools to help care for adults with intellectual disabilities. Recommended for parents and caregivers of adults with intellectual disabilities. Kelley Bentley is a member of the Texana Community Advisory Board who focuses her practice on elder law, estate planning, trust administration, probate and guardianship.

If you are interested in attending this FREE event please contact:

Tracey Shaw 281.239.1311 or [tracey.shaw@texanacenter.com](mailto:tracey.shaw@texanacenter.com)



### AUTISM AWARENESS WALK

Shafer Elementary and Randolph Elementary Schools hosted an Autism Awareness Walk at Cross Creek Ranch last Saturday, April 2 to kick off April as Autism Awareness Month. They asked for donations for Texana Center to support the autism programs.



### DINE FOR A CAUSE

**Dine for a Cause** at Italian Maid, Cross Creek Ranch on Friday, April 8 from 6 to 8 PM. Local Singing Star, Gail Best, will provide entertainment on the patio. Gail sings many styles of music, Jazz, Blues, Standards, Oldies, Classic Rock & Country, a little something for everyone. Italian Maid will donate 10% of their proceeds from the event to Texana's *Forward Together in Fulshear Capital Campaign*.



### LEGACY FORD



### APRIL - TEXANA CONFERENCE

**Texana Autism & Intellectual Disabilities Conference** will take place on Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 am to 1:00 PM at Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital. This year's conference is targeted at educators and providers although parents and caregivers will also find it helpful. You will learn

about :

- Prevention of challenging behaviors
- Intervention for challenging behaviors
- Skills building for fun and life

Registration Fee \$25.00 includes Breakfast & Handouts

To Register- <http://bit.ly/2016TexanaConference>

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