

TEXANA TALKS



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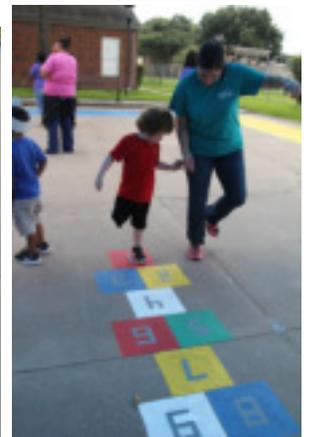
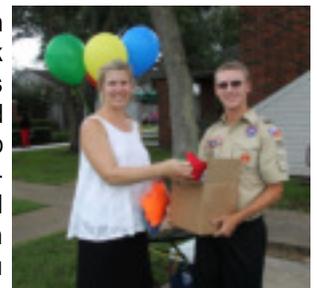
DIANNE WILSON HONORED AT FORT BEND VOLUNTEERS

Texana Center nominated Board of Trustees Chair, Dianne Wilson, for an Lifelong Achievement Award at Fort Bend Volunteers. She was honored at the Fort Bend Volunteer Breakfast with County Judge Robert Hebert on September 28. Around 300 people were present to see Dianne and other volunteers receive recognition for their many years of volunteer work. Dianne Wilson was first elected to the Texana Board of Trustees in 1999 and became the Chair in 2006. Since joining the board, Texana has grown tremendously with several new campuses and services, she has always been willing to try new approaches while placing her trust in Texana's Leadership Team. There is no doubt that she is one of the reasons as to why Texana Center is the organization that it is today; serving close to 16,000 adults and children each year with life-changing services. Congratulations Dianne!



BOY SCOUT SPENCER REITZ'S - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Boy Scout Spencer Reitz approached Texana Center to ask if he could do a project for his Eagle Scout Award which would benefit one of our programs. Ellen Catoe, Manager, Children's Center of Autism, suggested painting a track around a play area that the center has for the children to learn to ride bicycles, scooters etc. She also wanted games such as tic-tac-toe, four square and hangman as well as a basketball circle. This was no easy task and really tested his mathematics skills. He fills cracks and power-washed everything before beginning the painting. The project also tested his patience, as it rained virtually every weekend that he was trying to complete the work. But with perseverance he finished what turned out to be a really great job, making the playground much more interesting and colorful. Spencer then organized a Playground Opening Party for the children to attend. He brought supplies which included bean bags and chalk for the games, and juice and cookies for the party. Great job Spencer, we are sure you will be an Eagle Scout soon!



J.C. WHITTEN CONFERENCE ROOM

J.C. Whitten returned to Texana Center to be acknowledged by the Board of Trustees for his 17 years of service as a board member. His former fellow board members together with retired board member, Steve McDowell, were present to honor him. In recognition of his service to Texana Center the Conference Room at the West Campus on Airport Avenue will be named after him and will be known as the J.C. Whitten Conference Room.



DR. MARY KENDRICK JOINS THE BOARD



Dr. Mary desVignes-Kendrick was sworn in as a member of the Board of Trustees by Board Chair, Dianne Wilson. Dr. Mary desVignes-Kendrick serves as Director of Fort Bend County Health & Human Services and Health Authority of Fort Bend County. Prior to this position, she served as Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Texas A&M Health Science Center, School of Rural Public Health and as faculty with the Texas A&M National Center for Emergency Medical Preparedness and Response (2007-2011). She previously served as Professor of Management, Policy and Community Health and Deputy Director of the UT Center for Biosecurity and Public Health Preparedness at UT School of Public Health in Houston, Texas (2004-2007). Prior to her work in academia, Dr. desVignes-Kendrick served as the Health Authority and Director of the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services, a position she held for twelve years. She completed her undergraduate degree at New York University, her medical degree at Meharry Medical College, Pediatrics residency at Baylor College of Medicine, and Master of Public Health degree at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston. Dr. desVignes-Kendrick is board certified in pediatrics and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She is a former president of the National Association of County and City Health Officials, and is actively involved in public health issues at the local, state and national level.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD BRICK CAMPAIGN

The 'Yellow Brick Road Campaign' is raising funds for the capital campaign to build a Texana Campus in Fulshear. This is your opportunity to leave a legacy by purchasing a brick which will eventually be laid in a prominent area on this beautiful campus; knowing that you helped a child with autism or an adult with an intellectual disability to be one step closer to having a place where they can grow.

There are two sizes of bricks 4" x 4" at \$125 or 8" x 8" at \$250. We know it will be some time until we raise the \$12 million to make this campus a reality, so in the meantime, the adults in our Texana Décor & More Program have created replica bricks, so that you have a keepsake for your home or office when you purchase a brick.

Please show your care and leave your footprint on our campus and take us one step further down the yellow brick road to our \$12 million goal and home!

For more information visit: <http://www.thatsmybrick.com/texanacenter>





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TEXANA'S PARENTS' GROUP

Invites You to Meet
State Representative District 26
Rick Miller

RESCHEDULED for
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
at

Texana's Learning Center
West Campus, 4706 Airport Avenue, Rosenberg

Social Time 6:00 PM
Cookies, Coffee & Punch

Program 6:30 PM
Followed by Q & A Session

With the next legislative session only a few months away, State Representative Miller will provide his thoughts on what the priorities will be. This is your opportunity to voice your thoughts, concerns and ask questions in regard to services for people with intellectual & development disabilities.

CROSS CREEK RANCH SCARECROW FESTIVAL—OCTOBER 15



FALL GAMES & CARNIVAL RIDES! **STAR TREK-THEMED SCARECROW CONTEST!** **LIVE MUSIC!**

Here's a stellar enterprise, building a company Star Trek-themed scarecrow for the 7th Annual Scarecrow Festival! It's a tremendous opportunity to boldly go and promote your business to thousands of festival fans. Sponsorships are also available and are a great way to beam up new business. Winning entries will be featured on the Cross Creek website. Plus, we'll even throw in \$100 to help you launch your scarecrow.

To be a sponsor contact Claire Perrott
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Benefitting Arts Pulshear and Texana



CrossCreekTexas.com • Katy ISD & Lamar CISD • Homes from the \$200s to Millions

In FULSHEAR at FM1463 and FM1093

Join us at the 5th Annual Cross Creek Ranch Scarecrow Festival. This fall celebration will also include; carnival rides and games, live music, food trucks, children's activities and more, and it is open to the public with free admission. To learn more about the Scarecrow Festival visit www.crosscreektexas.com. We look forward to seeing you at our booth!

Children's

TOY DRIVE

We are collecting *new* and *like-new* toys for children ages 0-3 to set up a Texana Toy Lending Library.

These toys will be used by families with low incomes who are served through Texana's Therapy for Tots program. We want to encourage play as it is extremely important in a child's development.



**TOYS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT
TEXANA CENTER'S WEST CAMPUS
4706 AIRPORT AVENUE, ROSENBERG**



Therapy for Tots is an infant and toddler program that provides early identification and delivery of therapeutic services for children from birth to 36 months with developmental delays or established risk factors for developing delays. The delays fall between 15% to 24%.

If your child is not meeting their developmental milestones, Texana can provide you with a free screening:

Phone :281-238-1836 or
Email T3.referrals@texanacenter.com

**More information is available at
texanacenter.com**

