

Northeast Texas Children's Newsletter

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As summer approaches, we look forward to seeing you at the Children's Museum. After completing 48 field trips with 3,923 children in 44 days, our pace will change during the summer months when we welcome parents and grandparents with children. Because many of you travel some distance to the Museum, we are planning daily activities of high interest level. We will also have a return of our two favorite camps – the Cooking Camp and the CSI Police Camp. We have so much information concerning our summer programs that it is difficult to describe all of them in this newsletter. Please call the Museum (903-886-6055) or e-mail director@netxcm.com with any questions that you might have. Come see us!

New Barn Arrives at the Museum!

The Northeast Texas Children's Museum's farm exhibit is now enhanced with a barn donated by Fix & Feed of Commerce, Bonham and Sulphur Springs. This realistic barn adds to the area, providing multiple farm activities for the children to experience.



Grace and Katey Zellar of Caddo Mills, and Grant Yates of Crandall stand in front of the Museum's new barn. Grace has just finished collecting eggs and holds a chicken as Katey prepares to ride away on her horse. Grant holds the bucket of milk from Elsie the Cow.



The mission of the Northeast Texas Children's Museum is to inspire imagination, enhance creativity, and build confidence in Children.

Congratulations to Tana Hall



Tana Hall has been an employee of the Children's Museum for the last two years. We congratulate Tana on her recent graduation. She received a Bachelor of Science with highest honors. Tana is staying in Commerce to complete her Master's degree in counseling, so we will still have her here for a little longer. We are very proud of Tana!

Commerce Kiwanis Club Improves Bubble Room

A major transformation in the Bubble Room has occurred in recent weeks. As the sponsor of our Bubble Room, the Commerce Kiwanis Club has redone the tubing and added green indoor, outdoor carpet. A major cleaning of the Bubble Room occurred on Saturday, April 27. Mats were loaded on a flat-bed truck and taken to a car wash to clean. The most exciting part has been the addition of stainless steel containers. Getting rid of the old tires has made a huge improvement not only in the room's appearance but in the neatness of the area. Thanks. Kiwanis for your continuing support!

We also want to thank Brookshire's Grocery for their continuing donation of the ingredients of our bubbles. Thanks Joel!



Daily Sponsors for April, May and June

Jim and Majette Murrey – April 13
Happy Birthday. Majette!



Ralph and Jeanette Moser – May 10 (in memory of her parents' anniversary)

Jack and Beverly Pirkey – June 3

Jim and Majette Murrey – June 6
Happy Birthday, Eve!



NETXCM Board of Directors – June 7
(Memorial in memory of Inez Bragg, Board member Jeanette Moser's mother)



Museum's Atmos Exhibit Wins Multiple Awards

Jeanette Moser, Manager of Public Affairs for Atmos Energy, announced that the Atmos Exhibit was featured in the Atmos Energy's Annual Report, won the Public Affairs Community Project Competition and was selected as the Project of the Year for the Southern Gas Association. Come in and allow your child to play in this excellent addition to our Museum. We congratulate Atmos Energy for the excellent design of the exhibit, their commitment to our Museum and service to the community!

Mark Your Calendar

We are looking forward to an exciting summer at the Children’s Museum. Activities will be organized around two camps and five theme weeks. Special programs, movies and camps should make the Museum a special destination for families in northeast Texas.

We’ll start June off with a Math Week (June 18–21). In addition to movies and other special programs, the Museum will offer Glamour Girl Spa Day for young girls on June 21. Cooking Camp, the first of two summer camps, will be June 26–28.

Although the Museum is closed on July 4, our Independence Day program will be Children in Colonial Days on July 3. The Texas Bubble Lady, sponsored by 10-2-4 Ranch, will have a special performance on July 11. July 9 will begin Things That Go Pop, followed by a Fabulously Fashionable event for girls entering grades 5–7 will be presented by seventeen year old model Elisabeth Leyerly. Elisabeth models for the Neil Hamil Agency in Houston. CSI Camp will be July 17–19. On July 26 the Critter Man, rated in *D Magazine* as the Best Children’s Entertainer in the Metroplex and sponsored by McDaniel Dentistry and Dixie Turman State Farm, will perform as part of a Family Night at the Museum. On that night the Museum will open for an evening from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. July ends with Community Week (July 23–26) and Dino Week (July 30–August 2).

Summer activities come to an end with Science Week (August 6–9).

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Since her arrival in Commerce in 2008, Jalinna Jones, wife of the president of Texas A&M University-Commerce Dan Jones, has been involved with the Children’s Museum. She was co-chair of the first Daddy-Daughter Dance in 2009. Jalinna joined the Board of Directors in 2011 and served as president of the Board in 2012. Jalinna has graciously accepted many responsibilities, even making a trip to the Tyler Science Place Museum to look at exhibits.



Jalinna Jones

This year her major volunteer effort involved her willingness to open her home for our 2013 Bridge Event. Even though she would not agree to Bridge lessons, she spent the afternoon with the group making sure that all went smoothly.

Jalinna brings her previous experience in strategy and marketing. Her most recent professional position was General Manager of a 10,000 seat, \$36 million sports and entertainment arena that hosted concerts, special events, and professional sports. There are many times that her professional approach to a situation has strengthened a decision made by the Board of Directors.

Jalinna and Dan have a fifteen-year-old daughter, Aislinn. The Northeast Texas Children’s Museum and the Commerce area has benefitted greatly from Jalinna’s community involvement. Thanks Jalinna for all that you do!

Book Your Event Early

The Museum has hosted a variety of events in the Party Room. Recently a rehearsal dinner was scheduled as an after-hours private party. The Children's Museum is the perfect place for any event that involves children. Book a private party by calling us at (903) 886-6055.



We enjoy hosting birthday parties, too. Call to schedule your party or check our web page for the three types of parties offered at the Museum.



Make Alton Pay



Challenge Grant Pays Off

The "Make Alton Pay" Challenge Grant total was \$7,947 in donations from throughout the area and beyond. Some donations were even received from out-of-state from Alton's former students. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of Alton and his wife Louise, and all of those who contributed to make this fundraiser a success.

Donating to the Museum

To give donors another option, donations to the Northeast Texas Children's Museum can now be made through PayPal by going to our web page at <http://netxcm.com/index.php> or you may come by the Museum to make a donation at any time. You may also mail the form below. Remember that every dollar helps keep our doors open!

Donor Form

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