

Northeast Texas Children's Newsletter

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The Director's Corner

This is an exciting time to be a part of the Northeast Texas Children's Museum. We are looking forward to the Great Outdoor Discovery Area and a new look for the playhouse sponsored by Duncan Insurance. We thank Hunt Regional Healthcare for their support in updating our hospital area. Walls now surround our shops on the west side of the museum. We even have a new event sign on the south corner of the building. I want to thank every person who has supported us at the Museum, for your support has made all this possible.

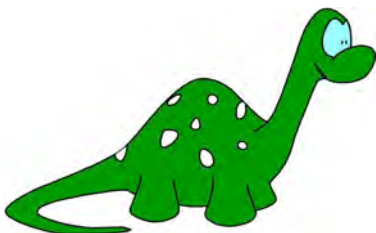
Our Northeast Texas Children's Museum supporters serve on the Board of Directors, donate their time as a volunteer and donate their money. Many support us by visiting the Museum, and many supported us through our Silent Auction and Market in April. Whatever your role has been, we hope that you join us in the excitement of the expansion and changes inside and outside of the Northeast Texas Children's Museum. It's easy and rewarding to be a Museum supporter. Call, and we'll find the special place that is just right for you.



*Sharline Freeman,
Executive Director*

Visit the Museum - Win a Party!

Visitors to the Children's Museum this summer receive a card that gets punched with a dinosaur punch. Then, collect a punch on the card to reflect your future visits. After four punches the card will be entered into a drawing for a free Back-to-School Party. The lucky family could be your family!



**BACK TO
SCHOOL
PARTY**



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

Book a Themed Birthday Party

The Children's Museum is now booking "Frozen" birthday parties. The "Frozen" birthday party is a new listing under the theme birthday parties. In recent years we've found that children enjoy a party with a theme that has their favorite story book or movie characters. Among the other themes that the Museum offers are Pirate, Western, Dinosaur, Princess, Disney and Cars. Call the Museum at 903-886-6055 to book your party.



Summer Activities Conclude Soon

Summer activities at the Museum conclude with three theme weeks. Dino Week is July 29 until August 1. The children have opportunities to find a dinosaur



egg, make a dinosaur to take home and hear a presentation from dinosaur expert Dr. Kit Blount. Dr. Blount will present on August 31 at 11:00.

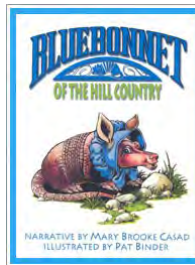
Sports Week on August 5 to August 8 and Back to School Week on August 12 to August 15 end our summer activities. Follow us on Facebook to get details for these two weeks. You may also watch our new sign for special events during these weeks.

Special Events Coming in July

The Children's Museum is pleased to announce two special events for July. The Texas Bubble Lady sponsored by the 10-2-4 Ranch will arrive at the Children's Museum on July 17 at 2:00. The Texas Bubble Lady was enjoyed by the children last summer, and we are looking forward to another exciting show.



Mary Brooke Casad, author of *Bluebonnet, the Armadillo* books, will give a special presentation at the Children's Museum



on Wednesday, July 23 at 11:00. This series of books detail Bluebonnet's travel throughout Texas. We are looking forward to having this popular author at the Museum.

The Critterman

sponsored by Dixie Turman State Farm Insurance and McDaniel Dentistry will bring a show to the Museum on July 25 at 6:00. The Museum will remain open until 8:30 for children to play after the show. The admission for these events is the admission price for the Museum (\$5.00). Family members enter on their Membership Card.



Sign Up Now! CSI Camp is Coming in July!

Alex Suarez and Chad Ballard are bringing their popular CSI Camp to the Children's Museum on July 23, 24, and 25 from 10:00 to 12:00. CSI Camp is for ages 9-12 and is \$35 for non-members and \$30 for members. Children will have a chance to solve a crime by studying the crime scene, make an ID card including pictures and fingerprints; and meet the SWAT team. The camp is limited to 15 crime solvers.



Volunteers Bring Exciting Events

The importance of volunteers to the Children's Museum is reflected by the role volunteers have played in our summer program. We want to say a huge thank you to the following:

Colette Young and the **10-2-4 Ranch** for the free admission Family Night.

Liz Knight for bringing Spa Day to the Museum and to **Fire n' Ice Velvete Womack, Lauren Tipton** and **Amy Welch** for giving the young girls foot massages at Spa Day.



Dr. Wendell and **Linda Edwards** for bringing their program on toys from the Colonial Period and **Bettina Zavanut** for making soap for the children on July 3.

Barry Weaver for bringing Gus the Garbage Truck from **Republic Services** to Friends with Wheels.

The Commerce Fire Department for bringing trucks and equipment.

Charles Powell for bringing his race car.

Steven Pawlow for bringing his trains.

The Commerce Police Department for bring a Police car and equipment and **Alex Suarez** and **Chad Ballard** for CSI Camp.

Dr. Barbara Tucker for conducting the Cooking Camp for the last 4 years.

Dr. Kit Blount for presenting a program on dinosaurs during Dinosaur Week.



*Kay Web, Mary Smith and Claire Reynolds
Represent Silent Auction and Museum
Market Volunteers*



Many volunteers played a role in the success of our Silent Auction. This quarter we've chosen three of those volunteers to represent them. Mary Smith, assisted by Kay Weber, Kathy Hill, and Trish Wood, was chair of Finance/Check-Out. The Museum thanks them all for the fastest recorded check-out time in the Silent Auction and Market history. Claire Reynolds, assisted by Anna Blohm and

Diane Downing was chair of the successful Museum Market. We appreciate their support, their experience and the great job they did.

Our Daily Sponsors for June Through August

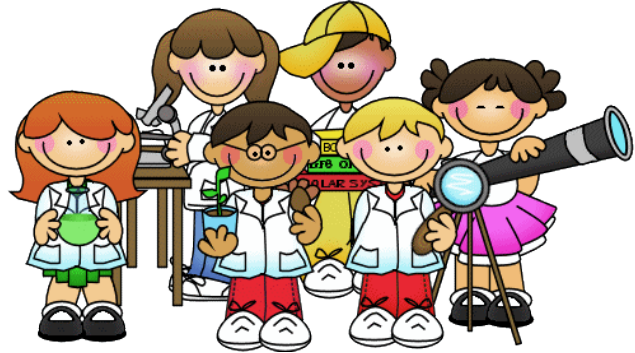
Larry and Collette Young, Free Admission Night - June 20

NETXCM Board of Directors, in memory of Donna Tavener's mother, Virginia Gibbs - July 5

Charles and Mary Beth Perry - July 8

AIS Financial, J. Russell Armstrong - July 15
and 16

Alton and Louise Biggs - September 9, 10, 11,
12, 16 and 17



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!

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NW Corner Culver and Highway 50
Commerce, Texas 75428*

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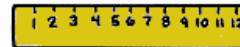
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AT THE MUSEUM