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Precinct 2 fair offers health screenings, kids’ activities

Commissioner Paul Elizondo will host the first Precinct 2 Community Health and Education Fair to give residents an opportunity to learn more about services and businesses located in Precinct 2 and throughout Bexar County. More than 40 organizations will be on hand to offer information, diabetes and other health screenings, fitness demonstrations, a bike rodeo and other activities for kids. The fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Wonderland of the Americas Mall, 4522 Fredericksburg Road.

“I wanted the focus of this fair to be on diabetes awareness because it is such a great health concern in this county, so I encourage residents to come take advantage of the free health screenings and the available information on healthy living and diabetes prevention,” Commissioner Elizondo said. “We’ll also have some wonderful musicians providing entertainment throughout the fair and some door prizes to give away.”

Exhibitors, screenings and resources include:

• Blood pressure and glucose checks by Southern Career Institute and University of the Incarnate Word
• Mammography exams for women and men by University Health System; please pre-register at (210) 358-7020
• Dental exams by the University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School
• STD, HIV and syphilis tests by San Antonio AIDS Foundation and Alamo Area Resource Center
• Depression screenings from the Center for Health Care Services
• Body mass index screenings and fitness demonstrations from EnduraFit
• Health insurance information and preventive care services from CommuniCare
• Diabetes education and prevention information from UHS
• And information from VIA, Project Quest, Project MEND, Catholic Charities and the Texas Diabetes Institute.

Kids will be able to visit with Olaf from Disney’s Frozen, Smiley from the Smile Center and Wonderboy from Wonderland of the Americas. The YMCA will have a Kids Zone with fitness activities, and Career Point College will host a bike rodeo for children in pre-K to 5th grade in the Hobby Lobby parking lot. The
Bexar County Sheriff’s Office will provide inkless fingerprint kits for parents to record their kids’ fingerprints. BCSO also will have law enforcement vehicle displays.

Commissioner Elizondo and sponsors will have a short ceremony to start the fair at 10 a.m. followed by a performance from the Youth Orchestras of San Antonio Philharmonic Quartet from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A jazz quintet from the American Federation of Musicians Local 23 will play from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. And the Lanier High School Mariachi will close out the fair with a performance from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Attendees who receive signatures from 10 of the 43 exhibitors will be entered in door prize drawings. Door prizes include more than $350 in gift cards and gift certificates for fitness classes.

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