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**Westside Community Center's Hispanic Heritage Celebration Features  
Art, Dance, Music, and Lucha Libre**

**New Braunfels, TX** — Author, illustrator and self-proclaimed “lucha libre aficionado” Xavier Garza will be the featured speaker at this year’s Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Westside Community Center, alongside Teatro De Artes De Juan Seguin’s Ballet Folklórico De La Rosa, Comal ISD’s Chef Mario, artist Stella Olivas, Spanish singer Ixtchel Fisher, DJ Extreme Soundz and a special appearance by Chicas Calaveras.

The event will be held on Saturday, September 14th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

“We have a community rich with Hispanic history, and this is such a great way to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month, which is recognized from September 15th to October 15th each year,” said Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Hernandez. “This month highlights the diverse history, hard work, culture and art of the Hispanic and Latino communities in the United States and Westside Community Center Library is very honored to be hosting this special event that celebrates our community.”

Following a welcoming address, the celebration will begin with music from Ixtchel Fisher.

Xavier Garza is set to speak at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. about his book “Tell Me a Story/Dime un Cuento” — registration is required for this portion of the event and can be completed online through the library’s calendar or by calling the Westside Community Center Library at 830-221-4301. Garza will have children’s books available for sale and signing. Prices will range from \$7 to \$14.

In addition to set programs, attendees can craft papel picado (“pecked paper”) with Cristabell West, mini piñatas with Big Brother Big Sisters staff and lucha libre masks with the library’s Youth Services staff. They may also participate in Zumba or baile Latino, grab a bite to eat and get their faces painted.

Throughout the Hispanic Heritage Celebration, a block painting created by students of Stella Olivas will be on display. Participants in this community art piece will be responsible for painting one “block,” which will be combined to create a complete work of art.

For more information about taking part in this project, contact Jennifer Hernandez at [jhernandez@nbtexas.org](mailto:jhernandez@nbtexas.org).

The Hispanic Heritage Celebration is open to the public and free to attend, although Garza’s books and food from the food trucks must be purchased.

Many library programs, including this one, are made possible with the support of the Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library.

For more information about the celebration or other Westside Community Center programs, call 830-221-4630 or 830-221-4301, or visit [www.nbtexas.org/Library](http://www.nbtexas.org/Library).

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