

LEGENDS OF THE FALLS 2021

The City of Cottonwood Shores invites you to the Legends of the Falls Hayride Theatre event, Oct. 22 and 23. This one-of-a-kind theatrical event will highlight the unique history of the community, which has roots reaching back to the Texas Revolution, as well as, prehistoric Native American settlements.

The Legends of the Falls hayrides will depart at 3 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. on Oct. 22 and 23. Loading area for hayrides is the Cottonwood Shores Civic Center, 4111 Cottonwood Drive in Cottonwood Shores.

Advanced ticket sales begin October 4th and can be purchased at Cottonwood Shores City Hall at 3808 Cottonwood Drive, Cottonwood Shores, TX or by calling 830-693-3808. Cost for each ticket is ten dollars per person, and rides are for ages 9 and up.

While some communities feature their founders through “ghost” tours, the First Family of Cottonwood Shores are referred to as Legends. They set powerful examples of how to love your neighbor, protect your family, and defend your country. And, because they lived and worked on Lake Marble Falls, they are known in the area as The Legends of the Falls.

Participants will embark on a hayride driven by Mayor Don Orr, and an on-board tour guide will point out key sites in the city. The historic Fuchs (rhymes with “books”) Family Cemetery will be the first stop where riders will hear from five Legends who settled on the land south of Lake Marble Falls.

Next, the tour will head toward the boat ramp, where participants will try to unravel the events of a murder mystery that led to the death of a 2,000-year-old Native American. As the ride nears City Hall, participants will learn about Dead Man’s Hole and its connection to the land in Cottonwood Shores, as well as, the story of a Legend whose life tragically ended there.

The final leg of the journey will include a pause to view the Hermann Fuchs home, one of the oldest remaining homes built by the Fuchs family.

SPECIAL GUESTS INCLUDE:

1. **THE SONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS** will bring their cannon and muskets for demonstrations, as they remind us of our Republic of Texas heritage. Be ready for a BANG!
2. **JIM JORDEN**, historian and author of “A History of The Conrad L. Fuchs Family and The Fuchs House”, will sign books and answer questions about the historic Fuchs home.
3. **THE BURNET COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION** members will be on hand to answer questions about the unique history of Cottonwood Shores.
4. **FORT CROGHAN** representatives will be available to teach about life at the historic Fort Croghan built in the mid 1800’s.
5. **THE FALLS ON THE COLORADO MUSEUM**, will have members present to provide the history of Marble Falls, as well as, surrounding communities.
6. **COTTONWOOD SHORES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** will provide free hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, and sno-cones, along with games and activities.
7. **FAMILY DESCENDANTS** will have an area set aside for descendants of the Fuchs family to swap stories and share information. Descendants are invited to dress in period clothing, if they wish.
8. **COTTONWOOD SHORES PARKS COMMITTEE** will sell t-shirts commemorating the event.

2021 CAST of LEGENDS

1.Preston Kirk as Rev. Adolf Fuchs: In addition to Kirk's 18-year relationship with the Hill Country Community Theatre, his most recent assignment was working on *Y1883...* a prequel to the *Yellowstone* TV series on Paramount with Kevin Costner, in which he had scenes with Tim McGraw, Billy Bob Thornton, and Sam Elliott.

2.Brigid Cooley as Ino Fuchs Varnhagen: Cooley is a reporter for The Picayune and founder of Page-to-Stage Theatre Company, a Leon Valley based community theatre group. She has also acted in and directed San Antonio based productions.

3.Francie Dix as Wife of Conrad Fuchs: Dix is the Chair of the Fuchs House Committee and has previously been cast in multiple Hill Country Community Theatre productions.

4.Charles Watkins as Hermann Fuchs: Watkins is chair of the Marble Falls Parks and Recreation Commission.

5.Todd Fox as Oscar Fox: Fox is a descendant of the Fox family, being the 4th cousin to Legend Oscar Fox.

6.Dane Lackey as the unnamed 2,000-year-old-prehistoric Native American: Lackey is the winner of the 2021 International Thespy Award for Duet Acting and is a student at Marble Falls High School.

(Broadway has the Tonys, Hollywood has the Oscars, Thespians have the Thespys)

7.Mike Brittain as Adolph Hoppe: Brittain is the founder of Horseshoe Bay Business Alliance and has previously been cast in multiple shows at the Hill Country Community Theatre.