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Nederland supporting 'The Music Man'

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Feathers are flying, from costuming and hats, as "The Music Man" cast gets ready for "Trouble."

It's just a song, about the dangers of a pool table coming to town, but it's singable. The cast of Nederland supporters hope the audience will get into the act by catching the show.

The Nederland ISD Summer Rec. program will present "The Music Man" as a new program, the Steve Barton Musical Theatre Project. Named after Steve Barton, a Broadway musical star from Nederland High School, this new summer project involves NISD students creating sets, costumes, and props in the mornings and rehearsing in the afternoons for three weeks in a summer-stock environment.

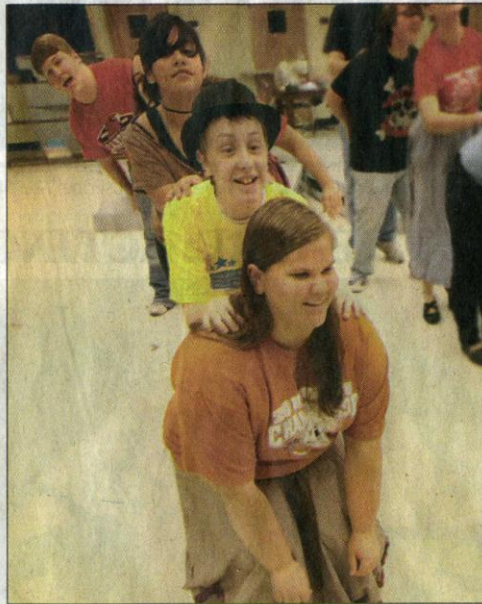
The Steve Barton Musical Theatre Project honors the former resident who achieved international success in musical theatre.

Students and community leaders will share the stage in the production, set for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 25 and 26, at the Nederland High School Performing Arts Center, off Spurlock Road. Admission is \$5 at the door.

Barton, born in 1954 and died in 2001, grew up in Nederland and played roles with Swiss, German and Austrian theater companies. He appeared in "Godspell," "The Fantasticks," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Evita," "Guys and Dolls" and "Camelot," before playing the role of Munkustrap in the original Vienna cast of "Cats" and originated the role of Raoul in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" in London.

The Music Man features hit songs such as "Goodnight My Someone," "Til There Was You," "Shipooopi," and the show stopping "Seventy-Six Trombones."

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Steve Barton Musical Theater Project of Nederland ISD Summer Rec's Cole Howerton, back, Shay Ashworth, Ryan Sherer, and Victoria Frost rehearse for the Music Man at Nederland High School.



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Steve Barton Musical Theater Project of Nederland ISD Summer Rec's Teri Duhon, left, Shay Ashworth, and Ashleigh Pope rehearse for the Music Man at Nederland High School.

TRIANGLE BRIEFS

Texas Pecan Queen's Scholarship Pageant signup begins with new change

GROVES — The Groves Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Center has announced that sign up for the 2010 Texas Pecan Festival Queen's Scholarship Pageant began on Monday, June 21 and will go through Friday, July 23 at noon. To be eligible, a girl must be a resident of Groves.

There are six divisions: Little Miss: 3 - 5 years old, Duchess: 6 - 8 years old, Countess: 9 - 10 years old, Junior Miss: 11 - 12 years old, Princess: 7th - 9th grade, and Queen: 10th - 12th grade. The number of girls in each division is limited to 15 girls in each of the younger four divisions and 20 girls in each of the older two divisions.

All categories will be limited with entries accepted on a first sign-up basis. There will be no drawing to determine contestants.

The pageant will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, in the PN-G High School Auditorium.

For more information please call the Groves Chamber of Commerce at 936-235-1234.