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ON THE COVER

Back in the Saddle

From its humble beginnings in 1932 as a cattle showcase, the **Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo**, **Feb. 27-March 18**, has evolved into a 20-day bonanza filled with the usual rodeo offerings like bull riding and steer roping, but with the addition of amusement park rides, deep-fried treats, shopping, and big-name headliners—this year, two-time Grammy winner Garth Brooks performs on opening night. The event ropes in big-city folk with a spirited parade featuring marching bands and floats through downtown Houston on **Feb. 24**. See page 50 for details. **rodeohouston.com**

Cover photo: Will van Overbeek

WINTER WONDERLAND

LEND THE HOLIDAY spirit with a tropical getaway at Galveston's Moody Gardens as it unveils its annual chilly spectacle, Ice Land. A team of expert ice carvers from Harbin, China, travel to this Texas island each fall to spend more than a month creating sculptures and works of art from 2 million pounds of ice to fit the year's theme. This year, from Nov. 11 to Jan. 7, expect to see frozen versions of a Rainforest Holiday—including playful monkeys, exotic birds, and flitting butterflies—as you walk through a colorful maze of equatorial delights. The whole family can take a ride down a giant ice slide (it's fun for kids and adults alike), while the 21-and-over set can sidle up to the Shivers Ice Bar for spirited refreshments. Gloves, scarves, and hats are necessary accessories (parkas are provided for all guests) as the 28,000-square-foot space is kept at a

bone-chilling 9 degrees Fahrenheit. While it may be a challenge to have a true "White Christmas" in the Lone Star State, you can at least experience a cold one. For more information, visit moodygardens.com/iceland.

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GEORGETOWN: Annual Christmas

Stroll Georgetown Square is transformed into a Christmas card. Friday night includes Christmas music, a walk through Bethlehem, and dessert with the Grinch. Join Santa Saturday morning for a parade. Visit with Santa, enjoy childrens' activities and listen to holiday music throughout the day. thegeorgetownsquare.com



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GALVESTON: Dickens on The Strand With a nod to the ghost of Dickens' past and an eye toward the future, Galveston's world-famous annual holiday street festival returns with parades, nonstop entertainment on six stages, strolling carolers, roving musicians, bagpipers, jugglers, and a host of other entertainers. dickensonthestrand.org

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AUSTIN: Trail of Lights Part of the essential Austin experience, the trail lights up the season with a celebration of community, memories, and fun. Don't forget to take a spin under the Zilker Tree. austintrailoflights.org

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WIMBERLEY: Blue Christmas A free annual holiday event at Blue Hole Regional Park features horse-drawn carriage rides, an ugly sweater contest, a roaring fire, local music groups, Santa, and blue lights everywhere. cityofwimberley.com

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: New Year's Eve Fireworks Watch as the sky lights up the beach and the water sparkles with the reflection of fireworks. sopadre.com

SAN ANTONIO: Tricentennial Kickoff and New Year's Eve

Celebration The city kicks off its yearlong 300th anniversary celebration with a free outdoor concert and fireworks at Civic Park. Projections on buildings, imaginative lighting, and decorations will line the streets of downtown. sanantonio300.org

JANUARY



SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Penguin Plunge Dive into 2018 at this beachside event that includes live music, free sandcastle lessons, and a chainsaw sculpture demo, culminating in a plunge at 2 p.m. sopadre.com

FORT WORTH: Fort Worth Symphony and Boyz II Men in Concert

Their velvety vocals and seductive harmonies defined the '90s R&B sound. Be there when four-time Grammy Award-winners Boyz II Men joins the Fort Worth Symphony for an evening of chart-topping hits. fwsymphony.org

13-14

GRAPEVINE: Repticon Regional and national vendors offer and exhibit reptiles, amphibians, and all kinds of exotics. grapevinetexasusa.com

HOUSTON: MLK Grand Parade

Midtown Houston One of the largest single-day multicultural events in the U.S., the parade will feature more than 300 performing groups from across the nation, including 30 award-winning marching bands. mlkgrandeparade.org

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GALVESTON: Yaga's Chili Quest and Beer Fest The festival draws a diverse crowd of chili and beer aficionados for live music, a jackpot margarita contest, vendors, a merchant walkabout on the historical strand, and more. yagaschiliquest.com



FREDERICKSBURG: Luckenbach Blues Festival The 11th annual event is an all-day celebration featuring Texas blues artists like The Peterson Brothers and Hubby Jenkins in historic Luckenbach Texas. luckenbachtexas.com

25-28

DENTON: Black Film Festival

Celebrates the diverse stories of the African-American community through film, music, and art. The festival seeks to offer works that are not often recognized through major theatrical release. dentonbff.com

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NOCONA: Mardi Gras Nocona

Style Boots, beads, and classic cars highlight the unusual twist the town of Nocona makes during its annual Mardi Gras celebration. Events include a Mardi Gras parade. nocona.org



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SAN ANTONIO: Stock Show and **Rodeo** Awarded the PRCA Large Indoor Rodeo of the Year for an unprecedented 12 consecutive years, you'll see the nation's top rodeo athletes vie for a \$1.7 million purse. World-class entertainment, a carnival, fair food, shopping, educational exhibits, and family-friendly entertainment add to the experience, sarodeo.com

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ENNIS: Czech Music Festival

Enjoy the pre-party Friday evening in the clubroom featuring live music by Out of the Box, then come back Saturday for good food, five live bands, and family fun. ennisczechmusicfestival.com

FREDERICKSBURG: Luckenbach **Hug-In and Valentine Ball** Get back to

the basics of love during this annual camping event with plenty of boot scootin' in the historic Luckenbach Texas dance hall. luckenhachtexas com

PORT ARANSAS: Whooping Crane

Festival Celebrate the migration of the endangered whooping cranes with birding bus and boat tours, renowned speakers, exhibits, demonstrations, nature-related booths, and more. whoopingcranefestival.org

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ARLINGTON: RFD-TV's The

American The largest single-day cash prize rodeo in history offers a total purse of \$2 million with \$1 million divided among any qualifiers who win their respective events. attstadium.com

PHOTOS: (above) courtesy San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, (top) Lois Rodriguez



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DECEMBER2017

Picks across the state

HO, HO, HO HOUSTON ZOO

WAS THE NIGHT before Christmas, when all through the zoo, not a creature was stirring not even the black howler monkeys, sea lions, and kangaroos. Every winter, the **Houston Zoo** and more than 6,000 animals get that festive feeling when the park undergoes its annual holiday makeover. The Houston holiday tradition returns Nov. 18-Jan. 14 (closed Christmas Eve and Christmas), where staff will flip the switch and illuminate more than 2 million lights—a 15-mile display of eco-friendly LED lighting presented by TXU Energy. Visitors can enjoy festive carols, hot chocolate, and Holly Berry: a 1958 Cadillac with a lightshow set to music. Last year ushered in a new tradition: a 33-foot-tall Christmas tree adorned with colorful decorations the ideal backdrop for holiday selfies. For more information, visit houstonzoo.org.



MERRY CHRISTMAS, Y'ALL

POR 82 YEARS straight, the residents of Jones County have been kicking up their heels in holiday celebration at the **Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball** in **Anson**, held this year **Dec. 14-16**. Modeled after an 1885 dance at the Star Hotel in Anson, the traditional event so inspired country-western musician Michael Martin Murphey that he developed an annual Cowboy Christmas tour, now in its 23rd year, which carries the holiday tradition to performance halls across Texas. This December, Murphey will play six Cowboy Christmas shows in Texas—plus two more in Oklahoma and Colorado—including the Anson ball Dec. 16. For more information, visit **ansoncowboyschristmasball.com**.

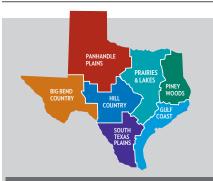


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AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

N DEC. 2, period craftsmen, artisans, and re-enactors will gather on the grounds of Presidio La Bahía to bring history to life during its Christmas Rendezvous and Trade Fair. The festivities at the oldest standing fort west of the Mississippi are all part of Christmas in Goliad, an annual weekend festival that for more than 25 years has ushered in the holiday season with holiday performances, shopping, and the arrival of good ole St. Nick. During the first weekend in December, **Dec. 1-2**, this tiny town of fewer than 2,000 people doubles in size with visitors from across the United States who have traveled to Goliad to partake in the food, music, and celebration. The celebration has come a long way from its first year in 1983: The lighted parade that was once over in minutes has grown into an hourlong occasion with more than 70 entries. More events have been added over the years, including a living Nativity scene, where the voices of the Beeville Community Chorus resonate thorugh the Mission Espíritu Santo with a selection of Christmas Music, and La Bahía's 21st century adaptation of the ancient trade fair. Goliad may be a small town, but for a guarter century, the people have proven that it sure has big Christmas spirit. For more information, visit **presidiolabahia.org**.

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BIG BEND COUNTRY

DEL RIO: Dec. 1 Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Light Ceremony Enjoy a parade and Christmas tree lighting ceremony, plus vendors and entertainment. Greenwood Park, West Garfield and Griner streets. **cityofdelrio.com 830-774-8558**

DEL RIO: Dec. 1 Pop-Up Beer Garden Enjoy a festive evening of live music, local foods, and delicious craft beer. Community Garden, 210 Jones St. **infodelrioparksfoundation.com 612-850-5617**

DEL RIO: Dec. 2 Wild Game Dinner Enjoy a wild game dinner and 125 gun raffle. Del Rio Civic Center, 1915 Veterand Blvd. **drchamber.com 830-775-3551**

DEL RIO: Dec. 8 Christmas Under the Stars Visit with Santa Claus and enjoy tamales and buñuelos—traditional Mexican Christmas pastries. Whithead Museum, 1308 S. Main St. whitehead-museum.org 830-774-7568

DEL RIO: Dec. 16 "The Nutcracker" Enjoy holiday magic and beautiful dancing in the timeless holiday story of Clara and her Nutcracker Prince. Paul Poag Theater, 746 S. Main St. **delrioarts.com 830-775-0888**

DEL RIO: Dec. 16 Annual Posada, Tamalda, Bailes, y Cantos Religious festival celebrated in Mexico commemorates the journey of Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Casa de la Culturea, 302 Cantu St. at Brown Plaza. casadelacultura.com 830-768-2287

FORT DAVIS: Dec. 9 Frontier Christmas Enjoy a Christmas parade, shopping, photos with Santa, live music, and a chance to sample plenty of cookies from the holiday cookie bake-off. No. 4 Memorial Square. fortdavis.com 432-426-3015

FORT STOCKTON: Dec. 1 Christmas Parade

Enjoy a beautiful night parade with an abundance of uniquely decorated floats. Parade ends at Zero Stone Park where refreshments will be served, and music and pictures with Santa will be offered. Zero Stone Park, Dickinson Boulevard and Main. **432-336-2264**

MARATHON: Dec. 2 Fiesta de Noche Buena
Visitors, locals, and business owners come together on
Main Street for this festive occasion providing an evening

of dancing, food, and fun. Enjoy an outdoor tree lighting, children's traditional baile folklorico, food and drinks, live music, a visit from Santa, and more. Shops and galleries will all be open late with many special attractions. Main Street, 102 US 90 W. marathontexas.com/events

MONAHANS: Dec. 2 Christmas and Chili Market Enjoy breakfast and pictures with Santa, craft vendors, hot chili, and more. Ward County Convention Center, 400 E. Fourth. monahans.org 432-943-2187

MONAHANS: Dec. 4 Lighted Christmas Parade Event begins with lighted floats starting at Monahans High School and ends at Hill Park with Santa. Includes entertainment and refreshments. Hill Park, Fifth Street and Allen Avenue. monahans.org 432-943-2187

ODESSA: Nov. 30-Jan. 1 Annual Tree Lighting, Parade, and Starbright Village The largest display of lights in the Permian Basin—more than 270,000 lights and holiday-themed displays bring the season to life. Whether you're walking or driving through, this event will bring out your holiday spirit as the lights shine bright and the holiday music plays over the radio. McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road. odessatx.gov 432-368-3548

ODESSA: Dec. 8-17 "A Place Called Christmas" and "The 12 Daze of Christmas" Enjoy two stories in one evening. The holiday plays start off where toys come to life and take a journey to find this magical place called Christmas—an enchanted story of friendship and discovering the true meaning of Christmas. That is followed by the zany adventures of Alice as the characters from the traditional carol of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" come to life right before her eyes, but they are not what you would expect. Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St. **permianplayhouse.com 432-362-2329**

PECOS: Dec. 2 Holiday Open House Christmas
Bazaar Vendors of all types at the eighth annual event,
from jewelry to small home decor and more. Reeves
County Civic Center, 1500 S. Cedar St. facebook.com/
hollyjolly79772 432-448-7628

PINE SPRINGS: Dec. 2 Desert Discovery (Guided Hike) McKittrick Canyon Nature Trail's one-mile loop is a great beginner hike and suitable for families with small children; learn about plant and animal adaptations. Dress for the weather and bring water. Elevation gain of 200 feet. This event will be canceled during inclement weather. Guadalupe Mountains National Park, 400 Pine Canyon Dr. nps.gov/gumo 915-828-3251

PINE SPRINGS: Dec. 16 Christmas Bird Count

Join a citizen-science project that has been occurring across the country for more than 100 years, and help document bird populations. Possible bird species include western bluebirds, cedar waxwings, phainopeplas, pyrrhuloxias, Steller's jays, golden eagles, black-throated sparrows, and white-crowned sparrows. Meet at the Cholla Chateau. Guadalupe Mountains National Park, 400 Pine Canyon Dr. nps.gov/qumo 915-828-3251

VAN HORN: Nov. 24-Dec. 11 Trans Pecos Big Buck Tournament An annual desert mule deer tournament. Van Horn Convention Center, 1801 W. Broadway. vanhorntexas.us 432-283-2682

VAN HORN: Dec. 9 Lighted Christmas Parade and Show and Sell At the 24th annual event, enjoy a lighted Christmas parade along Broadway, in addition to an open house with vendors, food, and arts and crafts. 1810 W. Broadway. vanhorntexas.us 432-283-2628

GULF COAST

BEAUMONT: Dec. 1 "Polar Express" Movie Night Classic Movie Nights at the historic 1927 Jefferson Theatre are fun for the entire family. Concessions, including beer and wine, are available for sale. Discover Beaumont, 345 Fannin St. **discoverbeaumont.com 409-838-3435**

BEAUMONT: Dec. 1-2 Main Street Market

Presented by Junior League of Beaumont, this three-day, one-stop holiday shopping extravaganza features unique merchandise from more than 100 carefully selected vendors from Texas and across the country. Shop for clothing, gournet foods, children's items, jewelry, and more during the market. Listen to live entertainment and expect a visit from someone special. All proceeds support the League's continual work throughout the community through projects, community assistance funds, and scholarships. Discover Beaumont, 701 Main St. juniorleaguebeaumont.org 409-832-0873

BEAUMONT: Dec. 2-1 "Scrooge" This beloved musical take on Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" features a great musical score by Leslie Bricusse and includes numbers like "Father Christmas," "Thank You Very Much," and "December the 25th." Beaumont Community Players, 4155 Laurel Ave. beaumont communityplayers.com 409-833-4664

BEAUMONT: Dec. 3 Symphony of Southeast Texas "Home for the Holidays" Join the Symphony of Southeast Texas to get in the holiday spirit with family and friends. The fifth annual holiday concert will be a joyful celebration featuring popular seasonal songs performed in grand style by the orchestra and community partners. This performance is a family-friendly and heartwarming way to capture the essence of the season featuring familiar holiday tunes and even a sing-along. Julie Rogers Theatre, 765 Pearl St. sost.org 409-892-2257

BEAUMONT: Dec. 8 "Elf" Movie Night Classic Movie Nights at the historic 1927 Jefferson Theatre are fun for the entire family. Concessions, including beer and wine, are available for sale. Discover Beaumont, 701 Main St. discoverbeaumont.com 409-838-3435

BEAUMONT: Dec. 9 Christmas in Boomtown

Carols, crafts, and fun. This Southeast Texas attraction is combining tradition, local history, and fun to make a unique holiday celebration. The replica gusher blows at noon. Admission is by donation. Spindletop Gladys City/Boomtown Museum, 5550 Jimmy Simmons Blvd. spindletop.org 409-880-1750

BEAUMONT: Dec. 15 "Miracle on 34th Street" Movie Night Classic Movie Nights at the historic 1927 Jefferson Theatre are fun for the entire family. Concessions, including beer and wine, are available for sale. Discover Beaumont, 701 Main St. **discoverbeaumont.com 409-838-3435**

BRIDGE CITY: Dec. 2 Christmas Light Parade

The annual parade travels on West Roundbunch Road from the First Baptist Church to Bridge City Elementary School. Parade applications are available online; entry fee is one new unwrapped toy per participant. Toys are donated to the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance for their Christmas Toy giveaway for local needy children. West Roundbunch Road. bridgecitychamber.com 409-735-5671

CLUTE: Nov. 23-26, Dec. 1-3 "Rumors: A Comedy by Neil Simon" Charley and Myra are celebrating their 10th anniversary and have invited all their good friends. Chris and Ken are the first to arrive, only to find that Myra is missing and Charley has "accidentally" shot himself in the ear. Charley is unconscious and so unable to tell them what really happened. Hoping to avoid a scandal, Ken and Chris go about covering up what they assume to be the truth of the situation. As the rest of the guests arrive, the story of Charley and Myra's anniversary evening gone awry grows and grows, until all the guests are complicit in a cover-up no one really understands but it makes for a fantastical and hilarious evening with what Neil Simon does best—making the mundane...insane. Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. bcfas.org 979-265-7661

CLUTE: Dec. 5, 12 Season of Light Planetarium Show Features a 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector to produce the night sky as it appears to the naked eye, together with a variety of high-tech



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equipment to give a close-up feel for things like comets, exploding stars, and black holes. Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. **bcfas.org** 979-265-3376

CLUTE: Dec. 7-9 Christmas in the Park Enjoy nightly visits from Santa, performances by local choir and dance groups, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, lighted Christmas displays, a crackling fire to roast marshmallows, and more. Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Dr. ci.clute.tx.us 979-265-2508

FREEPORT: Dec. 7 Holiday on the Brazos See Santa, enjoy holiday refreshments, and more. Downtown Freeport, Park Place. **freeport.tx.us 979-233-6061**

FULTON: Dec. 13-14 Christmas in Fulton Enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, entertainment, Santa, caroling at the pier, and loads of family fun. Fulton Harbor/ Paws and Taws Fulton Convention Center, Fulton Harbor. **361-729-2388**

GALVESTON: Nov. 11- Jan. 7 Ice Land at Moody Gardens Explore a 28,000-square-foot "ice land" with a new Rainforest Holiday theme for 2017. Professional ice carvers will use 2 million pounds of ice to create an amazing exhibit that includes a Shivers Ice Bar serving cool libations for adults. Moody Gardens, 1 Hope Blvd. moodygardens.org

GALVESTON: Dec. 1-2 "A Christmas Carol"

This timeless tale of hope and redemption has enchanted audiences around the world since Charles Dickens first published it in 1843. Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim, and the Ghosts of Christmases Past, Present, and Future come together in a delightful theatrical performance. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. **thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894**

GALVESTON: Dec. 1-3 Dickens on The Strand

With a nod to the ghost of Dickens' past, Galveston's world-famous annual holiday street festival returns. Based on 19th-century Victorian London, the event features parades, non-stop entertainment on six stages, strolling carolers, roving musicians, bagpipers, jugglers, and a host of other entertainers. Costumed vendors peddle their wares from street stalls and rolling carts laden with holiday food and drink, Victorian-inspired crafts, jewelry, holiday decorations, and gift items. The Strand Historic District, 2200 Strand. dickensonthestrand.org 409-765-7834

GALVESTON: Dec. 1 Victorian Holiday Homes
Tour The island's East End Historic District will feature
a variety of private homes decked out for the holidays
and open to the public. East End Historical District.
eastendhistoricdistrict.org

GALVESTON: Dec. 3 Galveston Symphony Orchestra Conducted by Trond Saeverud, "Rachmaninov: Third Piano Concerto" includes Copland, Coleridge-Taylor, Bennett, and Rachmaninov. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Dec. 6 "Mr. Popper's Penguins" Painter and decorator by day, Mr Popper spends his

Painter and decorator by day, Mr Popper spends his time dreaming of Antarctic adventures. He is astounded when one day a packing crate arrives on his doorstep and a penguin waddles out. With original songs and performing penguin puppets, this delightful, 60-minute action-packed musical adaptation of Richard and Florence Atwater's award-winning book is the perfect family treat for ages 4 to 104. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or

GALVESTON: Dec. 9-10 Holiday with the CranesJoin the Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council for this annual birding event to celebrate the arrival of these large majestic birds. Various locations.

galvestonnaturetourism.org

GALVESTON: Dec. 15 The Texas Tenors: "Deep in the Heart of Texas" Fresh from the debut of their PBS

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special (recorded at The Grand), Texas favorites Marcus Collins, John Hagen, and JC Fisher treat audiences to a unique blend of country, classical, Broadway, and current pop music. With their breathtaking vocals, humor, and a touch of cowboy charm, their concert will put you in the holiday spirit. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Dec. 16 Jerry Jeff Walker in Concert One of the Lone Star State's most popular musical ambassadors returns to The Grand for his annual holiday season concert. Get set for a memorable evening filled with heart-tugging ballads, spirited melodies, and down-home fun. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Dec. 17 Santa Hustle Half Marathon and 5K This wacky event will feature thousands of "Santas" running along the Gulf. Event participants receive a Santa long-sleeve shirt, hat, and beard. Downtown Historic Galveston, santahustle.com

GROVES: Dec. 2 Lighted Christmas Parade
Downtown Groves, Cleveland Avenue. 409-962-3631

HOUSTON: Sept. 22-Jan. 7 "Storyline: The Contemporary Quilt" The exhibit highlights the spectrum of contemporary quilt-making techniques and traditions. As living artifacts that change over time, quilts have historically depicted personal histories and fostered community-building throughout different cultures. Storyline brings together a diverse selection of quilters, including Kathryn Clark, Carolyn Mazloomi, Aaron McIntosh, and Anna Von Mertens, who use various techniques, patterns, and materials to document their stories as well as comment on broader cultural narratives. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. crafthouston.org 713-529-4848

HOUSTON: Nov. 8-Dec. 24 "A Midnight Clear: A Musical Tale of Christmas" It's Christmas Eve, 1964, and a snowstorm threatens to cancel a concert hosted by the Sisters of the Poor Sacred Heart. But when a mysterious stranger and a stranded motorist arrive at their chapel, the Sisters find that the songs of Christmas have far more power than they had imagined. Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Pkwy., Suite 101.

HOUSTON: Nov. 29-Dec. 31 "Panto Cinderella" Houston's original British pantomime offers a madcap

stagestheatre.com 713-527-0123

storytelling style and breathes new life into the familiar tale of humble Cinderella, her fairy godmother, her charming prince, and her hideous (and hilarious) stepsisters. Come ready to laugh, cheer, and boo along with a crazy cast of fairy tale favorites. Packed with zany characters, audience interaction, and plenty of toetapping music, it's spectacular fun for the whole family. Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Pkwy., Suite 101. stagestheatre.com 713-527-0123

HOUSTON: Dec. 1 Songs of Freedom Part of Da Camera's jazz series, this tribute concert features vocalists René Marie, Theo Bleckmann, and Alicia Olatuja, and honors Abbey Lincoln, Joni Mitchell, and Nina Simone. Cullen Theater, Wortham Theater Center, 501 Texas Ave. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: Dec. 2-Jan. 4 "Wild Abandon" Artists Thomas Irven and Margaret Miller's exhibit features Irven's elegant and whimsical turned-wood forms displaying a cunning variety of detail, and Miller's oil paintings, which investigate a range of emotion expressed through the use of color, tone, light, and brushstroke. The artists will be available to visit with guests during the opening reception Dec. 2. Archway Gallery, 2305 Dunlavy. archwaygallery.com 713-522-2409

HOUSTON: Dec. 2 DesignCraft HTX at Market Square Park AIGA Houston and the Downtown District host this eighth annual outdoor fair, which features the work of local artists, artisans, crafters, and creatives. Market Square Park, 301 Milam St. marketsquarepark.com 713-650-3022

HOUSTON: Dec. 2 Trafigura Run for the House Bring your pup and join resident House Dog, Mogie, for this 10K and 5K run/walk/roll. All proceeds directly benefit Ronald McDonald House Houston, a loving home away from home for families with seriously ill children. Every dollar raised up to \$300,000 will be matched by the Trafigura Foundation. Sam Houston Park, 1000 Baqby St. rmhhouston.org/run 713-795-3583

HOUSTON: Dec. 6-24 "Sleeping Beauty and her Winter Knight" This modern twist on the classic fairy tale is set to a contemporary score featuring the music of Aloe Blacc, Blondie, Bruno Mars, Jessie J, John Legend, Katy Perry, Mariah Carey, LMFAO, Pharrell Williams, and Survivor. Audiences can expect many different interactive opportunities from this one-of-a-kind production, including booing the evil villain, cheering for the heroes, and partying to the pop songs everyone knows and loves. Theatre Under the Stars, The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St., Suite 200. tuts.com 713-558-2600

HOUSTON: Dec. 9 Heartmade Holiday Market at Main Street Square This urban market features the work of 55 local artists who will sell wares ranging from jewelry and apparel to home goods and art. The holiday event also features a DJ, a children's imagination station presented by Young Audiences of Houston, food trucks, and Santa. Main Street Square, McKinney and Main streets. downtownhouston.org 713-650-3022

HOUSTON: Dec. 10-11 Toy Fair Toy vendors will feature vintage collectibles and new favorites. Traders Village Houston, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. **tradersvillage.com 281-890-5500**

HOUSTON: Dec. 12 From Renaissance to Reich: Mahan Esfahani, Harpsichord Da Camera presents Esfahani, who has almost single-handedly reintroduced the harpsichord into the mainstream of concert life. His recital ranges from the English Renaissance to a new version of Steve Reich's Piano Phase. The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: Dec. 13 "Scrooged" Enjoy a movie under the stars as Alamo Drafthouse and the Downtown District present "Scrooged" (PG-13). Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and grab a spot on the lawn for this classic holiday flick about Frank (Bill Murray), a selfish, cynical

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Christmas at Fort Concho

December 1-3

Bring the kids and uncover the mysteries of Fort Concho. Celebrate Christmas like frontier people and sip on apple cider while you wait to visit with Santa Claus.



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Stroll down 2.5 miles of Christmas lights along the Concho River, breathe in the winter air and enjoy San Angelo's radiant holiday display. Spend time with family and friends and experience a San Angelo Christmas.

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February 1-3

Enjoy this long-standing western tradition that has been home to San Angelo for more than 80 years. Witness impossible feats as riders and ropers tame the wild nature of bulls, horses and calves.

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TV executive haunted by three spirits bearing lessons on Christmas Eve. Market Square Park, 301 Milam St. marketsquarepark.com 713-650-3022

HOUSTON: Dec. 28 Beethoven for All Popup Gallery Concert In celebration of the Straus Collection,

a cornerstone of the MFAH made up of European masterworks from the 15th to 18th centuries, the Da Camera Young Artists explore the tremendous evolution of European music from the corresponding Baroque and Classical periods in music, including a Beethoven string quartet composed in the last years of the 18th century. Beck Building, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, 5601 Main St. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

KINGSVILLE: Dec. 16-17 South Texas Show Series A youth prospect show for livestock projects including cattle, goats, lambs, and hogs. JK Northway Exposition Center, 501 E. Escondido. 361-296-4667

LA MARQUE: Nov. 10-Jan. 2 Magical Winter Lights The 50-day festival will showcase more impressive and creative lantern sets than ever before. There will be seven fascinating themed sections including Magical Wonderland, Santa's Christmas Village, Dinosaur Land, and the festival's newest section: The Lone Star Statefeaturing a 36-foot-tall cowboy lantern and a maze leading to eight Texas icons and buildings. There will be nightly acrobatic performances, authentic arts and crafts created by skilled Chinese artisans, amusement rides and games, live entertainment, a holiday market, and an expanded dinosaur exhibit complete with dinosaur rides. Gulf Greyhound Park, 1000 FM 2004. magicalwinterlights.com

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 1 Christmas with the Fishes "Sandy Claws" will be diving with the Sea Center Texas fishes to find out their Christmas wishes and to make sure the aquarium gets a good cleaning in preparation for Santa's Christmas visit. Children can drop off their letters to Santa, and "Sandy Claws" will be sure it

gets delivered to the North Pole. Sea Center Texas. 302 Medical Dr. tpwd.texas.gov/seacenter 979-292-0100

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 2 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historic archeological site of Major Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston. Discover the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. Abner Jackson Plantation Site, FM 2004 near SH 332. lakejacksonmuseum.org 979-297-1570

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 3 Holiday Tour of HomesAn exclusive tour of a few of the Brazosport area's finest homes. Each home will be beautifully decorated for the

holidays. brazosport.org 979-285-2501 LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 8 Holiday Movie in the Park Sit back, relax, and enjoy some hot chocolate, apple cider, and "The Santa Clause" with the family on a giant 16-foot screen. MacLean Park, 93 Lake Road.

lakejackson-tx.gov 979-294-4533

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 14 Leann Rimes in Concert Rimes has won many awards, including two Grammys, three ACMs, a CMA, 12 Billboard Music Awards, and one American Music Award. She has placed more than 40 singles on American and international charts since 1996, and has sold more than 37 million records worldwide, with 20.3 million album sales in the U.S. The Clarion, 500 College Dr. clarion.brazosport.edu 979-230-3156

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 16 Bird Banding Volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station is an excellent place to see birds up close and to learn all the birds of the Brazosport area. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332, acbo.org 979-480-0999

NEDERLAND: Dec. 5 Lighted Christmas ParadeThe city's annual holiday parade. 21st Street and Nederland Avenue. 409-722-0279

ORANGE: Through July 14 "The World War I Homefront: Orange Goes Over the Top"

This exhibit shares stories of how the Stark family and the people of Orange supported the war effort. Learn about the active role the family took in boosting troop morale, helping the Red Cross, and supplying U.S. troops abroad. The W.H. Stark House, 610 W. Main Ave. starkculturalvenues.org/whstarkhouse 409-883-0871

ORANGE: Dec. 16 The Texas Tenors in Concert

The number one vocal group in the history of "America's Got Talent" brings Christmas cheer in a fun-filled show, "Deep in the Heart of Christmas," quaranteed to fill your heart with the holiday spirit. From "Unchained Melody" to "Holy Night," The Texas Tenors bring a unique blend of country, classical, and holiday favorites to the Lutcher stage. Bring the whole family to this fun-filled evening featuring breathtaking vocals, humor, and irresistible charm. Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts, 707 W. Main. lutcher.org 409-886-5535

PORT ARTHUR: Dec. 9 Lighted Cultural Holiday Parade Varied cultures come together to display holiday spirit. Downtown Port Arthur, Procter Street. 409-983-8105

PORT ARTHUR: Dec. 26-Jan. 1 Kwanzaa Cultural presentations are scheduled around the city, including the Port Arthur Public Library, 4615 Ninth Ave. visitportarthurtx.com 409-985-8838

PORT NECHES: Dec. 2 Christmas Parade Downtown Port Neches, Port Neches Park and Eighth Street. 409-722-9154

RICHMOND: Dec. 2 Candlelight Tours Enjoy a festive tour of the 1883 Moore Home and 1850s LongSmith Cottage decked out for the holidays, and serving cookies and wassail. Hosted by the Fort Bend Museum Docents, the tours benefit the museum. Fort Bend Museum, 500 Houston St. fortbendmuseum.org 281-342-3478

RICHMOND: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 19, 30 Christmas in the Park This year Christmas is coming in all of its historical glory. Explore the customs and decorations of the 1830s through the 1930s with hands-on activities and historic house tours. Included with general admission. George Ranch Historical Park, 10215 FM 762. **georgeranch.org** 281-343-0218

RICHMOND: Dec. 9, 16 Campfire ChristmasTravel back in time for a fun-filled visit to Christmas Eves past. This popular evening event includes a visit with the 1890s George Ranch cowboys, complete with songs, stories, cider, and cocoa around the campfire. Reservations are required. George Ranch Historical Park, 10215 FM 762. georgeranch.org 281-343-0218

ROCKPORT: Dec. 2 Tropical Christmas Festival Rockport Downtown and Harbor Area will host this event, with food, vendors, arts and crafts, entertainment, games, and Santa Claus. Evening festivities include an illuminated land parade, lighting of Christmas tree, and fireworks. Navigation District Fairgrounds, 100 Seabreeze Dr. **361-727-2158**

ROCKPORT: Dec. 9 Lighted Boat Parade Little Bay hosts a parade of decorated vessels to be judged in several classes, including powerboats and sailboats. Little Bay. **361-463-1193**

ROCKPORT: Dec. 16 Christmas in the District Downtown shops celebrate Christmas with Santa, treasure hunts, and lots of specials. Downtown Rockport, Austin Street. **361-729-6445**

ROCKPORT-FULTON: Dec. 2-3 Rockport-Fulton Tour of Historic Homes Private homes and Before you go

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historic venues in Fulton and Rockport feature docents decked out in vintage attire as they entertain and educate on these venues and explain the history of the homes. History Center for Aransas County, 801 E. Cedar St. aransashistorycenter.org

ROCKPORT-FULTON: Dec. 10 Holiday Symphony by the Sea The concert benefits the Education Foundation. Rockport Fulton High School, Martha Luigi Auditorium. acedfoundation.org

ROSENBERG: Dec. 1-3 Vintage Market Days SW Houston: "Christmas Memories" Holiday Event An upscale vintage-inspired market featuring original art, antiques, clothing, jewelry, handmade treasures. home decor, outdoor furnishings, food, seasonal plantings, and a little more. The market is a three-day event held several times a year in various communities.

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, 4310 SH 36. vintagemarketdays.com 214-846-6113

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Dec. 1 Holiday Celebra**tion and Christmas Tree Lighting** Get in the holiday spirit at this free holiday celebration featuring the Christmas tree lighting. Additional activities include festive Christmas concerts, photos with Santa, and a special winter marketplace. Warm up during the celebration with free hot cocoa and gingersnaps. Free Christmas goodies will also be available for children and adults while supplies last. South Padre Island Convention Centre, 7355 Padre Blvd. sopadre.com 956-761-3000

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Dec. 2 Color Me Rad 5K Run Loosely based on the Hindu Festival of Colors, otherwise known as Holi. The festive colors used are a sign of winter's end and spring's new beginnings—or in the case of this race, the color represents the end of traditional runs and the beginning of fun runs. Start out as clean as a newborn babe, and throughout the run, the volunteers will coat you with liquids, powders, and gels of green and red until your face, shirt, and body come out tie-dyed on the other side. Each section of the run adds a new explosion of color to your clean painter's palette until you cross the finish line into a final burst of color. Louie's Backyard, 2305 Laguna Blvd. sopadre.com 956-761-3000

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Dec. 2 Lighted Boat Parade Light up the night during this holiday boat parade from South Padre Island to Port Isabel. Enjoy a cool winter breeze and watch as the bay sparkles with the light of these beautifully decorated boats. 7355 Padre Blvd. sopadre.com 956-761-3000

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Fireworks Watch as the sky lights up and the water sparkles with the reflection of South Padre Island's New Year's fireworks celebration. Louie's Backyard, 2305 Laguna Blvd. **sopadre.com 956-761-3000**





SPRING: Nov. 11-12. 18-19. 24-26. Dec. 2-3. 9-10. 16-17, 23-24 Home for the Holidays The 37th annual event kicks off with a tree lighting at dusk. More than 150 local shops and businesses come alive with the spirit of the season. Watch weekend entertainment, meet Santa and other characters, and take a carriage ride through the original home of Spring. Local shops and boutiques offer a variety of unique holiday gift ideas and perfect treasures for everyone on your shopping list. Various locations. oldtownspringshopping.com 281-353-9310

SUGAR LAND: Oct. 24-Jan. 7 Sugar Land Holiday **Lights** For the fourth year in a row, enjoy views of more than 2.5 million lights, Santa Claus every night, holiday treats and shopping vendors, and more. Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 20-Feb. 25 "Block Party, Too!" Get up to your elbows in interlocking bricks and try your hand building a gravity-defying masterpiece, then see how much force it takes to break it down. The interactive play area is designed to inspire the imaginations of all ages. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org 281-313-2277

SUGAR LAND: Dec. 2 Cookies with Santa Get a photo with Santa or enjoy some cookies and milk, but don't miss Santa's workshop activities in the classrooms. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org 281-313-2277

SUGAR LAND: Dec. 3 Amy Grant and Michael W. **Smith in Concert** The Grammy winners co-bill their popular Christmas tour this holiday season, which will be joined for the second consecutive year by Republic recording artist Jordan Smith, Season 9 winner of NBC's "The Voice." The performance incorporates a full symphony orchestra. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Dec. 7 City of Sugar Land's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony The steps of City Hall will light up with holiday cheer and entertainment at this free event. Activities include holiday crafts, face painting, holiday performances by local artists and choirs, and photos with Santa. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. As the night comes to an end, gather with family and friends around the spectacular 40-foot Christmas tree located in the middle of Town Square plaza to help Santa and Mrs. Claus usher in the holiday season with the annual lighting ceremony. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarlandtx.gov

SUGAR LAND: Dec. 7 Joe Biden: American Promise Tour The former Vice President will travel the nation for a series of conversations that will go beyond the 24-hour news cycle and 140-character arguments to connect friends and neighbors around the topics that matter most. Biden will reveal the big political moments of his career, the life-altering choices he made, and the key traits that have helped him persevere through challenges. He will share how the loss of his son Beau tested his resolve, and how he is finding new purpose in a time of uncertainty. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Dec. 8 Holidays in the Plaza

Bring your friends and family to the Plaza for an evening of holiday music. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarlandtx.gov 281-276-6000

SUGAR LAND: Dec. 9 Holiday Dance Showcase Enjoy a holiday dance showcase by local dance companies. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarlandtx.gov 281-276-6000

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SUGAR LAND: Dec. 3, 10, 17 Photos with Santa

Enjoy a free holiday photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Photos will take place in the lobby of 16190 City Walk. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarlandtx.gov 281-276-6000

SUGAR LAND: Dec. 16 Live Music from RamCorps Enjoy live music from RamCorps, a high-impact visual brass and percussion troupe from the University of Mobile. Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Dr. sugarlandtx.gov 281-276-6000

SUGAR LAND: Dec. 28 Moscow Ballet: "The Great Russian Nutcracker" Known for its award-winning dancers, lavish costumes in the style of the Victorian era. many backdrops, and its Russian focus including life-size Matryoshka dolls. Adults and children enjoy the special effects of the flapping winged owl on the Grandfather clock, the growing 50-foot-tall Christmas tree, the Dove of Peace with a 20-foot wingspan, and of course, the leaps, spins, and extraordinary moves of the company all performed to Tchaikovsky's complete and incomparable score. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: Dec. 29 Mannheim Steamroller This year marks the 33rd anniversary of the Christmas Tour and release of Mannheim Steamroller Christmas, an album that revolutionized the holiday season music category. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

TEXAS CITY-LA MARQUE: Dec. 10 Celebrate the **Season** Enjoy holiday decorations, music, and shopping at the Texas City Museum and Davison Home at Heritage Square Park. Texas City Museum, 409 Sixth St. texas-city-tx.org 409-229-1660

TOMBALL: Nov. 17-Dec. 31 The Downtown Holiday Lamp Post Stroll More than 50 ornamental lamp posts covering 12 city blocks will be decked out for the Christmas season at this annual event. These holiday creations are done by downtown merchants, local organizations, and businesses. Stroll the lamp posts, browse the momand-pop shops and restaurants, and enjoy the season in Tomball's historic downtown district. Downtown Tomball. tomballtx.gov 281-351-5484

VICTORIA: Dec. 2 Lighted Christmas Parade

Lighted parade through the streets of Historic Downtown Victoria, with an average 120 entries annually. Downtown Victoria, 101 N. Main St. victoriatx.org 361-485-3200

VICTORIA: Dec. 7-10 "The Nutcracker" Performed since 1984, this Victoria Ballet Theatre production includes more than 150 cast members and is presented in nine shows spanning 4 days. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts. 214 N. Main St. victoriaballet.org 361-575-2313

VICTORIA: Dec. 7 Conspirare Christmas Experience the magic of this beloved holiday performance, featuring amazing vocal talents. First United Methodist Church, 407 N. Bridge St. victoriabachfestival.org 361-570-5788

VICTORIA: Dec. 16-17 "Winter Wonderland" Theatre Victoria presents this captivating holiday musical. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts. 214 N. Main St. theatrevictoria.org 361-570-8587

WEST COLUMBIA: Dec. 2 Candlelight Christmas Step back in time and tour the plantation house and grounds decorated in the style of an 1800s Texas Christmas. See the feather tree, learn about the toys popular for gift giving during this period, and view the dining room table set for a sumptuous holiday feast. Relax outside and enjoy the beverage of the season wassail. Nibble on Christmas cookies while listening to a reading of the "Texas Night Before Christmas," and have your photograph taken with a magnificent Victorian Santa Claus. Varner-Hogg Plantation SHS, 1702 N. 13th. visitvarnerhoggplantation.com 979-345-4656

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Through Jan. 7 "American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition" Step back in time to an era of flappers and suffragists, bootleggers and temperance workers, and real-life legends like Al Capone and Carry Nation with the first comprehensive exhibition about the temperance movement and the unprecedented repeal of a constitutional amendment. View more than 100 rare artifacts, visit a re-created speakeasy, and explore multimedia exhibits highlighting the 18th Amendment and the fashion, music, and culture of the Roaring '20s. Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 N. Congress Ave. thestoryoftexas.com 512-963-8746

AUSTIN: Through Jan. 1 "Mexico Modern: Art, Commerce, and Cultural Exchange, 1920-1945" Chronicling two decades of cultural exchange between Mexico and the United States, this exhibition showcases examples of modern Mexican art and design. The more than 200 items are drawn primarily from the collections of the Harry Ransom Center. Harry Ransom Center at The University of Texas at Austin, 300 W. 21st St. hrc.utexas.edu/mexicomodern

AUSTIN: Through Jan. 21 "Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection" The collection features more than 200 pins and brooches worn by former Secretary of State Albright. The exhibition examines the collection for its historic significance as well as the expressive power of jewelry and its ability to communicate through a style and language of its own. While serving under President Bill Clinton, Albright used her pins as silent yet visually outspoken codes to foreign officials and the press. A shining sun or a patriotic flag would reinforce a positive alliance with the United States, for example, while more difficult negotiations might bring out wasps or snakes. "Read My Pins" will explore the stories behind these works, as well as their historical and artistic significance, and will be accompanied by a book, "Read My Pins: Stories from a Diplomat's Jewel Box," published by HarperCollins. LBJ Presidential Library, 2313 Red River St. lbjlibrary.org 512-721-0216

AUSTIN: Nov. 22-Dec. 31 "A Christmas Carol" This rockin' show provides a modern twist on the classic tale to help you ring in the holidays. In fact, this show has proven to be such a hit that is it the most popular show in the theatre's history. ZACH Theatre, 202 S. Lamar Blvd. zachtheatre.org 512-476-0541

AUSTIN: Nov. 24-Dec. 24 Blue Genie Art Bazaar A fixture of the Austin holiday season. Shoppers can browse thousands of original works ranging from serious art to fun and kitschy items. A great way to buy hassle-free holiday gifts and support local artists. Blue Genie Art Bazaar, 6100 Airport Blvd. bluegenieartbazaar.com

AUSTIN: Nov. 24-Jan. 15 Ice Skating on the Plaza Spend an afternoon on the rink at the Whole Foods flagship store on North Lamar. Then head inside for a cup of cocoa or cider and live, local music on the weekends. Whole Foods Flagship, 525 N. Lamar Blvd. wholefoodsmarket.com 512-476-1206

AUSTIN: Dec. 1 A John Waters Christmas John Waters is back for an unforgettable night of holiday mischief with his critically acclaimed one-man show. Waters pokes fun at the holiday season with adult-appropriate humor (he puts the X in X-mas) in this show for the openminded and slightly left-of-center audience. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Dec. 2 German-Texan Heritage Society Christmas Market The German-Texan Heritage Society's annual market offers shoppers handmade, imported crafts, decorations, ornaments, and more. Browse the market, visit Sankt Nikolaus, listen to traditional German Christmas music, and enjoy a cup of Glühwein (hot spiced wine), gingerbread cookies, and other sweet baked treats. German Free School of Austin, Building 507, East 10th Street. **germantexans.org** 512-467-4569

AUSTIN: Dec. 2 Holiday Cocktail Workshop Come on down to Revelry and spread that holiday cheer. In this fun and interactive session, you'll learn how to prepare, measure, and mix delicious, holiday-themed cocktails. The class will cover the basics, like the proper equipment and techniques needed to make perfect sips for the holiday season. Everyone takes home recipes, a list of bar tools needed, and great ideas for entertaining with family and pals. Revelry, 908 E. Fifth St., Unit 106. thisisrevelry.com 512-688-6368

AUSTIN: Dec. 2 Holiday Sing-Along and Downtown Stroll Join hundreds caroling in front of the Capitol as the tree is lit before heading down Congress Avenue for live music, shopping, art, and much more. Texas State Capitol, 1100 Congress Ave. downtownaustin.com/ holiday-stroll

AUSTIN: Dec. 5 Lady Gaga in Concert The Grammy and Golden Globe winner comes to Austin's Frank Erwin Center for her Joanne World Tour. Her fifth studio album, "Joanne," was recently released and debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Top 200, marking her fourth consecutive No. 1 album. Frank Erwin Center, 1701 Red River St. uterwincenter.com 512-477-6060

AUSTIN: Dec. 6-10 Luminations Forget that tangled ball of string lights in your closet. The Wildflower Center does the work of holiday decorating for you and the beauty and breadth is epic. During Luminations, the gardens and grounds light up the night with countless luminarias, casting an enchanting glow over an already magical place. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave. wildflower.org/events 512-232-0100

AUSTIN: Dec. 7 Starry Nights Girlstart's STEM Studio and Mini-Planetarium is a unique space for families to explore astronomy. Held the first Thursday of every month (except January, June, July, and August), each month features a new astronomy experience and related hands-on activities. All ages are welcome; RSVP is recommended. Girlstart STEM Center, 1400 W. Anderson Lane. girlstart.org 512-916-4775

AUSTIN: Dec. 8-23 Ballet Austin's "The Nutcracker" Ballet Austin kicks off the season with the 55th annual





production of this beloved holiday tradition. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Dr. balletaustin.org 512-474-5664

AUSTIN: Dec. 9 Black Fret Ball The fourth annual event will be both a concert and a platform for delivering grants to all 20 of this year's nominees—including Jackie Venson, Leopold and his Fiction, Mobley, and Whiskey Shivers. The nonprofit has awarded \$500,000 over the past three years. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave.

AUSTIN: Dec. 9-10 Cherrywood Art FairThis neighborhood fundraiser benefits the eastside arts scene. Enjoy local food artisans, live music, more than 80 artists, kids crafts, and a silent auction at the annual event. Maplewood Elementary, 3808 Maplewood Ave. cherrywoodartfair.org

AUSTIN: Dec. 9-23 Trail of Lights The 51st annual event is part of the essential Austin experience, lighting up the season with a celebration of community. memories, and fun. The annual tree-lighting ceremony is held in November, then the 5K fun run kicks off the spectacular season in early December. Plan your visit early and don't forget to take a spin under the Zilker Tree. Zilker Park, 2100 Barton Springs Road austintrailoflights.org

AUSTIN: Dec. 12 Austin Symphony Orchestra presents Handel's "Messiah" This night of musical magic will comfort you through its familiarity and fill you with the joy of rediscovery. Begin your winter celebrations with a performance full of rejoicing. Hyde Park Baptist Church, 3901 Speedway. austinsymphony.org

AUSTIN: Dec. 12 Tommy Emmanuel in Concert

An accomplished fingerstyle player, Emmanuel frequently threads three different parts simultaneously into his material, operating as a one-man band who handles the melody, the supporting chords, and the bass all at once. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Dec. 4 "The Moth" A surefire sellout every year, "The Moth" returns to Austin with an all-new batch of stories and storytellers from all walks of life. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. **austintheatre.org** 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: Dec. 14-24 Armadillo Christmas Bazaar

This holiday shopping bazaar is a fun, authentic Austin experience for 11 days leading to Christmas, visitors can shop national and local art, handmade gifts, stocking stuffers, and more while enjoying live music from the Armadillo stage and sips from a full bar. This annual tradition and cultural icon is one of Austin's longest-running art and music festivals, attracting around 40,000 shoppers each year. Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road armadillobazaar.com 512-974-6700

AUSTIN: Dec. 31 Austin's New Year This alcohol-free, family-friendly event celebrates the diversity and creativity of the city with visual art installations, jugglers, storytellers, fire dancers, and other festive performances. Auditorium Shores, 900 W. Riverside Dr. austintexas.gov

BANDERA: Dec. 1 Cowboy Capital Christmas and Shoppers Jubilee Featuring live nativity, caroling, and a Christmas program at the County Courthouse. Shoppers Jubilee is a citywide Christmas open house for shoppers. Main Street. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-4447

BANDERA: Dec. 1 Cowboy Christmas Night Parade Held in downtown Bandera to honor Bandera's cowboy

and western heritage. Enjoy a parade on Saturday, arts and crafts, music, re-enactments, and a ranch rodeo. Main Street. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-4447

BANDERA: Dec. 1-31 Holiday Lights on the River When the sun goes down, the lights come out. Bring

the family and drive through City Park to enjoy the true Christmas experience. Bandera Ćity Park, 1102 Maple St. 830-796-3045

BANDERA: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Bandera Cattle

Company Gunfighters Experience the excitement of the Wild West with the award-winning Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters, re-creating shootouts and daily life of the Old West. Shows are at high noon and 2 p.m. Bandera Visitor Center, 126 SH 16. banderacattlecompany.com

BANDERA: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Cowboys on Main Cowboys, horses, wagons, and strolling entertainers are

just some of the characters you might see on Main Street from 1 to 4 p.m. Bandera County Courthouse, 500 Main St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-4447

BANDERA: Dec. 2 The Old Timers Trading Post Meet local artists and artisans. The Old Timer, 14178 SH 16. 830-796-3045

BANDERA: Dec. 5 Cowboy Capital Opry Grand Old Opry-style entertainment hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. silversagecorral.org 830-796-4969

BANDERA: Dec. 9 Cowboy Christmas BallSponsored by the Medina Volunteer Fire Department, enjoy a washers tournament, a dinner (sausage, barbecue, and all the trimmings), and a dance and concert. The Farm Country Club, 475 Pue Road. banderacowboycapital.com 830-589-7225

BANDERA: Dec. 10 Frontier Times Museum

Cowboy Camp Enjoy traditional cowboy music. You are welcome to bring your guitar and join in the song circle. Bring your own refreshment and chair. Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. frontiertimesmuseum.org 830-796-3864

BANDERA: Dec. 21 Cowboy Camp Come out and enjoy the pickers circle, and join in if you wish. Bandera Beverage Barn Pavillion, 1407 SH 16. **830-796-3045**

BLANCO: Dec. 9 Lighted Christmas Parade

Celebrate the holiday with a festive lighted parade in the beautiful town of Blanco. Community floats will be alight for your enjoyment. Make a weekend of it and enjoy a slower pace for your season. Old Blanco County Courthouse Square, 300 Main St. blancochamber.com 830-833-5101

BOERNE: Dec. 1-Jan. 1 Christmas Light Fest at the Don Strange Ranch What better way to add extra sparkle to your holiday season than the magical glow of two million lights—plus food, drinks, crafts, gift shopping, and family fun? This event features all of that and more, making it a must on your holiday calendar. Don Strange Ranch, 103 Waring Welfare Road. visitboerne.org 210-434-2340

BOERNE: Dec. 2-3 Oma's Christmas Craft Fair

You will find all your Christmas shopping easy to handle with every type of gift available at Oma's. Texas handcrafted wood items, homemade jellies, handcrafted clothing, wall hangings, ceramics, knitted and crocheted goods, hand-embroidered items "like your grandmother used to make," and hand-painted bird feeders and birdhouses that will please the most discerning backyard birds. With three large buildings full of handmade crafts, you are sure to find the perfect gift for any loved one no matter what their age or liking. Kendall County Fairgrounds, 1307 River Road. visitboerne.org 830-249-2839

BOERNE: Dec. 2 Weihnachts Parade A long-standing Boerne Christmas tradition. Now in its 31st year, up to 100 lit entries will travel Main Street. The parade will travel south beginning at Frederick Street (by the Fire House) and ending at River Road. Downtown Boerne. 100 N. Main. visitboerne.org 830-249-9511, opt. 5 BOERNE: Dec. 5-6 A Walk in Bethlehem As you enter the city, allow the sights, sounds, and smells to carry you to a period of time that changed the world. Journey through the heart of the city after being counted for the census. Collect your denarii (provided before entrance) and enter a marketplace bustling with activity from over a dozen authentic shops; enjoy samples from the baker's shop; marvel at the potter's, carpenter's, and basket weaver's crafts; and listen for the rumor of a king's birth from excited townspeople. The highlight of the event will be the arrival of the Christ Child and a traditional nativity scene including camels and Magi. St Helena's Episcopal Church, 410 N. Main. visitboerne.org 830-249-3228

BOERNE: Dec. 9-10 Christmas Market Days

This annual Christmas market includes handmade arts and crafts, art, woodwork, antiques, collectibles, chic clothing and accessories, vintage jewelry, and more. Great food variety and music by local Texas musicians. Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. visitboerne.org 210-844-8193

BOERNE: Dec. 9 Christmas at the Farm A community event to celebrate the winter holidays. Families will enjoy hay/sleigh rides, hot cocoa, singing carols, meeting Santa, family photos, traditional holiday crafts, and decorating trees for wildlife. Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road. visitboerne.org 830-249-4616

BOERNE: Dec. 9 Second Saturday Art Beat

Boerne shops and art galleries team up to bring you a heart-racing fine art experience. Take a walk on the art side every second Saturday of the month. Look for the flashy banners displayed throughout Boerne. Various locations, 100 N. Main. visitboerne.org 210-954-6659

BOERNE: Dec. 16 Concert in the Cave—Winter Solstice Celebration Circle presents a thrilling and eclectic concert of contemporary acoustic songs, soaring vocals, ancient instrumentation, improvisation, and contemplation celebrating the Winter Solstice. Cave Without a Name, 325 Kreutzberg Road. visitboerne.org 830-537-4212

BOERNE: Dec. 16-17 Cowboy Christmas Market Days Finish your last-second Christmas shopping at this outdoor market with a cowboy twist. Get your pictures taken in the old jailhouse with period cowboys and Old West characters. Arts, crafts, antiques, collectibles, chic clothing, jewelry, accessories, vintage, decor, and more. Enjoy great food and original music from local bands and singer songwriters. Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. visitboerne.org 210-844-8193

BOERNE: Dec. 16 The Christmas Town This event is fun for the entire family with a walk through Bethlehem on the night Christmas began, live music, beautiful lights, hayrides, a gingerbread forest, shopping, kids' activities, great food, and so much more. Vanguard Institute, 43360 I-10 West. visitboerne.org 830-537-6157

BURNET: Dec. 1-31 Christmas Trail of Lights

Celebrate Christmas on Burnet's historic square with seasonal activities. Follow the trail from Wallace Riddell Park, sparkling with thousands of Christmas lights. Downtown Square and Wallace Riddell Park. 220 S. Pierce. cityofburnet.com 512-756-4297

BURNET: Dec. 1-3, 8-10 Main Street Bethlehem Wind your way through a village alive with peasants, royal guards, shepherds, and, of course, wise men on the trek to see the baby Jesus. First Baptist Church, 108 S. Vanderveer St. fbcburnet.org 512-756-4481

BURNET: Dec. 9 Christmas at Old Fort Croghan Families gather together to celebrate the Christmas season as it was done in the 1800s, including hot cider, cookies, and live music. Fort Croghan, 703 Buchanan Dr. 512-756-8281

BURNET: Dec. 9 Christmas on the Square The lighting of the Burnet County Courthouse and the arrival of Santa kick off the holiday season. Downtown Historic Square, 220 S. Pierce. burnetchamber.org 512-756-4297

CASTROVILLE: Dec. 1-2 Old Fashion Christmas

A two-day craft show featuring more than 220 vendors with various crafts, food, and art. Santa is available for photos Friday evening and Saturday morning. Houston Square, 1304 Lorenzo. chamber@castroville.com 830-538-3142

COMFORT: Nov. 25-Dec. 25 Lifesize Nativity Figures Nativity figures from the 1950s, originally atop the Sears building in San Antonio, have been artistically restored and will be on display. Comfort Park, 423 Main St. comfortchamber.com 830-995-3131

COMFORT: Nov. 25-Dec. 25 Townwide Christmas Lighting Comfort businesses and residences go all-out to light and decorate for Christmas. Drive through day and night for beautiful and inspiring displays. Various locations. comfortchamber.com 830-995-3131

COMFORT: Dec. 1-2 Hill Country Handmade

Market The traveling market begins with a VIP shopping event for more than 30 handmade vendors and all Eighth Street Market vendors, a drink ticket, dessert and snacks, live music, free hand-lettering classes. giveaways, shopping bag, and more. The following day features more than 30 handmade vendors, all Eighth Street Market vendors, live music, food trucks, a coffee shop, and more. Eighth Street Market, 523 Eighth St. hillcountryhandmademarket.com 210-663-9046

CONCAN: Dec. 16 River Road Market Fest Arts, crafts, food, music, and more. Andy's River Road. visituvaldecounty.com 830-232-4310

DRIPPING SPRINGS: Dec. 2 Redbud Artisan Market An all-handmade show featuring the art and fine craft of more than 50 Texas artisans. This is an indoor, one-day event. Admission is only \$1, benefitting the local food bank. Come out to shop for a variety of art, rain or shine. Enjoy live music, food, and wine, and shop while your kids make a free craft to take home. Dripping Springs Ranch Park, 29401 RR 12. 512-858-7892

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 24-Jan. 2 Eisbahn Out-

door Ice Skating Annual seasonal outdoor ice skating event to benefit The Heritage School, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the Boys and Girls Club of Fredericksburg. Marktplatz, 126 W. Main St. skateinfred.com 830-997-6597

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 1 First Friday Art Walk Fredericksburg Tour fine art galleries offering special exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, and extended viewing hours the first Friday of every month. Various locations. ffawf.com 830-992-2044

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 1 Light the Night

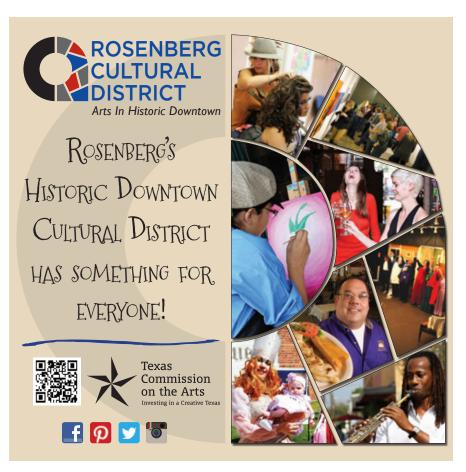
Christmas Parade and AfterGlow Lighted night parade and activities presented by the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce. Main Street and Marktplatz. lightthenightchristmasparade.com 830-997-5000

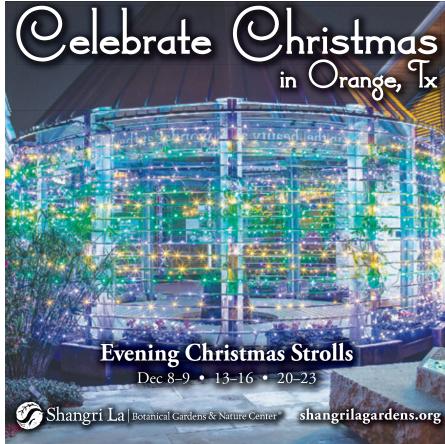
FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 1-17 Texas Hill Country Wineries' Christmas Wine Affair Tickets include a Tasting Passport to receive complimentary tastings at more than 45 participating wineries, wine discounts, and a collectible Christmas ornament on this selfguided tour. Participating Texas Hill Country Wineries. texaswinetrail.com 872-216-9463

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 2 A Ranger Christmas

Meet Cowboy Santa and enjoy Ranger Town, wagon rides, trick roping, caroling, hot chocolate and wassail, and more. Texas Rangers Heritage Center, 1618 E. Main. trhc.org 830-990-1192

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 2 Christmas Home Tour and Market This is a self-guided tour through selected homes that have been decorated for the holidays, along with a market specializing in one-of-a-kind merchandise.





Participating homes in and around Fredericksburg. pioneermuseum.net 830-990-8441

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Day **Observance** Recognition and memorial program with speakers, chaplain, Joint Color Guard, music, and more. National Museum of the Pacific War, 340 E. Main. pacificwarmuseum.org 830-997-8600, ext. 205

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 8-9 The Christmas

Journey Free drive-through presentation of the Christmas story depicted in nine scenes, all with live animals and actors, magnificent backgrounds, special lighting and effects, and Christmas music filling the night air. Bethany Lutheran Church, 110 W. Austin. bethanyfredericksburg.com 830-997-2069

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 9 Tannenbaum Ball

A seated dinner, live music, and auction to benefit the Gillespie County Historical Society. St. Mary's Holy Family Center, 306 W. San Antonio. pioneermuseum. net/tannenbaum-story.html 830-990-8441

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 15-17 Fredericksburg

Trade Days Shop with more than 400 vendors in seven barns, featuring acres of antiques, a biergarten, live music, and more. 7 miles east on US 290 across from Wildseed Farms. fbgtradedays.com 210-846-4094

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 15-17 The English Brothers: Cowboy Christmas Presented by Fredericksburg Theater Company, The English Brothers will perform Christmas favorites for the season along with classic Western tunes. Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 US 87. fredericksburgtheater.org 830-997-3588

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 16 Luckenbach Christmas **Ball** An annual holiday dance in this historic dance hall features Gary P. Nunn. Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com 830-997-3224

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 22-23 The Singing

Christmas Tree Local volunteers will present a onehour concert standing on a 30-foot-tall decorated and lighted Christmas tree. Pioneer Museum, 325 W. Main. pioneermuseum.net 830-990-8441

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 31 Luckenbach New

Year's Eve Celebration Usher in the New Year with one heck of a party in the historic Luckenbach Texas Dance Hall featuring music by Dale Watson. Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. **luckenbachtexas.com** 830-997-3224

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 31 USO Style Hangar

Dance 1940s-style dance with swing dance lessons, big band live music, costume contest, photo booth, and concessions. Pacific Showroom at the Hangar Hotel, 155 Airport Road. hangarhotel.com 830-997-9990

GRUENE: Dec. 2-3 Holidays in Gruene: Christmas Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer Christmas gifts, crafted items, and packaged Texas foods. Perfect for everyone on your holiday shopping list. Free admission. Gruene Historic District. gruenemarketdays.com 830-832-1721

GRUENE: Dec 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 22-23 Holidays in

Gruene: Photos with Cowboy Kringle Create a Christmas memory with photos with Cowboy Kringle, Gruene's own brand of Santa. Pictures will be taken in the breezeway between The Grapevine and Gruene General Store. Packages are available, along with Christmas cards and other special-order items. Gruene Historic District. grapevineingruene.com 830-606-1601

GRUENE: Dec. 2 Holidays in Gruene: Pony Express Ride Gruene Historic District will receive the 16th annual Pony Express rider from the Heritage Trail Ride Association of New Braunfels. Relay riders carry a "Christmas Greetings" message from the Governor of Texas. A temporary Post Office will be set up next to Gruene Outfitters in Gruene to cancel stamps for mailing. Bring



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Dec. 16. It's a Paramount holiday tradition. Last year's sold-out Christmas bash featured a quest performance from Lee Ann Womack. The singer-songwriter husband-and-wife duo will perform songs from their Christmas album "Happy Holidays," holiday-themed classics, and more. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

your Christmas cards to have the stamps cancelled with the 2017 commemorative stamp representing Gruene. Gruene Historic District. **gruenehall.com**

GRUENE: Dec. 2 Holidays in Gruene: Town Lighting Gruene closes out the festivities of the day with a brass band street performance followed by the annual town lighting when Cowboy Kringle rides into town on horseback and hands out candy canes to the kids. Free admission. Gruene Historic District. gruenehall.com

GRUENE: Dec. 3 Holidays in Gruene: Bah Humbug at The Grapevine It's Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with an amazing twist—one actor plays all the roles in this powerful tale of hope and compassion. Award-winning stage actor Damian Gillen transforms Scrooge to Tiny Tim—in this magical and imaginative

before your eyes into all those beloved characters—from re-telling of the holiday classic. Complete with numerous costume changes, special effects, and traditional Celtic Christmas tunes. The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. gruenetexas.com

GRUENE: Dec. 9 Holidays in Gruene: Jingle Bell Run/Walk The 25th annual event benefits St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Awards will be given to the top male and female finisher, the top male and female masters, the top three finishers in each age group (all ages-5-year increments through 75-plus), and the top three wheelchair athletes. Sponsored by the New Braunfels Running Club. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. nbrunclub.com

GRUENE: Dec. 10 Holidays in Gruene: Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist, Christmas Edition

Gruene decks its Hall for Christmas in the tradition of a New Orleans-style gospel brunch, but with its own special Lone Star touches. Enjoy awe-inspiring gospel music, Christmas tunes, and a savory buffet catered by Gristmill River Restaurant & Bar. Advanced tickets recommended. Gruene Hall. 1281 Gruene Road. gruenemusicandwinefest.org 830-629-5077

GRUENE: Dec. 21 Come and Taste It: Meet Texas' Best Winemakers A featured winemaker showcases three of its newest released, top-selling, or hardest-tofind wines, alongside a craft brew hand-picked by The Grapevine staff. The complimentary tastings are held on the patio and garden. Samples of food that is offered for sale will be provided, and each event features live music and prize giveaways. The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. grapevineingruene.com 830-606-0093

GRUENE: Dec. 31 Holidays in Gruene: New Year's **Eve at Gruene Hall** A Gruene Hall favorite returns to help ring in the New Year at Texas' oldest dance hall. Advance tickets are recommended. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com

INGRAM: Nov. 17-Dec. 2 "A Dickens Christmas

Carol: A Traveling Travesty in Two Acts"
Mark Landon Smith's adaptation of Charles Dickens' tale. Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. hcaf.com 830-367-5121

INGRAM: Nov. 17-Dec. 16 ArtMart Christmas Gift **Showcase** Handmade items for your Christmas shopping. Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. hcaf.com 830-367-5121

INGRAM: Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 Ingram Farmers and **Artisans Market** A community of farmers, ranchers, artists, business owners, friends, and families come together to sell the best of what the area has to offer. SH 39 and Old Ingram Loop. **830-367-2800**

JOHNSON CITY: Dec. 2 Christmas Through the Years in LBJ Country From 6 to 9 p.m., enjoy live holiday music by the Pearl Snaps; children's Christmas activities; lamplight tours of Lyndon Johnson's boyhood home; a chuck wagon cooking demonstration; cowboy singing, poetry, and storytelling; and exhibits. Free admission. Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park,

200 Elm St. nps.gov/lyjo 830-868-7128, ext. 233 **KERRVILLE: Oct. 26-Dec. 1 Texas Furniture**

Makers Show A juried exhibit featuring the best furniture makers in Texas. Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. kacckerrville.com 830-895-2911

KERRVILLE: Dec. 2 Hill Country Swap Meet A giant community garage sale, flea market, and trade day all-inone. Buy or sell new, used, antiques, collectibles, arts and crafts, knives, books, furniture, tools, clothing, kitchen and household items, and much more. Concessions on-site and lots of free parking. Pets on a leash are welcome. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. kerrmarketdays.org 830-459-6198

KERRVILLE: Dec. 2 Kerr County Market Days An indoor marketplace for vendors of original handcrafted

goods, artwork, and home-grown plants and produce. Pets on a leash are welcome. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. kerrmarketdays.org 830-895-7524

KERRVILLE: Dec. 3 Hill Country Youth Orchestra Enjoy a special holiday concert. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. hcyo.org 830-285-9781

KERRVILLE: Dec. 7-Jan. 18 "Kerrville Art Club Juried Show," "Heaven and Nature Sing," and "KACC Members Gift Show" Enjoy three separate art exhibits. Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. kacckerrville.com 830-895-2911

KERRVILLE: Dec. 7 Symphony of the Hills "Gloria" Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. **symphonyofthehills.org**

KERRVILLE: Dec. 9 "A Night in Who-Ville" Games, face painting, candy cane hunt, movie, and the people of Whoville, Kerrville-Schreiner Park, 2385 Bandera Hwy. kerrvilletx.gov 830-257-7300

KERRVILLE: Dec. 9-10 Hill Country Gun Show Approximately 70 various vendors. Hill Country Veterans Center, 411 Meadowview Lane, dochill6679@gmail.com 830-315-3101

KERRVILLE: Dec. 9 White Christmas in the Hills Kerrville School of Dance and San Antonio Performing Arts Classical Ballet present a colorful Christmas program. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. caillouxtheater.com 830-896-6116

KERRVILLE: Dec. 11-15 Schreiner Mansion Guided **Christmas Tours** The Hill Country Youth Orchestra will host tours of the historic mansion to raise funds for tuition scholarships and music education for the organization. Schreiner Mansion, 226 Earl Garrett St. caillouxfoundation.org/schreiner-mansion 830-634-7814

KERRVILLE: Dec. 15 "The Nutcracker" Enjoy this ballet production from the Quenedit Dance Theater of San Antonio. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. caillouxtheater.com 830-896-9393

KERRVILLE: Dec. 15-17 Dog Agility Show

Watch dogs run and jump as their handlers direct them through an obstacle course. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. heartoftexasdogsports.com 512-663-2055

KERRVILLE: Dec. 15-17 Wild West Victorian Fest

Queen Victoria hosts a retro futuristic adventure set in the 1800s. Be amazed by cowboys, ray guns, steampowered inventions, and time machines. Participate in gadget, invention, and costume contests. Join in for historical re-enactments, entertainment, crafts, games, and tea with the Queen. River Star Arts & Event Park, 4000 Riverside Dr. wildwestvictorianfest.com 214-632-5766

KERRVILLE: Dec. 16 "A Merry Texas Christmas, Y'all" A Holiday Concert with Asleep at the Wheel A Christmas concert that the whole family will love. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. caillouxtheater.com 830-896-9393

LAMPASAS: Dec. 2 Carol of Lights Enjoy a lighted Christmas parade, a visit from Santa Claus, caroling around the downtown square, shopping, a Christmas tree decorating contest, entertainment on the bandstand, a museum exhibit, and more. Lampasas Courtyard Square, Live Oak and Third Street. lampasaschamber.org 512-556-5172

LAMPASAS: Dec. 3 Holiday Tour of HomesOne of the largest fundraisers for the Lampasas County Museum, the tour allows ticket holders to visit a selected roster of area homes decorated for the holidays. Various locations, 303 S. Western St. lampasaschamber.org 512-556-2224

LAMPASAS: Dec. 30 Lampasas Trade Days

Come meet the artists and craftsmen who create one-of-a-kind items. Merchandise ranges from antiques, collectibles, quilts, crafts, folk and fine art, and home furnishings. Marigold's Antiques & More, 2646 E. US 190. lampasastradedays.com 512-734-1294

NEW BRAUNFELS: Dec. 1-2 Christkindlmarkt Enjoy a German-style Christmas market. New

Braunfels Conservation Plaza, 1300 Churchill Dr. christkindlmarktnbtx.org 830-542-8448

NEW BRAUNFELS: Dec. 2-3 Kookin For Kids Christmas Cookoff A barbecue cookoff that provides Christmas gifts for underprivileged, abused, or neglected

children, organized by Texas BBQ. Rockin R' River Rides, 1435 Gruene Road. 830-629-9999

NEW BRAUNFELS: Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Farmers Market Enjoy a relaxing Saturday morning listening to live music, eating delicious food, and visiting more than 75 vendors offering local fresh produce and homemade items in the Krause's Cafe parking lot. Historic Downtown New Braunfels, 186 S. Castell Ave. nbfarmersmarket.com 830-629-2223

NEW BRAUNFELS: Dec. 7 Wassailfest Enjoy an evening of live music, food, great shopping, thousands of twinkling holiday lights, and of course plenty of free wassail to sample at the 25th annual event. Historic Downtown, Main Plaza. nbtexas.org 830-221-4350





PANHANDLE PLAINS > Lubbock Candlelight at the Ranch

Dec. 8-9 Visitors will step into a "living Christmas card" as volunteer ranch hosts dress in period-appropriate clothing to re-create Christmas scenes in 15 historic structures dating from the 1780s to the 1950s. More than 4,000 luminarias will line the paths of the historic park for the two-day free event, and children will have an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. National Ranching Heritage Center. 3121 Fourth St. nrhc.ttu.edu 806-742-0498



NEW BRAUNFELS: Dec. 8 Michael Martin

Murphey—Cowboy Christmas Show An American singer-songwriter with six gold albums. Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre, 290 W. San Antonio. brauntex.org 830-629-8022

NEW BRAUNFELS: Dec. 16 Craft 'N Flick with **St. Nick** Hang out with the big man himself—Santa. Enjoy snacks, crafts, and cookie decorating. Bring your own camera for photos with St. Nick. Landa Haus, 360 Aquatic Circle. **nbtexas.org 830-221-4350**

NEW BRAUNFELS: Dec. 17 Annual Art Contest A sponsored event for artists. This year's theme is "creativity." New Braunfels Art League. 239 W. San Antonio. newbraunfelsartleague.org 830-629-8022

OZONA: Nov. 1-Dec. 7 Remembering Crockett **County Veterans** Each year, the museum honors veterans with an exhibit featuring photos, artifacts. and memorabilia submitted by local families. There are hundreds of photos and other items dating to the Civil War. Crockett County Museum, 404 11th St. ozonamuseum.com 325-392-2837

OZONA: Dec. 2 Crockett County Deerfest

A community-wide appreciation banquet for hunters, this evening helps raise money for local civic organizations and the West Texas Rehab. Attendees are fed a meal of chicken-fried deer, turkey, axis, deer sausage, deer chili, deer tamales, and brisket. Proceeds are raised through ticket sales for door prizes and admission fees. Previous years' door prizes have included \$10,000 in Cabela's gift cards, a Polaris Ranger, and more. Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center, 1303 Avenue AA. deerfest. org 325-277-9345

OZONA: Dec. 2 Wool and Mohair Style Show

The Crockett County Museum will be hosting this annual event, and proceeds will benefit the museum. Free admission and door prizes. Crockett County Senior Center, 2 SH 163. ozonamuseum.com 325-392-2837

OZONA: Dec. 7 Evening on the Town Do a little early holiday shopping or learn about the products and services available in Ozona. Shoppers will find many special delights, including discounted prices, refreshments, and other exciting experiences at each location. Local businesses will remain open late to the public. Ozona Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, 505 15th St. ozona.com/eventscalendar 325-392-3737

ROUND ROCK: Nov. 30-Dec. 23 "A Miracle on **34th Street" Classic Radiocast** The players at the fictional KPNF radio station return to put their stamp on another holiday classic. As they bring to life the entire story through dozens of character voices and live sound effects, you'll be re-introduced to Kris Kringle, the charming Macy's mascot put on trial for claiming to be the real Santa Claus. Besieged by commercialism and disillusionment, winning the trial and restoring his

friends' faith in the most precious, intangible parts of Christmas will require Kris to perform nothing short of a miracle. Old Settlers Hall. 3300 E. Palm Valley Blvd. penfoldtheatre.org 512-850-4849

SAN MARCOS: Dec. 9 Art Squared Paintings, sculptures, jewelry, crafts, live music, and more. The art market is held on the second Saturday of March through December, Downtown San Marcos Square, 111 E. San Antonio St. **512-393-5930**

SAN SABA: Nov. 23-Jan. 4 Christmas Extravaganza **Grand Opening** Make your holidays brighter this year by enjoying the Mill Pond Lighted Holiday Park. Set your radio to 88.7 FM and enjoy synced music to more than 30 acres of dancing lights. Mill Pond Park, Thomas Stewart Drive. visitsansabatexas.com 325-372-8291

SAN SABA: Dec. 2. 9. 16 Santa's Workshop Amid the Christmas Extravaganza light show in Mill Pond sits Santa's Workshop in the Igloo Gazebo. Bring your children to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus to decorate cookies, make ornaments, and enjoy free hot cocoa and refreshments. Mill Pond Park Gazebo, Thomas Stewart Drive. visitsansabatexas.com 325-372-8291

STONEWALL: Dec. 17 LBJ Tree Lighting Enjoy carolers, a live nativity, Santa Claus, refreshments, and the 48th annual spectacular tree lighting. Lyndon B. Johnson State Park & Historic Site. tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/ lvndon-b-iohnson 830-644-2252

UVALDE: Dec. 8-9 Briscoe Ranch Barbecue Cookoff The 11th annual cookoff will help support Southwest Texas Junior College through scholarships to deserving students. Uvalde County Fairplex, 215 Veterans Lane. uvaldebbg.com 830-486-7055

UVALDE: Dec. 8 Four Square Friday Enjoy late-night shopping, food, live music, and art. Downtown Uvalde. visituvalde.com 830-278-4115

UVALDE: Dec. 10 "The Messiah" Uvalde Grand Opera House. uvaldeoperahouse.org 830-278-4184

WIMBERLEY: Nov. 10-Dec. 3 "I Hate Hamlet"

When an up-and-coming TV star decides to take on the iconic role of Hamlet, who could have expected he would have the ghost of John Barrymore along for the ride? As he prepares for the role of his life, he'll have to master everything from wearing tights to sword fights to a particularly lively ghost in Paul Rudnick's comedic take on one man's pursuit of the perfect performance. Wimberley Playhouse, 450 Old Kyle Road. wimberleyplayers.org 512-847-0575

WIMBERLEY: Nov. 25-Dec. 28 Trail of Lights

The 20th annual event is a fun and safe way to view Christmas lights on a walking tour that leads visitors through six acres of decorated Wonderland with Ye Olde Yule Log burning nightly as weather permits. There is no admission to the Trail of Lights, however donations are accepted. 1101 FM 2325. emilyann.org 512-847-6969

WIMBERLEY: Dec. 2 Market Days The oldest outdoor market in the Texas Hill Country, featuring more than 475 booths filled with unique treasures. Live music, plus lots of great food and beverage options make for a fun shopping experience. Market Day is held every first Saturday, March through December. Lions Field, 601 FM 2325. shopmarketdays.com 512-847-2201

WIMBERLEY: Dec. 9 Second Saturday Gallery Trail Fourteen galleries in and around the Wimberley Square stay open late and offer great art, wine, and appetizers. Downtown Wimberley, 101 Wimberley Square. facebook.com/secondsaturdaygallerytrail 512-574-2980

WIMBERLEY: Dec. 9 Winter's Eve—A Christmas Festival Enjoy live music, great food, a visit with Santa, and lots of holiday offerings. Wimberley Square, 101 Wimberley Square. wimberleymerchants.com

WIMBERLEY: Dec. 16 Blue Christmas This is a free annual holiday event featuring horse carriage rides, an ugly sweater contest, a roaring fire, local music groups, Santa, and blue lights everywhere. Blue Hole Regional Park, 100 Blue Hole Lane. cityofwimberley.com 512-660-9111

WIMBERLEY: Dec. 17 Starlight Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert Holiday music to inspire you. Free admission. Wimberley Baptist Church, 15951 Winters Mill Pkwy. starlightsymphony.org 512-902-1361

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ALBANY: Through Feb. 3 "Cell Series: Kelly O'Connor" A widely acclaimed exhibition series that presents the work of living artists within the "challenging" upper galleries of the historic 1877 jail structure. Sustaining the passion of the OJAC founders in supporting and exhibiting contemporary artists, visitors encounter works by artists that attempt to interpret and translate the world we universally experience with often surprising and enlightening results. Old Jail Art Center. 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

ALBANY: Through Feb. 3 "Ron Watson: Order **Among Chaos**" Watson utilizes strict systems of order, artistic intuition, and the viewer's perception to construct complex and intriguing sculptures with acute attention to detail and craftsmanship. Watson's work conveys a sense of stability in a world that is perceived to be in a state of chaos. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

ALBANY: Through Feb. 3 "Texas Moderns: Bill **Bomar**" The fourth in a series of fall exhibitions focusing on artists active in mid-to-late 20th-century Texas will feature the work of Bill Bomar. Often associated with the artists of the Fort Worth Circle, Bomar was also an art collector, supporter of other artists, and one of the founders of the Old Jail Art Center. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. **theojac.org 325-762-2269**

ANSON: Dec. 14-16 Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball The annual three-day historic re-enactment of the 1885 event is a family winter holiday celebration. The nightly ball begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at midnight. Pioneer Hall, 2300 Avenue G. ansoncowboyschristmasball.com 325-669-2063

BIG SPRING: Nov. 18-Dec. 22 Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest An annual Christmas tree forest with Christmas trees decorated by various city organizations. Heritage Museum of Big Spring, 510 Scurry St. visitbigspring.com 432-263-8235

BIG SPRING: Dec. 3-25 Comanche Trail Festival of Lights Big Spring has earned the distinctive reputation of the "Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas," attracting regional and state attention for the superior lighting and displays shown throughout the Comanche Trail Park. See other lighted poinsettias

throughout the community. Western scenes, candy canes, patriotic displays, and all the scenes of Christmas—the beautiful layout is continually changing with new displays. Comanche Trail Park, 100 Whipkey Dr. visitbigspring.com 432-263-8235

BIG SPRING: Dec. 16 Big Spring Symphony The symphony performs Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet" with the Midland Festival Ballet. Municipal Auditorium, 310 E. Third St. visitbiqspring.com

432-263-8235

COLORADO CITY: Dec. 2 Light the Night Festivities Enjoy the Light the Night Christmas parade, which brings Santa Claus to town. Then stroll through more than 30 decorated trees, do some shopping downtown, and have a homemade bowl of chili made

by the Lions Club. Railhead Building, 150 E. First St. coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com 325-728-3403

DALHART: Dec. 2 Bellamy Brothers in Concert Country singers with hits in the '80s perform. La Rita Theatre, 311 Denrock. larita.org 806-244-5646

DALHART: Dec. 9 Christmas Arts and Crafts Bazaar Arts and crafts, food, and exhibitors from a fivestate area. Free admission and door prizes. Rita Blanca Coliseum, 1219 FM 281.

DENVER CITY: Dec. 1-2 Yoakum County Tamale Festival This event kicks off on Friday with a dinner catered by St. Williams Catholic Church Guadalupanas. A lighted parade will begin at Broadway and Avenue B finishing at Stubby Moorehead Park. On Saturday, craft and clothing vendors and food booths offer the usual festival fare in addition to plenty of tamales in the park. Highlights include a tamale competition, a tamale-eating contest, and the crowning of a gueen. Stuffy Morehead Park, 15th and Avenue C. **806-777-1171**

GRAHAM: Dec. 1-2 20+1 Amateur Arenacross A great time for everyone whether you are learning to ride or if you are a pro. Come watch motorcross pros and amateurs race against one another. Young County Arena,

120 Craig St. twentyplusone.com 817-771-4959 **GRAHAM: Dec. 8-9 Santa Shootout** Enjoy watching go-cart racers battle it out. Created in 2006 to give go-kart racers and their families an opportunity to compete during the normal "off season" while providing them an exciting indoor race that few at the time had ever experienced. Last year's race had 210 entries. Young County Arena, 120 Craig St. santashootout.com **940-256-2459**

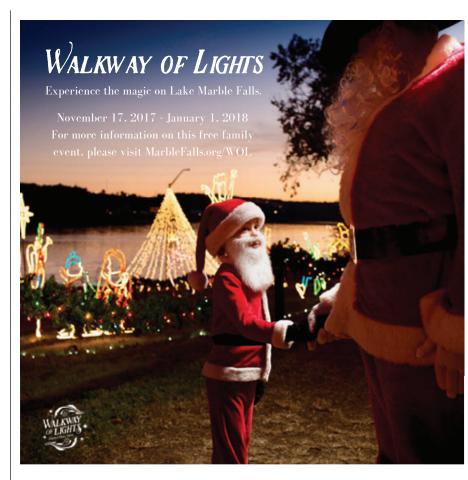
LOCKNEY: Dec. 16 Country Christmas Ball

Get ready for some toe tapping, boot-scootin, fiddlin music this holiday season, for a night of nostalgia and listening enjoyment. Performers like Wendell Sollis and the Sidekicks All Star Band, Chad Maines, and Bob Baker take to the stage. It will be a great night of Western swing, big band, classical country, Cajun, and Christmas favorites. Floyd County Friends Unity Center, 990 FM 786. 806-983-6228

LUBBOCK: Nov. 30, Dec. 2 "Origin Stories: **Exploring Ancestry through Dance**" Flatlands Dance Theatre's fall production takes audiences around the world to examine ancestry and diverse cultures. Through dance, the choreographers delve into history, genealogy, family dynamics, biology, and genetics to tell the stories of their descendants. LHUCA Firehouse Theatre, 511 Avenue K. flatlandsdance.org 806-777-5753

LUBBOCK: Dec. 1 Carol of Lights At the 59th annual event, enjoy the singing of the choir and lighting of more than 25,000 Christmas lights across 18 buildings on campus. Texas Tech University, 2500 Broadway. visitlubbock.org 806-742-2661

LUBBOCK: Dec. 1-Jan. 14 West Texas Watercolor **Society Winter Show** Winter exhibition and sale of beautiful water media artworks by members of the West Texas Watercolor Society. Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Crickets Ave. wtws.org 806-794-4655







LUBBOCK: Dec. 2 LSO's Masterworks: The Heart

of Christmas Guest group Jeans 'n Classics joins this year's Holiday Pops concert. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. lubbocksymphony.org 806-762-1688

LUBBOCK: Dec. 10-23 Santa Land A festive holiday village with animated displays, bonfires, traditional holiday scenes, and Santa and Mrs. Claus. Mackenzie Park, 301 I-27. **visitlubbock.org**

LUBBOCK: Dec. 12 Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Feel the magic as the spirit of the season comes alive with the signature sound of Mannheim Steamroller. Lubbock Municipal Auditorium, 2720 Drive of Champions. selectaseatlubbock.com 806-775-2242

PLAINVIEW: Dec. 1-23 12 Days of Christmas

Downtown activities including a Christmas parade, reading with Santa, a Christmas jazz concert, production of "Spam-A-Lot," and several shopping days. Downtown Plainview, Broadway and Ash Street. **plainviewtx.org 806-296-1119**

POST: Dec. 2 Christmas Extravaganza Shop for arts, crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing, holiday items, home decor, antiques, and more, and enjoy live entertainment and food during this event. Afterward there will be a Holiday Lighted Parade downtown. Old Mill Trade Days, 318 S. Avenue F. oldmilltradedays.com 432-934-1479

POST: Dec. 2 Lighted Chistmas Parade Main Street comes alive bringing in the season. Businesses, civic clubs, and individuals compete for prize money with a lighted Christmas parade. Main Street. **806-495-3461**

POST: Dec. 8-10 Old Mill Trade Days Shop for arts and crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing, home decor, and antiques, and enjoy live entertainment and food during this event. 318 S. Avenue F. **oldmilltradedays.com 432-934-1479**

QUANAH: Dec. 2 Lighted Christmas Parade and Festival Arts and crafts, food, games, visits with Santa,

elf school, pictures with Santa, a Candy Cane Scramble, lighted Christmas parade, and finally the Christmas Ball. Downtown Quanah, 220 S. Main St. **940-663-2222**SAN ANGELO: Through Dec. **3 The Ehrlich**

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Collection of American and British Ceramics
Individual exhibitions featuring paintings. San Angelo
Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org
325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Through Dec. 3 The Garden of Earthly Delights: Exhibitions Featuring the Work of Julie Heffernan and Kathleen Elliot Individual exhibitions featuring paintings. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Through Aug. 18, 2019 Richard and Pam Salmon Sculpture Competition The fifth biennial juried competition will feature 12 large outdoor sculptures. Sunken Garden Park, 704 S. David St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 1-17 "A Christmas Carol...More or Less" It's a classic tale with a small twist—thus the "more or less" part of the story. Sarah and Charlie, a married couple, run a small theatre that's presenting "A Christmas Carol." The cast however, cannot get to the theatre due to a snowstorm, and the two must present the multiple cast play entirely on their own. Be Theatre, 19 W. Beauregard. betheatre.com

325-716-4125 SAN ANGELO: Dec. 1-3 Christmas at Old Fort Concho Three days full of Christmas cheer including shopping, living history, a special area for children, ongoing entertainment as well as special scheduled shows, and more, all on the historic fort grounds. Fort Concho, 630 S. Oakes St. **fortconcho.com 325-657-4441**

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 2-31 Concho Christmas Celebration Founded in 1994 to enhance the enjoyment of the Christmas season with an annual light display, the light display has grown into a 2.5-mile drive along the banks of the Concho River and features more than 3 million lights. The event has evolved its programming from a small static light display to consist of a live nativity scene, the community tree lighting ceremony, the lights of Christmas parade, a bicycle ride with Santa, a walk/run event, and an extraordinary light show. Concho River, Downtown. conchochristmascelebration.com 325-944-4444

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 2 Home for the Holidays

There is no place like home for the holidays, and the San Angelo Symphony is excited to welcome you back to the concert hall for the most festive performance of the season. Join the orchestra for a night of classic favorites, a special tribute to The Candy Bomber, and the ever-popular holiday sing-along guaranteed to put you and your family in the spirit. Featuring baritone Ricardo Ceballos and The Candy Bomber Story. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelosymphony.com 325-655-4403

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 7, 14, 21 Art Thursday Free art activities for children and their families. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. **samfa.org 325-653-3333**

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 7 The Five Browns in Concert A classical piano ensemble consisting of five siblings, the group performs individually or together in various combinations, from duo to complex five-piano arrangements. The Five Browns are delivering on their dream to wake up classical music by introducing it to new audiences. Ryan, Melody, Gregory, Deondra, and Desirae all attended New York's Juilliard School and became the first family of five siblings to be accepted simultaneously. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 9-10 Carden Circus International
The Circus has been in the Carden Family for more than 50 years putting on astonishing performances, and display awe-inspiring feats of athleticism and amazing animals. There are so many attractions to see including the elephants, tigers, and more. First Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena, 620 W. 29th St. sanangelorodeo.com 325-653-1465

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 9 Clint Black in Concert

Black is back. The multi-million selling country mega-star is on tour after releasing "On Purpose," his first full-length album of new songs in a decade, and he's doing it on his own terms. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 9 Family Day Give Back Hands-on art activities. Free admission. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. **samfa.org 325-653-3333**

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 14 Collectors Society Lecture
Free lecture by Eric Gorges, host of PBS's "A Craftsman's
Legacy." San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St.
samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 15-Feb. 4 "Light Show: Featuring the Work of Ben Livingston" Neon sculptures and other fine artwork. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 15-17 "The Nutcracker"

Based on the traditional story, this version of "The Nutcracker" will explore the components and connections of Clara's real-life Christmas party to her fanciful dreams later that night. Party guests will make appearances in her magical dreamscape in unexpected forms, as she will transform into the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy who, along with her Nutcracker Prince, rules this land of wonder. With new sets and costumes, this production will evoke the memories of "The Nutcracker" in past years and the traditions of attendance so many people of the Concho Valley remember so fondly.

Murphey Performance Hall at City Auditorium, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-658-5877

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 15-Feb. 4 Gisela Colon: "Glo Pods" Irregularly shaped acrylic orbs with light from within. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 21 Downtown Stroll Museum open for free during the event. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. **samfa.org 325-653-3333**

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 22 Fiesta Navidad Two-time Grammy winners The Mariachi Divas are a multicultural ensemble that has its foundation and roots in mariachi, but draws on its members' diverse influences to create music that is traditional and then some. Ballet Folklórico Mexicano de Carlos Moreno, comprised of 22 dancers, is internationally recognized as the preeminent Mexican-American Folkloric Company. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SANTA ANNA: Dec. 2 Christmas Under the Mountain Start the day with the Lions Club pancake breakfast, then meet Santa Claus, enjoy holiday activities, and watch a parade. Shop the specialty stores and dine downtown, and don't overlook the Miss Spirit of Christmas Contest. Downtown Santa Anna,

SNYDER: Dec. 9 Big Country Christmas Ball The Coliseum, 900 E. Coliseum Dr. westtexasrehab.org 325-660-8338

704 Wallis Ave. santaannates.org 325-348-3535

VEGA: Dec. 4 Christmas on the Square A gathering to celebrate the Christmas season, complete with Santa Claus. Local businesses will offer snacks and drinks that fit the theme of the season, and there will be music and fellowship all around the square. Oldham County Courthouse Square, 904 Main St. oldhamcofc.org 806-267-2828

WICHITA FALLS: Nov. 20-Dec. 25 The MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights One of the largest holiday displays of its kind, its purpose is to provide a festive atmosphere on the Midwestern State University campus, to serve as an outreach to the community, and to be a focal point for holiday activities in North Texas. The installation is filled with individual displays that showcase themes or characters from well-known children's stories, fairy tales, and holiday icons. Midwestern State University Campus, 3410 Taft Blvd. fol.mwsu.edu 940-397-4972

wichita Falls: Dec. 2 "The Nutcracker" Journey with Clara and The Nutcracker Prince as they travel through a magical growing Christmas tree, a dazzling snow scene, and a fantastical Land of Sweets. The elaborate sets and fanciful costumes will be sure to spark the holiday spirit in everyone. Memorial Auditorium, 1300 Seventh St. wichitafallsballettheatre.org 940-733-3325

WICHITA FALLS: Dec. 2 Christmas in the Park and Candy Cane Scramble More than 10,000 candy canes will be scattered over a designated area during this free event for all ages. Scotland Park, 1415 N. Fifth St. choosewichitafalls.com 940-761-7490

WICHITA FALLS: Dec. 16 Christmas with the

Canadian Brass In its 47th season, the game-changing Canadian Brass has performed in virtually every major concert hall in the world, been seen by hundreds of millions of people on television, sold 2 million of its approximately 100 albums worldwide, and contributed nearly 600 new works and arrangements to the brass quintet repertoire. Memorial Auditorium, 1300 Seventh St. wfso.org 940-723-6202

WICHITA FALLS: Dec. 27 Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis The show features classic Christmas hits from Mannheim Steamroller and multimedia effects in an intimate setting. In addition to being a holiday tradition for many families, the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas Tour regularly attracts multigenerational guests and is one of the longest-running tours in the music industry. Memorial Auditorium, 1300 Seventh St. wfmpec.com 940-716-5555

PINEY WOODS

CROCKETT: Dec. 8 Russian Grand Ballet: "The Nutcracker" Crockett Civic Center, 1100 Edmiston Dr. pwfaa.org 936-544-4276

GLADEWATER: Dec. 7 Christmas Parade and Community Dinner The Gladewater Chamber of Commerce hails the coming of Christmas and offers a warm winter welcome to all with a festive Christmas parade. After the parade, join everyone for a community dinner and enjoyable holiday entertainment. Downtown Antique District. **gladewaterchamber.org 903-845-5501**

HENDERSON: Dec. 1-3, 8-10 "Velveteen Rabbit" In the world of toys, life begins when humans leave the room. When one group of toys discovers a velveteen rabbit, they learn what it means to be truly loved by their owner. Adapted from the classic story by Margery

Williams, "The Velveteen Rabbit" tells the story of the unconditional love between a boy and his toy bunny and how that love makes the rabbit real. Henderson Civic Theater, 122 E. Main St. hendersoncivictheatre.org 903-722-5221

HUNTSVILLE: Dec. 2 Christmas Fair Start your holiday season off right in holly jolly Huntsville. The first weekend in December hosts Huntsville for the Holidays, in which downtown Huntsville features this annual Christmas fair with dozens of vendors, real snow, pictures with Santa Claus, and train rides. Downtown Huntsville, 1203 University Ave. huntsvillemainstreet.com 936-291-5920

HUNTSVILLE: Dec. 2 Houston Family Christmas Kick off your holiday season with the Sam Houston Memorial Museum. Visit the Houston homestead for historical demonstrations, refreshments, hands-on craft projects, and photos with Santa Claus. Sam Houston Memorial Museum Grounds, 1836 Sam Houston Ave. samhoustonmemorialmuseum.com 936-294-1832

JEFFERSON: Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 Jefferson Flea Market Shop for new and antique items, arts and crafts, garage-sale items, furniture, fixtures, books, dishes, office supplies, and more. Jefferson Flea Market, 213 W. Broadway St. **jeffersonfleamarket.net 903-431-0043**

LIBERTY: Dec. 2, 9 Liberty Opry Enjoy live, family-oriented, musical entertainment with a different theme each Saturday. Gospel; country; '50s, '60s, and '70s classic oldies; specialty; and comedy on every show. Group and child discounts available. Liberty Opry, 1816 Sam Houston St. **libertyopry.com 936-336-5830**

LONGVIEW: Dec. 10 Christmas Concert Longview Greggton Rotary Club's third annual holiday concert, raises funds for local and global issues. Belcher Center, 2100 S. Mobberly Ave. **portal.clubrunner.ca/3591 903-452-8711**

LUFKIN: Dec. 4 Michael Martin Murphey in Concert Do you hear what I hear? Is that Old Saint Nick or Michael Martin Murphey? Help bring in the Christmas season with one of the best songwriters in America, Michael Martin Murphey, and enjoy his iconic hits such as "Wildfire" and "Caroline in the Pines" as well as favorite Christmas and holiday songs. The Pines Theater, 113 S. First St. **thepineslufkin.com 936-633-0359**

LUFKIN: Dec. 6 Cirque Dreams Holidaze

Created by Cirque Dreams founder and Broadway director Neil Goldberg, this critically-acclaimed holiday stage extravaganza is a cirque spectacle, "Broadway musical," and family show all in one. As it embarks on its 10th anniversary national tour, the show will delight audiences with more than 300 imaginative costumes,



20 world-class acts, the finest singers, original music, and seasonal favorites like gingerbread men, ornaments, and Santa. Its soaring acrobatics, gravity-defying feats, elaborate production numbers, and illusions will leave you mesmerized. Temple Theater, 3500 S. First St. angelinaarts.org 936-633-5454

MAGNOLIA: Dec. 2 Hometown Christmas

Hometown Christmas celebration with a lighting of the tree and the annual Christmas parade—a nighttime activity this vear, Caroling, cookies, and hot chocolate for all. Unity Park. 19450 Unity Park Dr. greatermagnoliaparkwaycc.org

MARSHALL: Nov. 22 - Dec. 31 Wonderland of **Lights** The classic lighting event in East Texas. The 31-year-old festival kicks off with a lighting ceremony of Marshall's 1901 Historic Courthouse every year the day before Thanksqiving. The evening festival runs through New Year's Eve, with activities downtown like a real ice rink, a restored carousel, the Wonderland Express trackless train, horse-drawn carriage rides. and Santa's Workshop, as well as many other activities. Each Saturday of the festival season there is a special event during the day for attendees until the regular events kick off at sundown under the lights. Downtown Marshall, 1 Peter Whetstone Square. **703-702-7777**

MARSHALL: Dec. 5 FaLaLa Progressive Meal

A progressive dinner through five businesses in downtown Marshall. Limited to the first 50 people. Central Perks Restaurant, 211 N. Washington Ave. marshallartscouncil.org 903-935-4484

MINEOLA: Dec. 2, 9, 16 Ghost Walk This is not an ordinary ghost walk. You will be guided by investigators through a walking tour of the paranormal history of Mineola. At the end of this walk you will be a part of an actual investigation of a known active area to gain hands-on experience in the field with real ghost-hunting equipment. The ghost walk begins at the gazebo by the train station, acrosstheveilpe.com 903-878-7546

PALESTINE: Nov. 24-Dec. 30 Polar Express Train **Ride** Read along with the story as the historic steam train makes its magical round-trip journey from the Palestine Depot to the North Pole. Meet Santa and enjoy caroling, hot cocoa, treats, and gifts. Texas State Railroad Depot, Park Road 70. texasstaterailroad.net 855-632-7729

PALESTINE: Dec. 2 Frost Fest It's a 100 percent chance of snow at this small town, historic holiday celebration—bringing together everything good about the holidays. Enjoy street musicians, a freshly blown snow play area, warm treats, Santa, a historic home tour, wagon rides, and more, Historic Downtown, 401 W. Main St. palestinefrostfest.com 903-729-6066

TATUM: Dec. 9 Jingle Bell Bop and Shop

Founded in 2015 to help raise money for Blue Santa. Experience some Christmas family fun. You can shop the vendors for gifts, have a taste of the Tatum Nutrition Center, indulge in food vendors from East Texas, enjoy live entertainment, and have your picture made with Santa. Sherman R. Smith Community Center, 231 Hood St. tatumtexas.com 903-947-6403

TEXARKANA: Oct. 14-Dec. 31 "Dinosaurs: Fossils **Exposed**" This new exhibit explores the bones and fossils belonging to the giant creatures that once roamed the earth. Visitors can view and even touch six full dinosaur skeletal molds including a triceratops, tyrannosaurus rex, and velociraptor. There are additional molds of skulls, arms, legs, eggs, footprints, and a 6-foot-1 apatosaurus femur. Visitors will also eniov a dig box where they can use paleontology tools to unearth dinosaur bones. Discovery Place Interactive Museum. 215 Pine. texarkanamuseums.org 903-793-4831

TEXARKANA: Dec. 4 Main Street Christmas Parade An annual Christmas parade led by live camels, more than 100 lighted floats/entries, collectible cars, marching bands, and costumed characters. Enjoy a holiday farmer's market with Christmas trees and homemade gift items, live music, and more. Santa makes his grand entrance at the end of the parade. This year's Grand Marshall is Texarkana's own Stephanie Rice, a finalist in hit television show "The Voice." Downtown Texarkana, 500 N. State Line Ave. mainstreettexarkana.org 903-792-7191

TYLER: Nov. 1-Dec. 31 Rose City Christmas

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holiday season in Tyler, where beautiful and bright holiday events begin in November and continue through the end of December. Experience the annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, Holiday in the Park, live entertainment, holiday performances, and a multitude of shopping events including Mistletoe & Magic the largest shopping extravaganza in the region. Various locations. visittyler.com 903-592-1661

TYLER: Dec. 8 "Mr. Popper's Penguins"

Painter and decorator by day, Mr. Popper spends his time dreaming of Antarctic adventures. He is astounded when one day a packing crate arrives on his doorstep and a penguin waddles out. With original songs and performing penguin puppets, this delightful. action-packed musical adaptation of Richard and Florence Atwater's popular book (also made into a Hollywood film starring Jim Carrey) is the perfect family treat. For ages 4 to 104. University of Texas at Tyler R. Don Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. cowancenter.org or casamanana.org 903-566-7424

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ADDISON: Nov. 24-25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Vitru-

vian Lights Vitruvian Park will be transformed into a dazzling and magical holiday wonderland, with millions of sparkling LED lights wrapped around more than 550 trees. The mayor will "flip the switch" on opening night, then every Saturday through Christmas festivities will include live concerts, gourmet food trucks, an elf balloon artist, and holiday shopping. Vitruvian Park, 3966 Vitruvian Way. addisontexas.net 800-233-4766

ADDISON: Dec. 1-17 "The Great Distance Home" In a limited-engagement, multidisciplinary theatrical event, audiences will be immersed in a story of joy, love, and the warmth you feel upon returning home after a long absence. At WaterTower this holiday season, home really is where the heart is. WaterTower Theatre, 15650 Addison Road. watertowertheatre.org

ARLINGTON: Oct. 19-Jan. 14 "Salvador Dali" Enjoy selected works from the legendary surrealist artist. Arlington Museum of Art, 201 W. Main St. arlingtonmuseum.org 817-275-4600

ARLINGTON: Nov. 18-Dec. 31 Holiday in the Park Six Flags Over Texas' annual holiday extravaganza is complete with millions of lights, Santa himself, and a real snow hill. Six Flags Over Texas, 2201 Road to Six Flags. sixflags.com/overtexas 817-640-8900

ARLINGTON: Nov. 24-Dec. 31 Enchant: The **World's Largest Christmas Maze and Market** Features an ice skating rink and more than 2 acres of lighted Christmas mazes and displays while incorporating an Arlington favorite, the Texas Christkindl Market.

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Park, 1000 Ballpark Way. enchantchristmas.com ARLINGTON: Nov. 24-Dec. 23 Texas Christkindl Market Much like those found in Europe for the holiday season, this seventh annual Christmas market offers tons of new holiday fun for 2017. Globe Life Park in Arlington, 1000 Ballpark Way. txchristkindlmarket.com

ARLINGTON: Dec. 1-1 Plaid Tidings: Holiday Edition of Forever Plaid Filled with Christmas standards that have all been "Plaid-erized," our boys are back to do their Christmas special. Theatre Arlington, 305 W. Main St. theatrearlington.org 817-275-7661

ARLINGTON: Dec. 13 Piper the Comedian

When Piper the comedian asks "Won't he do it," the comic's signature inquiry invites an enthusiastic "If you let him!" from crowds who flock to his performances. For Piper, the mantra is not just a catch phrase ripped from the pulpit; it is the inspiration behind the charming gregarious style that keeps loyal fans coming back. Presented by Sol-Caritas. Improv Comedy Club, 309 Curtis Mathes Way, Suite 147. improvarlington.com

ARLINGTON: Dec. 13 The Texas Tenors in Concert With their Emmy Award-winning PBS special now airing across the country, and Billboard chart-topping albums. it's easy to see why The Texas Tenors are America's favorité new tenors. Arlington Music Hall, 224 N. Center St. arlingtonmusichall.net 817-226-4400

BASTROP: Nov. 24-Dec. 17 Lost Pines Christmas From an old-fashioned Main Street Christmas to food and wine events and activities for the entire family. Texas' most historic small town celebrates the season in style. Lost Pines Christmas culminates on Saturday, December 9, with the lighted parade, which sparkles downtown from 6 to 8 p.m. Downtown Bastrop, Main Street. lostpineschristmas.com 512-332-8996

BASTROP: Nov. 24-Dec. 31 River of Lights Stroll along the June Hill Pape Riverwalk on the Colorado River after dusk to see more than 100 holiday displays. The event extends from the Friday following Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve. Fisherman's Park, 1200 Wilson St. lostpineschristmas.com 512-303-0558

BELLVILLE: Dec. 1-2 Small-Town Christmas

On Friday night, shop around the historic square and enjoy libations in the park. On Saturday, enjoy breakfast with Santa, shopping, and Market Day vendors. Historic Downtown Bellville, 1 Main St. bellville.com

BONHAM: Dec. 2 A Touch of Rust's Jingle Market This Southern vintage and handmade market offers repurposed, retro and junky-cute furniture, art, home decor, handmade items, clothing, jewelry and more. Fannin County Multipurpose Complex, FM 87, 700 SH

BONHAM: Dec. 2 Sweets, Spirits, and Sparkles Grand Bazaar Artist and artisan vendors—shop for everyone on your Christmas list. Creative Arts Center, 200 W. Fifth St. creativeartscenterbonham.com 903-640-2196

56. atouchofrust.com 405-255-6519

BONHAM: Dec. 8-9 Holiday Open House Enjoy free Christmas-themed tours of the Sam Rayburn House, 890 SH 56, visitsamrayburnhouse.com 903-583-5558

BRENHAM: Dec. 1-2 Christmas Stroll and Lighted Parade Enjoy live entertainment, kids' activities, and holiday shopping along beautifully lit downtown streets. cityofbrenham.org 979-337-7250

BRYAN: Dec. 11 A White Christmas We're dreaming of a white Christmas with the Brazos Valley Chorale. Sit back and enjoy the Chorale's interpretations of familiar holiday songs, and be sure to warm up your vocal chords to join in and sing your favorite carols. Christ the Good Shepherd Chapel, 600 S. Coulter. bvchorale.org 979-476-8199

BURTON: Dec. 9 Burton Christmas Village

Spend a fun-filled day in this tiny town, population 300, located halfway between Austin and Houston. Explore the Krist Kindl Markt with homegrown, handcrafted local items, baked goods, art, and gifts. Kids of all ages can enjoy cookie decorating, ornament making, and mini-gingerbread house creations. Go on historic tours of the 1898 Train Depot and Burton's 103-year-old cotton gin, sip wassail (apple cider) and enjoy treats, join in caroling to celebrate the Christmas season, and watch the tree lighting at sunset. Texas Cotton Gin Museum Grounds, 307 N. Main St. burtontexas.org 979-289-3378

CALDWELL: Dec. 9 Christmas on the Square

Small-town charm at its best. The downtown is lit up with lights, a parade, a red and green chili cookoff, and family-friendly activities. Downtown Caldwell, 100 W. Buck St. caldwelltx.gov 979-567-3901

CAMERON: Dec. 7 Cameron's Christmas Parade Recapture your childhood Christmas spirits with lights, music, floats, and Santa at this "Candyland Christmas" in historic downtown Cameron. See the decorated square, museum, Old Town Cameron, and historic jail. Eat dinner at the food trucks and booths, listen to live music, and shop at the artists' vendor booths. Downtown Cameron, 102 E. First St. cameron-tx.com 254-697-4979

CAMERON: Dec. 28-29 Cameron Chamber Christmas Basketball Classic For two days, 12 girls and 12 boys teams will play hard, giving fans and spectators thrilling, often edge-of-your-seat, game play at the 20th annual tournament. Cameron Yoe High School Gym, 303 E.12th St. cameron-tx.com 254-697-4979

CHAPPELL HILL: Dec. 9 Chappell Hill Garden Club Christmas Homes Tour Self-guided tour of five local homes all decked out for Christmas. All proceeds benefit a scholarship and community beautification program. Bluebonnet House and Garden Center, 5095 Main St. chappellhillgardenclub.com 713-562-6192

CLARKSVILLE: Dec. 4 Chili and Stew Supper

Following the Clarksville Christmas Parade, this annual chili supper is sponsored by the Historic Red River County Chamber of Commerce. Christian Education Building, First Presbyterian Church, redrivercoc.com 903-427-2645

CLARKSVILLE: Dec. 8-9 "Svetlana's First Christmas Away from Home" A free annual Christmas play and show for all ages. Concessions and crafts available for purchase. McKenzie Memorial United Methodist Church, 1809 S. Donoho St. redriverrevue.wixsite.com/ redriverrevue 430-342-8526

CLEBURNE: Nov. 20-Dec. 31 Whistle-Stop Christmas Experience a Christmas wonderland with more than 3 million lights lit every evening. Enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, children's train rides, and more. Hulen Park, 201 W. Westhill Dr. 817-645-2455

CLIFTON: Dec. 2 Norwegian Country Christmas Tour Celebrate the heritage of The Norwegian Capital of Texas with a tour of distinctive homes, history, performances, and art. Held annually on the first Saturday of December, the tour includes sites in Clifton and the Norse Historic District. Visit museums, art galleries, exquisite homes, historic churches, and arts and crafts venues. Clifton, North Avenue D, and surrounding community. cliftontexas.org 254-675-3720

COLLEGE STATION: Dec. 1-3 Christmas in the

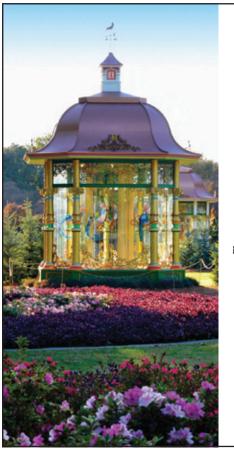
Park In addition to cookies and hot cocoa, free activities include old-fashioned hayrides, entertainment, inflatables, children's activities, real snow slides, and photos with Santa. The holiday celebration doesn't stop there quests can continue the family tradition of viewing more than one million lights that will decorate the beautiful 47-acre Stephen C. Beachy Central Park each day from Thanksgiving to New Year's. Stephen C. Beachy Central Park, 1000 Krenek Tap Road. cstx.gov/christmas 979-764-3486

COLLEGE STATION: Dec. 3 Jingle Bell Fun Run

The College Station Parks & Recreation Department's 28th annual fun run will be followed by the Bryan-College Station Christmas Parade. Dogs are welcome. The two-mile run will not be timed and a shuttle will be available to pick up participants at the end of the route to transport back to the start line. Corner of University Drive and South College Avenue. cstx.gov/christmas 979-764-3486

COLLEGE STATION: Dec. 16 Wreaths Across America Honoring local fallen veterans with a wreath-laying ceremony. The wreaths are made from







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COLUMBUS: Dec. 7 Ladies Night Out

Enjoy shopping at the Opera House and around town with many businesses staying open late with sales and specials. Purchase a commemorative wine glass at the Chamber Office in the historic Stafford Opera House, and enjoy wine samples and savory snacks at local businesses. Stafford Opera House/Downtown Columbus, 425 Spring St. columbustexas.org 979-732-8385

CORSICANA: Dec. 9 Mimosas at the Market

A sip, stroll, and shop celebration with classic mimosas and live music throughout historic downtown Corsicana, sponsored by Corsicana Main Street Project and Victorian Sample Florist. Retailers and pop-up vendors will showcase holiday items and serve drinks throughout downtown. Various locations. cityofcorsicana.com 903-654-4851

CUERO: Nov. 20-Jan. 1 Christmas in the Park

Lighted drive-through display features more than 100 animated settings and archways. Participants will enjoy a self-paced drive beginning at 6 p.m. each evening and concluding at 10 p.m. Cuero Municipal Park, 201 Leonard Roy Harmon Dr. cuerochristmasinthepark.org 361-275-2112

DALLAS: Through Jan. 7 "Sopheap Pich" A solo exhibition of Cambodia's most internationally prominent contemporary artist. The exhibition will feature his large-scale sculpture. Rang Phnom Flower, Pich's largest and most ambitious single-form sculpture to date. Measuring 25 feet in length, its complex construction is composed of hundreds of strands of rattan and bamboo. This exhibition will also feature the loan of an original French 19th-century, hand-painted botanical dictionary with illustrations of this plant species from the Botanical Research Institute of Texas. Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora St. **crowcollection.org 214-979-6430**

DALLAS: Through Dec. 31 "Neighborhoods We Called Home" A collaborative exhibit with Dallas Jewish Historical Society, Dallas Mexican American Historical League, and Remembering Black Dallas Inc. exploring the historic neighborhoods of Dallas that served as strong, supportive communities for Jewish Hispanic, and African-American Dallasites from the early 1900s and beyond. Materials will be installed in three corresponding structures: a Victorian house the Village has dedicated to the presentation of Jewish history; the railroad section house, as railroad work attracted many workers of Tejano or Mexican heritage; and the Shotgun House, originally located in Dallas' largest freedman's town. Dallas Heritage Village, 6501 Crawley Dr. dallasheritagevillage.org

DALLAS: Through Jan. 7 "Tom Sachs: Tea **Ceremony**" The exhibition centers on an immersive environment representing Sachs' distinctive reworking of chanovu, or traditional Japanese tea ceremony including the myriad elements essential to that intensely ritualistic universe. During the course of the exhibition. the Nasher will present a series of public demonstrations in which Sachs or a colleague will perform the tea ceremony for a few guests. The walls of the tea house will be removed for the occasion, enabling visitors to watch the ceremony as it unfolds. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. nashersculpturecenter.org

DALLAS: Through Dec. 17 "Invisible Cities"

An exhibition and screening series showcasing more than 20 contemporary video works by renowned and emerging artists from China, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Myanmar, and Vietnam. These pivotal works represent recent key developments in moving image art in Asia. Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora St. crowcollection.org

DALLAS: Through Feb. 4 "Paper into Sculpture"

Even as the shift to digitized images, virtual reality, and social media has been said to herald its obsolescence, paper nonetheless remains inescapable in our daily lives. The artists-Noriko Ambe, Marco Maggi, Joshua Neustain, Nancy Rubins, and Franz West-play on tensions between commonly held understanding of sculpture and what paper can and cannot do when pushed to its physical limit. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. nashersculpturecenter.org

DALLAS: Through May 6 "Journey to Space" The exhibit features a full-size simulated International Space Station, robotics, water rockets, Neil Armstrong's helmet and gloves, plus a space-inspired playspace for young cadets. Perot Museum, 2201 N. Field St. perotmuseum.org 214-428-5555

DALLAS: Nov. 5-Dec. 31 Holidays at Galleria Dallas From the iconic 95-foot Christmas tree to Missile Toes—the ice-skating Santa who shoots fireworks from his skates—the holiday celebration is much like the shopping center (and Texas): big and bold. The holiday season at Galleria Dallas kicks off in early November with the decorating of America's tallest indoor Christmas tree, which features nearly a half million lights, 10,000 ornaments, and a 100-pound, 10-foot-tall LED star. The festivities continue throughout the season with live entertainment and other holiday events. Galleria Dallas, 13350 Dallas Pkwy. galleriadallas.com

DALLAS: Nov. 8-Jan. 7 Holiday at the Arboretum Presented by Reliant, an NRG Company, the events feature the return of the magnificent 12 Days of Christmas outdoor exhibit as well as a special collection in the historic DeGolyer House. Throughout the garden, more than 500,000 lights illuminate the night, trimming the architecture of the historic homes and lighting the canopies overhead. Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 8525 Garland Road. dallasarboretum.org 214-515-6500

DALLAS: Nov. 17-Dec. 23 "A Charlie Brown **Christmas**" Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy, Snoopy, and friends are back at DCT by popular demand. Rediscover the true reason for the season while sharing laughs with the Peanuts gang along the way. As a live combo fills your heart with music, merriment, and warmth, Charles Schulz's classic special recalls days gone by. Dallas Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman St. facebook.com/ dallaschildrenstheater

DALLAS: Nov. 17-Dec. 23 "Frosty and Friends" Presented by Dallas Children's Theater, Kathy Burks' celebrated troupe melts hearts with the endearing tale of Frosty, a lonely frozen figure hoping to make a difference during the season of giving. Frosty is sad when his elf friends Barry, Surly, and Zoe become too busy to even play in the snow. Fortunately, Frosty meets a kind snowy owl and a friendly reindeer who are more than happy to spend the cold winter days with him. Revel in the joy of the holidays as this spirited musical comes to life. Dallas Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman St. facebook.com/dallaschildrenstheater

DALLAS: Nov. 21-Jan. 7 Holiday Wonder Debuting this winter with magical lights, interactive attractions. performances, and food from around the world to entertain and delight guests. Visitors will marvel at more than 2 million lights bringing to life holiday favorites in giant, illuminated eye-catching displays, including stunning winterscapes, beautiful floating swans, perennial holiday favorites (including Santa Claus), and more. Guests will walk through a holiday wonderland that includes an enchanting snowflake corridor, playful polar bears and penguins, a 48-foot-tall Christmas tree, and more than a few holiday surprises. All displays are handmade by artisans whose specialized skills in lanterns go back generations, and are all-new, custom creations for this festival. Fair Park, 1318 S. Second Ave. holidaywonder.com 972-905-6742

DALLAS: Nov. 24-Dec. 30 Christmas Lights.

Chocolate, and Sips Tour View holiday lights in style via private motorcoach. Taste scrumptious treats from premier local dessert venues, then relax while gliding past some of Dallas' most spectacular holiday displays in the Park Cities, Swiss Avenue, and other areas. Krispy Kreme, 5118 Greenville Ave. dallasbychocolate.com 972-814-5997

DALLAS: Nov. 26-Dec. 17 Storytime with Santa Claus Gather around Santa's picture-book cottage to hear stories about the North Pole. Santa has been telling tales at NorthPark Center for more than 25 years, and you're invited to make it a part of your family's holiday tradition. NorthPark Center, 8687 North Central Expressway. northparkcenter.com

DALLAS: Nov. 26-Dec. 17 Visits and Portraits with Santa Claus Capture memories of a lifetime with one-on-one visits and portraits with Santa Claus. Children feel right at home in Santa Claus' cozy living room with a fireplace, holiday tree, and a comfy leather armchair. Take photos with your own camera or purchase professional portraits by Marc Robins Photography. NorthPark Center, 8687 North Central Expressway. northparkcenter.com

DALLAS: Dec. 1-17 "Black Nativity" Now in its 14th year, Langston Hughes' seasonal favorite, directed by Jiles King, is back for yet another year of theatrical wonderment. Don't miss this foot-stomping, toe-tapping, finger-snapping holiday favorite and experience the nativity story through gospel music. Bishop Arts Theatre Center, 215 S. Tyler St. bishopartstheatre.org

DALLAS: Dec. 11001 Arabian Nights: Classics at Cour Regard Experience 1001 Arabian Nights as never before. An evening of literary exploration from performances and music to a culinary pairing of hors d'oeuvres and libations, the event offers a 21st-century perspective on one of history's most iconic works of literature. Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, 2719 Routh St. dallasinstitute.org

DALLAS: Dec. 1-31 Season of Science Celebration at the Perot Museum Your adventure begins at the Perot Museum with a monthlong celebration of science. Throughout floors filled with dinosaurs, robots, dazzling gems, and more, enjoy winter-themed programming and special holiday delights. With drop-in science activities and hands-on demonstrations, you'll experience winter science in fun and engaging ways. Discover the science behind the seasons as you explore how Earth's tilt and other factors affect weather in different parts of our planet. Play with condensation and frost to "de-mist-ify" the different states of matter. Perot Museum of Nature and Science, 2201 N. Field St. perotmuseum.org

DALLAS: Dec. 2 Celebrate the Holidays at Klyde Warren Park Presented by Nissan, enjoy big band classics, crafts, letters to Santa, and more. Activities throughout the day will include free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, holiday kids' crafts, a mailbox to send letters to Santa, face painting, food trucks, activities and demonstrations from Dallas' arts and cultural friends and neighbors, holiday music, and a new Big Band holiday show. The celebration culminates with the lighting of the tree. Klyde Warren Park. 2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway. klydewarrenpark.org

DALLAS: Dec. 2 Dallas Holiday Parade As one of the largest parades in the United States, this Dallas holiday tradition spans two generations of families while attracting a crowd of more than 500,000 spectators. The 30th annual parade will march through the streets of Downtown Dallas to ring in the holiday season. This year's parade will feature spirited marching bands, famous characters, magical holiday floats, larger-than-life balloons, and much more. Adolphus Hotel, 1321 Commerce St. adolphus.com

DALLAS: Dec. 2 Spotlight on Stick Bugs! Have you ever seen a walking stick bug? You probably walk by them all the time. Come learn about these camouflage experts and take one home for yourself. Backyard Wildlife Resource Center, 406 W. Belt Line Road. facebook.com/backyardwildliferesourcecenter

DALLAS: Dec. 5-17 "Dr Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical" Record-setting Broadway holiday sensation that features the hit songs "You're A Mean One Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas" from the original animated special. AT&T Performing Arts Center Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. attpac.org

DALLAS: Dec. 6-Jan. 7 "Fade" When Lucia, a young Mexican-born novelist, begins her dream career as a television writer in L.A., she finds herself much more comfortable with the only other Latino around, one of the janitors, than with anyone in the writers' room. This new comic-drama by Tanva Saracho, a writer for HBO's "Girls" and ABC's "How to Get Away with Murder," poses tricky questions about identity and community, as Lucia struggles to bridge the distance between where she came from and where she's going. Dallas Theater Center. dallastheatercenter.org

DALLAS: Dec. 6, 13, 20 A Different Perspective: Reading James Baldwin in the Digital Age

The author and activist used his pen as a voice for equality in race, sex, and class. UT-Arlington Professor of English Dr. Kenton Rambsy delves into some of Baldwin's most important and influential works. Rambsy's expertise in digital humanities pinpoints linguistic patterns and introduces data-driven discoveries that will illuminate Baldwin's deep influence on American culture. Gain a different perspective through this three-week class. Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, 2719 Routh St. dallasinstitute.org

DALLAS: Dec. 6 Sammons Jazz Showcasing the many styles of jazz performed by top local musicians in a historic setting. Every concert consists of two sets performed by two bands. Admission includes valet parking, a light dinner, and beverages. Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. sammonsjazz.com 214-520-7788

DALLAS: Dec. 8 Lady Gaga in Concert American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Ave. americanairlinescenter.com

DALLAS: Dec. 9 Don't Get Your Tinsel in a Tangle! The Texas Red Ribbon Events presents its annual Christmas show. This year's festivities will feature the comedic antics of the Austin Babtist Women alongside many of the DFW area's best performers. Admission is free and all proceeds benefit The Texas Red Ribbon Wish Network, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of Texas citizens—one good deed at a time. The Rose Room at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 214-785-2155

DALLAS: Dec. 10 BMW Dallas Marathon

Dating back to 1971, the organization hosts year-round events culminating with Dallas' largest and Texas' oldest running marathon. Now in its 47th running, the marguee race attracts runners from across the globe and hundreds of thousands of spectators to Dallas' largest single-day sporting event. Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas. bmwdallasmarathon.com

DALLAS: Dec. 16 "Asian Textiles: Art and Trade Along the Silk Road" Drawn from the DMA's collection, this exhibition showcases fine examples of garments and ornamental hangings. The works on view come from India, Central Asia, China, and Japan, with some objects featuring colored ink paintings on textile backgrounds. The garments range from a Japanese fireman's coat to an Indian sari and a Chinese dragon robe. "Asian Textiles" highlights the passage of luxury goods along the Silk Road between eastern Asia, India, and places like Uzbekistan. This historical trade route led to an interchange of arts and crafts from the Mediterranean to India and the Far East. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St.



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DALLAS: Dec. 19 "The King and I" Two worlds collide in the Lincoln Center Theater production directed by Bartlett Sher. One of Rodgers & Hammerstein's finest works, the musical boasts a score that features such beloved classics as "Getting To Know You" and "Something Wonderful." Set in 1860s Bangkok, the musical tells the story of the unconventional and tempestuous relationship that develops between the King of Siam and Anna Leonowners, a British schoolteacher whom the modernist king, in an imperialist world, brings to Siam to teach his many children. AT&T Performing Arts Center, 2403 Flora St. **attpac.org**

DALLAS: Dec. 28 Lone Star Circus' Cirque Joyeux 'Tis the season to swing from the rafters. Ring in 2018 with thrilling daredevils, electrifying jugglers, mesmerizing acrobats, hilarious clowns, and endearing four-legged performers. Dallas' very own Lone Star Circus gets you up close and personal with circus stars from around the world at this family-friendly New Year tradition. Dallas

Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman St. facebook.com/

dallaschildrenstheater

DALLAS: Dec. 28 Tall Tales Enjoy story time on the GeO-Deck every month. Children's librarians from the Dallas Public Library will present fun for ages 2-5 who love to jump around, hear a story, and sing a song. Seating is lounge inspired and will fill quickly. Reunion Tower, 300 Reunion Blvd. **reuniontower.com 214-712-7040**

DALLAS: Dec. 29-30 Lights All Night The largest end-of-the-year music festival in Texas and throughout the Southern United States will return to Dallas New Year's Eve weekend. Featured artists Bassnectar and Porter Robinson will be joined by a mix of both nationally recognized and up-and-coming acts in both EDM and hip-hop, including Illenium, Seven Lions, Ugly God, and Smokepurpp. Other key acts set to perform include AC Slater, Destructo, Drezo, and TOKiMONSTA, as well as a live set from Ookay. Niko The Kid, Vincent, and Whipped Cream. Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Freeway. **lightsallnight.com 214-655-6100**

DALLAS: Dec. 31 AT&T Streaming Lights at

Reunion Tower The celebratory fireworks show is one of the largest of its kind in the Central time zone featuring pyrotechnics fired from 560 feet above ground. The dazzling display will run for 8 minutes with a synchronized music score, and will feature more than 4,000 pyrotechnic special effects with the magnificent downtown skyline as its backdrop. Many locations around the city will host watch parties for revelers ringing in the New Year with the perfect view of Reunion Tower. The best vantage points will be on the west side of the Trinity River, along the levees and Trinity Overlook Park, or Trinity Groves. Due to safety requirements, the Reunion Tower lawn will be closed to the public. Reunion Tower, 300 Reunion Blvd. facebook.com/dallaschildrenstheater

DENISON: Nov. 24-Jan. 2 Denison on Ice Enjoy outdoor ice skating downtown every day through the holidays and see Santa's workshop. Radio Vision Lot, 530 W. Main St. **denisonlive.com 903-463-5611**

DENISON: Nov. 24-Dec. 31 Holiday Lights at Loy Lake Drive through the park and tour a large venue of brilliant light displays. Loy Lake Park. **denisontexas.us 903-465-1551**

DENISON: Dec. 7 Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Main Street. denisontexas.us 903-465-1551

DENTON: Dec. 1 Holiday Lighting Festival of Denton Capture the true spirit of the holidays on the Downtown Denton Historic Square. There will be plenty of live local music, food, family fun, and joyful holiday spirit for this one-of-a-kind community event. Event includes the lighting of the Christmas tree on the historic courthouse lawn, visits with Santa, and a children's arts and crafts area. Downtown Denton Square, 110 W. Hickory St. **dentonholidaylighting.com 940-395-3581**

DENTON: Dec. 1-2 Wassail Weekend The Denton Main Street Association merchants host this event during the Friday of Denton's Holiday Lighting Festival and hold special tasting times again the day after. Wassail is a fussy old English word for hot cider. Some downtown merchants will stir up their best recipe to give free tastings for all ages during the city's annual holiday festivities. More merchants hold tastings that Saturday to win a coveted Wassail crown. Visitors are encouraged to taste the secret recipes of the warm holiday-spiced punch and then cast a vote for their favorite. Downtown Denton Square, 110 W. Hickory St. **dentonmainstreet.org 940-349-8529**

DENTON: Dec. 2 North Texas Horse Country Tour Wind your way through the beautiful North Texas Horse Country aboard a luxury motorcoach while a knowledgeable guide narrates the facts and back story of the area. Six behind-the-scene tours are offered each year. The tour visits two premier horse ranches

knowledgeable guide narrates the facts and back story of the area. Six behind-the-scene tours are offered each year. The tour visits two premier horse ranches where you can get an up-close and personal look at the equine industry. City of Denton Development Services Parking Lot, 210 S. Elm St. horsecountrytours.com 940-382-7895

ELGIN: Dec. 2 Hot Cocoa Stroll and Holiday by the Tracks Sample a variety of hot cocoa from downtown businesses and vote for your favorite during the hot cocoa stroll. Before or after cutting your Christmas tree at one of the two local tree farms, enjoy live music, shopping, pictures with Santa, art and artisans showcase, and lots of children's activities, plus a lighted Christmas parade at dusk followed by a live nativity. Elgin Public Library and Historic Downtown Elgin. elgintx.com

ELGIN: Dec. 2 VFD Lighted Christmas Parade
This event takes place the first Saturday of December at
dusk. Sponsored by the Elgin Volunteer Fire Department, this annual parade is a favorite of the locals as
well as the many visitors it attracts with the creativity
and diversity of its floats. The parade route follows Main
Street from 11th to Brenham Streets. Elgin Memorial
Park to Historic Downtown Elgin. 512-281-4025

ELGIN: Dec. 9 Holiday Sweater Weekend Wear your holiday sweater while you shop downtown and you might win prizes, special discounts, and participate in a Tackiest Holiday Sweater Contest. Enjoy store specials throughout downtown, and you can enjoy delicious dining options too. elgintx.com

ELGIN: Dec. 14 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in Historic Downtown Elgin. You will find diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists, and live music in many of the venues. Historic Downtown Elgin. elgintx.com

ELGIN: Dec. 16 The Art of Holiday Giving Downtown and Studio 621 This holiday season, consider a handcrafted gift. Enjoy a showcase of handcrafted items from local artists in the Elgin area. Studio 621 will be open with several artists sharing their creations, 28 N will be open hosting local artists, and Earthen Metals will be open with metalsmith demonstrations and guest artists. Downtown businesses will be featuring locally crafted and handcrafted items ranging from treenware to marshmallows. Historic Downtown Elgin. elgintx.com

ELGIN: Dec. 23 Stocking Stuffer Saturday
Last chance for shopping before Christmas—participating businesses will be featuring items to fill your stockings and offering great holiday specials. Historic Downtown Elgin. **elgintx.com**

ENNIS: Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-18 "A Christmas Carol" A thoughtful re-telling of the classic gem of redemption that will touch the heart of this beloved holiday. Theatre Rocks!, 505 NW Main St. theatrerocks.com 972-878-5126

ENNIS: Dec. 1-2, 8-10, 15-16 "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s

radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. Ennis Public Theatre, 113 N. Dallas St. ennispublictheatre.com 972-878-7529

ENNIS: Dec. 1-30 Lights of Ennis Enjoy a million twinkling lights and beautifully decorated windows as you stroll the streets of Historic Downtown Ennis in December. Be sure to bring your camera to take advantage of all the photo opportunities. Downtown Ennis, 119 N. Dallas St. visitennis.org 972-878-4748

FARMERSVILLE: Dec. 2 Farmers and Fleas Market Market features coffee, food, crafts, jewelry, soaps, antiques, home decor, plants, produce and more. The Onion Shed, 151 S. Main St. farmersvilletx.com 972-784-6846

FLATONIA: Dec. 1 Wonderful Winter Wine Walk Enjoy several one-ounce tastings of wines located in participating businesses around town. Enjoy shopping, friends, a wine bottle ring toss, door prizes, and an ugly sweater contest. 208 E. North Main St. **flatoniachamber.com 361-865-3920**

FLATONIA: Dec. 2 Merry Market, Cookie and Candy Carnival, and Santa! Find several arts and craft vendors along with a delicious cookie and candy carnival. Locals donate homemade goodies that can be purchased by the pound. Santa will also be on hand to talk to and take photos with. 208 E. North Main St. flatoniachamber.com 361-865-3920

FLATONIA: Feb. 10 Sweethearts Chocolate Walk At the second annual event, purchase a bag and then visit local participating business for various flavors of fresh chocolates made locally, and do some shopping too. In case you are wanting more chocolate, an auction of chocolate cakes, cookies, pies, and other locally homemade desserts can be purchased at the Civic Center beginning at 3 p.m.—the proceeds will be donated to a worthy organization. 208 E. North Main St. flatoniachamber.com 361-865-3920

FORT WORTH: Dec. 3 Christmas in the Stockyards
The Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District
and Stockyards Station will host its annual Christmas
event on the lawn of the Historical Livestock Exchange
Building, inside Stockyards Station and along East
Exchange Avenue. This is a free holiday event centered
on Western heritage activities that the entire family
can enjoy. Stockyards Station, 130 E. Exchange Ave.
stockyardsstation.com 817-625-9715

FORT WORTH: Dec. 8-10, 13-17, 20-24 Texas Ballet: "The Nutcracker" Come with Clara to a dreamland of heroic battles and breathtaking beauty in a holiday classic for all ages. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St. texasballettheater.org 817-763-0207

FORT WORTH: Dec. 31 Fort Worth Symphony New Year's: A Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald Grammy Award-winning singer Carmen Bradford, a household name and one of the greatest jazz vocalists alive today, joins the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St. fwsymphony.org 817-665-6000

FRISCO: Nov. 24-Dec. 31 Christmas in the Square
The largest choreographed lights and music display
in North Texas. The nightly show features more than
175,000 lights, 11.5 miles of wiring, and more than
8 miles of extension cords. Christmas in the Square
also features an outdoor ice skating rink, carriage
rides, Christmas tree lot, and much more. Want to see
it snow in Frisco? Snow flurries take place in Frisco
Square every 15 minutes on Fridays and Saturdays. The
light and music show is free to experience, but some
activities require a fee. Frisco Square, 8874 Coleman
Blvd. visitfrisco.com 972-292-5250

FRISCO: Dec. 2 Merry Main Street Kick off the Christmas season in Frisco with the tree-lighting ceremony. Frisco Square, 8874 Coleman Blvd. visitfrisco.com 972-292-5250

FRISCO: Dec. 16 Christmas in the Square Special Event Night This night only, enjoy activities including a parachuting Santa, holiday vendors, snow tubing, and more. Frisco Square, 8874 Coleman Blvd. visitfrisco.com 972-292-5250

GLEN ROSE: Dec. 2 Holiday Sunset Safari Dinner and Tour This event includes appetizers, shopping, exotic animals, a holiday meal, and more. There will be a guided wildlife tour before dinner. Reservations are required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 3022 CR 2010. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Dec. 2 International Cheetah Day
A family fun day celebrating cheetahs at the front gate.
The free event will have a fun learning station with
an activity. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 2299 CR 2008.
fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Dec. 5 Dyeing to Discover Insects In this homeschool class and tour, one Texas insect is the source of a beautiful red dye. After an overview of insects, we will find this insect in the wild, learn about it, and dye a bandana for you to keep. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. **fossilrim.org 254-897-2960**

GLEN ROSE: Dec. 11 Wolves: Friend Or Foe? In this homeschool class and behind-the-scenes tour, discover the habits and history of Fossil Rim's Mexican gray wolves, red wolves, and maned wolves, and enjoy the opportunity of viewing possibly all species. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. **fossilrim.org 254-897-2960**

GRANBURY: Nov. 24 - Dec. 23 Visit Santa House Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus. Bring your cameras/phones and take all the pictures you like. Event is free of charge. Gazebo on Granbury Square, 100 E. Pearl St. facebook.com/granburysanta.house 817-964-7220

GRANBURY: Dec. 7 S'mores with Santa This new addition to the Acton Nature Center's free events looks to become a Christmas tradition. Weather permitting, there will be a campfire setting at the pavilion for kids to make s'mores. Santa will arrive with all lights flashing and sirens ringing on board one of the DCBE-Acton fire trucks before moving to the cozy setting of the 1930s Farm House, where he will visit with each child to hear their wishes for a happy Christmas. While the children wait their turn to see Santa, they will be able to enjoy the craft station set up by area volunteers. Parents are welcome to take photos at any time or place during this event. Acton Nature Center of Hood County, 6900 Smoky Hill Court. actonnaturecenter.org 817-326-6005

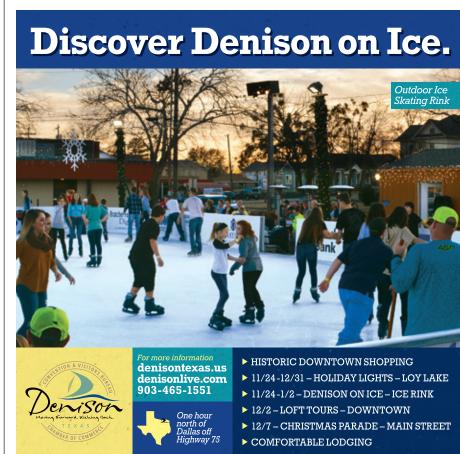
GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 1-3, 8-10 "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical" Enjoy a lively musical adaptation of this funny and touching holiday classic. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. artsgp.org 972-237-8786

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 1-Jan. 1 Prairie Lights Drive Thru Holiday Light Park Prairie Lights is a holiday light park featuring a two-mile drive through four million lights. Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy. prairielights.org 972-237-4120

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 2 Farmers Market: Empty Bowls The annual fundraiser is a popular sale of handmade pottery created by kids in GPISD. Come out and support these talented local kids and get one-of-a-kind pottery pieces for everyone on your list. Market Sqaure, 120 W. Main St. **gptx.org 972-237-4599**

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24
Holiday Market with Santa Have your photo taken
with Santa while you get into the spirit of Christmas with
thousands of vendors selling holiday gifts and more. Traders
Village, 2602 Mayfield Road. tradersvillage.com/
grand-prairie 972-647-2331





GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 2 Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant in Concert with Special Guest Jordan **Smith** Experience an unforgettable night of music full of your Christmas favorites. Verizon Theatre. 1001 Performance Place. verizontheatre.com

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 8 KSCS Country Fest Featuring Chris Young Join New Country 96.3 KSCS for this music festival featuring Chris Young, Kane Brown, and Tucker Beathard. Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Pkwy. verizontheatre.com 972-854-5050

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 12-17 "Every Christmas Story Every Told (and Then Some)" A madcap romp through the holiday season. Instead of performing Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic for the umpteenth time, three actors decide to perform every Christmas story ever told—plus Christmas traditions from around the world, seasonal icons from ancient times to topical pop-culture, and every carol ever sung. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. artsgp.org 972-642-2787

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 15-16 "Cirque Dreams Holidaze" A new cirque show, Broadway musical, and family Christmas spectacular all in one. Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Pkwy. verizontheatre.com 972-854-5050

GRAPEVINE: Nov. 1-Jan. 31 "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" This seasonal exhibition examines the making of the animated classic "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and celebrates the anticipation, joy, and pitfalls of the holiday season in 50 of Charles M. Schulz's original Peanuts comic strips. The exhibit will also feature three activity areas: a letter to Santa writing station, a video nook to view the DVD program, and a photo opportunity. Tower Gallery, 636 S. Main St. grapevinetexasusa.com

GRAPEVINE: Nov. 10-Jan. 1 ICE! and Lone Star Christmas A walk-through holiday attraction, kept at a chilly 9 degrees and featuring two million pounds of handcarved ice sculptures and five slides. See Ma in her kerchief, Pa in his cap, and more as the classic holiday poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" comes to life. Gaylord Texan Resort, 1501 Gaylord Trail. grapevinetexcasusa.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Nov. 20-Jan. 6 Christmas on Main Enjoy the beautiful backdrop of the Victorian-style buildings dressed up with ribbons, bows, and wreaths set aglow with twinkling lights. Tractor-drawn wagon rides will depart behind the gazebo during select hours. Rides are \$1 per person, per ride, and proceeds benefit the historic preservation of Nash Farm. Historic Downtown Grapevine. **grapevinetexasusa.com 817-410-3185**

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 1-23 Favorite Christmas Films at the Palace Theatre Enjoy classic Christmas films including "A Christmas Carol," "A Christmas Story," "It's a Wonderful Life," "White Christmas," "A Charlie Brown Christmas," and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Palace Theatre, 300 S. Main St. palace-theatre.com 817-410-3100

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 2 A Merry Little Christmas Show with Ricki Derek Crooner Ricki Derek's one-of-a-kind Christmas show returns. Palace Theatre, 300 S. Main St. grapevinetexasusa.com 817-410-3100

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 3 "Elvis Christmas Classic" Celebrate the season with a magical night of Christmas Classics in the style of Elvis Presley, performed by one of the best in the business, Kraig Parker. Palace Theatre, 300 S. Main St. grapevinetexasusa.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 7 Parade of Lights Bring the entire family to the Parade of Lights, the largest lighted Christmas parade in North Texas. This Grapevine tradition features more than 100 lighted floats and marching bands. Look for Santa Claus on the last float. Come early to claim your spot along Historic Main Street to watch this exciting holiday event. Historic Downtown Grapevine. **grapevinetexasusa.com 817-410-3185**

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 14-16 Gentri: The Gentlemen Trio Present Finding Christmas The Gentlemen Trio is comprised of three highly trained tenors: Brad Robins, Casey Elliott, and Bradley Quinn Lever. Pioneering a signature sound that can only be described as "Cinematic Pop." the music is transfused with lush, epic orchestrations and rich, dynamic three-part harmonies. Palace Theatre, 300 S. Main St. palace-theatre.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 17-18 "A Forever Young Christmas" A heartwarming show for the Holidays telling the true story of how five best friends discovered and fell in love with music. Join the guys on a musical journey to see where music has taken each of them in life. Packed with pop, country, rock 'n' roll, and Christmas classics, "A Forever Young Christmas" is the perfect show to get you in the Christmas spirit. Palace Theatre, 300 S. Main St. grapevinetexasusa.org 817-410-3100

IRVING: Dec. 16 Holiday in Vienna Feel the excitement as the LCSO and quest conductor Oliver Weder celebrate a holiday in Vienna. The orchestra will be joined by versatile tenor Andrew Surrena. Winter favorites will have sugar plum fairies dancing in your head as you take part in the LCSO's annual holiday sing-along. It's perfect for families and children of all ages. Irving Arts Center—Carpenter Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. irvingartscenter.com 972-252-4800

LA GRANGE: Dec. 2 Christmas Open House

View vintage decorated homes in the 1890s Czech Village; see museum displays; and shop the Czech gift shop for Czech crystal, ornaments, CDs, books, T-shirts, caps, garnet jewelry, dishes, and more. Chicken noodle soup and sandwich lunch available. Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center, 250 W. Fairgrounds Road. czechtexas.org 888-785-4500

LA GRANGE: Dec. 7 Schmeckenfest on the Square Entering into its 10th year, this community event attracts visitors to the Square to sample more than 25 different types of wassail (hot cider) made by various business owners and community leaders. The wassail competition brings the allure of the coveted honor of being named Schmeckenmeister, an honor which lasts until the next Schmeckenfest festival. This small-town Christmas festival also includes delicious treats sold by local nonprofit organizations and a visit from Santa. The festivities begin with a Christmas parade and lighting of the county Christmas tree on the Courthouse lawn. There are also a number of children's activities including a bounce house, Schmecken-ball pit, and Christmas cookie decorating. Fayette County Courthouse Square, 151 N. Washington St.

LEWISVILLE: Dec. 2 Lewisville Christmas Parade This morning of holiday activities in Old Town Lewisville kicks off with the Motorcycle Toy Run and Pancake Breakfast with Santa, and concludes with the Huffines Auto Dealerships Lewisville Christmas Parade, featuring a special appearance by Santa

himself. 151 W. Church St. cityoflewisville.com

visitlagrangetx.com 979-968-3017

972-219-3041 **LOCKHART: Dec. 1-2 A Dickens Christmas in Lockhart** Kicks off Friday evening with a lighted Christmas parade. Saturday includes food and craft vendors, 19th-century Dickens' characters, and entertainment in front of the library and around the courthouse square. Dr. Eugene Clark Library, 217 S. Main St. clark-library-lockhart.org 512-398-3223

MADISONVILLE: Dec. 2 Annual Night Time Parade Watch beautifully lighted floats and a parade from Lake Madison through downtown Madisonville, where Santa will make his debut and offer cookies and drinks to the children as he takes gift requests. Downtown Madisonville, 113 W. Trinity St. madisoncountychamberofcommerce.com 936-348-3591

MCKINNEY: Sept. 2-Feb. 18 Dinosaurs Live! An annual exhibit featuring animatronic dinosaurs stationed along nature trails. Closed Mondays. Heard

Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. heardmuseum.org 972-562-5566

MCKINNEY: Dec. 2-3 Holiday Tour of Homes Tour decorated homes in Chestnut Square and throughout McKinney's historic district. Chestnut Square & McKinney's historic district, 315 S. Chestnut. chestnutsquare.org 972-562-8790

MCKINNEY: Dec. 3 Free Christmas Band Concert Get vourself into the holiday spirit with a free concert of favorite holiday music by the all-volunteer McKinney Community Band. McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee. mckinneyband.com

MCKINNEY: Dec. 9 McKinney Parade of Lights Presented by McKinney Rotary Club, join Grand Marshal Burton Gilliam and special guest Santa for an evening parade around the downtown square that'll feature all three high school bands, historic military vehicles, and plenty of Christmas lights and cheer. Historic Downtown Square, 111 N. Tennessee. mckinneyparadeoflights.com

MCKINNEY: Dec. 15-16 Holidays at the Heard This event brings the beauty of the holiday season into nature. See lights and holiday decor along a half-mile Heard nature trail. In keeping with the Heard's role as a nature preserve, this light display is designed to enhance, rather than overpower, the sanctuary's natural beauty. Children and the young at heart will enjoy the opportunity to have a photo taken with Father Christmas and Mother Nature in a festive setting. Enjoy hot beverages and treats, family-friendly entertainment, and local musicians. Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. heardmuseum.org 972-562-5566

MCKINNEY: Dec. 15-17 Third Monday Trade Days One of the largest flea markets in North Texas features more than 450 vendors. It is held the weekend before the third Monday of each month. Parking \$5 on Saturdays and Sundays before 3 p.m. Admission free. 4550 W. University. **tmtd.com 972-562-5466**

MESQUITE: Dec. 1-31 Teachers of Mesquite ISD **Art Exhibit** This art show features works from the art teachers of the Mesquite Independent School District. Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Dec. 2-3 Christmas in the Park Westlake Park is filled with a festive spirit and twinkling lights for this free event. Some events have separate fees. Westlake Park, 421 Gross Road. cityofmesquite.com/pard 972-216-6260

MESQUITE: Dec. 2 Mesquite Community Band Concert Enjoy a free concert performed by the Mesquite Community Band. Meguite Arts Center Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquitecommunityband.com 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Dec. 8 Dallas Chamber Choir Mesquite Arts Council presents this chamber ensemble of professional musicians, music educators, and solo performing artists from North Texas performing diverse programs of choral literature. Get into the holiday spirit with this free concert. Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Dec. 9 Florence Ranch Homestead **Tours** Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc., tours are held on the second Saturday of every month. Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

MESQUITE: Dec. 16 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Concert: Music of the Season Mequite Arts Center Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquitesymphony.org

MEXIA: Nov. 30-Dec. 2 Mistletoe, Music, and Magic Christmas Festival The three-day event kicks off with a Christmas Parade of Lights, followed by

vendor booths and music. Visitors will find hand-crafted jewelry, decor, and crafts at inside booths, along with food and larger items at outdoor booths. A DJ performs onstage throughout the event. Mexia Civic Center, 101 McKinney St. mexiachamber.com 254-562-5569

NAVASOTA: Dec. 9 Home for the Holidays

Festivities include ice skating, a toboggan tunnel, and snow maze. The lighted Christmas parade at 6 p.m. is followed by the lighting of the City Hall Christmas tree. Downtown Navasota, 200 E. McAlpine. visitnavasota.com 936-825-6475

PLANO: Nov. 25-Dec. 30 "The Three Musketeers" Theatre Britain presents this traditional British panto. It's a fairy-tale presented as a melodrama with wacky characters, songs, corny jokes, and lots of audience participation. Rated G. Cox Building Playhouse, 1517 H Avenue theatre-britain.com 972-490-4202

PLANO: Dec. 1-30 Deerfield Lights Drive through this famous Plano neighborhood in December for a spectacular holiday lights display. Deerfield is located between Preston Road and Coit Road, north of Legacy. Deerfield Subdivision. **deerfieldplano.org**

PLANO: Dec. 1 Dickens in Historic Downtown **Plano** City of Plano's annual tree lighting and holiday celebration. Festive music and dance performances, tons of food, kids activities, and a visit from Santa. Haggard Park, 901 Springbrook Dr. visitplano.com

PLANO: Dec. 2 Lantern Light Holiday Event

The museum will be transformed into an old-fashioned twinkly-lighted winter wonderland for its annual holiday celebration. Step back in time to 1929 when an unusual snowstorm blanketed Texas with snow. Family activities, music, food, crafts, and much more. Heritage Farmstead Museum, 1900 W. 15th St. heritagefarmstead.org 972-881-0140

PLANO: Dec. 8-23 "It's a Wonderful Life—A Live **Radio Show** See this holiday favorite live on stage—a show-within-a-show, where a cast of actors is preparing to present "It's a Wonderful Life" live to the listening audience, Art Centre Theatre, 5220 Village Creek Dr. arts-people.com 214-810-3228

PLANO: Dec. 9 Plano Lions Christmas Parade Marching bands, festive floats, drill team, cheer squad, firetrucks, clowns, and Santa, Starts on 15th Street and goes north on Independence then east on Parkhaven. Plano ISD Admin Building, 1509 H Avenue, visitplano.com or christmas.planolions.org

PLANO: Dec. 9-17 The Gift of Christmas

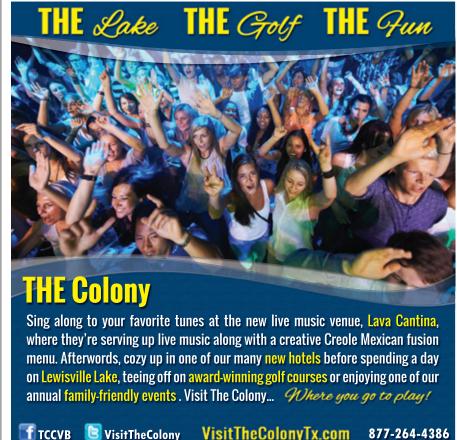
This spectacular multimedia presentation includes a show, favorite songs, and the gospel message brought to life. Several performances daily. Sells out fast. Prestonwood Baptist Church, 6801 W. Park Blvd. prestonwoodgoc.org 888-424-3977

PLANO: Dec. 14 Downtown Plano Art and Wine Walk Stroll the downtown Plano arts district, sampling different wines in shops and galleries, listening to street musicians, and checking out artists and their wares. Raffle prizes are drawn at 9:15 p.m. Downtown Plano Arts District, 998 E. 15th St. planomagazine.com/ wine or visitplano.com 972-468-1588

PLANO: Dec. 17 Plano Symphony: Home for the **Holidays** Holiday favorites for orchestra and chorus; enjoy an audience sing-along, visitors from the North Pole, and the great pipe organ. There will be two shows: 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 5801 W. Plano Pkwy. planosymphony.org 972-473-7262

RICHARDSON: Dec. 11 Keyboard Conversations: Beethoven and Friends Enjoy a concert with lively commentary by renowned pianist Jeffrey Siegel. This format makes the music more accessible and the listening experience more focused and meaningful. This concert program will include Haydn's vivacious, humorous Sonata in D; Mozart's deeply personal, contemplative





Rondo in A Minor and jolly Gigue; and Beethoven's tempestuous Sonata Pathetique. Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations, 2351 Performance Dr. eisemanncenter.com

ROUND TOP: Dec. 9 "The Nutcracker" Round Top Festival Institute presents an encore performance of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic. The legendary ballet will be danced by children, for children of all ages—this year's production celebrates the 10th annual performance danced by Ovation, a youth ballet company in residency at Dancers Workshop in Austin. Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Road. **festivalhill.org 979-249-3129**

ROUND TOP: Dec. 9 Christmas at Winedale

Bring the family to tour period-furnished 19th-century Texas homes, enjoy theatre performances, watch folk life presentations, and view demonstrations of blacksmithing, woodworking, folk dancing, lace making, and pioneer encampment. For children there will be old-fashioned crafts and games, a petting zoo, and Weihnachtsmann—a German Santa Claus. Horse-drawn carriages and musical entertainment too. Free and open to the public. Winedale Historical Complex, 3738 FM 2714. 979-278-3530

SEALY: Dec. 1-2 Fantasy of Lights Thrown by The Sealy Community Foundation, this three-day family-friendly celebration includes the Jingle Bell Fun Run, sleigh and train rides, live performances, arts and crafts, and a barbecue cookoff. The festival closes with the Fantasy of Lights Parade through downtown. Abe & Irene Levine Family Park, 406 Main St. **sealymainstreet.com 979-885-3222**

SEALY: Dec. 9 Sealy Main Street Market

Locally grown produce, handmade goods, and homemade foods on the second Saturday of every month. Historic Downtown Sealy, SH 36 and Main Street. sealymainstreet.com 979-627-6136

SEGUIN: Dec. 8-9 The Big Red Barn Country

Christmas Country Christmas is an evening filled with twinkling lights and sounds of Christmas. There will be several choirs singing in the Zion Church, and Santa will be making an appearance too. You can also participate in the Country Christmas Dash 5K. Texas Agricultural Education & Heritage Center, 390 Cordova Road. texagedu.org 830-379-0933

SHINER: Dec. 7 Christmas in the Park Festive community gathering with tables of delicacies offered by various organizations, beautiful holiday lights and lighting of the Christmas wreath, arrival of Santa Claus, and bags of treats for children. Welhausen Municipal Park, 900 Avenue E. **shinertx.com 361-594-4180**

SMITHVILLE: Dec. 2 Festival of Lights and Parade Get in the holiday spirit with live entertainment at the gazebo, plenty of food, drinks, shopping, fellowship and fun. Features a lighted parade in the evening. Smithville Recreation Center, 106 Royston St. smithvilletx.org 512/237-2313

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Nov. 25, Dec. 2 Christmas in the Park Visitors can enjoy a spectacle of lights, strolling carolers, musicians, a live nativity scene, and Santa Claus. Free hot cocoa, coffee, punch, cookies, and other goodies are served in various building on the grounds. Most of the historic buildings are open, with volunteers dressed in period costumes to help give the feeling of stepping into the past. Hopkins County Museum and Heritage Park, 416 N. Jackson St. hopkinscountymuseum.org 903-885-2387

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Dec. 1 Christmas Festival on Celebration Plaza Enjoy a lighting of the Christmas tree on the square, trolley rides to Heritage Park, a snow tiger

on the square, trolley rides to Heritage Park, a snow tiger exhibit, and a snow slide. Celebration Plaza, Downtown Sulphur Springs, 120 Main St. visitsulphurspringstx.org 903-885-5614

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Dec. 1 Lighted Christmas Parade Friends and family enjoy the sights and sounds

of the season at one of Sulphur Springs' favorite family traditions, the annual Lions' Club Christmas parade. Downtown Sulphur Springs, Buford Park to Celebration Plaza. visitsulphurspringstx.org 903-885-5614

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Dec. 2-3 North East Texas Choral Society Christmas Concert Cap the Christmas Festival weekend with this 20th annual concert performed by the North East Texas Choral Society. Performances are Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Hopkins County Civic Center, 1200 Houston St. facebook.com/northeasttexaschoralsociety or netchoral.org

TEMPLE: Dec. 1 First Friday On the first Friday of every month, Historic Downtown Temple transforms into a giant party, with street music and performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. Downtown Temple. **discovertemple.com 254-298-5378**

TEMPLE: Dec. 2 Insane Inflatable 5K Experience the most fun, wild, and insane obstacle run in the world. Get "pumped up" for a course filled with the world's largest and most extreme inflatable obstacles ever produced. Here's your chance to be a kid at heart, and insane by choice. Temple Lion's Park, 4320 Lions Park Road. **insaneinflatable5k.com 254-298-5501**

TEMPLE: Dec. 2 Santa Fest Holiday Market

Get in the spirit of the season and enjoy arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, and great deals from local merchants. Admission to the market is free; however merchandise and food are purchased on your own. The holiday market has a new location this year due to downtown construction. Frank W. Mayborn Center, 3303 N. Third St. discovertemple.com 254-298-5900

TEMPLE: Dec. 4 Temple Christmas Parade

Bundle up and bring your friends and family to downtown Temple for this annual Christmas tradition. This year the parade theme will be Rockin' around the Christmas Tree. Downtown Temple, Adams Avenue. discovertemple.com 254-298-5440

TEMPLE: Dec. 16 Bend of the River Christmas Enjoy visits with Santa, arts and crafts, a snow slide, and caroling. Bend of the River, 7915 S. General Bruce Dr. discovertemple.com 254-298-5774

WACO: Dec. 1 Dr Pepper Christmas Festivities include musical performances, food, beverages, hot Dr Pepper, holiday crafts, a photo booth, and of course Santa will be there too. Dr Pepper Museum, 300 S. Fifth St. drpeppermuseum.com 254-757-1025

WACO: Dec. 1-3 Waco Wonderland Kick off the holiday season with a three-day holiday event for the whole family, where you'll find food, fun, and cheer. Enjoy a Ferris Wheel, live entertainment, art vendors, carriage rides, a snow hill, and much more. Heritage Square, Third Street and Washington Avenue. waco-texas.com 254-750-5600

WACO: Dec. 2-31 Trains at the Mayborn Museum

Welcome back the Central Texas Area Model railroaders and their trains. The extensive train set-up will include elaborate scenes of bridges and trestles, cities and towns, and depict both the past and present. The young and young-at-heart will enjoy imagining the excitement of being a train engineer. Mayborn Museum, 1300 S. University Parks Dr. baylor.edu/mayborn 254-710-1110

WACO: Dec. 8-9 Doris Miller Hometown Heroes Weekend Step back in time and visit battlefronts in WWII and the Vietnam War during this living-history weekend. Experience battle re-enactments, demonstrations, displays, vendors, entertainment, and more for all ages. Remembering Doris Miller, a Navy hero raised in Waco. Downtown Waco. facebook.com/dorismillerhometownheroes 254-750-8697

WACO: Dec. 18-22 'Twas the Week Before Christmas Join staff and friends of the Mayborn for special Christmas-themed events and activities.

Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Dr. baylor.edu/mayborn 254-710-1110

WACO: Dec. 28-30 RAM Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo Don't miss the thrilling rodeo action as the best cowboys and cowgirls from the Texas circuit compete for top honors. Spectators will enjoy seven rodeo events (bareback riding, bull riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping, and barrel racing) along with the fan favorite: mutton bustin'. Extraco Events Center, 4601 Bosque Blvd. extracoeventscenter.com 254-776-1660

WALLIS: Dec. 16 Christmas Parade and Celebration An annual lighted Christmas parade followed by fun and entertainment with Santa Claus. Downtown Wallis, 330 Legion Road. wallischamber.com 979-478-6712

WYLIE: Dec. 2 Wylie Arts Festival More than 100 vendors with a selection of handmade fine art and craft items. Enjoy a Christmas parade followed by a tree lighting in Olde City Park. First Baptist Wylie Event Center, 200 N. Ballard Ave. wylietexas.gov 972-516-6016

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

ALICE: Dec. 5 Christmas Parade An annual illuminated night parade to kickoff Christmas with the lighting of downtown and the arrival of Santa Claus. Downtown, 500 E. Main. alicetxchamber.org 361-664-3454

ALICE: Dec. 5-18 Twelve Days of Christmas

Twelve nights of fun activities for all ages, including Letters to Santa, Pets with Santa, caroling in the park, and more. Downtown, 500 E. Main. alicetxchamber.org 361-664-3454

BEEVILLE: Through Dec. 15 "Fleeting Light: First and Last Light Over the Texas Landscape"

Exhibition of Texas landscape paintings by Austin-area artist Jeri Salter. View luminous pastels featuring majestic mountains and rolling plains, big Texas skies, and livestock grazing by the side of the road. Beeville Art Museum, 401 E. Fannin. bamtexas.org 361-358-8615

EDINBURG: Dec. 1 Night of Lights Parade and Festival Edinburg's holiday celebration kicks off with the lighting of the tree, live family entertainment, music, food booths, games, and more. Also, don't miss the beautiful lighted parade full of brightly decorated floats, plus the ever popular visit from Santa Claus. The parade begins on the corner of University Drive and Sugar Road and ends at the Town Square. Edinburg City Hall Courtyard, 415 W. University Dr. **edinburg.com 956-383-4974**

FLORESVILLE: Dec. 2 Opry A family-friendly event followed enjoy toe-tapping or dancing to live classic country music. Wilson County Show Barn Ball Room, 435 SH 97. **facebook.com/floresvilleopry 830-391-1062**

GEORGE WEST: Dec. 16 Artisans Market

Shop hundreds of artisan items just in time for Christmas, including handcrafted jewelry, furniture, afghans, plants, wreaths, blankets, soaps, photography, South Texas oil paintings, and quilts. Food trucks on site. Buck West House, 400 N. Nueces. **georgewest.org** 361-449-2033

GOLIAD: Dec. 2 Christmas Rendezvous and Trade Fair People will gather to trade the crafts and wares they have made and collected in a 21st-century adaptation of the ancient trade fair. Presidio La Bahia, 217 Loop 71. **presidiolabahia.org 361-645-3752**

LA VERNIA: Dec. 2 Christmas Market The second annual Christmas market offers Christmas shopping, a bake sale, food, and fun. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 310 Seguin St. Ivilc.org 830-216-0867

MCALLEN: Dec. 1-2 Christmas in the Park
Food, music, carnival rides, and a main stage and a

community stage with entertainment throughout the event. Photos with Santa will be available too. McAllen Municipal Park, On Tamarack between Bicentennial and 23rd Street. mcallenholidayparade.com 956-682-2871

MCALLEN: Dec. 2 McAllen Holiday Parade

The award-winning parade is the largest illuminated holiday and helium balloon parade in Texas. The 1.5-mile parade features more than 50 vibrant lighted floats, more than 30 larger-than-life inflatable character balloons, bands, and an international celebrity-filled lineup. McAllen Veterans Memorial Stadium, 2001

N. Bicentennial Blvd. mcallenholidayparade.com

956-681-1200

SAN ANTONIO: Sept. 21-Dec. 31 Fall Hudson Showroom and Main Space The Hudson Showroom, named after the Hudson automobile dealership that once occupied the space, features exhibitions that showcase work reflecting the organization's international scope. Previous featured artists include Jim Hodges, Catherine Opie, and Allen Ruppersberg. Artpace, 445 N. Main Ave. artpace.org 210-212-4900

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 9-Dec. 31 Fall International Artists-In-Residence Three times a year, Artpace invites a guest curator to choose three artists to live and create art in San Antonio for two months. Each residency cycle includes one international, one national, and one Texas-based artist. Artpace, 445 N. Main Ave. artpace.org 210-212-4900

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 17-Dec. 31 Zoo Lights-

Holiday Nights Spend the holidays at the San Antonio Zoo while strolling under an array of twinkling lights and sipping hot cocoa. Plus, decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus and roast s'mores by Christmas Tree Lake. Get into the holiday spirit during an electric light show set to an exciting soundtrack that will make you feel like you're at a dance party. Don't forget to visit Santa to tell him what's on your Christmas wish list and ride a camel. San Antonio Zoo, 3903 N. St. Mary's St. sazoo-aq.org/zoo_lights

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 18-Dec. 31 SeaWorld's

Christmas Celebration SeaWorld San Antonio is decking the halls for its annual holiday program. Enjoy live shows in a wintery, watery wonderland. Immerse your family in the spirit of the season, sip hot cocoa as you stroll through a sea of sparkling Christmas lights, and share laughs with a jolly Texas Santa Claus. SeaWorld San Antonio, 10500 Sea World Dr. seaworldparks.com

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 18-Jan. 18 Six Flags Fiesta Texas Holiday in the Park It's the most wonderful time of the year as Six Flags Fiesta Texas celebrates Holiday in the Park. Experience the park transformed into a winter wonderland after dark. Six Flags Fiesta Texas, 17000 I-10 West. sixflags.com/fiestatexas

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 25-Dec. 23 A Wonderland Christmas The world's first theme park designed with special-needs individuals in mind and built for everyone's enjoyment, Morgan's Wonderland will host its holiday event on Friday and Saturday evenings, Nov. 24-Dec. 16, plus Dec. 18-23. Enjoy a winter wonderland—sparkling lights, carolers, Santa Claus, and the 25-acre park's popular wheelchair-accessible rides and other attractions. Morgan's Wonderland, 5223 David Edwards Dr. morganswonderland.com

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 24-Dec. 31 Holidays in Bloom It's your chance to step away from the holiday whirlwind of traffic and malls and enjoy the season in nature. Guests will find many a spot to capture a memory at the Garden, with picturesque backgrounds for family photographs. San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. sabot.org

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 26-Dec. 2 Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza The 23rd annual weeklong mariachi music festival draws the world's top mariachi artists.

The extravaganza is the largest and longest-running mariachi music festival in Texas, and is known for presenting world-class artists. Various locations. mariachimusic.com 210-225-3353

SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 1-23 Christmas at the Caverns Returning to Natural Bridge Caverns for the 2017 holiday season, this event combines the sights and sounds of the holidays with its underground world of natural beauty and amazement. Enjoy shopping, refreshments, and a family photo op in front of a 30-foot-tall decorated Christmas tree. Experience the incredible sounds of Caroling in the Caverns and several other unique holiday attractions, such as the Hill Country Hayride, the AMAZEn' Reindeer Roundup, and the Christmas Village. Natural Bridge Caverns, 26495 Natural Bridge Caverns Road. naturalbridgecaverns.com

SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 1-3, 8-10, 15-17 Ford Fiesta de las Luminarias Experience the holiday serenity of the River Walk as you stroll along the lush banks of the San Antonio River guided by more than 6,000 luminarias. Warmly glowing lights in sand-filled bags line the walkways to symbolically mark the "lighting of the way" for the Holy Family. San Antonio River Walk, 418 Villita St. thesanantonioriverwalk.com

SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 1-22 Ford Holiday Boat Caroling During the Christmas season, four to five boats are used to rotate caroling groups who perform live Christmas carols along the 2.5 miles of downtown River Walk. More than 185 schools, churches, companies, and civic choral groups participate each year. Joyous caroling fills the evening air as the public is invited to stroll on the banks of the river or sit outdoors on a restaurant patio to enjoy the caroling. San Antonio River Walk, 418 Villita St. **thesanantonioriverwalk.com**

SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 9 Super Saturday: South Texas Holiday Traditions Imagine the holidays in South Texas during the 19th century. Visit the log cabins to drift back into a time when settlers kept their Old World traditions alive in their new homes in Texas. Create homemade holiday gifts such as candles, ornaments, mulled cider spices bags, and more. Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway St. wittemuseum.org

SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Celebrate San Antonio! Ring in the New Year San Antonio style. Enjoy spectacular fireworks, live music on multiple stages, food booths, family activities, and more. Festivities occur on South Alamo between Cesar Chavez and Market streets; La Villita; and HemisFair Park. **saparksfoundation.org**

SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 31 Tricentennial Kickoff and New Year's Eve Celebration The city kicks off its yearlong 300th anniversary celebration with an extraordinary New Year's Eve celebration and free outdoor commemorative concert. Roaming performers, interactive art installations, projections on buildings, imaginative lighting, and festive decorations will occupy eight acres of festival grounds and spill into the streets of downtown. Enjoy delectable international fare, games, pop-up performances, and more. The event will be punctuated by a spectacular fireworks show choreographed to music. Hemisfair Park, 434 S. Alamo St. sanantonio300.org 210-207-2300

WESLACO: Dec. 9 Mid Valley Lighted Christmas Parade and RGV Santa Dash Floats, marching bands, mascots, cars, and more all decked out in lights for an evening parade that starts at Pike Boulevard and travels all the way down Texas Boulevard into historic downtown Weslaco. Get there early to cheer on a stampede of festive and jolly running Santas. weslaco.com 956-968-2102

WESLACO: Dec. 21 Alfresco Weslaco A monthly street festival that features live music, vendor booths, and delicious food, all in the heart of downtown Weslaco. weslacodc.com 956-969-0838





JANUARY 2018

Picks across the state

LET IT SNOW

VEN IF WINTER doesn't bring snow to the Texas Gulf Coast, **Edna**'s Brackenridge Park will on **Jan. 20** for the eighth annual

Brackenridge Winter Carnival and Snow Day. Every year, the city hosts a day of winter wonder for residents who wouldn't normally get to experience the icy thrill of the season. The forecast predicts 80,000 pounds of snow-enough to make plenty of snowballs, snowmen, and snow angels in the park's two snow play areas. Additionally, quests can experience two snow slides (a 30-foot slide provides sledding experience for kids of all ages, but the younger crowd can also enjoy a tamer 20-foot slide), carnival games, inflatables, a s'mores-making station, face painting, hayrides, and concessions. Camp on-site the night before for half-off admission. For more information, visit

brackenridgepark.com.



COCKTAILS, ANYONE?

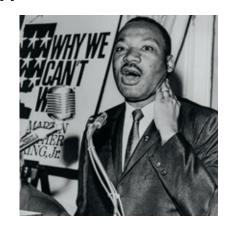
POR FIVE DAYS in January, in the lull between New Year's and Valentine's Day, **San Antonio** hosts a soiree that both raises money for children's charities and celebrates the craft cocktail movement. Founded by Mark Bohanon (whose namesake steakhouse may be the swankiest spot in San Antonio to sip a daiquiri) and the late Sasha Petraske, the **San Antonio Cocktail Conference** makes it easy to duck in for a quick nip of cocktail culture or stay for a weekend-long eye-opener; the conference sells individual tickets to seminars, tastings, and events. This year's event, **Jan. 10-14**, introduces a new jazz brunch at Jazz Texas and a cocktail party at the Villita Assembly Hall, which will be transformed into a whimsical underwater blowout. For more information, visit **sanantoniococktailconference.com**.

ADVANCING THE DREAM

HE PARADES, marches, and celebrations surrounding Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 15, honor the man and his nonviolent approach in the civil rights movement. Here are just a few of the events scheduled across Texas.

ARLINGTON: North Texas MLK Parade and Celebration The four-day celebration, Jan. 12-15, celebrates the civil rights leader's birthday with a spoken word competition, a step competition featuring the best in grade school stepping, a musical with more than 400 youth voices joining together in song on one stage, and a day of service. For more information, visit arlington-tx.gov/mlk.

AUSTIN: Martin Luther King March and Festival Join the march from the MLK statue at the University of Texas campus to historic Huston-Tillotson University to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy for Austin and the world. For more information, visit mlkcelebration.com.



HOUSTON: MLK Grand Parade Celebrating its 24th anniversary, the event is touted as the third-largest parade in the U.S., behind The Rose Parade and The Macy's Day Parade. With a broadcast viewing audience of more than 4 million, 300,000 spectators are expected to attend in per-

son to view 15 parade floats and 30 marching bands. For more information, visit **mlkgrandeparade.org**.

HOUSTON: Black Heritage Society's MLK Parade and Celebration The 40th annual celebration—the first MLK Day parade in the nation—honors King's legacy with a commemorative parade and festive community activities throughout the weekend. For more information, visit blackheritagesociety.org.

SAN ANTONIO: City of San Antonio Martin Luther King Jr. March San Antonio hosts ones of the largest marches in the nation, with approximately 300,000 participants. The City of San Antonio's Martin Luther King Jr. Commission will continue its commemoration of the civil rights leader's legacy by celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first March for Justice organized by the late Rev. Dr. Raymond "R.A." Callies Sr., a San Antonio teacher and pastor. For more information, visit sanantonio.gov/mlk.

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JANUARY 2018 > BIG BEND COUNTRY



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Dates for events listed in this calendar are subject to change. Please confirm dates in advance by calling the number listed or by contacting the local chamber of commerce or convention and visitors bureau.

BIG BEND COUNTRY

DEL RIO: Jan. 6 Val Verde Junior Livestock Show and Barbecue 4-H youth exhibit their livestock projects to the public. Val Verde Fairgrounds, 2006 N. Main St. **valverde.agrilife.com 830-775-7591**

FORT STOCKTON: Jan. 13-14 Pecos County
Livestock Show This county-wide event provides youth
the opportunity to compete with their various 4-H and
FFA projects such as showing lambs, goats, steers; an
entomology contest; plant ID; a pet show and horse
show; an auction; and a dance. Pecos County Coliseum,
US 285 and Airport Drive. 432-336-2541

MONAHANS: Jan. 6 Resolution Run Event features 10K and 5K runs and 1-mile health walk through the scenic Monahans Sandhills State Park. 2500 I-20, Exit 86. monahans.org 432-943-2187

ODESSA: Nov. 30-Jan. 1 Annual Tree Lighting, Parade, and Starbright Village The largest display of lights in the Permian Basin—more than 270,000 lights and holiday-themed displays bring the holiday season to life. Whether you're walking or driving through, this event will bring out your holiday spirit as the lights shine bright and the holiday music plays over the radio. McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road. odessatx.gov 432-368-3548

ODESSA: Jan. 5-13 Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo This annual January schedule makes this event one of the first rodeos on the PRCA circuit. Cowboys and cowgirls compete for top prizes at the only stock show strictly dedicated to the Hereford breed. Other activities include a quarter horse show, a rodeo, dances, and a Tex-Mex barrel race to round out the weeklong event. Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Hwy. sandhillsstockshow.com 432-366-3951

PECOS: Jan. 11-13 Reeves County Junior Livestock Show, Sale, and Barbecue Weigh-in for all animals will be held on Thursday. The livestock show includes beef cattle, sheep, goats, and swine. It also has a delicious barbecue dinner. Reeves County Civic Center, 1500 S. Cedar St. **432-448-0635 or 432-445-2406**

PINE SPRINGS: Jan. 27 Youth Bird Count

Bring your kids (8-16 years old) to the third annual event and discover how fun birding as a family can be. Participants will learn basic binocular and bird identification skills. There will be a ranger-led birding hike to Smith Springs. Teams will keep a bird list and compare notes and compete as teams after the hike to see which have identified the most bird species. Bring outdoor winter wear, water, and a sack lunch. Snacks will be served. Meet at the Pine Springs Visitor Center. Guadalupe Mountains National Park, 400 Pine Canyon Dr. nps.gov/gumo 915-828-3251

PINE SPRINGS: Jan. 31 Sunset Hike to the Salt Basin Dunes This moderately difficult hike (3 miles round-trip, some portions of steep dunes) offers excellent views of the Western Escarpment and is one of the best spots in the park to watch the sunset. Join a ranger to witness the full moon as it makes the white dunes glow. Hiking without a flashlight is a new way to discover this quiet and beautiful desert environment. Dress for the weather (lows in the 20s are typical), and bring food and water. This event will be canceled during inclement weather. Meet at the Salt Basin Dunes Trailhead. Guadalupe Mountains National Park, 400 Pine Canyon Dr. nps.gov/gumo 915-828-3251

VAN HORN: Jan. 19-20 Culberson County Stock Show The stock show and sale is accompanied by family activities, a barbecue, and a Western dance. Van Horn Rodeo Arena & Community Center, 300 Jones St. vanhorntexas.us 432-283-8440

GULF COAST

BEAUMONT: Jan. 13 Drillers Reunion: Spindletop's 117th Anniversary Celebration Celebrate the anniversary of the Lucas Gusher with live re-enactments, blacksmithing and printing demonstrations, crafts, games, music, food, and more. And, of course, an anniversary celebration would not be complete without blowing the gusher. Spindletop Gladys City/Boomtown Museum, 5550 Jimmy Simmons Blvd. spindletop.org 409-880-1750

BEAUMONT: Jan. 20-Feb. 3 "One Monkey Don't Stop No Show" Don Evans' comedy explores the clash of values between middle-class and working class African-Americans living in the 1970s.
Beaumont Community Players, 4155 Laurel Ave. beaumontcommunityplayers.com 409-833-4664

CORPUS CHRISTI: Jan. 17 Winter Lecture Series:

Grow Local South Texas Enjoy lectures every Wednesday covering a variety of unique nature and horticulture topics that define the South Texas Environment. Included in general admission; members free. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. **361-852-2100**

CORPUS CHRISTI: Jan. 20 Relaxing Herbal Tea Remedies Learn which herbs to plant, and tea recipes for various remedies, with Susan Sparks of Chiron Holistic. Included in general admission; members free. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-852-2100

CORPUS CHRISTI: Jan. 24 Winter Lecture Series: Rainwater Harvesting Enjoy lectures every Wednesday covering a variety of unique nature and horticulture topics that define the South Texas Environment. Included in general admission; members free. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-852-2100

CORPUS CHRISTI: Jan. 31 Winter Lecture Series: Sensational Succulents Enjoy lectures every Wednesday covering a variety of unique nature and horticulture topics that define the South Texas Environment. Included in general admission; members free. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-852-2100

FREEPORT: Jan. 15 MLK Day Parade and

Celebration A celebration of the holiday honoring the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to perpetuate his memory and the legacy of his achievements for future generations. Parade starts in Downtown Freeport and ends at Freeport Municipal Park. Freeport Municipal Park, 410 N. Brazosport Blvd. **mlkcc.org** 979-297-2801

GALVESTON: Nov. 11-Jan. 7 Ice Land at Moody Gardens Explore a 28,000-square-foot "ice land" with a new Rainforest Holiday theme for 2017. Professional ice carvers will use 2 million pounds of ice to create an amazing exhibit that includes a Shivers Ice Bar serving cool libations for adults. Moody Gardens, 1 Hope Blvd. moodygardens.org

GALVESTON: Jan. 7 Galveston Symphony

Orchestra Dr. Trond Saeverud conducts this "Happy New Year" pops concert. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Jan. 13 The Official Blues Brother Revue Wayne Catania and Kieron Lafferty return as Jake and Elwood Blues. Backed by a powerhouse band, their performance is packed with classic hits from the Blues Brothers catalog, including "Soul Man," "Rubber Biscuit," "Sweet Home Chicago," and more. An evening of rock, blues, and soul fun. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Jan. 18 "Pete the Cat" When Pete the Cat gets caught rocking out after bedtime, the cat-catcher sends him to live with the Biddle family to learn his manners—and boy are they square. But for the groovy blue cat, life is an adventure no matter where you wind up. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. **thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894**

GALVESTON: Jan. 20-21 The Oak Ridge Boys in Concert Always entertaining and still going strong, the performers return to The Grand for their annual concerts featuring their unparalleled four-part harmony and string of No. 1 hits from Billboard's country singles charts. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Jan. 26 German Cornejo's "Tango Fire" Tango master German Cornejo and his sensuous partner Gisela Galeassi are joined by an outstanding cast including World Tango Champions and dancers from the greatest tango houses in Buenos Aires. Coupled with Cornejo's sublime choreography and accompanied by unforgettable music and songs of the great tango masters including Piazzolla, Pugliese, and Gardel, this exhilarating show combines the raw, sophisticated, seductive, and sultry sides of tango. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

HOUSTON: Through-Jan. 7 "Storyline: The Contemporary Quilt" The exhibit highlights the spectrum of contemporary quilt-making techniques and traditions. As living artifacts that change over time, historically, quilts have depicted personal histories and fostered community-building throughout many different cultures. Storyline brings together a diverse selection of quilters, including Kathryn Clark, Carolyn Mazloomi, Aaron McIntosh, and Anna Von Mertens, who utilize various techniques, patterns, and materials to document their stories as well as comment on broader cultural narratives.



Each artist uses the language of fiber to capture the unique content of his or her work. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. crafthouston.org 713-529-4848

HOUSTON: Dec. 2-Jan. 4 "Wild Abandon" Artists Thomas Irven and Margaret Miller's exhibit features Irven's elegant and whimsical turned-wood forms displaying a cunning variety of detail, and Miller's oil paintings, which investigate a range of emotion expressed through the use of color, tone, light, and brushstroke. Archway Gallery, 2305 Dunlavy. archwaygallery.com 713-522-2409

HOUSTON: Jan. 15 MLK Grande Parade Midtown Houston The 24th annual parade is one of the largest single-day multicultural events in the U.S. held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The parade will be held in Houston's midtown originating on San Jacinto Street at Elgin Street, and will feature more than 300 culturally diverse performance groups from across the nation, including 30 award-winning marching bands. Midtown Houston, 1200 Holman St. mlkgrandeparade.org 713-953-1633

HOUSTON: Jan. 20 Liederabend, The Saengerbund Awards Eight national finalists compete in concert for \$7,500 in prize money. Repertoire includes selections from opera, oratorio, German operetta, Lieder, and folk song. First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1311 Holman St. houstonsaengerbund.org 713-375-2729

HOUSTON: Jan. 23 Charles Ives' America: Hymns Songs, Sonatas Few composers have drawn as much literal inspiration from their childhood home as the American mayerick Charles Ives. In this imaginative project presented by Da Camera, award-winning pianist Jeremy Denk colllaborates with violinist Stefan Jackiw and members of the Houston Chamber Choir to explore

Ives's unparalleled invention. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

JONES CREEK: Jan. 6 S.F. Austin Funeral

Re-enactment Trace the steps of Stephen F. Austin's Funeral Procession. Colonel Austin's "body" will leave the first capital of the Republic in West Columbia by wagon and will go to Gulf Prairie Cemetery in Jones Creek. Singing and burial re-enactment at the gravesite. Gulf Prairie Cemetery, 231 Gulf Prairie Road. 979-248-5961

LA MARQUE: Nov. 10-Jan. 2 Magical Winter Lights

The 50-day festival showcases more impressive and creative lantern sets than ever before, this year featuring seven fascinating themed sections including Magical Wonderland, Santa's Christmas Village, Dinosaur Land, and the festival's newest section: The Lone Star State—featuring a 36-foot-tall cowboy lantern and a maze leading to eight Texas icons and buildings. There will be nightly acrobatic performances, authentic arts and crafts created by skilled Chinese artisans, amusement rides and games, live entertainment, a holiday market, and an expanded dinosaur exhibit complete with dinosaur rides. Gulf Greyhound Park, 1000 FM 2004. magicalwinterlights.com

LAKE JACKSON: Jan. 6 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historic archeological site of Major Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston in 1900. Discover the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. Abner Jackson Plantation Site. FM 2004 near SH 332. lakejacksonmuseum.org 979-297-1570

LAKE JACKSON: Jan. 20 Bird Banding Volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station is an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn all the birds of the Brazosport area. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332. qcbo.orq 979-480-0999

LAKE JACKSON: Jan. 20 Dee Dee Bridgewater in **Concert** Few entertainers have ever commanded such depth of artistry in every medium. Fewer still have been rewarded with Broadway's coveted Tony Award, and three Grammy Awards. The Clarion, 500 College Dr.

ORANGE: Through July 14 "The World War I

clarion.brazosport.edu 979-230-3156

Homefront: Orange Goes Over the Top" New at The W.H. Stark House, this exhibit shares stories of how the Stark family and the people of Orange supported the war effort. Learn about the active role the family took in boosting troop morale, helping the Red Cross, and supplying our troops abroad. The W.H. Stark House, 610 W. Main Ave. starkculturalvenues.org/whstarkhouse 409-883-0871

ORANGE: Jan. 2 "Kinky Boots" With songs by pop icon Cyndi Lauper, this joyous, Tony-winning musical celebration is about the friendships we discover, and the belief that you can change the world when you change your mind. Charlie Price is struggling to live up to his father's expectations and continue the family business. With the men's shoe factory's future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola, a fabulous performer in need of some sturdy new stilettos. Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts, 707 W. Main. lutcher.org 409-886-5535

ORANGE: Jan. 19-20 "Cinderella" Experience Rodgers and Hammerstein's Tony Award-winning Broadway musical that's delighting audiences with its contemporary take on the classic tale. This lush production features an incredible orchestra, jaw-dropping transformations, and all the moments you love—the pumpkin, the glass

slipper, the masked ball, and more—plus some surprising new twists. Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts, 707 W. Main. lutcher.org 409-886-5535

ORANGE: Jan. 25 "A Night with Janis Joplin"

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, Joplin exploded onto the music scene in 1967 and became the gueen of rock 'n' roll almost overnight. The unmistakable voice, filled with raw emotion and tinged with Southern Comfort, made her a must-see headliner from Monterey to Woodstock. Fueled by such unforgettable songs as: "Me and Bobby McGee," "Piece of My Heart," and "Summertime," this sensational show is a musical journey celebrating Joplin and her biggest musical influences—icons like Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Odetta, Nina Simone, and Bessie Smith. Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts, 707 W. Main. lutcher.org 409-886-5535

PORT ARTHUR: Dec. 26-Jan. 1 Kwanzaa Cultural presentations are typically scheduled around the city, including the Port Arthur Public Library. 4615 Ninth Ave. visitportarthurtx.com 409-985-8838

ROCKPORT-FULTON: Jan. 4-7 Gospel Music Festival The event features numerous gospel groups from around the nation and the area, including Rockport's Gospel Force. Rockport-Fulton High School, Martha Luigi Auditorium. gospelforce.org/festival.html 361-205-2789

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Jan. 1 Penguin Plunge

Includes live music, free sandcastle lessons, and a chainsaw sculpture demo, culminating in a plunge at 2 p.m. Boomerang Billy's, 2612 Gulf Blvd. **sopadre.com** 956-761-3000

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Jan. 1 Polar Bear Dip

New Year's Day beach party culminating in a dip at noon. The event will feature live music and a costume contest. Clayton's Beach Bar & Grill, 6900 Padre Blvd. sopadre.com 956-761-3000

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Jan. 5-7 SPI Market Days

Featuring handcrafted jewelry, fashionable clothing, cosmetics and fragrances, rare arts and crafts, gourmet treats, exclusive home decor items, and more. Spend your days shopping for gifts and treasures from all over the world. South Padre Island Convention Centre. 7355 Padre Blvd. sopadre.com 956-761-3000

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Jan. 13 Longest Causeway

Run and Fitness Walk Don't miss your chance to cross the historical Queen Isabella Causeway over the beautiful Laguna Madre by participating in this walk and run. Finisher medals given to all participants, plus cash prizes for overall first, second, and third place runners in both female and male divisions, as well as in each age group. SPI Community Center, 4501 Padre Blvd. sopadre.com 956-761-3000

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Jan. 23-27 WOWE

(Winter Outdoor and Wildlife Expo) Fun for the whole family at the 23rd annual event. Each day will have special events and programs plus three shows daily on both Friday and Saturday. This year will feature the Jonathan Wood's Raptor Project, and five full days of quest speakers and exhibits of natural wonders of the Laguna Madre and South Texas. There's nothing like it in South Texas in the winter. The South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center, 6801 Padre Blvd. sopadre.com 956-761-3000

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Jan. 26-27 RGV Quilt

Guild Expo The Rio Grande Valley Quilt Guild presents its 36th annual event, featuring vendors, speakers, demonstrations, door prizes, concessions. guilted items on display, and a guilted fashion show. South Padre Island Convention Centre, 7355 Padre Blvd. sopadre.com 956-761-3000

SUGAR LAND: Through Jan. 7 Sugar Land Holiday **Lights** For the fourth year in a row, enjoy views of more

than 2.5 million lights, Santa Claus every night, holiday treats and shopping vendors, and more. Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Dr. sugarland.com

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 20-Feb. 25 "Block Party, Too!"

Get up to your elbows in interlocking bricks and try your own hand building a gravity-defying master-piece, then see how much force it takes to break it down. The interactive play area is designed to inspire the imaginations of all ages. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org 281-313-2277

SURFSIDE BEACH: Jan. 20 Dunes Day

Recycle Christmas trees into beneficial sand dunes along the Brazoria County coastline. Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater Highway. brazoriacountyparks.org 979-864-1541

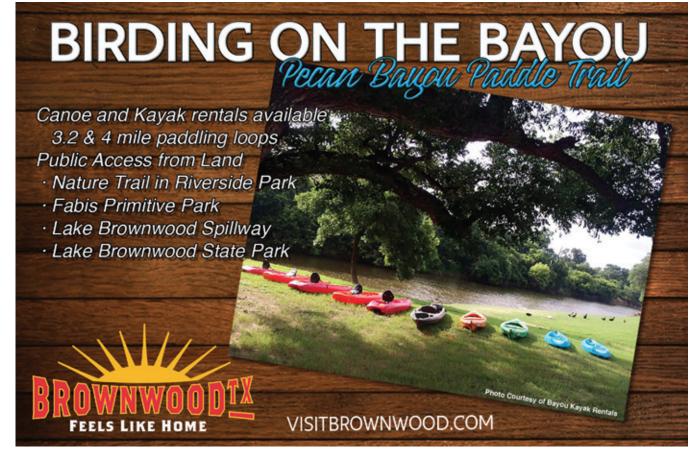
VICTORIA: Jan. 20-21 Victoria Comic Con Victoria's only comic, gaming, and toy expo. Browse rare items from multiple vendors and dress up as your favorite character for the Cosplay contest. Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St. victoriacomiccon.org

VICTORIA: Jan. 27 Victoria SymphonyPOPS Series with Lee Greenwood The Victoria Symphony presents the award-winning country musician live in concert. Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 E. Sam Houston Dr. victoriasymphony.com 361-576-4500

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Nov. 24-Jan. 15 Ice Skating on the Plaza Spend an afternoon on the rink at the Whole Foods flagship store on North Lamar Boulevard. Then head inside for a cup of cocoa or cider and live, local music on the weekends. Whole Foods Flagship, 525 N. Lamar Blvd. wholefoodsmarket.com 512-476-1206





AUSTIN: Through Jan. 1 "Mexico Modern: Art, Commerce, and Cultural Exchange, 1920-1945"

Chronicling two decades of cultural exchange between Mexico and the United States, this exhibition showcases examples of modern Mexican art and design. The more than 200 items are drawn primarily from the collections of the Harry Ransom Center. Harry Ransom Center at The University of Texas at Austin, 300 W. 21st St. hrc.utexas.edu/mexicomodern 512-471-8944

AUSTIN: Through Jan. 7 "American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition" Step back in time to an era of flappers and suffragists, bootleggers and temperance workers, and real-life legends like Al Capone and Carry Nation with the first comprehensive exhibition about the temperance movement and the unprecedented repeal of a constitutional amendment. View more than 100 rare artifacts, visit a re-created speakeasy, and explore multimedia exhibitishighlighting the 18th Amendment and the fashion, music, and culture of the Roaring '20s. Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 N. Congress Ave. thestoryoftexas.com 512-963-8746

AUSTIN: Through Jan. 21 "Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection" The collection features more than 200 pins and brooches worn by former Secretary of State Albright. The exhibition examines the collection for its historic significance as well as the expressive power of iewelry and its ability to communicate through a style and language of its own. While serving under President Bill Clinton, Albright used her pins as silent yet visually outspoken codes to foreign officials and the press. A shining sun or a patriotic flag would reinforce a positive alliance with the United States, for example, while more difficult negotiations might bring out wasps or snakes. "Read My Pins" will explore the stories behind these works as well as their historical and artistic significance, and will be accompanied by a book, "Read My Pins: Stories from a Diplomat's Jewel Box," published by HarperCollins, LBJ Presidential Library. 2313 Red River St. **Ibjlibrary.org 512-721-0216**

AUSTIN: Jan. 1-8 Free Week The first week of January might be the best time for a music fan to visit Austin. Why? Hundreds of Austin bands participate in this annual event that encompasses multiple venues all over the city. Red River Cultural District. **do512.com/freeweekaustin**

AUSTIN: Jan. 6 Children's Book Fair A literary adventure featuring children's authors, favorite characters, storytime, and bookworm-friendly activities. Hear inspiring stories, browse books, and make a purchase (or book donation) to keep the inspiration rolling. All activities are free with admission. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave. wildflower.org/events 512-232-0100

AUSTIN: Jan. 15 Martin Luther King March and Festival Join the march from the MLK statue at the University of Texas campus to historic Huston-Tillotson University to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy for Austin and the world. Huston-Tillotson University, 900 Chicon St. mlkcelebration.com

AUSTIN: Jan. 18 2CELLOS in Concert Enjoy this band's signature style that breaks down the boundaries between genres of music, from classical and film scores to pop and rock. As impressive when playing Bach and Vivaldi as they are when rocking out, Sulic and Hauser know no limits when it comes to performing live. Frank Erwin Center, 1701 Red River St. **uterwincenter.com 512-477-6060**

AUSTIN: Jan. 27 ACG International Series: Ioana Gandrabur One of the most remarkable and inspiring guitarists in the world will perform her first concert in Austin. Even better, she will be arriving early to spend a few days working with guitar students from Texas

Find more events *online*

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School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Austin ISD Performing Arts Center, 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd. austinclassicalguitar.org 512-300-2247

AUSTIN: Jan. 27 Winter Tree Fest Celebrate
Texas trees in the Arboretum with family-friendly
tree climbing, walks and talks, s'more roasting, fort
building, a tree sale, and more. Wildflower Center
ecologists and arborists will present fun, educational
walks and demonstrations among the trees. Young
explorers can learn, craft, and play all day. Get swept
up in aerial tree yoga demonstrations under the oak
canopies. All activities are free with admission. Lady
Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave.
wildflower.org/events 512-232-0100

AUSTIN: Jan. 31 Captain Scott Kelly, The Sky is Not the Limit: Lessons from a Year in Space

is Not the Limit: Lessons from a Year in Space Captain Scott Kelly's epic year in space solidified his status as one of the greatest pioneers in history. On his record-breaking voyage, Scott, together with his identical twin brother Mark on Earth, paved the way for the future of space travel and exploration as the subjects of an unprecedented NASA study on how space affects the human body. With awe-inspiring stories from space and personal reflections on leadership, teamwork, and testing limits, Scott inspires others to believe that they can reach any goal, no matter how ambitious or audacious. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-474-1221

BANDERA: Jan. 2 Cowboy Capital Opry Grand Old Opry-style entertainment hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. silversagecorral.org 830-796-4969

BANDERA: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 Bandera Cattle
Company Gunfighters Experience the excitement
of the Wild West with the award-winning Bandera
Cattle Company Gunfighters, re-creating shootouts
and daily life of the Old West. Shows are at high
noon and 2 p.m. Bandera Visitor Center, 126 SH 16.
banderacattlecompany.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: Jan. 6 The Old Timers Trading Post Meet local artists and artisans. The Old Timer, 14178 SH 16. 830-796-3045

BANDERA: Jan. 11-13 Bandera County Junior Livestock Show Youth of Bandera County show their livestock on Thursday and Friday, before an auction is held on Saturday. Mansfield Park Show Barn, 2886 SH 16. 210-260-8224 BANDERA: Jan. 14 Frontier Times Museum

Cowboy Camp Enjoy traditional cowboy music. You are welcome to bring your guitar and join in the song circle. Bring your own refreshment and chair. Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. frontiertimesmuseum.org 830-796-3864

BANDERA: Jan. 18 Cowboy Camp Come out and enjoy the pickers circle and join in if you wish. Bandera Beverage Barn Pavillion, 1407 SH 16. **830-796-3045**

BANDERA: Jan. 27 Wild Game Dinner Expertly cooked wild game dinner featuring venison prepared many different ways, from chili to gumbo to sliders. Other game entrees also served. Grace Lutheran Church. 451 SH 173. **830-796-3091**

BOERNE: Dec. 1-Jan. 1 Christmas Light Fest at the Don Strange Ranch What better way to add extra sparkle to your holiday season than the magical glow of 2 million lights—plus food, drinks, crafts, gift shopping, and family fun? This event features all of that and more, making it a must on your holiday calendar. Don Strange Ranch, 103 Waring Welfare Road. visitboerne.org 210-434-2340

BOERNE: Jan. 13-14 Boerne Market Days Since 1850, Main Plaza has been a center point of trade for the people of Boerne. In the present day, on the second weekend of every month, Main Plaza is home to a magical outdoor market that blends the traditions of the Texas Hill Country with the creations of today's culture. Hundreds of festive booths display everything from collectibles and remembrances of the past to modern innovations that will bring a smile of wonder to those who stroll past. Scrumptious food and captivating music top the experience and delight the senses. Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. visitboerne.org 210-844-8193

BOERNE: Jan. 23 "Tango Fire" The hottest Tango company in Buenos Aires takes you on an explosive journey tracing the history of the art form from its origin through its evolution into contemporary ballroom styles. The show delivers an evening of high-energy and sophistication that will leave you breathless. Twelve spectacular dancers are accompanied by a quartet of brilliant musicians, promising an electrifying evening that showcases some of the speediest footwork and tightest twirling in the dance business. Champion High School Auditorium, 201 Charger Blvd. visitboerne.org 830-331-9079

BOERNE: Jan. 26-Feb. 10 "Incorruptible"

Welcome to Priseaux, France, c. 1250 A.D.: The river flooded again last week. The chandler's shop just burned to the ground. Nobody's heard of the wheelbarrow yet. And Saint Foy, the patron of the local monastery, hasn't worked a miracle in 13 years. In other words, the Dark Ages still look rather dark. All eyes turn to the Pope, whose promised visit will surely encourage other pilgrims to make the trek and restore the abbey to its former glory. That is, until a rival church claims to possess the relics of Saint Foy and "their" bones are working miracles. All seems lost until the destitute monks take a lesson from a larcenous one-eyed minstrel, who teaches them an outrageous new way to pay old debts. Boerne Community Theatre, 907 E. Blanco. visitboerne.org 830-249-9166

BULVERDE: Jan. 27-28 Chamber Rodeo On Saturday night, celebrate current and former military with a special military appreciation event. On Sunday afternoon, bring out the kids for a family-friendly day of fun complete with a petting zoo and more. Talented coloring contest winners will be on full display for all to see and of course there will be two rounds of mutton bustin' and a fast-paced calf scramble event. Prior to the rodeo, Tejas Cowboy Church will be having a service on the dance floor. Tejas Rodeo Company, 401 Obst Road.

bsbchamberrodeo.com 830-438-4285

COMFORT: Jan. 12-13 Kendall County Junior Livestock Show and Sale Friday's show features all animals (except poultry). Participating children, families, and other visitors fe el the excitement in the air that comes with competition. But there is so much more than simply winning that comes from the event. Raising livestock is a fabulous teaching experience that brings families together and develops lifelong friendships. Kids learn not only the mechanics but also the underlying sense of responsibility and what it takes to get a job done well. Kendall County Youth Agriculture & Equestrian Center, 649 FM 289. visitboerne.org 830-249-9343

FREDERICKSBURG: Nov. 24-Jan. 2 Eisbahn
Outdoor Ice Skating Annual seasonal outdoor ice
skating event to benefit The Heritage School, the
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the Boys and Girls
Club of Fredericksburg. Marktplatz, 126 W. Main St.
skateinfred.com 830-997-6597

FREDERICKSBURG: Jan. 5 First Friday Art Walk Fredericksburg Tour fine art galleries offering special exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, and extended viewing hours the first Friday of every month. Various locations. ffawf.com 830-992-2044

FREDERICKSBURG: Jan. 19-21 Fredericksburg Trade Days Shop with more than 400 vendors in seven barns, featuring acres of antiques, a biergarten, live music, and more. 7 miles east on US 290 across from Wildseed Farms. fbgtradedays.com 210-846-4094

FREDERICKSBURG: Jan. 20-21 Hill Country Gem and Mineral Show The Fredericksburg Rockhounds present artifacts, exhibits, demonstrations, jewelry, minerals, fossils, and much more. Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. fredericksburgrockhounds.org

FREDERICKSBURG: Jan. 20 Luckenbach Blues
Festival The 11th annual event is an all-day celebration
featuring local, regional, and Texas blues artists in
historic Luckenbach Texas. Luckenbach Texas, 412
Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com
830-997-3224

FREDERICKSBURG: Jan. 21 ROCO Brass QuintetPresented by Fredericksburg Music Club and featuring

members of the brass section of the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra. Admission by free-will donation. Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 1800 N. Llano. fredericksburgmusicclub.com 830-990-2886

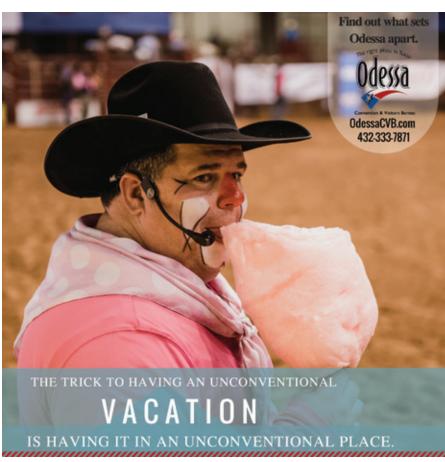
FREDERICKSBURG: Jan. 27 Hill Country Indian Artifact Show Featuring a wide variety of some of the finest Native American artifacts from Texas and the U.S. including arrowheads, pottery, beads, and books. Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. hillcountryartifacts.com 830-626-5561

GRUENE: Jan. 1 Hair of the Dog Day Free live shows all day on New Year's Day. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. **gruenehall.com 830-629-5077**

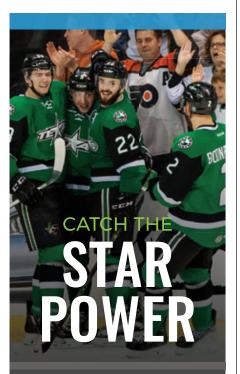
INGRAM: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 Ingram Farmers and Artisans Market A community of farmers, ranchers, artists, business owners, friends, and families come together to sell the best of what the area has to offer. SH 39 and Old Ingram Loop. 830-367-2800

KERRVILLE: Jan. 5 First Friday Wine Share A fun way to meet new or different wines, people, and places of business or art. Please bring no more than one bottle of wine per every two people. Singles may feel free to bring a bottle every other month. Try to find the themed bottle of the month (if you can't, just default to your favorite). Finger foods are always welcome. Bring your own wine glass—this could be a conversation starter in itself. firstfridaywineshare.com 830-896-6600

KERRVILLE: Jan. 6 Symphony of the Hills: "The Magic of Disney" Enjoy music from the Magic Kingdom. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. symphonyofthehills.org 830-792-7469







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KERRVILLE: Jan. 21-27 Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show Enjoy the fun and excitement at the fifth largest junior livestock show in Texas. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. hcdjls.org 830-792-4102

LAMPASAS: Jan. 6-7, 27-28 Lampasas Trade Days Come meet the artists and craftsmen who create one-of-a-kind items. Merchandise ranges from antiques. collectibles, quilts, and crafts, to folk and fine art, and home furnishings. Marigold's Antiques & More, 2646 US 190. marigoldsantiques.com 512-734-1294

NEW BRAUNFELS: Through Jan. 31, 2019 "War Stories: New Braunfels in World War I" Presented as part of the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of America's role in WWI. New Braunfels' uniquely German character compelled its citizens to respond with fervor once America was at war with Germany. On view in the exhibit will be artifacts from the Sophienburg's rich collections-posters, photographs, uniforms, and other historical objects to showcase events, individuals and ideology during 1914-1919—as well as touch on the lasting impact of the Great War on America and on this German community. Sophienburg Museum & Archives, 401 W. Coll St. sophienburg.com 830-629-1572

NEW BRAUNFELS: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 Friday After**noon Club** A Gruene Hall tradition where hipsters, oldsters, suits, locals, and drifters mix it up to get their weekend started with cold beer, prize giveaways, and the best in Texas tunes broadcast live by KNBT 92.1 Radio New Braunfels. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com 830-626-1281

NEW BRAUNFELS: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 Farmers Market Enjoy a relaxing Saturday morning listening to live music, eating delicious food, and visiting more than 75 vendors offering local, fresh produce and homemade items. Historic Downtown New Braunfels, 186 S. Castell Ave. nbfarmersmarket.com 830-629-2223

NEW BRAUNFELS: Jan. 19 The Oak Ridge Boys

in Concert The most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry. The four-part harmonies and upbeat songs have spawned dozens of country hits. Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre, 290 W. San Antonio. brauntex.org 830-627-0808

NEW BRAUNFELS: Jan. 20 John McEuen and Friends in Concert Ring in the new year with John McEuen—a founding member of The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre, 290 W. San Antonio. brauntex.org 830-627-0808

SAN MARCOS: Jan. 14 Purgatory Trail Run 10 Mile and 5K A USA Track & Field-sanctioned trail race through the beautiful Purgatory Creek Natural Area and Edwards Aquifer recharge zone. The 10-mile course is designed to challenge trail runners with difficult technical sections. The rigorous 5K course has a medium technical rating and is a good introduction to trail running. Walkers and hikers are encouraged to participate. Purgatory Creek Natural Area Trailhead, Ranch Road 12. corerunningcompany.com 512-353-2673

SAN MARCOS: Jan. 27-28 Celtic Fest A free celebration of St. Brigid's Day, considered the first day of spring in Ireland. The festival will feature traditional Irish and Celtic music, and arts and crafts. The family-friendly event is a cultural celebration appropriate for all ages. San Marcos Activity Center, 501 E. Hopkins St. sanmarcostx.gov 512-393-8400

SAN SABA: Nov. 23-Jan. 4 Christmas Extravaganza **Grand Opening** Make your holidays brighter this year by enjoying the Mill Pond Lighted Holiday Park. Set your radio to 88.7 FM and enjoy synced music to more than 30 acres of dancing lights. Mill Pond Park, Thomas Stewart Drive. visitsansabatexas.com

STONEWALL: Jan. 1 New Year's Day Celebration black-eyed peas and cornbread in Texas. Torre di

Annual event featuring live music, wine, and the best Pietra Winery, 10915 US 290. torredipietra.com 830-644-2829

WIMBERLEY: Jan. 13 Second Saturday Gallery Trail Fourteen galleries in and around the Wimberley Square stay open late and offer great art, wine, and appetizers. Downtown Wimberley, 101 Wimberley Square. facebook.com/secondsaturdaygallerytrail 512-574-2980

WIMBERLEY: Jan. 18 Susanna's Kitchen Coffeehouse Concert Series The concert series brings the best musical talent to Wimberley every third Thursday. Enjoy great music in an intimate setting. Susanna's Kitchen at Wimberley United Methodist Church, 1200 CR 1492. wimberleyumc.org 512-847-5464

WIMBERLEY: Jan. 25-28 Wimberley Art and **Soul** A series of workshops and classes combined with open houses at various locations throughout Wimberley. facebook.com/wimberleyartandsoul

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ALBANY: Through Feb. 3 "Cell Series: Kelly

O'Connor" A widely acclaimed exhibition series that presents the work of living artists within the "challenging" upper galleries of the historic 1877 jail structure. Sustaining the passion of the OJAC founders in supporting and exhibiting contemporary artists, visitors encounter works by artists that attempt to interpret and translate the world we universally experience with often surprising and enlightening results. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. **theojac.org 325-762-2269**

ALBANY: Through Feb. 3 "Ron Watson: Order **Among Chaos**" Watson utilizes strict systems of order. artistic intuition, and the viewer's perception to construct complex and intriquing sculptures with acute attention to detail and craftsmanship. Watson's work conveys a sense of stability in a world that is perceived to be in a state of chaos. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

ALBANY: Through Feb. 3 "Texas Moderns: Bill

Bomar" The fourth in a series of fall exhibitions focusing on artists active in mid-to-late 20th-century Texas will feature the work of Bill Bomar. Often associated with the artists of the Fort Worth Circle, Bomar was also an art collector, supporter of other artists, and one of the founders of the Old Jail Art Center. Old Jail Art Center. 201 S. Second St. **theojac.org 325-762-2269**

CANYON: Through Feb. 24 "When Georgia Was

Here" Drawn from the PPHM's art collection and from public and private collections nationwide, the exhibition will present a new perspective on American art contemporaneous with Georgia O'Keefe's time at WTAMU 1916 and 1918. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. panhandleplains.org

LUBBOCK: Dec. 1-Jan. 14 West Texas Watercolor Society Winter Show Winter exhibition and sale of beautiful water media artworks by members of the West Texas Watercolor Society. Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Crickets Ave. wtws.org 806-794-4655

POST: Jan. 5-7 Old Mill Trade Days Shop for arts and crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing, home decor. and antiques, and enjoy live entertainment and food during this event. Old Mill Trade Days, 318 S. Avenue F.

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 15-Feb. 4 Gisela Colon: "Glo Pods" Irregularly shaped acrylic orbs with light from within. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

More travel resources

The Texas Department of

Transportation operates 12 Texas Travel Information **Centers** for the convenience of the traveling public. For more information on these as well as useful websites, go to page 55.

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 15-Feb. 4 "Light Show: Featuring the Work of Ben Livingston" Neon light sculptures and other fine artwork. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 Art Thursday Free art activities for children and their families. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Jan. 12-13 Tom Green County Fair and Junior Livestock Show The show gives Tom Green County youth the opportunity to exhibit their school 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA projects. Wells Fargo Pavillion, 4608 Grape Creek Road. sanangelorodeo.com 325-653-7785

SAN ANGELO: Jan. 13 Bumper Jacksons in Concert Folding together early styles of jazz, blues, and country swing, the Bumper Jacksons strike a bold yet elegant balance between paying homage to the traditions and fashioning their own unique, DIY sound. Brooks & Bates Theatre, 82 Gillis St. sanangelopac.org 325-653-8877

SAN ANGELO: Jan. 13 Family Day Mystery at the Museum Hands-on art activities. Free admission. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Jan. 15 Béla Fleck and Brooklyn

Rider in Concert Legendary banjo virtuoso Fleck teams up with the inventive string quartet Brooklyn Rider for an evening of music anchored by the recently recorded Night Flight Over Water—Fleck's quintet for banjo and string quartet. The performance also includes works from Rider's versatile repertoire, solo turns by Fleck. and other collaborative surprises. Slipping seamlessly between the diverse worlds of American roots music and classical, these five musicians reveal a rich range of musical possibilities. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: Jan. 18 Downtown Stroll Museum is open for free during the event. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Jan. 19-21 SASSRA AQHA Horse **Show** This annual show is affiliated with the Stock Show and Rodeo. Exhibitors will be competing in classes including trail, reining, Western riding, and English classes. This particular horse show is open to all exhibitors, Novice to Open. First Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena, 620 W. 29th St. sanangelorodeo.com 325-653-1465 SAN ANGELO: Jan. 21 Chamber Music Series

Concert Texas Tech University Faculty Quintet performs. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Jan. 27 Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo Founded in 1974 by a group of ballet enthusiasts for the purpose of presenting a playful, entertaining view of traditional ballet in parody form. The Trocks, as they are affectionately known, guickly gained success with their loving knowledge of dance, their comic approach, and the astounding fact that men can, indeed, dance en pointe without falling flat on their faces. The company has appeared in more than 34 countries and 600 cities worldwide since its founding. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: Jan. 28 The Lettermen in Concert

The American male pop vocal trio's trademark is close-harmony pop songs with light arrangements. The group has had two Top 10 singles, 11 gold records, and five Grammy nominations. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: Through Aug. 18, 2019 Richard and Pam Salmon Sculpture Competition The fifth biennial juried competition will feature 12 large outdoor sculptures. Sunken Garden Park, 704 S. David St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

PINEY WOODS

CROCKETT: Jan. 27 Larry Gatlin in Concert Presented by the Piney Woods Fine Arts Association. Crockett Civic Center, 1100 Edmiston Dr. pwfaa.org 936-544-4276

LIBERTY: Jan. 6, 13, 27 Liberty Opry Enjoy live, family-oriented, musical entertainment, with a different theme each Saturday. Gospel; country; '50s, '60s, and '70s classics; specialty; and comedy on every show. Group and child discounts available. Liberty Opry, 1816 Sam Houston St. libertyopry.com 936-336-5830

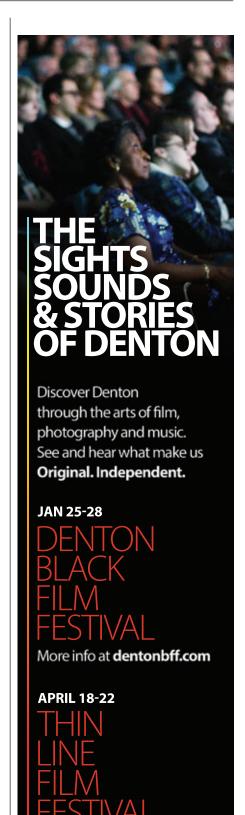
LUFKIN: Jan. 21 "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella" Be transported back to your childhood as you rediscover some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most beloved songs, including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible," and "Ten Minutes Ago," in this hilarious and romantic Broadway experience for anyone who's ever had a wish, a dream...or a really great pair of shoes. Temple Theater, 3500 S. First St. angelinaarts.org or cinderellaonbroadway.com 936-633-5454

LUFKIN: Jan. 25 The Lettermen in Concert

The American male pop vocal trio's trademark is close-harmony pop songs with light arrangements. The group has had two Top 10 singles, 11 gold records, and five Grammy nominations. The Pines Theater, 113 S. First St. thepineslufkin.com 936-633-0359

TYLER: Jan. 11 The Doobie Brothers in Concert

When considering the ultimate classic rock bands of the 1970s, the Doobie Brothers are at the top of everyone's list with their mind-blowing, roots-based, harmony-laden, guitar-driven rock 'n' roll. With more than 48 million albums sold worldwide and four Grammy Awards, their numerous chart-topping hits include "Black Water," "China Grove," "Listen to the Music," and "Long Train Running." In all, the band has tallied-up five top 10 singles and 16 top 40 hits. Their latest album, "Southbound," features new recordings of the band's iconic hits, with country music's biggest stars. University of Texas at Tyler R. Don Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center. 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. cowancenter.org or thedoobiebrothers.com 903-566-7424



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TYLER: Jan. 18 "Rodgers and Hammerstein's **Cinderella**" The Tony Award-winning Broadway musical from the creators of "The Sound of Music" and "South Pacific" delights audiences with its contemporary take on this classic tale. This production features an orchestra, and all the moments you love—the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the masked ball, and more—plus some surprising new twists. Be transported back to your childhood as you rediscover some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most beloved songs, including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible," and "Ten Minutes Ago," in this hilarious and romantic Broadway experience for anvone who's ever had a wish, a dream..or a really great pair of shoes. University of Texas at Tyler R Don Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120, cowancenter.org or cinderellaonbroadway.com 903-566-7424

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ADDISON: Jan. 26 "Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue"

Pulitzer Prize-winning dramatist Quiara Alegría Hudes takes a poignant look at the way war permeates young men's lives in a play spanning three generations of the same Puerto Rican family. Elliot is a Marine Corps hero back from Iraq with an injured leg and a Purple Heart. His pop was wounded in Vietnam; his flute-playing grandpop fought in Korea. In a fugue-like form, different wars and different tales are strung together as Ginny, his mother, seeks to reconcile the disparate parts and heal emotional wounds. Hudes' spare, intense, and poetically resonant play speaks to the personal cost of war across the ages. WaterTower Theatre, 15650 Addison Road. watertowertheatre.org

ARLINGTON: Through-Jan. 14 "Salvador Dali" Enjoy selected works from the legendary surrealist artist. Arlington Museum of Art, 201 W. Main St. arlingtonmuseum.org 817-275-4600

BONHAM: Jan. 6 Sam Rayburn's Birthday Open House Celebrate Mr. Sam's birthday with free tours of the Sam Rayburn House. Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site, 890 SH 56. visitsamrayburnhouse.com 903-583-5558

BRENHAM: Jan. 13 Uptown Swirl in Downtown Brenham Treat yourself, your spouse, and friends to a fun time of sipping in and swirling through venues in downtown Brenham. A small fee gives you a personalized wine tasting glass and the chance to sample a number of wines from around the world. Brenham Square. brenhamuptownswirl.com 979-337-7384

CLIFTON: Jan. 22-March 3 "Lonesome Dove" **Exhibition** This traveling exhibition will include images from the filming of "Lonesome Dove." Bosque Museum, 301 S. Avenue Q. bosquemuseum.org 254-675-3845

COLLEGE STATION: Through Jan. 8 "The Legacy of Ranching: Preserving the Past, Embracing the Future" Through diversification in agribusiness, the discovery of oil and gas, or success in other business ventures, the families who built Texas' historic ranches survived. The exhibit will highlight examples of historic Texas ranches that have endured to the present day and will provide an educational overview of how the livestock industries helped shape the state. George H.W. Bush Presidential Library, 1000 George Bush Dr. bush41.org 979-691-4000

COLLEGE STATION: Jan. 13 Boots and Barbecue

One of the Arts Council's annual fundraisers, this low-key event offers a fun afternoon of live music, art, dancing, classic cars, a silent auction, and socializing. Reservations include one meal ticket (delicious pulled pork

sandwiches, traditional barbecue sides, and dessert). two drink tickets, and door prize tickets. Event address enclosed with reservation confirmation. acbv.org 979-696-2787

CUERO: Nov. 20-Jan. 1 Christmas in the Park

Lighted drive-through display featuring more than 100 animated settings and archways. Participants will enjoy a self-paced drive beginning at 6 p.m. each evening and concluding at 10 p.m. Cuero Municipal Park, 201 Leonard Roy Harmon Dr. **cuerochristmasinthepark.org** 361-275-2112

DALLAS: Through-Jan. 7 "Sopheap Pich" The Crow Collection of Asian Art will present a solo exhibition of the work of Sopheap Pich, recognized today as Cambodia's most internationally prominent contemporary artist. The exhibition will feature his large-scale sculpture, "Rang Phnom Flower," Pich's largest and most ambitious single-form sculpture to date. Measuring 25 feet in length, its complex construction is composed of hundreds of strands of rattan and bamboo. This exhibition will also feature the loan of an original French 19th-century, hand-painted botanical dictionary with illustrations of this plant species from the Botanical Research Institute of Texas. Crow Collection of Asian Art, 2010 Flora St. crowcollection.org 214-979-6430

DALLAS: Through Jan. 7 "Tom Sachs: Tea

Ceremony" The exhibition centers on an immersive environment representing Sachs' distinctive reworking of chanoyu, a traditional Japanese tea ceremony—including the myriad elements essential to that intensely ritualistic universe. During the course of the exhibition, the Nasher will present a series of public demonstrations in which Sachs or a colleague will perform a tea ceremony for a few quests. The walls of the tea house will be removed for the occasion, enabling visitors to watch the ceremony as it unfolds. Nasher Sculpture Center. 2001 Flora St. nashersculpturecenter.org

DALLAS: Through Feb. 4 "Paper into Sculpture" Even as the shift to digitized images virtual reality, and social media has been said to herald its obsolescence, paper nonetheless remains inescapable in our daily lives. The artists—Noriko Ambe, Marco Maggi, Joshua Neustain, Nancy Rubins, and Franz West-play on tensions between commonly held understanding of sculpture and what paper can and cannot do when pushed to its physical limit. Nasher Sculpture Center. 2001 Flora St. nashersculpturecenter.org

DALLAS: Through May 6 "Journey to Space"

The exhibit features a full-size simulated International Space Station, robotics, water rockets, Neil Armstrong's helmet and gloves, plus a space-inspired play area for young cadets. Perot Museum, 2201 N. Field St. perotmuseum.org 214-428-5555

DALLAS: Nov. 8-Jan. 7 Holiday at the Arboretum Presented by Reliant, an NRG Company, the events feature the return of the magnificent 12 Days of Christmas outdoor exhibit as well as a special collection in the historic DeGolyer House. Throughout the aarden. more than 500,000 lights illuminate at night, trimming the architecture of the historic homes and lighting the canopies overhead. Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 8525 Garland Road. dallasarboretum.org 214-515-6500

DALLAS: Nov. 21-Jan. 7 Holiday Wonder Debuting this winter as a new, family-friendly event to celebrate a season of light and magic. This celebration includes magical lights, interactive attractions, performances, and food from around the world to delight guests. Marvel at more than 2 million lights bringing to life holiday favorites in giant, illuminated displays-including stunning winterscapes, beautiful floating swans, perennial holiday favorites (including Santa Claus),

and more. Guests will walk through a holiday wonder land that includes an enchanting snowflake corridor, playful polar bears and penguins, a 48-foot-tall Christmas tree, and more than a few holiday surprises. All displays are handmade by artisans whose specialized skills in lanterns go back generations, and are all-new. custom creations for this festival. Fair Park, 1318 S. Second Ave. holidaywonder.com 972-905-6742

DALLAS: Dec. 6-Jan. 7 "Fade" When Lucia, a young Mexican-born novelist, begins her dream career as a television writer in L.A., she finds herself much more comfortable with the only other Latino around, one of the janitors, than with anyone in the writer's room. This new comic-drama by Tanya Saracho, a writer for HBO's "Girls" and ABC's "How to Get Away with Murder," poses tricky questions about identity and community, as Lucia struggles to bridge the distance between where she came from and where she's going. Dallas Theater Center. dallastheatercenter.org

DALLAS: Jan. 1 Day 1 Dallas What better way to celebrate New Year's Day than with family-friendly fun at Fair Park. This all-inclusive event features children's activities, live music, and a spectacular fireworks show. And the best part, all activities are free; the only cost is for food. Automobile Building in Fair Park. fairpark.org

DALLAS: Jan. 1 Lightwire Theater's "A Very

Electric Christmas" Lightwire Theater is a combination of art, theatre, dance, and technology. The theater company plays with shapes and designs to develop puppetry-based neon creatures that quickly come to life. AT&T Performing Arts Center Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. attpac.org

DALLAS: Jan. 13 The Dallas Vert Mile Stair Climb

A world-class stair climb race and fun walk brings some of the best stair runners on the planet to Dallas. The race is also open to the public, and there are four vertical or vert—distances available. All participants do the vert sprint race and fun walk, which climbs 50 floors and 470 feet. You may also do the three-lap vert quarter mile; six-lap vert half mile; or the 12-lap, 600-story, vert mile challenge. The event will benefit a number of nonprofit organizations. Reunion Tower, 300 Reunion Blvd. East. vertmile.com

DALLAS: Jan. 19 The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show The illustrations of beloved children's author

Eric Carle leap from the page to the stage in a display of color and artistry like you've never seen before in this Southwest premiere. Visit the worlds of "The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse," "Mister Seahorse," "The Very Lonely Firefly," and of course, the star of the show—"The Very Hungry Caterpillar." DCT audiences are among the first to experience the larger-than-life world of 75 loveable puppets that will delight and captivate people of all ages. Dallas Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman St. dct.org

DALLAS: Jan. 20 France's Herve Koubi Two years ago, Compagnie Herve Koubi debuted in Dallas with TITAS Presents and struck the audience speechless, that is until the standing ovation. A French male company with Algerian dancers—fearless, powerful, and masculine beyond belief, and a stunningly beautiful dance company. AT&T Performing Arts Center Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. attpac.org

DALLAS: Jan. 27 "First Sculpture: Handaxe to Figure Stone" The first museum exhibition to present ancient handaxes and figure stone as works of art. Traditionally understood as the longest-used tool in human history, the handaxe is equally fascinating for its non-utilitarian, aesthetic qualities. First Sculpture will present these objects as evidence of the earliest form of artistic intention, highlighting the aesthetic

qualities of each stone and proving crucial historical

and scientific information to give the viewer a deeper understanding of human history, as well as an enriched appreciation for humankind's early ability to sculpt beautiful objects. Whether carved from visually interesting stones or rendered at unusual sizes that would inhibit use of the object as a tool, a case can be made for the handaxe as the first sculpture our prehistoric ancestors conceived. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. nashersculpturecenter.org

DENISON: Through Aug. 13 Temporary Exhibit: "The Birth of NASA" President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation that created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on July 29, 1958. Spurred by the Soviet Union's launch in 1957 of the world's first artificial satellite, Sputnik I NASA encouraged the peaceful development of space science. Eisenhower Birthplace, 609 S. Lamar Ave. visiteisenhowerbirthplace.com 903-465-8908

DENISON: Nov. 24-Jan. 2 Denison on Ice

Enjoy outdoor ice skating downtown every day through the holidays and see Santa's workshop. Radio Vision Lot, 530 W. Main St. denisonlive.com 903-463-5611

DENISON: Jan. 9-Apr. 1 Temporary Exhibit: "Supreme Commander Eisenhower in North **Africa**" The exhibit commemorates the 75th anniversary of the allied invasion of North Africa during World War II. This was General Eisenhower's first military action in his role of Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe. From November 1942 through March 1943, American troops gained their first direct experience fighting Nazi Germany, learning lessons they would use in the Normandy invasion two years later. Eisenhower Birthplace, 609 S. Lamar Ave. visiteisenhowerbirthplace.com 903-465-8908

DENTON: Jan. 25-28 Denton Black Film Festival

A weekend-long festival celebrating the diverse stories and culture of the black community through film, music. and art. The festival offers programming for the family inspired by the African-American experience and seeks to offer the works of local, national, and international filmmakers that often are not seen by a broad audience and may not be recognized through major theatrical release. The Campus Theatre, 214 W. Hickory St. dentonbff.com 469-573-0799

ELGIN: Jan. 2 Polar Bear Plunge Brave the cold water and jump into the New Year at the Elgin Municipal Pool at Morris Memorial Park. Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. Morris Park Pool, 802 S. Avenue C. elgintx.com

ELGIN: Jan. 2 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in Historic Downtown Elgin. You will find diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists, and live music in many of the venues. **elgintx.com**

ELGIN: Jan. 15 Bastrop County MLK Walk and Program Each year in January, a walk is planned followed by a program with guest speakers in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. The cities of Bastrop, Elgin, and Smithville take turns hosting the event. bastroptexas.net

FARMERSVILLE: Jan. 6 Farmers and Fleas Market Market features coffee, food, crafts, jewelry, soaps, antiques, home decor, plants, produce and more. The Onion Shed, 151 S. Main St. **farmersvilletx.com** 972-784-6846

FORT WORTH: Jan. 6 Fort Worth Symphony and **Boys II Men in Concert** Their velvety vocals and seductive harmonies defined the '90s R&B sound. Be there when four-time Grammy Award-winners Boyz II









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PRAIRIES AND LAKES > McKinney

"Dinosaurs Live!"

Through Feb. 18 This annual exhibit features animatronic dinosaurs stationed along nature trails. See the dinosaurs move and hear them roar! Photo op and play area dinosaurs will be available as well. This year, the exhibit also features an outdoor fossil dig. Closed Mondays. Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place, heardmuseum.org 972-562-5566

Men joins the Fort Worth Symphony for an evening of chart-topping hits. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St. fwsymphony.org 817-665-6000

FORT WORTH: Jan. 12-Feb. 3 Fort Worth Stock **Show and Rodeo** A fun-filled extravaganza rich in Western tradition, this legendary rodeo is the place to be. Enjoy exciting rodeo action, livestock, horse shows, and a number of other experiences including interactive, kid-friendly activities. Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W. Lancaster, fwssr.com 817-877-2400

GLEN ROSE: Jan. 2 Birds and Birding: Beak To Basics In this homeschool class and modified tour, learn about feathers, flight, bird families, bird behaviors, and much more. Then, the class will head into the field to ID some of the center's 200-plus bird species, including exotics. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Jan. 23 Wolves: Friend Or Foe? In this homeschool class and behind-the-scenes tour, discover the habits and history of Fossil Rim's Mexican gray wolves, red wolves, and maned wolves, and enjoy the unique opportunity of viewing possibly all species. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 1-Jan. 1 Prairie Lights Drive Thru Holiday Light Park Prairie Lights is a holiday light park featuring a 2-mile drive through 4 million lights. Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Pkwy. prairielights.org 972-237-4120

GRAND PRAIRIE: Jan. 27 "Wild Kratts Live" A theatrical stage show based on the animated television series "Wild Kratts." Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Pkwy. verizontheatre.com 972-854-5050

GRAPEVINE: Nov. 1-Jan. 31 "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" This seasonal exhibition examines the making of the animated classic "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and celebrates the anticipation, joy, and pitfalls of the holiday season in 50 of Charles M. Schulz's original Peanuts comic strips. The exhibit will also feature three activity areas: a letter to Santa writing station, a video nook to view the DVD program, and a photo opportunity. Tower Gallery, 636 S. Main St. grapevinetexasusa.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Nov. 10-Jan. 1 ICE! and Lone Star

Christmas A walk-through holiday attraction, kept at a chilly 9 degrees and featuring 2 million pounds of hand-carved ice sculptures and five slides. See Ma in her kerchief, Pa in his cap, and more as the classic holiday poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" comes to life. Gaylord Texan Resort, 1501 Gaylord Trail. grapevinetexcasusa.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Nov. 20-Jan. 6 Christmas on Main

Enjoy the beautiful backdrop of the Victorian-style buildings dressed up with ribbons, bows, and wreaths set aglow with twinkling lights. Tractor-drawn wagon rides will depart behind the gazebo during select hours. Rides are \$1 per person, per ride, and proceeds benefit the historic preservation of Nash Farm. Historic Downtown Grapevine. grapevinetexasusa.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: Jan. 13-14 Repticon Repticon shows are now a staple in Texas, and Repticon Dallas marks a great addition to the show series. With two shows in 2018 and double the space at the Grapevine Convention Center, the show will be filled with regional and national vendors offering and exhibiting reptiles, amphibians, and all kinds of exotic animals. Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St. grapevinetexasusa.com 817-410-3185

HALLETTSVILLE: Through Nov. 30, 2018 "Texas in World War I" Features a series of programs and exhibits on various topics relating to Texas and its role in World War I. Friench Simpson Memorial Library, 705 E. Fourth St. hallettsvillelibrary.org 361-798-3243, ext. 208

IRVING: Jan. 20 Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra: Ivan Donchey, Piano The LCSO will ring in the New Year with good cheer as we feature one of Poland's talented young pianists. Ivan Donchey, performing Haydn's "Piano Concerto in D Major." Donchev has garnered critical acclaim across Europe for his exhilarating performances. Irving Arts Center, Carpenter Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. irvingartscenter.com

MCKINNEY: Jan. 12-14 Third Monday Trade Days One of the largest flea markets in North Texas features more than 450 vendors. It is held the weekend before the third Monday of each month. Parking \$5 on Saturdays and Sundays before 3 p.m. Admission free. 4550 W. University. tmtd.com 972-562-5466

MESQUITE: Jan. 1-31 Bruce Greene Art Exhibit

The Western painter and native Texan has ridden trails and experienced the cowboy life he portrays in the very narrative images he creates. Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery, 1527 N. Galloway, mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Jan. 12 Jonathan Moody in Concert The Mesquite Arts Council presents Moody as part

of its Black Box Series, in the Black Box Theatre. The country music artist has opened for acts such as Vince Gill and Robert Chestnutt, among many others. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Jan. 13 Florence Ranch Homestead Tours Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc., tours are held on the second Saturday of every month. Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Road.

historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468 MESQUITE: Jan. 20 The Pipdillys, Just for Kids **Series** Presented by the Mesquite Arts Council, laugh, sing and dance yourself silly. The Pipdillys' shows are highly interactive, combining fun activities with important messages for the whole family. Free admission. Mesguite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: Jan. 27 Opal Lawrence Historical Park

Tours Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc., tours of the beautiful S.D. Lawrence home are every fourth Saturday. Be sure to note the unique painted ceilings. Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney St. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

NOCONA: Jan. 27 Mardi Gras Nocona Style-Ball Enjoy this Mardi Gras ball with dinner and dancing. Veranda Inn Events Center, 1523 US 82. nocona.org 940-825-3526

PLANO: Jan. 20-21 Dallas Area Train Show

The largest model train show in the north Dallas area, with operating layouts, dealer displays, how-to clinics. video displays, and door prizes. Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. dfwtrainshows.com or visitplano.com 469-438-0741

RICHARDSON: Jan. 6 Mandy Harvey in Concert

An award-winning singer, songwriter, and motivational speaker whose story of perseverance will move and inspire. Mandy lost her hearing at age 18; yet despite this disability, she has forged ahead with her musical career relying on perfect timing and pitch. In addition to performing and speaking, Mandy has embraced a mission to encourage, inspire, and assist others to break through their personal barriers. Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations, 2351 Performance Dr. eisemanncenter.com

RICHARDSON: Jan. 21 "Pete the Cat"

A new musical based on the series of books by Kimberly and James Dean has this groovy blue cat on his way to stay with a new family. He's excited, but Jimmy Biddle is nervous about how their housequest is going to shake things up. When Jimmy draws a blank in art class on the last day of school, it turns out Pete is the perfect friend to help him out. Join Jimmy and Pete on an adventure of friendship and inspiration. Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations, 2351 Performance Dr. eisemanncenter.com

RICHARDSON: Jan. 26 "A Night with Janis Joplin"

Like a comet that burns far too brightly to last, Janis Joplin exploded onto the music scene in 1967 and. almost overnight, became the gueen of rock 'n' roll. The unmistakable voice, filled with raw emotion and tinged with Southern Comfort, made her a must-see headliner from Monterey to Woodstock. This Broadway musical is fueled by such unforgettable songs as "Me and Bobby McGee," "Piece of My Heart," and "Summertime." Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations, 2351 Performance Dr. eisemanncenter.com 972-744-4650

ROUND TOP: Jan. 13 Thomas Burritt and James

Dick in Concert Burritt, a marimba artist, will be joined on stage by pianist Dick, the Institute's founder and artistic director, to perform selected works for marimba and piano. Percussion students from the University of Texas Butler School of Music will join them. Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Road festivalhill.org 979-249-3129

SHINER: Jan. 20 Shiner Chamber Banquet and Business Expo Tables featuring businesses, dinner, and entertainment. Knights of Columbus Hall, 102 S. Avenue G. shinertx.com 361-594-4180

TEMPLE: Jan. 1 New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge Grab a friend, put on a costume, and take the plunge. Hot chocolate and doughnuts will be provided for those who can brave the frosty water. The day will begin with the costume show and contest followed by the plunge

and a belly flop splash off. Lion's Junction Family Water Park, 5000 S. Fifth St. discovertemple.com 254-298-5930

TEMPLE: Jan. 27 Main Street Market Arts, craft, and vintage vendors join the food truck fun. Free and open to the public. Downtown Temple, 2 N. Main St. discovertemple.com 254-298-5378

WACO: Jan. 13-May 6 "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Secrets of the Sewer" Experience the first-ever museum exhibit featuring the four heroic ninias-in-training: Nickelodeon's "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." Leap to the rescue and learn teamwork, collaboration, and problem solving as you work your way through puzzles, mazes, and obstacles. Explore the sewer-like lair, where good guys win and bad guys lose. Since 1984, these four iconic brothers have rocked it with their talent and teamwork, inspiring generations. Families can now join these pizza-eating. crime-fighting "Heroes in a Half-Shell" to hone their ninja skills and problem-solving intellects while learning the secrets of the sewer. Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Dr. baylor.edu/mayborn 254-710-1110

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

MCALLEN: Jan. 21 McAllen Marathon Race features a 26.2-mile full-marathon, a 13.1-mile half-marathon, or a 5-person relay-marathon adventure through the downtown streets of tropical McAllen, where the average January weather is between 50 to 71 degrees. The McAllen Marathon a USATF-certified marathon and a qualifier for the Boston Marathon, and is billed as a very flat and fast course for competitive runners. McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Blvd. mcallenmarathon.com 956-681-3333

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 18-Jan. 18 Six Flags Fiesta Texas Holiday in the Park It's the most wonderful time of the year as Six Flags Fiesta Texas celebrates Holiday in the Park. Experience the park transformed into a winter wonderland after dark. Six Flags Fiesta Texas, 17000 I-10 West. sixflags.com/fiestatexas

SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Celebrate San **Antonio!** Ring in the New Year San Antonio style. Enjoy spectacular fireworks, live music on multiple stages, food booths, family activities, and more. Festivities occur on South Alamo Street between Cesar Chavez and Market streets, La Villita (418 Villita St.), and HemisFair Park (434 S. Alamo St.). saparksfoundation.org

SAN ANTONIO: Jan. 10-14 San Antonio Cocktail **Conference** The first of its kind in Texas, bringing together top bartenders for four days of educational seminars, guided tastings, and cocktail parties. Various locations. sanantoniococktailconference.com

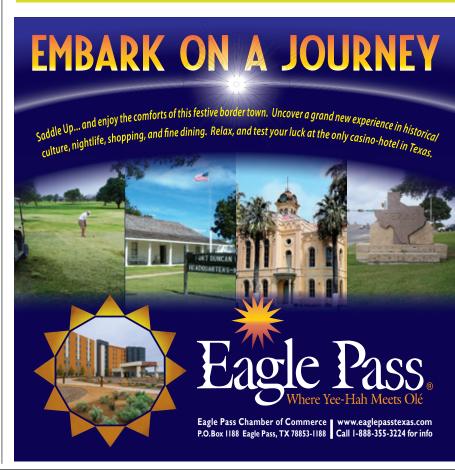
SAN ANTONIO: Jan. 15 City of San Antonio Martin **Luther King Jr. March** On January 19, 1987, the Commission and the City of San Antonio held its first official MLK March. Each year, a variety of educational, inspirational, and celebratory events honor one of the nation's most revered civil rights leaders. MLK Academy, 3501 MLK Dr. sanantonio.gov/mlk

WESLACO: Jan. 18 Alfresco Weslaco A monthly street festival that features live music, vendor booths, and delicious food, all in the heart of Downtown Weslaco. weslacodc.com 956-969-0838

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Picks across the state

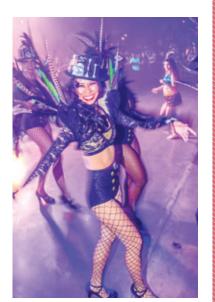
PEAK PERFORMANCE

OCK CLIMBERS from all over the world will head to **EI Paso** Feb. 16-17 to dangle from the rocky hills at Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site during the 25th annual **Hueco Rock** Rodeo, an outdoor bouldering competition organized by the American Alpine Club. Participants climb without the use of traditional gear—that means no ropes and harnesses—as they scale the sides of the park's enormous boulders by gripping on to naturally occurring holes and ledges. The spectacle will no doubt elicit nervous gasps from viewers as they helplessly watch the athletic feat. If you prefer your feet firmly on the ground, the event features several non-bouldering events, including a dance party, a food truck circus, and tons of outdoors and fitness vendors. It might just inspire you hit your local rock-climbing gym in anticipation of competing in next year's rodeo. For more information, visit americanalpineclub.org.



CREOLE MEETS COUNTRY

AN'T MAKE IT east to Louisiana for the wild, raucous Mardi Gras festivities? This bash in **Bandera** igcup features the traditions you know and love—like zydeco bands; Cajun food; and plenty of purple, green, and gold beaded necklaces—but with a distinct twist that only the Cowboy Capital of the World can provide. The 13th annual Cowboy Mardi Gras, taking place Feb. 1-3 at 11th Street Cowboy Bar, gives a great excuse to don your mask and boots for three days of dining, dancing, and merriment. Eat to your hearts' content at the gumbo cookoff, dress your canine to the nines for the dog costume contest, and cheer on floats as they make their way down the parade route. For more information, visit banderacowboycapital.com.



BAT CITY BACCHANAL

T ET LOOSE at this annual pre-Lent celdebration that involves plenty of dancing, drumming, and creative costumes. Since starting in 1975 as a way for homesick Brazilians studying at the University of Texas at Austin to get a taste of home, Carnaval Brasileiro has re-created the joyous, rowdy, and energetic street parades that Rio de Janeiro is famous for. The main event of the evening's festivities, taking place Feb. 18, is a performance by Maracatú Texas, in which dancers and musicians stage a roving musical theater production. Austin's Carnaval Brasileiro has become the largest indoor carnaval celebration in the United States, with 4,000 attendees packing into the Palmer Events Center to get lost in the intoxicating rhythms of samba drums. This year's party marks the return of the "Brazilian Tina Turner," singer Dandara. For more information, visit sambaparty.com.



THERE'S MORE ONLINE

Laissez les bons temps rouler! For a more complete listing of Mardi Gras events and parades in Texas, visit texashighways.com/events.

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Dates for events listed in this calendar are subject to change. Please confirm dates in advance by calling the number listed or by contacting the local chamber of commerce or convention and visitors bureau.

BIG BEND COUNTRY

DEL RIO: Feb. 2 Pop-Up Beer Garden A festive evening of live music, local foods, and delicious craft beer. Community Garden, 210 Jones St. infodelrioparksfoundation.com 612-850-5617

FORT STOCKTON: Feb. 10-12 Sheep Dog Trials A sheepdog trial is a competitive dog sport in which

herding dogs move sheep around a field, fences, gates, or enclosures as directed by their handlers. Precinct 4 Six Shooter Range. 432-336-2264

ODESSA: Feb. 9-11 Midessa Boat, RV Sport, and Gun Show Boats, fifth wheels, travel trailers, motor homes, water crafts, ATVS, guns, resorts, fishing and hunting guides, iewelry, miscellaneous exhibitors, live fishing demonstrations. and much more. Ector County Coliseum, 4201 N. Andrews Hwy. midessaboatshow.net 432-381-3324

PINE SPRINGS: Feb. 3 Desert Discovery (Guided Hike) McKittrick Canvon Nature Trail's 1-mile loop is a great beginner hike and suitable for families with small children to learn about plant and animal adaptations. Dress for the weather and bring water. Elevation gain of 200 feet. This event will be canceled during inclement

weather. Guadalupe Mountains National Park, 400 Pine

Canyon Dr. nps.gov/qumo 915-828-3251 **PINE SPRINGS: Feb. 17 Pioneer Prosperity**

Tour Frijole Ranch House & History Museum, the oldest intact settlement of the Guadalupe Mountains, and learn about how people have interacted and depended on this landscape for more than 10,000 years. Guadalupe Mountains National Park, 400 Pine Canyon Dr. nps.gov/gumo 915-828-3251

GULF COAST

BEAUMONT: Jan. 20-Feb. 3 "One Monkey Don't Stop No Show" Don Evans' comedy explores the clash of values between middle-class and working-class African Americans living in the 1970s. Beaumont Community Players, 4155 Laurel Ave. beaumontcommunityplayers.com

BEAUMONT: Feb. 10 Symphony of Southeast Texas "The Elegance of Elgar" The performance features quest pianist Tomoko Kanamaru. Julie Rogers Theatre, 765 Pearl St. sost.org/ 409-892-2257

BEAUMONT: Feb. 13 Taste of the TriangleFoodie heaven: country, soul, Thai, Italian, Cajun, and

Creole are just a few of the food types that make Southeast Texas a true melting pot of flavors. For just \$25. you'll get to sample this smorgasbord when Sabine Area Restaurant Association serves up the best bites during this annual event. Beaumont Civic Center, 701 Main St. facebook.com/tasteofthetriangle 800-782-3081

BEAUMONT: Feb. 24-March 10 "The Marvelous **Wonderettes**" The jukebox musical where a female quartet plays a high school prom, singing songs from the 1950s, and their reunion 10 years later when they sing songs from the 1960s. Featuring songs like "Mr. Sandman." "Stupid Cupid." "It's My Party." and "Respect." Beaumont Community Players, 4155 Laurel Ave. beaumontcommunityplayers.com 409-833-4664

CLUTE: Feb. 2-4, 9-11 "Cabaret" With the emcee's songs as wry commentary, "Cabaret" explores the dark, heady, and tumultuous life of Berlin as Germany slowly yields to the emerging Third Reich. Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. bcfas.org 979-265-7661

CLUTE: Feb. 14, 21 Planetarium Show Features a 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector to produce the night sky as it appears to the naked eye, together with a large variety of high-tech equipment to give a close-up feel for things like comets, exploding stars, and black holes. Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. **bcfas.org 979-265-3376**

CORPUS CHRISTI: Feb. 3 Chicken Coops for Backyard Egg Production Learn the "egg-cellence" of cooking fresh eggs every day, local regulations, resources. techniques, and not-so-normal chicken coop construction to make poultry feel at home in your backyard. Included in general admission; members free. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center. 8545 S. Staples St. **361-852-2100**

CORPUS CHRISTI: Feb. 3 Corpus Christi Chamber Music Society: Jeremy Denk and Stefan Jackiw The Corpus Christi Chamber Music Society's 2017-18 Series presents concerts by six chamber ensembles. Wolfe Recital Hall, Del Mar College, Corner of Ayers and Kosar streets. corpuschristichambermusic.org 361-877-8393

CORPUS CHRISTI: Feb. 7 Winter Lecture Series: Wildflower Legends and Lore Enjoy lectures every Wednesday covering a variety of unique nature and horticulture topics that define the South Texas environment. Included in general admission; members free. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. **361-852-2100**

CORPUS CHRISTI: Feb. 13, 15-16 Birds of South Texas. Natural History and Identification Studying waterfowl, shorebirds, and finches (identification, basic plumage) with noted birder, naturalist, and author Gene Blacklock. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. **361-852-2100**

CORPUS CHRISTI: Feb. 14 Winter Lecture Series: What Type of Rose Do I Need? Enjoy lectures every

Wednesday covering a variety of unique nature and horticulture topics that define the South Texas environment. Included in general admission; members free. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. **361-852-2100**

CORPUS CHRISTI: Feb. 17 Ensuring Spring Vegetable Garden Success Nueces Master Gardener Deb Holliday gives great gardening guidelines for planning, preparing, and planting a super spring garden including advantages of both seeds and transplants. Discover

what, when, where, and how to plant, with demonstra tions of proven planting techniques, and a variety of charts and instruction sheets available. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-852-2100

CORPUS CHRISTI: Feb. 21 Winter Lecture Series: Raptor Rehab at Texas Sea Life Center Enjoy lectures every Wednesday covering a variety of unique nature and horticulture topics that define the South Texas environment. Included in general admission: members free. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas

Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-852-2100

CORPUS CHRISTI: Feb. 24 Introduction to the World of Birds, Identification, and More Basic introduction designed for beginning birders with little or no experience in birding. Study some of the more than 450 known bird species in South Texas with noted birder, educator, author, and naturalist Gene Blacklock. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. **361-852-2100**

CORPUS CHRISTI: Feb. 28 Winter Lecture Series: Worm Composting Enjoy lectures every Wednesday covering a variety of unique nature and horticulture topics that define the South Texas environment. Included in general admission; members free. Check in at Visitors Center, South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. **361-852-2100**

GALVESTON: Feb. 2-13 MardiGras Galveston The third largest Mardi Gras in the country features parades, concerts, masked balls, balcony parties, and more. Various locations. mardigrasgalveston.com

GALVESTON: Feb. 8 "Henry and Mudge" Moving from the city to a new house in the country can be tough. Just ask Henry, who can't find a playmate in his new neighborhood. Luckily, he's got Mudge, a great big 182-pound canine buddy with whom he can share all kinds of adventures. A musical adaptation based on the best-selling series of books by Cynthia Rylant. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Feb. 11 Galveston Symphony Orchestra: "The Tempest" A special Valentine's concert, conducted by Trond Saeverud. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. **thegrand.com** 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Feb. 17 Parsons Dance

Innovative, exuberant, and gifted, this company's bold, joyous, and athletic movement has elevated them to the top of the world's leading modern dance companies. Stunning works like the iconic "Caught" exemplify this company's innovation and huge audience appeal. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: Feb. 24 Yamato: The Drummers of Japan Two-thousand years of Samurai, Shinto meditation, and sake surge through the muscles and motion of this energetic troupe of young drummers. Yamato combines great originality and innovation with the sheer joy of making music. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-8194 or

HOUSTON: Feb. 2 Charles Lloyd and the Marvels NEA Jazz Master Charles Lloyd returns to Da Camera's jazz series with a unique formation of the Marvels featuring bassist Reuben Rogers and Houston native drummer Eric Harland with two great guitarists, Bill Frisell and Greg Leisz. Cullen Theater, Wortham Theater Center. 501 Texas Ave. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: Feb. 17 Sérgio and Odair Assad and Avi Avitar Da Camera brings Israeli superstar mandolin player Avi Avital and celebrated Brazilian-born guitarists Sérgio and Odair Assad to Houston for an international





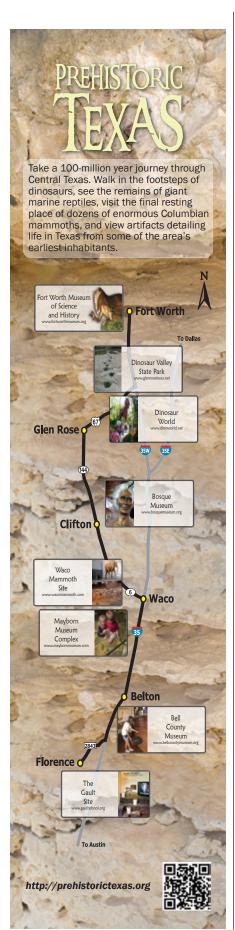












program ranging from Bach to Brazilian choro music. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: Feb. 20-March 4 "Memphis" From the underground dance clubs of 1950s Memphis, Tennessee, comes the Tony Award-winning musical that bursts off the stage with explosive dancing, irresistible songs, and a thrilling tale of fame and forbidden love. Inspired by actual events, "Memphis" is about a white radio DJ who wants to change the world and a black club singer who is ready for her big break. Theatre Under the Stars, The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St. tuts.com 713-558-2600

HOUSTON: Feb. 27-March 18 Houston Livestock **Show and Rodeo** From its humble beginnings in 1932 as a cattle showcase, the rodeo has evolved into a 20-day bonanza filled with the usual rodeo offerings like bull riding and steer roping, but with the addition of amusement park rides, deep-fried treats, and bigname headliners—this year, two-time Grammy winner Garth Brooks performs on opening night. The event ropes in big-city folks with a spirited parade through downtown on Feb. 24. NRG Stadium, 3 NRG Pkwy. rodeohouston.com

LAKE JACKSON: Feb. 2 The Summit: Manhattan **Transfer Meets Take 6** Experience the creativity, excitement, and renowned performances that only two phenomenal groups can bring to one stage, in-the-moment. The Clarion, 500 College Dr. clarion.brazosport.edu

LAKE JACKSON: Feb. 3 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historic archeological site of Major Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston. Discover the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. Abner Jackson Plantation Site, FM 2004 near SH 332. lakejacksonmuseum.org 979-297-1570

LAKE JACKSON: Feb. 17 Bird Banding Volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station is an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn all the birds of the Brazosport area. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332. qcbo.orq 979-480-0999

LAMAR: Feb. 10-11 LaMardi Gras This festival features food, entertainment, a parade, and more on Lamar Peninsula, benefiting the Lamar Volunteer Fire Department. lamarvfd.com

ORANGE: Feb. 9 "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" The uproarious story of Monty Navarro, an heir to a family fortune who sets out to jump the line of successions by—you guessed it—eliminating the eight pesky relatives who stand in his way. All the while, Monty has to juggle his mistress (she's after more than just love), his fiance (she's his cousin but who's keeping track?), and the constant threat of landing behind bars. Of course, it will be all worth it if he can slay his way to his inheritance and be done in time for tea. When the Tony Awards were handed out in June of 2014, the stylishly comic musical took home four trophies, including the biggest: Best Musical. Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts, 707 W. Main. **lutcher.org 409-886-5535**

PORT ARANSAS: Feb. 22-25 Whooping Crane **Festival** This annual festival celebrates the migration of the endangered whooping cranes. There are birding bus and boat tours, renowned speakers, exhibits, demonstrations, nature related booths, and more. Contact the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce for more information. Civic Center, 710 W. Avenue A. whoopingcranefestival.org 361-749-5919

PORT ARTHUR: Feb. 8-11 Mardi Gras Southeast Texas Four days of traditional Mardi Gras fun, parades, concerts, food vendors, arts and crafts, and much

more at this family-friendly event. Downtown Port Arthur, 500 Procter St. mardigrasportarthur.com 409-721-8717

ROCKPORT: Feb. 3-4 Clay Expo Enjoy a gallery art walk, solo exhibits, pottery demos, and an opening reception. Rockport Center for the Arts, Navigation Circle. **361-729-5519**

ROCKPORT: Feb. 16-18 911 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit and First Responders Weekend This President's Holiday Weekend, men, women, and children of all ages are invited to visit the Festival Grounds site near Rockport Harbor. On behalf of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, this outdoor exhibit will provide an educational experience with a mobile 53-foot tractor trailer exhibit. There will be ceremonies and events each evening. Saturday of that weekend will feature all first responders. Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 101 Seabreeze Dr. rockport-fulton.org 361-729-6445

ROCKPORT-FULTON: Feb. 2-3 Bountiful Bowl World-class potters from around the world display their works for sale to the public. The event benefits the Council on Aging. Rockport-Fulton High School Commons. **361-729-5352**

ROSENBERG: Feb. 16-18 The Houston Glass Show and Sale and The Best Little Antique Show in Texas Annual show featuring dealers from across the nation selling glassware from 1880-1980— Depression Era glass, pattern glass, brilliant-cut glass, art glass, carnival glass, and mid-century modern glass. Two buildings filled with top-quality merchandise. Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, 4310 SH 36. maxmillerantiques.com 713-410-4780

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Feb. 1-3 SPI Kitefest

On Thursday, enjoy indoor kite performances at the South Padre Island Convention Center. Then enjoy two full days of kite-flying at the flats. South Padre Island Convention Centre North Flats, 7355 Padre Blvd. spikitefest.com 956-761-1248

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Feb. 10 SPICE Chili **Cookoff** Last year's chili cookoff featured 15 teams, more than 30 chili entries, and attracted more than 600 attendees. Louie's Backyard, 2305 Laguna Blvd. sopadre.com 956-761-3000

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Feb. 23-25 SPI Market Days Featuring handcrafted jewelry, fashionable clothing, cosmetics and fragrances, rare arts and crafts, gourmet treats, exclusive home decor items, and more. Spend your days shopping for gifts and treasures from all over the world. South Padre Island Convention Centre. 7355 Padre Blvd. **sopade.com 956-761-3000**

SUGAR LAND: Feb. 14 Valentine's Dinner and Lec**ture** The evening includes a three-course meal with wine pairings and an opportunity to spend a romantic evening among the exhibits. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org 281-313-2277

SPRING: Feb. 10 PuppyUp Spring A 2-mile walk to promote awareness of canine cancer and fundraiser for cancer research to benefit both pets and people. Help honor 2018 canine and human cancer heroes and memorialize those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Visit with sponsors and vendors and watch "pawsome" live demonstrations. There will be tons of raffle items and a silent auction not to be missed. The event will be emceed by Lisa Hernandez from Channel 11 KHOU News. Rob Fleming Park, 6055 Creekside Forest Dr. puppyupwalk.org/spring 281-636-1436

STAFFORD: Feb. 17 Greater Houston Train Show This annual event attracts rail fans from across Texas and Louisiana. The show features 20,000 square feet of operating layouts, instructive classes, model and photo contests, train videos, and vendors from across the Southwest. Stafford Center, 10505 Cash Road. sanjacmodeltrains.org 713-899-5127

SUGAR LAND: Nov. 20-Feb. 25 "Block Party, Too!" Get up to your elbows in interlocking bricks and try your own hand building a gravity-defying masterpiece, then see how much force it takes to break it down. The interactive play area is designed to inspire the imaginations of all ages. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org 281-313-2277

SUGAR LAND: Feb. 3 Ancient Encounters: Egypt Introduce your family to world cultures through hands-on activities specially devised for children. Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. hmns.org 281-313-2277

SURFSIDE BEACH: Feb. 24 Surfside Marathon The only marathon and half-marathon in the U.S. run entirely on a beach starts as the sun rises over the water and follows the public beach to San Luis pass, then returns. The entire course is on the firm, smooth sand

that is great for running. Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater

Hwy. surfsidemarathon.com 409-539-5150 VICTORIA: Feb. 10 Hot Rod Riot Come see cool rides at this huge rally at one of Texas' oldest dance halls. Live music, great food, and more. Schroeder Hall, 12516 FM 622. **stp-victoria.com 361-570-7637**

VICTORIA: Feb. 24 Victoria Symphony Master Series—American Folk Masters The American Folk Masters concert pays tribute to Black History month. Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 E. Sam Houston Dr. victoriasymphony.com 361-576-4500

VICTORIA: Feb. 26-March 5 Victoria Livestock **Show** Multi-day annual event that features fun activities such as a barbecue cookoff, carnival, karaoke competition, parade, livestock judging and auction, and much more. Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St. victorialivestockshow.com

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Feb. 10 Flamenco Austin: Carlos Piñana Carlos Piñana and his troupe of authentic flamenco

masters journey from southern Spain to bring us a thrilling display of rhythm and song. Austin to Andalucía at the speed of sight and sound. Austin ISD Performing Arts Center, 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd. austinclassicalguitar.org 512-300-2247

AUSTIN: Feb. 14-18 Austin OUTsider Festival As one of Austin's most progressive festivals, OUTsider brings together Austin's LGBTQI community for five days of creation and inspiration. This multidisciplinary art festival showcases film, performance art, music, visual art, and more. Various locations, outsiderfest.org

AUSTIN: Feb. 17-Jan. 15, 2019 "Rodeo! The **Exhibition**" Experience the excitement of rodeos from around the state with this dynamic and comprehensive exhibit. Gain an insider's perspective on what makes rodeo

an integral part of Texas history with classic artifacts spanning decades, immersive multimedia experiences, tactile activities, and first-person interviews highlighting the personal relationship Texans have with rodeo traditions. See how five of the largest Texas rodeos and stock shows bring crowds and competitors from all parts of the world together, and explore the origins of rodeos and lasting legacy of youth education, community involvement, and historic preservation. Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 N. Congress Ave. thestoryoftexas.com 512-463-6485

AUSTIN: Feb. 18 Carnaval Brasileiro One of the biggest Brazilian Carnaval celebrations outside Brazil. Brasileiro-style samba, costumes, and wild abandon can all be seen in the heart of Texas. Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road. sambaparty.com 512-974-6700

AUSTIN: Feb. 24 ACG International Series: Duo Deloro Find out what happens when a fiery Slovenian super-talent joins forces with an Israeli-born quitarist who grew up immersed in the flamenco culture of Malaga and Granada. Mak Grgic and Adam del Monte blend traditions and defy expectations in this totally unique, powerhouse of a duo. Austin ISD Performing Arts Center, 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd. austinclassicalguitar.org 512-300-2247

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BANDERA: Feb. 1-3 11th Street Mardi Gras

Celebration Enjoy live Cajun and country music, Cajun food, a gumbo cookoff, a costume contest, and a canine costume contest. 11th Street Cowboy Bar, 307 11th St. 830-796-3045

BANDERA: Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 Bandera Cattle

Company Gunfighters Experience the excitement of the Wild West with the award-winning Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters, re-creating shootouts and daily life of the Old West. Shows are at high noon and 2 p.m. Bandera Visitor Center, 126 SH 16. banderacattlecompany.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: Feb. 3 Mardi Gras Parade Downtown will be filled with floats, horses, cowboys, feathers, masks, and plenty of beads. Main Street. 830-796-3045

BANDERA: Feb. 3 The Old Timers Trading Post Meet local artists and artisans. The Old Timer, 14178 SH 16. **830-796-3045**

BANDERA: Feb. 6 Cowboy Capital Opry Grand Old Opry-style entertainment hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. silversagecorral.org 830-796-4969

BANDERA: Feb. 11 Frontier Times Museum Cowboy Camp Enjoy traditional cowboy music. You are welcome to bring your quitar and join in the song circle. Bring your own refreshment and chair. Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. frontiertimesmuseum.org 830-796-3864

BANDERA: Feb. 15 Cowboy Camp Come out and enjoy the pickers circle, and join in if you wish. Bandera Beverage Barn Pavillion, 1407 SH 16. 830-796-3045

BLANCO: Feb. 17 The Miro Quartet in Concert

Blanco Performing Arts presents one of America's most celebrated and dedicated string quartets. Uptown Blanco Ballroom, 317 Main St. blancoperformingarts.com 830-385-1173

BOERNE: Jan. 26-Feb. 10 "Incorruptible" Welcome to Priseaux, France, c. 1250 A.D.: The river flooded again last week. The chandler's shop just burned to the ground. Nobody's heard of the wheelbarrow yet. And Saint Foy, the patron of the local monastery, hasn't worked a miracle in 13 years. In other words, the Dark Ages still look rather dark. All eyes turn to the pope, whose promised visit will surely encourage other pilgrims to make the trek and restore the abbey to its former glory. That is, until a rival church claims to possess the relics of Saint Foy and "their" bones are working miracles. All seems lost until the destitute monks take a lesson from a larcenous oneeyed minstrel, who teaches them an outrageous new way to pay old debts. Boerne Community Theatre, 907 E. Blanco. visitboerne.org 830-249-9166

BOERNE: Feb. 10 Boerne Chocolate Walk

Join the Boerne community for this sweet event. The walk will take you through Boerne's downtown district where you will see unique stores, galleries, and restaurants. Tickets are available online only. Limited availability. Downtown Boerne. 100 N. Main. visitboerne.org 830-249-9511, opt. 5

BOERNE: Feb. 10-11 Boerne Market Days

Since 1850, Main Plaza has been a center point of trade for the people of Boerne. In the present day, on the second weekend of every month, Main Plaza is home to a magical outdoor market that blends the traditions of the Texas Hill Country with the creations of today's culture. Hundreds

of festive booths display everything from collectibles and remembrances of the past to modern innovations that will bring a smile of wonder to those who stroll past. Scrumptious food and captivating music top the experience and delight the senses. Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. visitboerne.org 210-844-8193

BOERNE: Feb. 15 Accordion Virtuosi of Russia

Presented by Boerne Performing Arts, the accordion takes center stage when this world-renowned ensemble makes its Boerne debut. They have performed at the Olympic Games in Munich, Montreal, and Moscow, with a diverse repertoire ranging from folk songs to pop music to full orchestration of the classics. Founded by Professor Pavel Smirnov in 1943, during the Leningrad siege, today's exceptional ensemble is led by the third generation of the Smirnov family. Champion High School Auditorium, 201 Charger Blvd. visitboerne.org 830-331-9079

BOERNE: Feb. 20 The Ten Tenors in Concert

Fresh off the success of their 20th Anniversary World Tour, The Ten Tenors return to Boerne with their new show, "Wish You Were Here"—a celebration of musical legends lost before their time, presented by Boerne Performing Arts. Honoring artists from David Bowie to Amy Winehouse to John Lennon, The Ten Tenors will take you on a feel-good excursion through some of the world's greatest hits: classic rock, current chart toppers, and traditional favorites. Champion High School Auditorium, 201 Charger Blvd. visitboerne.org 830-331-9079

BOERNE: Feb. 24-25 Boerne Hill Country Spring Antiques Show The 38th annual event encompasses three large buildings filled to the brim with antiques. Featuring country furniture, baskets, stoneware, jewelry, textiles, early paper, toys, silver, quilts, pewter, American oak, Southwestern art, and so much more for the antiques collector. Plenty of free parking. Kendall County Fairgrounds, 1307 River Road. **visitboerne.org 830-329-2870**

BURNET: Feb. 9-10 Highland Lakes Quilt Festival This biennial guilt show, presented by Highland Lakes Quilt Guild (formerly Marble Falls Quilt Club), features a donation guilt, vendors, a silent auction, the guild boutique, and more than 100 quilts displayed. Burnet Community Center, 401 E. Jackson St. hlqquild.blogspot.com 830-693-2173

CANYON LAKE: Feb. 8 Winter Texan Reception

This event offers visitors to the area a warm Texas greeting including restaurant samples, vendor booths, games, and prizes. CRRC, 125 Mabel Jones Dr. canyonlakechamber.com 830-964-2223

COMFORT: Feb. 10 Mardi Gras Library Fundraiser It's Mardi Gras, so dress for the occasion, bring friends, dance, and enjoy this fundraiser for the Comfort Public Library. Comfort Park, 423 Main St. comfortchamber.com 830-995-3131

FREDERICKSBURG: Feb. 2 First Friday Art Walk Fredericksburg Tour fine art galleries offering special exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, and extended viewing hours the first Friday of every month. Various locations. ffawf.com 830-992-2044

FREDERICKSBURG: Feb. 9-10 Luckenbach Hug-In and Valentine Ball Get back to the basics of love during this annual camping event with plenty of boot scootin' in the historic Luckenbach Texas Dance Hall. Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com 830-997-3224

FREDERICKSBURG: Feb. 9-25 Texas Hill Country Wineries' Wine Lovers Trail Get tickets online to receive full complimentary tastings and discounts on this self-guided tour. Participating Texas Hill Country Wineries. texaswinetrail.com 512-914-5561

FREDERICKSBURG: Feb. 10-11 Texas Hill Country **Home and Design Show** The fifth annual event features Dr. Lori from the Discovery Channel. Bring your antiques for a free appraisal. Hangar Hotel Event Center, 155 Airport Road, hillcountryhomeshow.net

FREDERICKSBURG: Feb. 16-March 4 "The Addams Family" Charles Addams' weird and wonderful family comes to devilishly delightful life in a new musical comedy, presented by Fredericksburg Theater Company. Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 S. US 87. fredericksburgtheater.org 830-997-3588

FREDERICKSBURG: Feb. 16-18 Fredericksburg

Trade Days Shop with more than 400 vendors in seven barns, featuring acres of antiques, a biergarten, live music, and more. Seven miles east on US 290 across from Wildseed Farms. **fbgtradedays.com 210-846-4094**

FREDERICKSBURG: Feb. 18 Kenari Saxophone Quartet Fredericksburg Music Club presents this concert, featuring an award-winning quartet which formed in 2012 at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 1800 N. Llano.

fredericksburgmusicclub.com 830-990-2886 INGRAM: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 Ingram Farmers and **Artisans Market** A community of farmers, ranchers, artists, business owners, friends, and families come together to sell the best of what the area has to offer. SH 39 and Old Ingram Loop. **830-367-2800**

KERRVILLE: Feb. 2 First Friday Wine Share A fun way to meet new or different wines, people, and places of business or art. Please bring no more than one bottle of wine per every two people. Singles may feel free to bring a bottle every other month. Try to find the themed bottle of the month (if you can't, just default to your favorite). Finger foods are always welcome. Bring your own wine glass—this could be a conversation starter in

LAMPASAS: Feb. 3-4, 24-25 Lampasas Trade Days Come meet the artists and craftsmen who create one-of-a-kind items. Merchandise ranges from antiques. collectibles, quilts, crafts, folk and fine art, and home furnishings. Marigold's Antiques & More, 2646 US 190.

itself. firstfridaywineshare.com 830-896-6600

marigoldsantiques.com 512-734-1294 NEW BRAUNFELS: Through Jan. 31, 2019

"War Stories: New Braunfels in World War I" Presented as part of the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of America's role in WWI. New Braunfels' uniquely German character compelled its citizens to respond with fervor once America was at war with Germany. On view in the exhibit will be artifacts from the Sophienburg's collections—posters, photographs, uniforms, and other historical objects to showcase events, individuals, and ideology during 1914-1919—as well as touch on the lasting impact of The Great War on America and on this German community. Sophienburg Museum & Archives, 401 W. Coll St. **sophienburg.com 830-629-1572**

NEW BRAUNFELS: Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 Friday After**noon Club** A Gruene Hall tradition where hipsters, oldsters, suits, locals, and drifters mix it up to get their weekend started with cold beer, prize giveaways, and the best in Texas tunes broadcast live by KNBT 92.1 FM Radio New Braunfels. Historic Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com 830-626-1281

NEW BRAUNFELS: Feb. 11 Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist This New Orleans-style gospel brunch, led by Gruene Hall favorite Bret Graham, allows you to sit back and enjoy good food while listening to country-style gospel tunes. Historic Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com 830-606-1281 or 830-629-5077

NEW BRAUNFELS: Feb. 16-17 Gruene Market Days This monthly event (except January) has been held for more than 30 years and features more than 100 artisans offering handmade items made by the vendors themselves. Free parking, admission, and live entertainment. Historic Gruene, 1601 Hunter Road.

gruenemarketdays.com 830-832-1721 **NEW BRAUNFELS: Feb. 23 Dailey and Vincent in Concert** Enjoy these bluegrass superstars. Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre, 290 W. San Antonio. brauntex.org 830-627-0808

WIMBERLEY: Feb. 2-25 "Pride and Prejudice"

This crisp and elegant adaptation will celebrate the legacy of Jane Austen in the bicentennial year of her death. EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens, 1101 FM 2325. emilyann.org 512-847-6969

WIMBERLEY: Feb. 9-March 4 "Death by Design" Experience what happens when you mix the urbane wit of Noel Coward with the intricate plot twists of Agatha Christie. Wimberley Playhouse, 450 Old Kyle Road. wimberleyplayers.org 512-847-0575

WIMBERLEY: Feb. 10 Second Saturday Gallery

Trail Fourteen galleries in and around the Wimberley Square stay open late and offer great art, wine, and appetizers. 101 Wimberley Square. facebook.com/ secondsaturdaygallerytrail 512-574-2980

WIMBERLEY: Feb. 15 Susanna's Kitchen Coffee-

house Concert Series The concert series brings the best musical talent to Wimberley every third Thursday. Enjoy great music in an intimate setting. Susanna's Kitchen at Wimberley United Methodist Church, 1200 CR 1492. wimberletumc.org 512-847-5464

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ALBANY: Through Feb. 3 "Cell Series: Kelly

O'Connor" A widely acclaimed exhibition series that presents the work of living artists within the "challenging" upper galleries of the historic 1877 jail structure. Sustaining the passion of the Old Jail Art Center founders in supporting and exhibiting contemporary artists, visitors encounter works by artists that attempt to interpret and translate the world we universally experience with often surprising and enlightening results. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. **theojac.org 325-762-2269**

ALBANY: Through Feb. 3 "Ron Watson: Order Among Chaos" Watson utilizes strict systems of order, artistic intuition, and the viewer's perception to construct complex and intriguing sculptures with acute attention to detail and craftsmanship. Watson's work conveys a sense of stability in a world that is perceived to be in a state of chaos. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

ALBANY: Through Feb. 3 "Texas Moderns: Bill **Bomar**" The fourth in a series of fall exhibitions focusing on artists active in mid-to-late 20th-century Texas will feature the work of Bill Bomar. Often associated with the artists of the Fort Worth Circle, Bomar was also an art collector, supporter of other artists, and one of the founders of the Old Jail Art Center. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. **theojac.org 325-762-2269**

ALBANY: Feb. 17-May 12 "Cell Series: Lily Cox-Richard" The Houston-based sculptor will incorporate a new series of works, "Sculptures the Size of Hailstones," into her Cell Series installation. The works expand her investigations into natural resources, historic litter, and stewardship, with specific attention to the landscape and weather of Texas. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

ALBANY: Feb. 17-May 12 "Matt Kleberg" The artist's approach to image making is simple, direct, and impactful. Using oil stick on large canvases, his works depict interior or architectural spaces. Kleberg limits his visual vocabulary to intensely colored stripes applied in serial repetition. The not-so-subtle combination of color, pigment texture, disorienting perspective, and large scale easily grabs viewers' attention and draws them into his fabricated spaces. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. theojac.org 325-762-2269

BIG SPRING: Feb. 10 Big Spring Symphony The symphony presents their Winter Wonderland concert. Municipal Auditorium, 310 E. Third St. visitbigspring.com 432-263-8235

CANYON: Through Feb. 24 "When Georgia Was **Here**" Drawn from the PPHM's art collection and from public and private collections nationwide, the exhibition will present a new perspective on American art contemporaneous with Georgia O'Keefe's time at WTAMU in 1916 and 1918. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. panhandleplains.org

POST: Feb. 9-11 Old Mill Trade Days Shop for arts and crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing, home decor, and antiques, and enjoy live entertainment and food. Old Mill Trade Days, 318 S. Avenue F. **432-934-1479**

SAN ANGELO: Through Aug. 18, 2019 Richard and Pam Salmon Sculpture Competition The fifth biennial juried competition will feature 12 large outdoor sculptures. Sunken Garden Park, 704 S. David St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 15-Feb. 4 "Light Show: Featuring the Work of Ben Livingston" Neon light sculptures and other fine artwork. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 15-Feb. 4 Gisela Colon: "Glo Pods" Irregularly shaped acrylic orbs with light from within. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 Art Thursday

Free art activities for children and their families. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 1 The Hot Sardines in Concert Fueled by the belief that classic jazz feeds the heart and soul, the Hot Sardines are on a mission to make old sounds new again and prove that joyful music can bring people together in a disconnected world. In the last two years, they have sold out venues like Bowery Ballroom and more than 150 tour dates from Chicago to London. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 2-18 San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo The San Angelo Rodeo holds 11 PRCA-sanctioned rodeo performances, with bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, barrel racing, and bull riding. San Angelo Coliseum Fairgrounds, 50 E. 43rd St. sanangelorodeo.com 325-653-7785

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 3 Gypsy Jazz This San Angelo Symphony Orchestra performance features two stars of the guitar-Frank Vignola and Vinny Raniolo-who have performed together in more than 1,000 concerts around the world. Featuring jazz manouche—or gypsy jazz, as it is now more commonly known—the concert will include stunning pieces such as Ravel's "Bolero" and Korsakov's "Sheherazade." Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelosymphony.org 325-658-5877

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 9-10 "Million Dollar Quartet" Don't miss your chance to discover the true story of one unforgettable night that made rock 'n' roll history. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 10 Family Day Lunar New **Year** Hands-on art activities. Free admission. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 15 Downtown Stroll Museum open for free during the event. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 15-April 8 New Acquisitions: **Spanish Colonial** New acquisitions to the museum's collection. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 15-April 8 New Glass Collec**tion** New acquisitions to the museum's collection. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 16-25 "Crimes of the Heart"

The three Magrath sisters have gathered to await news of the family patriarch, their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in their local Mississippi hospital. This is the story of how they escape the past to seize the future—but the telling is so true and touching and consistently hilarious that it will linger in the mind long after the curtain has descended. Winner of the 1981 Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. Angelo Civic Theater, 1936 Sherwood Way. angelotheater.com 325-949-4400

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 18 "Play It Again" Concert West Texas Jazz Orchestra performs big band and jazz music. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 23 "Peter and the Star

Catcher" This Tony-winning Broadway play is the century-old story of how a miserable orphan comes to be "the boy who would not grow up" (aka Peter Pan). Not truly a musical, but not entirely a play, it features 12 actors portraying more than 100 unforgettable characters. Be Theatre, 19 W. Beauregard. angelotheater.com 325-716-4125

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 25 Buffalo Soldier Heritage Day Displays, presentation, and programs to honor the famed African American troops of the Western frontier. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes. fortconcho.com 325-234-0316

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 26 Yamato Drummers of Japan Yamato was founded by Masa Ogawa in 1993 in Nara. "the land of Yamato," which is said to be the birthplace of Japanese culture. Presently based in the Nara village of Asuka, Yamato travels all over the word with Japan's traditional Wadaiko drums, putting its very soul into the unusual instruments, whose sound stirs the hearts of people everywhere. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

PINEY WOODS

CROCKETT: Feb. 24 The Guess Who in Concert Presented by the Piney Woods Fine Arts Association. Crockett Civic Center, 1100 Edmiston Dr. pwfaa.org 936-544-4276

HENDERSON: Feb. 10 Mardi Gras Gumbo Cookoff Enjoy a gumbo cookoff, a zydeco band, and a beer and wine garden in the downtown historic district. Heritage Square, 100 E. Main St. visithendersontx.com 903-657-6551 ext. 238

HENDERSON: Feb. 16-18, 23-25 "Blood Brothers" The musical tells the story of a contemporary nature versus nurture plot, revolving around fraternal twins Mickey and Eddie, who were separated at birth, one subsequently being raised in a wealthy family, the other in a poor family. The different environments take the twins to opposite ends of the social spectrum one becoming a councillor, and the other unemployed and in prison. They both fall in love with the same girl, causing a rift in their friendship and leading to the tragic death of both brothers. Henderson Civic Theater, 122 E. Main St. hendersoncivictheatre.org 903-657-2968

LIBERTY: Feb. 3, 10, 24 Liberty Opry Enjoy live, family-oriented, musical entertainment, with a different theme each Saturday. Gospel; country; '50s, '60s, and '70s classic oldies; specialty; and comedy on every show. Group and child discounts available. Liberty Opry, 1816 Sam Houston St. libertyopry.com 936-336-5830

LUFKIN: Feb. 3 Corks and Forks At this annual downtown tasting event, Lufkin's finest chefs and caterers showcase their tastiest appetizers and desserts paired with great wine, Champagne, and beer. The Silo, 206 Grosebeck. visitlufkin.com 936-633-0359



LUFKIN: Feb. 8 "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and **Murder**" The uproarious story of Monty Navarro. an heir to a family fortune who sets out to jump the line of successions by—you guessed it—eliminating the eight pesky relatives who stand in his way. All the while, Monty has to juggle his mistress (she's after more than just love), his fiance (she's his cousin but who's keeping track?), and the constant threat of landing behind bars. Of course, it will be all worth it if he can slay his way to his inheritance—and be done in time for tea. When the Tony Awards were handed out in June 2014, the stylishly comic musical took home four trophies, including the biggest: Best Musical. Temple Theater/Angelina Arts Alliance, 3500 S. First St. angelinaarts.org 936-633-5454

LUFKIN: Feb. 22 Daily and Vincent in Concert

Dubbed by CMT as the "rock stars of bluegrass," the duo has been hailed throughout the music industry as one of the most exciting, reputable, and elite bluegrass bands in America, having won numerous awards for their contagious and riveting music. Both have performed alongside and in the bands of famous acts such as Dolly Parton, Vince Gill, Emmylou Harris, Ricky Skaggs, and Kentucky Thunder, just to name a few. The Pines Theater, 113 S. First St. thepineslufkin.com 936-633-0359

MAGNOLIA: Feb. 10 Mardi Gras on The Stroll

A family-friendly Mardi Gras on The Stroll for all ages: costumes welcomed for the Dancing Umbrella Parade. Start the day early with the Cajun Ready Mix Cookoff. Free admission and free parking available. Vendors welcome. The Stroll in Magnolia, FM 1488 and FM 1774. cityofmagnolia.com 713-542-4358

MARSHALL: Feb. 18 From the Stars to the Stage The concert features beautiful Baroque music and HaYoung Moon, winner of the Juanita Miller Competition. She is known for her rendition of Haydn's "Cello Concerto No. 2 in D Major." First Methodist Church, 115 S. Columbus St. marshallsymphony.com 903-935-4484

THE WOODLANDS: Feb. 15-19 Inspire Film Festival

The festival presents good films about good people doing good things. This annual event, held on President's Day weekend, is dedicated to inspiring audiences with films and stories that celebrate the human spirit. Fifteen thought-provoking documentary films and 10 short films are selected based on their ability to enlighten as well as entertain audiences. Various locations. inspirefilmfest.com 281-705-1623

TYLER: Feb. 3 "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and **Murder**" Tells the uproarious story of Monty Navarro, a distant heir to a family fortune who sets out to jump the line of succession, by any means necessary. University of Texas at Tyler R. Don Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. cowancenter.org 903-566-7424

TYLER: Feb. 12 "Million Dollar Quartet" This

electrifying Tony Award-winning Broadway musical is the true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins for the first and only time. University of Texas at Tyler R. Don Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. cowancenter.org 903-566-7424

TYLER: Feb. 27 Complexions Contemporary Ballet: "Bach to Bowie" Combining the best of athleticism, lyricism, technical training, and experience, Complexions awakens audiences to a new genre with its singular approach of reinventing dance through a groundbreaking mix of methods, styles, and cultures. This innovative dance company is at it again with its latest creation. The Bowie part of the evening is entitled "Star Dust" and features daredevil dancing, a hip soundtrack, glam rock costumes, and innovative stagecraft. University of Texas at Tyler R. Don Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. cowancenter.org 903-566-7424

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ARLINGTON: Feb. 24 PBR Iron Cowboy The 25th anniversary of PBR and the ninth Iron Cowboy battle against the bucks to win the title. AT&T Stadiun. 1 AT&T Way. attstadium.com 817-892-4000

ARLINGTON: Feb. 24 Winstar World Casino and Resort Iron Cowboy The world's premier bull riding organization, PBR (Professional Bull Riders), brings the second major event of the 2018 elite tour to Arlington and celebrates the 25th anniversary of a dream that 20 cowboys made a reality turned global phenomenon. The 35 toughest cowboys in the world go head to head with the rankest bulls in the world to make the 8-second ride. AT&T Stadium, 1 AT&T Way. **pbr.com 817-757-2276**

ARLINGTON: Feb. 25 RFD-TV's The American As the largest single-day cash prize rodeo in history, The American offers a total purse of \$2 million with \$1 million divided among any qualifiers who win their respective events. AT&T Stadium, 1 AT&T Way. attstadium.com 817-892-4000

BRENHAM: Feb. 2-3 Spring Blossoms Quilt Show Presented by Friendship Quilt Guild, festivities include guilt judging and guilting vendors from across the state. Enjoy the creative and beautiful quilts on display. Fireman's Training Center, 1101 SH 290 friendshipquiltguild.weebly.com 979-830-1950 CALDWELL: Feb. 10 Caldwell Cruise-In Car Show

Cruise in to the historic downtown square and enjoy a day with fellow classic car lovers. Downtown Caldwell, 100 W. Buck St. caldwelltx.gov 979-567-3901

CALDWELL: Feb. 10 Chocolate, Champagne, and Cake Walk Main Street Caldwell hosts its third annual event on the square. Participating businesses will share samples of chocolate, Champagne or wine, or cake, along with amazing sales to satisfy your shopping craving. Downtown Caldwell, 100 W. Buck St. caldwelltx.gov 979-567-3901

CLIFTON: Jan. 22-March 3 "Lonesome Dove" **Exhibition** This traveling exhibition includes images from the filming of "Lonesome Dove." Bosque Museum, 301 S. Avenue Q. bosquemuseum.org 254-675-3845

DALLAS: Oct. 14-Feb. 4 "Paper into Sculpture"

Even as the shift to digitized images, virtual reality, and social media has been said to herald its obsolescence, paper nonetheless remains inescapable in our daily lives. The artists—Noriko Ambe, Marco Maggi, Joshua Neustain, Nancy Rubins, and Franz West-play on tensions between commonly held understanding of sculpture and what paper can and cannot do, pushed to its physical limit. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. nashersculpturecenter.org

DALLAS: Through May 6 "Journey to Space" The exhibit features a full-size simulated International

Space Station, robotics, water rockets, Neil Armstrong's helmet and gloves, plus a space-inspired playspace for young cadets. Perot Museum, 2201 N. Field St. perotmuseum.org 214-428-5555

DALLAS: Feb. 7-March 4 "Three Sisters" Discover the humor and heartbreak of one of the world's greatest plays by Anton Chekhov, revealed through the lyricism of one of the leading voices in contemporary theatre: two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist Sarah Ruhl. Chekhov's great tragicomic tells the story of women contending with disillusioned life in a small Russian town. The Prozorov sisters dream of freedom, sex, romance, and Moscow. Two figures appear in their lives. Vershinin, the new battery commander, has hopes of a better future for mankind. Natasha, a local woman, has hopes of a better future for herself. Each transforms the Prozorov family. Undermain Theatre, 3200 Main St. undermain.org

DALLAS: Feb. 8 "Thurgood" In partnership with

Jubilee Theatre, Selmore Haines stars in this play written

by George Stevens Jr., the dramatic retelling of the life of Thurgood Marshall, the first African American to be appointed to the Supreme Court. A must-see for all in celebration of Black History Month. Bishop Arts Theatre Center, 215 S. Tyler St. bishopartstheatre.org

DALLAS: Feb. 9-11, 16-18 "Screen Play"

More than half of teens admit they are addicted to their phones. They're plugged in and often tuned out. In her new play, Linda Daugherty, DCT's award-winning playwright-in-residence, explores the blurry lines between real life and life online. Cyber-bullying, explicit content, and screen addiction impact the lives of a group of teens, leading to tragic consequences. Dallas Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman St. facebook.com/ dallaschildrenstheater

DALLAS: Feb. 10 Jeanne Robertson: The "Rocking Chair" Tour Award-winning American humorist and motivational speaker. AT&T Performing Arts Center Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. attpac.org

DALLAS: Feb. 17 DCFA Form Follows Fitness 5K

Presented by Blackson Brick Co. and benefiting the Dallas Center for Architecture, one of Dallas' best 5K events showcases the city's most impressive architectural icons. Run through the region's cultural life, Uptown, The Arts District, through the skyline and glass high-rise buildings with award-winning architecture. Registration includes a fantastic dry-fit shirt (a slick-looking one you'll actually wear), food, and brew too. Klyde Warren Park, 2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway. klydewarrenpark.org

DALLAS: Feb. 23-26 Conservation of Architectural Heritage—Second Edition Architecture is the platform where all cultures, heritages, traditions, and histories meet; through architectural conservation, the built heritage is prolonged and conserved by the planning of individuals or organizations that work solely for the purpose of conservation and preservation of architectural heritage. Through critical decisions that are based on the criteria of combining artistic, contextual, and informational values, the heritage is preserved, restored, or sometimes, no actions might be taken for the best interest of the cultural and architectural heritage. City

DENISON: Through Aug. 13 Temporary Exhibit:

Hall Plaza, 1500 Marilla St. ierek.com

"The Birth of NASA" President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation that created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on July 29, 1958. Spurred by the Soviet Union's launch in 1957 of the world's first artificial satellite, Sputnik I NASA encouraged the peaceful development of space science. Eisenhower Birthplace, 609 S. Lamar Ave. visiteisenhowerbirthplace.com 903-465-8908

DENISON: Jan. 9-Apr. 1 Temporary Exhibit: "Supreme Commander Eisenhower in North Africa" The exhibit commemorates the 75th anniversary of the allied invasion of North Africa during World War II. This was General Eisenhower's first military action in his role of Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe. From November 1942 through March 1943, American troops gained their first direct experience fighting Nazi Germany, learning lessons they would use in the Normandy invasion two years later. Eisenhower Birthplace, 609 S. Lamar Ave. visiteisenhowerbirthplace.com 903-465-8908

DENISON: Feb. 17 Celebrate with the Presidents

Celebrate Presidents' Day—George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and of course Dwight Eisenhower Get your picture taken with a president or strike your best presidential pose at the podium, hear stories about presidents and presidential candidates, challenge yourself with presidential trivia, and find out about lke's favorite ways to relax: fishing, golfing, and painting. Crafts and Eisenhower Birthplace house tour included. Event is for youth up to age 12; a special event fee applies. Eisenhower Birthplace, 609 S. Lamar Ave. visiteisenhowerbirthplace.com 903-465-8908

ELGIN: Feb. 3 Hatitude, Black History Month

Celebrate Black History Month with a program honoring the unique contributions of African Americans in Elgin. elgintx.com

ELGIN: Feb. 8 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in Historic Downtown Elgin. Diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists, and live music awaits attendees. elgintx.com

ENNIS: Feb. 9-10, 16-17, 23-25 "Cat on a Hot Tin **Roof**" The story of a Southern family in crisis, especially Brick and his wife, Margaret, and their interaction with Brick's family over the course of an evening gathering at the family estate in Mississippi. Play by Tennessee Williams. Theatre Rocks!, 505 NW Main St. theatrerocks.com 972-878-5126

ENNIS: Feb. 9-10 Czech Music Festival Enjoy the pre-party Friday evening in the clubroom featuring live music by Out of the Box, then come back Saturday for good food, five live bands, and family fun. Sokol Activity Center, 2622 SH 34. ennisczechmusicfestival.com 927-878-4748

FARMERSVILLE: Feb. 3 Farmers and Fleas Market Market features coffee, food, crafts, jewelry, soaps, antiques, home decor, plants, produce and more. The Onion Shed, 151 S. Main St. farmersvilletx.com 972-784-6846

FORT WORTH: Jan. 12-Feb. 3 Fort Worth Stock **Show and Rodeo** A fun-filled extravaganza rich in Western tradition, this legendary event features exciting rodeo action, livestock, horse shows, and a number of other experiences including interactive, kid-friendly activities. Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W. Lancaster. fwssr.com 817-877-2400

FORT WORTH: Feb. 23-25 Cowntown Marathon

The largest multievent race in North Texas. With distances for everyone—including 5Ks for both kids and adults, a 10K, a half marathon, full marathon, and the Ultra Marathon presented by Miller Lite—the event accommodates runners and walkers of all athletic abilities. Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 W. Lancaster. cowtownmarathon.org 817-207-0224

GLEN ROSE: Feb. 10 Sweetheart Safari Dinner

and Tour Impress your sweetheart with a three-course candlelight dinner near a watering hole, live music, and an evening wildlife tour. Reservations are required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 3022 CR 2010. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Feb. 12 Learning From "The Lorax" For this homeschool class and tour, students have the opportunity to visit the Street of the Lifted Lorax and become part of the story. It relates the Lorax to an endangered Texas native, the Attwater's prairie chicken, for which Fossil Rim has an on-site breeding program. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: Feb. 27 Beautiful Bountiful Biomes! In this homeschool class and tour, the center emphasizes understanding and valuing biodiversity; and biodiversity is packaged in biomes. Discover in a hands-on way what biomes are, what they share in common, and what makes each biome unique. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GRAND PRAIRIE: Feb. 9-11, 16-18 Lunar New **Year Festival** The festival celebrates the coming of the lunar year in Asian culture. Enjoy nightly concerts, multicultural performances, martial arts, a kid zone, and much more. Asia Times Square, 2615 W. Pioneer Pkwy. asiatimesquare.com 972-988-8811

GRAND PRAIRIE: Feb. 17 Dollar Chili Day

Enjoy chili along with rides, games, and other family fun activities. Traders Village, 2606 Mayfield Road. tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie 972-647-2331 HALLETTSVILLE: Apr. 1-Nov. 30, 2018 "Texas in **World War I**" Features a series of programs and exhibits on various topics relating to Texas and its

role in World War I. Friench Simpson Memorial Library, 705 E. Fourth St. hallettsvillelibrary.org 361-798-3243, ext. 208

IRVING: Feb. 17 Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra: **Scott Stratton, Trombone** Romance is in the air as the LCSO's very own principal trombone, Scott Stratton, performs Grondahl's "Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra." Irving Arts Center-Carpenter Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. irvingartscenter.com 972-252-4800

LA GRANGE: Feb. 10 Valentine Dinner and Con**cert** The social begins with appetizers and local Texas wines, followed by a full course dinner by Bistro 108 served to your table. Enjoy a grand piano concert by Professor John Dujka. Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center, 250 W. Fairgrounds Road. czechtexas.org 888-785-4500

LOCKHART: Feb. 2-3 Hot Rods and Hatters

Car Show and Festival Hundreds of hot rods and thousands of spectators are expected at the seventh annual event, which features food vendors with a car show on Saturday. Music is by The Paladins, Rick Broussard's Two Hoots and A Holler, and The Octanes. Parking includes shuttle services and a barbecue tour. Downtown Town Historical District, 110 S. Main St. hotrodsandhatters.com 512-657-4616

MCKINNEY: Sept. 2-Feb. 18 Dinosaurs Live!

This annual exhibit features animatronic dinosaurs stationed along nature trails. Closed Mondays. Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. heardmuseum.org 972-562-5566

MESQUITE: Feb. 1-28 MISD Student Art Exhibit

This show features artwork created by elementary. middle, and high school students of the Mesquite Independent School District. Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

TRAVEL INFORMATION RESOURCES

RAVELERS may receive 24-hour automated highway condition information from TxDOT by a.m.-6 p.m. Central standard time, to speak to a professional travel counselor for travel information and trip-planning assistance. **txdot.gov**



VALLEY p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, year-round. All centers are closed on New **LANGTRY**: In the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center.

Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve,

AMARILLO: 9700 I-40 East. 806-335-1441.

11th and Brazos streets. 512-463-8586.

DENISON: 6801 US 69/75. 903-463-2860

GAINESVILLE: 4901 I-35 North. 940-665-2301

ANTHONY: 8799 S. Desert Blvd. 915-886-3468.

AUSTIN: In the old General Land Office Building.

and Christmas Day.

526 Texas Loop 25. 432-291-3340. LAREDO: 15551 I-35 North. 956-417-4728.

ORANGE: 1708 I-10 East. 409-883-9416.

TEXARKANA: 1200 I-30 West. 903-794-2114

VALLEY: 2021 W. Harrison in Harlingen. 956-428-4477.

WASKOM: 1255 N. I-20 East. 903-687-2547.

WICHITA FALLS: 900 Central Fwy. 940-723-7931.

FEBRUARY 2018 PRAIRIES AND LAKES

MESQUITE: Feb. 10 Florence Ranch Homestead Tours/Be Mine at the Park Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc., this special Valentine's event features tours of the Lawrence Family house and barn, photos with themed props, Valentine's crafts for children, and more. Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

MESQUITE: Feb. 10 Mesquite Symphony
Orchestra Concert: A Night on the Town Mequite
Arts Center Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway.
mesquitesymphony.org 972-216-8127

MESQUITE: Feb. 16-18, 23-25 "Tuna Does Vegas"
Presented by Mesquite Community Theatre, the play
reunites the lovable and eccentric characters from the "third
smallest town in Texas" as they take a rambling romp in Sin
City in this hilarious continuation of the Greater Tuna series.

Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway.

mesquitecommunitytheatre.com 972-216-8126

MESQUITE: Feb. 24 Opal Lawrence Historical Park Tours Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc., tours of the beautiful S.D. Lawrence home are every fourth Saturday. Be sure to note the distinctive painted ceilings. Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney St. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

NOCONA: Feb. 8-10 Mardi Gras Nocona Style
Boots, beads, and classic cars highlight the unusual twist
the town of Nocona makes during the annual Mardi
Gras celebration. Events include a Mardi Gras parade.
Downtown Nocona. nocona.org 940-825-3526

RICHARDSON: Feb. 2 Randy Noojin: "Seeger"
A critically-acclaimed, multimedia solo show about
America's beloved folksinger/activist, Pete Seeger, at a
benefit in Washington, D.C. advocating free speech in
Cuba, where he uses his signature songs, including "If I
Had a Hammer," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone,"
and "We Shall Overcome" to tell the story of his personal
struggles for free speech in America. Charles W. Eisemann
Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations,
2351 Performance Dr. eisemanncenter.com

RICHARDSON: Feb. 10 Martha Redbone and Bone

Hill: The Concert Presented as a dramatic musical work with a cast of eight actor/musicians, this show is inspired by Martha Redbone's family history in the Appalachian Mountains. This is an epic story of one woman's return to her homeland on Black Mountain and the coal mines of Harlan County, Kentucky. Presented in partnership with UT Dallas School of Arts & Humanities. The UT Dallas Vocal Ensemble opens the performance following a four-day residency on the campus. Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations, 2351 Performance Dr. eisemanncenter.com

RICHARDSON: Feb. 15-18 "Postsecret: The Show" A poignant journey through the humor and humanity of personal stories we'd rather keep to ourselves, but on rare occasions, share with others. Three actors and a guitarist use projected images and videos to guide the audience through crowd-sourced narratives revealing the true stories behind the secrets. See the hopeful, shocking, painful, and sexual secrets that brought hundreds of millions to the PostSecret blog. Explore the movement that has spawned six best-selling books and a Smithsonian art exhibition. A breakthrough in audience-sourced storytelling that reaches beyond the confines of the stage, the show reminds audiences that secrets can be both walls and bridges. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr. eisemanncenter.com 972-744-4650

RICHARDSON: Feb. 19 Keyboard Conversations: Chopin and Bach Enjoy a concert with lively commentary by renowned pianist Jeffrey Siegel. This unique format makes the music more accessible and the listening experience focused and meaningful. Bach was Chopin's favorite composer. This concert program, hear

their respective preludes, romantic fantasies, and zesty and melodic dances—from charming minuets to exotic mazurkas. Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations, 2351 Performance Dr. eisemanncenter.com

RICHARDSON: Feb. 23 "Mummenshanz—You and Me" Since its successful three-year run on Broadway, the Swiss-based theater troupe has pioneered a new form of visual theater spawning multiple genres and expanding the art form while dazzling audiences worldwide for more than 45 years. This compelling experience of shadow, light, and form offers timeless insight on the human condition. The result is a visually stunning spectacle that transcends cultural barriers and sparks the imagination. Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations, 2351 Performance Dr. eisemanncenter.com

RICHARDSON: Feb. 24 Sammy Miller and the Congregation in Concert A native of Los Angeles, the Grammy-nominated drummer has become known for his maturity and relentless focus on making music that "feels good" as a drummer, singer, and bandleader. Upon completing his master's at The Juilliard School, Sammy formed his ensemble, The Congregation. As a band they are focused on sharing the power of community through their music—joyful jazz. This is a return engagement due to popular demand as a Spotlight Artist last season. Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations, 2351 Performance Dr.

RICHARDSON: Feb. 25 BAM Percussion

From beginning to end, eXplosion electrifies the crowd with its powerful rhythms and its deliriously funny sketches. The pulsating energy of BAM is contagious and through drumbeats and laughs, overwhelms the audience. Add to this a transcultural humor and a lot of rhythm, and you get a truly universal event. Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations, 2351 Performance Dr. eisemanncenter.com

ROUND TOP: Feb. 10 Valentine's Concert

Dick Smith and friends present another show of popular songs to celebrate the special day for sweethearts. After the performance, join Festival Hill staff and friends on the Concert Hall stage for a reception with refreshing drinks and delectable Valentine treats from the Festival Hill Kitchen. You will have an opportunity to sponsor a book of your choice for the Adopt-a-Book Program and bid on special silent auction items. Your ticket enters you in a drawing for a chance to win fantastic door prizes. Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Road. **festivalhill.org 979-249-3129**

ROYSE CITY: Feb. 16 Casino for a Cause An evening of dinner, dancing, live country music, silent auction, and casino gaming. It's the Chamber's second largest event of the year, open to the public. The proceeds earned from this event go toward community events, workshops, beautification projects, and assisting nonprofits. Southern Junction Nightclub & Steakhouse, 5574 SH 276. roysecitychamber.com 972-636-5000

SEALY: Feb. 10 Sealy Main Street Market Locally grown produce, handmade goods, and homemade foods. The market is open the second Saturday of every month. Historic Sealy Main Street, SH 36 and Main Street. sealymainstreet.com 979-627-6136

TEMPLE: Feb. 10 The Caring Ball For 25 years, Temple Community Clinic has opened its doors for those in need of health care in Bell County. More than 500 guests are anticipated at the 24th annual ball, a night that includes a gourmet dinner, dancing, and optional wine tasting. Additionally, an online and live auction showcases various items from local businesses to help raise funds to support their mission. The success of this event determines the

level of care the clinic can give to the working citizens in Bell County with compromised access to health care. Mayborn Convention Center, 3303 N. Third St. templecommunityclinic.org 254-771-3374

TEMPLE: Feb. 24 Main Street Market Free and open to the public, the market features arts, craft, and vintage vendors in addition to food trucks. Downtown, 2 N. Main St. **discovertemple.com 254-298-5378**

WACO: Jan. 13-May 6 "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Secrets of the Sewer" Experience the first-ever museum exhibit featuring the four heroic ninjas-in-training. Leap to the rescue and learn teamwork, collaboration, and problem solving as you work your way through puzzles, mazes, and obstacles. Explore the sewer-like lair, where good guys win and bad guys lose. Since 1984, these four iconic brothers have rocked it with their talent and teamwork, inspiring generations. Families can now join these pizza-eating, crime-fighting "Heroes in a Half-Shell" while learning the secrets of the sewer. Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Dr. baylor.edu/mayborn 254-710-1110

WACO: Feb. 1 The Chisholm Trail: Cattle and Crossroads of History The fourth annual Director's Forum, a collaboration with the Texas Historical Commission, provides lectures, music, and panel discussions on how the Chisholm Trail affected our state and history. Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Dr. baylor.edu/mayborn 254-710-1110

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

EDINBURG: Feb. 22-25 Fiesta Edinburg The 50th annual event is the Edinburg Chamber's largest celebration. Major attractions such as the Heart of America Carnival, regional food, arts and crafts, plus top-notch entertainment, are a large draw to the community festival. H-E-B Park, 1616 S. Raul Longoria Road. **edinburg.com 956-383-4974**

LAREDO: Feb. 7-10 Laredo Birding Festival

Come bird on the border at the sixth annual festival, where you can bird Laredo hotspots and dozens of scenic South Texas ranches. The event offers birders an opportunity to explore and observe hundreds of species of birds with a professional field guide on a small and intimate custom-tailored trip. La Posada Hotel, 1000 Zaragoza St. laredobirdingfestival.org 956-718-1063

SAN ANTONIO: Feb. 8-25 Stock Show and Rodeo

Awarded the PRCA Large Indoor Rodeo of the Year for an unprecedented 12 consecutive years, you'll see the nation's top rodeo athletes vie for a \$1.7 million purse. Add world-class entertainment following the Rodeo to the livestock events, carnival, fun fair food, shopping, educational exhibits, and family-friendly entertainment on the grounds. AT&T Center/Freeman Coliseum, 3201 E. Houston St. sarodeo.com 210-225-5851

SAN ANTONIO: Feb. 23-25 Texas Trail Roundup

A three-day, noncompetitive, international walking festival that encourages walking as a fitness activity to promote international understanding and friendships. The festival features 5K to 42K walks in and around downtown San Antonio. Many of the walks go to or through the five missions. All ages are welcome. Multiple walks are available; each walk is different. Holiday Inn Downtown (Market Square), 318 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. texastrailroundup.org 210-325-3523

WESLACO: Feb. 15 Alfresco Weslaco A monthly street festival that features live music, vendor booths, and delicious food, all in the heart of Downtown Weslaco. weslacodc.com 956-969-0838

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