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ON THE COVER

River Shannon

In its 50th year of celebrating all things Irish, San Antonio's River Walk will once again be dyed with an eco-friendly green and turned into the "River Shannon" for St. Patrick's Day weekend. Thousands flock to the festivities to indulge at the Irish food court and watch Irish entertainment, including world-class bagpipers and local Irish dancers. It wouldn't be St. Paddy's without green beer and live music on the Armeson stage; games, artisan crafts, family-friendly activities, and more will be held in La Villita. This year's event is **March 16-17**—see page 27 for details.

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BEAUTY AND THE BEACH

DURING THE early 20th century, **Galveston Island**—still recovering from the devastating hurricane of 1900—launched an event to strengthen the city's tourism economy and offer an official kick-off to summer. The highlight of the day was the **Bathing Girl Revue**, which by 1926 had evolved into the International Pageant of Pulchritude—the precursor to Miss Universe—and had become such a success that on the weekend these events were held, the island's population grew to three times its size. (We'd bet the daring new fashions of the flapper era had something to do with its popularity.) The pageant fizzled during the Great Depression, but after Hurricane Ike in 2008, the city resurrected the fun with a considerably less bawdy event, inviting travelers to watch as competitors line up along the Seawall and don their best 1920s beach fashion. The fun returns this year on the Saturday of the island's Third Coast Music Festival, **April 26-29**, with plenty of vintage family-friendly fun. galvestonbeachrevue.com

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CALENDAR *at a Glance*

MARCH



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FULTON: OysterFest This annual salute to the oyster industry offers plenty of food, entertainment, arts and crafts, an oyster-eating contest, and a carnival. fultonosterfest.org 361-463-9955



3-4

WASHINGTON: Texas Independence Day Celebration A free annual living history event commemorates the day delegates formally declared Texas' independence from Mexico, featuring a bonafide 1836 Texas Army camp where visitors can learn how soldiers and their families lived then. wheretexasbecametexas.org 936-878-2214

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BANDERA: Wild Hog Explosion Teams of two enter the ring, catch a Texas wild hog, and race to the finish line. Spectators can also enjoy vendor booths, food, arts and crafts, music, and a cookoff. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

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PLANO: Texas Fly Fishing and Brew Festival Meet nationally known fly fishing authors, professional guides, expert casters, custom bamboo rodmakers, and fly tyers from across the country. txflyfishingfestival.org 703-402-8338

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FREDERICKSBURG: Luckenbach Mud Dauber Festival and Chili Cookoff A chili cookoff and music festival at the famous Luckenbach Texas dance hall, named in honor of that pesky wasp. luckenbachtexas.com 830-997-3224

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WACO: The Texas Food Truck Showdown The fourth annual competition welcomes food trucks from across the state and thousands of foodies ready to indulge. The Texas Food Truck Champion will be awarded a \$5,000 grand prize. thetexasfoodtruckshowdown.com 254-757-5611

23-24

KILGORE: Kilgore Arts Festival Celebrate Vincent van Gogh's birthday with artists, crafters, and vendors joining an all-day festival, featuring kid-friendly activities like clay sculpting and sand art. kilgore.com 903-984-5081

APRIL



2-7

ROUND TOP: The Original Round Top Antiques Fair Antiquers from across the country make a biannual trek to this tiny town as a slew of vendors open up shop, including the one that started it all more than 50 years ago. roundtopexasantiques.com 512-237-4747



5-8

GALVESTON: Tall Ships Galveston For the first time in history, Tall Ships America brings its Tall Ships Challenge to the Gulf of Mexico. The new festival includes ship tours, sail-away excursions, music, and other special events. tallshipsgalveston.com

13-15

BURNET: Bluebonnet Festival The Bluebonnet Capital of Texas celebrates the arrival of spring with this annual family-friendly event. bluebonnetfestival.org 512-756-4297

18-22

DENTON: Thin Line Fest A documentary film, multi-genre music, and competitive photo festival. Each year, international documentaries of many interests are shown, and national multi-genre music acts and regional photographers come to Denton to exhibit their talents. thinline.us 940-382-7895

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LA PORTE: San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Re-enactment The largest battle re-enactment in the southwest is the centerpiece of this admission-free festival, held on the grounds of the San Jacinto Monument. Enjoy family activities, animals, cultural exhibitors, and fun set amidst living history. Events pay tribute to the decisive Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836, when Texas won its independence from Mexico. sanjacinto-museum.org 210-824-9474

27-29

GEORGETOWN: Poppy Festival Celebrate spring in the historic town square at the 19th annual festival, which includes live music, contests, parades, food, art, and fun for the whole family. Georgetown was named the "Red Poppy Capital of Texas" in 1990. visit.georgetown.org/red-poppy-festival 512-930-3545

MAY



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PLANO: AsiaFest The 15th annual Asian-American heritage festival offers Asian food, music, numerous cultural demonstrations, performances, and vendors providing an engaging time for the whole family. asianamericanheritage.org 972-379-9351

11-13

CRYSTAL BEACH: Texas Crab Festival Dive into more Gulf Coast-style music, art, and crabs than you can shake a claw at. A full weekend of family entertainment features live music, coastal arts and crafts, a crab gumbo cookoff, crab races, carnival rides, contests, games, and booth after booth of fresh local seafood and festival favorites. texascrabfestival.org 281-773-3044

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CANADIAN: River Music Festival Making a name for Canadian by providing great music in a hometown setting. canadianrivermusicfestival.com 806-323-6660

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KYLE: Squeeze Me on the Square Featuring bands from across the state and across music genres that all feature an accordion or squeeze box instrument, from German to conjunto, Czech, and cajun. cityofkyle.com/recreation 512-262-3939

18-20

PASADENA: Strawberry Festival The 45th annual event offers a cookoff, the world's largest strawberry shortcake, pig races, a circus/thrill show, a petting zoo, pony rides, a Yo-Yo expert, juggling, 280 vendors, a carnival, and local entertainers. strawberryfest.org 281-991-9500



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SAN ANTONIO: Armed Forces River Parade Dedicated to the men and women of the United States armed forces, and features 26 patriotically decorated floats. Onstage entertainment will serenade the floats from the Arneson River Theatre. thesanantonioriverwalk.com 210-227-4262

25-27

ENNIS: National Polka Festival Experience the traditions, religious customs, dancing, tastes, sights, and sounds of the "Czech Lands" throughout historic downtown. nationalpolkafestival.com 972-878-4748

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With a Little Luck
One of the first signs of spring is St. Patrick's Day, when events pop up across the state to celebrate this beloved Irish holiday with all things green, gold, and Guinness.

MARCH 2018

Picks across the state

CELEBRATE St. Patrick's Day in Dallas at the **North Texas Irish Festival**—the largest Irish festival in the southwest. Taking over Fair Park **March 2-4**, multiple stages will host Celtic performers such as the four-sister Emerald Isle band Screaming Orphans; Texas musicians like The Here and Now, who play traditional Irish music; award-winning harpists; dance performances; Celtic myth storytellers; craft demonstrations; and more. Local chefs will be ready to wow patrons with their Irish cuisine, and there will be ample opportunities to dine and shop from vendors. The children's area will host entertainers weaving story and song, and sheep herding and horse demonstrations will pique everyone's interest. Visitors are encouraged to bring well-behaved dogs to the festival for a day in the park, as well as take a peek at—and possibly adopt—the available pets up for adoption through local organizations and no-kill shelters. The popular Irish whiskey tasting will be held Friday night on the culinary stage, where cooking demonstrations of traditional Irish foods are held as well. Be sure to watch for spontaneous



music sessions, as festival musicians love to play and exchange tunes anywhere and anytime during the festival. For more information, visit ntif.org.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

KNOwn FOR his paintings, sculptures, printmaking, and use of bright colors, Ellsworth Kelly was an influential American artist. Before his death two years ago, Kelly gifted the **Blanton Museum of Art** at the University of Texas at **Austin** with the design concept for his most monumental work—and the only building he ever designed—a 2,715 square-foot freestanding structure named for the city in which it resides.



From **Feb. 18-April 29**, the museum will host **Form into Spirit: Ellsworth Kelly's Austin**, an exhibition exploring the concepts of Kelly's last great work. The show coincides with the opening of Austin, the colossal building Kelly designed with colored-glass windows, a wood sculpture, and 14 black-and-white stone panels in marble and granite. Austin is the crown jewel of many of Kelly's lifelong interests in color, geometry, and form, and the exhibition provides clarity for newcomers and scholars of Kelly's work, as the structure is situated within the context of Kelly's career. The exhibition is arranged around Color Grid, Spectrum, Totem, and Black and White, all motifs of the artist's work and all of which play key roles in Austin.

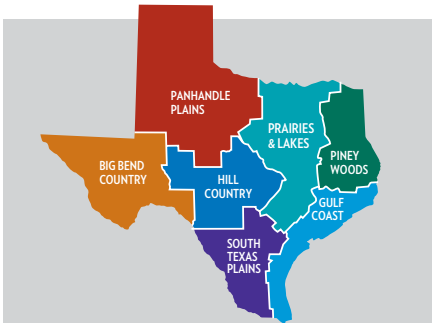
Don't-miss portions of the exhibit include the stained glass windows on three sides of the building, with the south façade displaying a three-by-three grid of colored square panes and a clear window in the center; the series of 14 black-and-white stone panels, which mark Kelly's first time working with marble; and the painting *Spectrum IV* (1967)—on loan from the Museum of Modern Art in New York—which is an early example of Kelly's work with a color spectrum. For more information, visit blantonmuseum.org.

VIVA SAN ANTONIO!

THE ALAMO CITY CELEBRATES its 300th birthday in 2018—a yearlong fête involving nearly 700 partner events that celebrate not only the past, but also the city's present and future. In honor of the past, the Witte Museum, which is dedicated to South Texas heritage, history, and science, will unveil a Tricentennial exhibit this month: **300 Years of San Antonio History: Confluence and Culture**. The word choice, confluence, is an intentional double entendre, as it represents the joining of cultures that has happened for so many centuries at the confluence of the San Antonio River and San Pedro Creek.

"San Antonio was the center of the frontier for centuries," says Marise McDermott, president and CEO of the Witte. "It was also the center of a lot of conflict. But out of those series of conflicts—the Battle of the Alamo, the Battle of Medina—came this really potent matrix of cultures." The exhibit opens **March 3** and runs through Jan. 6, 2019. For more information, visit wittemuseum.org or call **210-357-1900**.

PHOTOS: (left and top) Michael Amador; (above) ©Ellsworth Kelly Foundation, courtesy Blanton Museum of Art, The University of Texas at Austin



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BIG BEND COUNTRY

ALPINE: March 2-3 Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering Enjoy a plethora of poets, songwriters, and wordsmiths at the 32nd anniversary of this eclectic event celebrating the oral traditions of the working cowboy. Sul Ross State University, 400 N. Harrison St. texascowbopoetry.com 432-837-2326

ALPINE: March 30-April 1 The Alpine Gem & Mineral Show Features indoor and outside vendors, demonstrators, and exhibits of rocks, fossils, mineral specimens, and jewelry. Alpine Civic Center, 801 W. Holland Ave. 432-244-9503

PECOS: March 7 Easter Eggstravanza Community egg hunts accompanied by music and fundraising activities from local organizations. Pecos City Park. visitpecos.com 432-445-2406

GULF COAST

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

BEAUMONT: March 10 Symphony of Southeast Texas: "Spectrum, the Motown Men" Featuring Cushney Roberts, David Prescott, Pierre Jovan, Daryl Grant singing Motown's greatest hits, and more. Julie Rogers Theatre, 765 Pearl St. sost.org 409-892-2257

BEAUMONT: March 22-April 1 South Texas State Fair Features a carnival and a kids fun zone where young fairgoers can ride camels and horses as well as get up-close and personal with animals at the petting

zoo. The Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association showcases the country's top cowboys and cowgirls at the YMBL Championship Rodeo while locals present their masterpieces at the School Art, Quilt, and Photo Show. Ford Park Event Center, 5115 I-10 S. ymbll.org 409-832-9991

BEAUMONT: March 24 Magnolia Brass Band Festival Bring your lawn chairs and picnic baskets and join the Lamar University Bands for an outdoor afternoon festival commemorating the "March King" John Philip Sousa's four Beaumont visits in 1906, 1919, 1924, and 1928. This concert will celebrate the music of the Magnolia Band, a local Beaumont band temporarily conducted by Sousa in 1924, and Lamar University's bands playing music from America's "Golden Age," when Beaumont was a booming oil town. Spindletop/Gladys City Boomtown Museum, 5550 Jimmy Simmons Blvd. lamar.edu/fine-arts-communication/music 409-880-8144

BRAZORIA: March 3 Heritage Day A fun-filled day for families includes a cattle drive parade, food, kid games, dance schools performing in the theater, an antique car show, and a gun show in the gymnasium. Brazoria Civic Center, 202 W. Smith St. brazoriahf.org 979-236-0241

BROWNSVILLE: March 24 Taste of Texas Celebrate Texas History Month at the eighth annual event, which offers a sampling of wine, beer, spirits, and food pairings unique to the Lone Star State. Laureles Ranch House Museum, 1501 E. Seventh St. brownsvilleshistory.org 956-548-1313

CLUTE: March 6, 13, 20, 27 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 equipment to give a close-up feel for things like comets, exploding stars, and black holes. Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. brazosportcenter.org 979-265-3376

CORPUS CHRISTI: March 3 Corpus Christi Chamber Music Society: American Brass Quintet 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: March 17 Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden Learn necessary components of a butterfly garden from "Butterfly Lady" Brenda Dziedzic, author of "Learn about Butterflies in the Garden." Want monarchs, giant swallowtails, or cloudless sulphurs in your landscape? Choose butterflies you want and learn the right plants to draw them to your yard. Class included in general admission; free for members. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. stxbot.org 361-852-2100

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CORPUS CHRISTI: March 24-25 South Botanical Gardens Orchid & Rose Show See beautiful specimen plants from both Coastal Bend's orchid aficionados' private orchid collections, along with spectacular blooms from top local rose gardeners—the same weekend in one exhibition. Anyone may exhibit plants.

South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. stxbot.org 361-852-2100

CORPUS CHRISTI: March 30-31 Exciting World of Hawks & Their Identification Learn about one of the most fascinating American raptors with expert birder, naturalist, and author/educator Gene Blacklock, along with his "common birds of prey" lecture. Class is Friday evening with a field trip on Saturday morning at Hazel Bazemore Park, location of the annual Hawk Watch. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. stxbot.org 361-852-2100

FREEPORT: March 16-18 Texas Joy Ride This is the 29th annual car show and rod run. Freeport Municipal Park, 421 N. Brazosport Blvd. 281-444-8680

FREEPORT: March 24 Schuster Home Open House Built by the Schuster family in 1917, the same year the city of Freeport was incorporated, this home was a special place for family gatherings and holidays. The home serves as an example of family life during the founding of Freeport. Schuster Home, 1130 W. Second St. 979-297-0868

FRIENDSWOOD: March 3 Texas Music Festival Enjoy an afternoon of the many music styles of the Lone Star State celebrating Texas Independence Day. Scheduled to perform at the third annual event are headliner Roger Creager, Zane Williams, Bri Bagwell, Two Tons of Steel, and Saints Eleven. FM 518 and FM 2351. fdfa.org

FULTON: March 1-4 Fulton Oysterfest This annual salute to the oyster industry will offer plenty of food, entertainment, arts, crafts, and a carnival. Fulton Navigation Park, 402 N. Fulton Beach Road. fultonoyesterfest.org 361-463-9955

GALVESTON: March 2 Jerry Jeff Walker in Concert One of the Lone Star State's most popular musical ambassadors returns to The Grand 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 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: March 3 Julian Bliss Septet—A Tribute to Benny Goodman One of the world's finest clarinetists, excelling as a concerto soloist, chamber musician, jazz artist, and tireless musical explorer. This concert celebrates not only the virtuoso pioneer of American swing music but also captures the vibrant joy of a simple, unadorned melody played with feeling and conviction. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: March 8 "Nugget and Fang" ArtsPower's colorful new musical tells the story of Nugget, a minnow, and Fang, a shark, who get along swimmingly—until Nugget's first day of minnow school. There, Nugget learns that minnows are supposed to be afraid of sharks. To regain Nugget's trust, Fang takes desperate and hilarious measures. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: March 10 "On Golden Pond" Both lighthearted and deeply moving, playwright Ernest Thompson's American theatrical masterpiece is the story of a curmudgeonly father and husband who must confront his strained relationship with his adult daughter and his own not-so-gentle march into old age. Presented by Montana Repertory Theatre. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894



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GALVESTON: March 10-11 Corvette Chevy Expo
Celebrating its 40th anniversary, the all-Chevrolet event features world-class show cars indoors and also an outdoor Show 'N Shine. Find major national vendors, cars for sale, a craft show, a miniature wheels show, a food court, and on Sunday, Swimsuit USA International holds a swimsuit contest. The event is full of awards and is open to all Chevy models. Galveston Island Convention Center, 5600 Seawall Blvd. corvettechevyexpo.com 386-775-2512

GALVESTON: March 10 Ocean Star Family Days
On the second Saturday of each month, the Ocean Star celebrates Family Day. Each month focuses on a different theme that relates to the offshore oil and gas industry. Information is presented at a student's level using activities and experiments. Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum, 20th Street and Harborside Drive. oceanstaroec.com 409-766-7827

GALVESTON: March 11 Galveston Symphony Orchestra
Trond Saeverud conducts Weber's "Oberon" Overture; Hummel's Trumpet Concerto, with Sam Huss on trumpet; and Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, Op. 67. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: March 18 The Rob Landes Trio: The Fabulous '50s
The 1950s marked the beginning of the age of rock 'n' roll—from Elvis to Little Richard to Chuck Berry. At the same time, the 1950s was the era of Frank Sinatra, Johnny Mathis, and Roger Williams. From "Sha Boom" to "Chances Are," The Rob Landes Trio charms audiences with the memorable music of the fabulous '50s. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: March 24 Cirque Eloize—Saloon
The Wild West comes alive in this intoxicating mix of theatre, music, and acrobatics. Imagine a saloon complete with piano player and a bar filled with gold diggers, rail workers, chorus girls, and cowboys. Add some comedy, dance, music, and whiskey, and you get a fun-filled spectacle with a breathtaking finale. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: March 24 Ocean Discovery Day
Visitors enjoy hands-on activities; explore coral reefs, salt marshes, offshore oil platforms and marine science careers; discover Fort Crockett history; learn how to rescue dolphins; visit with sea turtles; and find out what NOAA is and does in the Gulf of Mexico during this free event. NOAA Galveston Lab, 4700 Avenue U. flowergarden.noaa.gov 409-356-0382

GALVESTON: March 27 "Click, Clack, Moo—Cows That Type"
When his granddaughter Jenny comes for a visit, Farmer Brown declares the farm a "tech-free zone." He confiscates her laptop and puts it in the cold barn along with the shivering cows who use her computer to type messages requesting blankets. "No way," replies Farmer Brown. "No blankets!" So the cows go on strike and the chickens join them in solidarity. No blankets: no milk, no eggs. Will Farmer Brown give in to the animals' demands? Will Jenny get her computer back? Find out in a hilariously "mooooo-ving" musical about negotiation and compromise, based on the Caldecott Honor Book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

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,

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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: March 2 Da Camera Presents: Garrick Ohlsson
Celebrated pianist Garrick Ohlsson plays four of Beethoven's most beloved masterpieces, bringing to life the passionate and dramatic spirit of these revolutionary works. Stude Concert Hall, Rice University, 6100 Main St. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: March 4-April 5 International Watermedia Exhibition
The 41st annual exhibition will highlight the artistic excellence of its global participants in a gallery exhibit held in Houston's popular Museum District. Selected entries will receive maximum exposure at this juried, monthlong exhibit and have an opportunity to win more than \$7,000 in prizes. This year Iain Stewart is the honorary juror and instructor. Watercolor Art Society—Houston, 1601 W. Alabama St. watercolorhouston.org 713-942-9966

HOUSTON: March 9-11 "Riverdance"
The international Irish dance phenomenon is back by popular demand in this 20th anniversary world tour. Drawing on Irish traditions, the performers propel Irish dancing and music into the present day, capturing the imagination of audiences across all ages and cultures in an innovative and exciting blend of dance, music, and song. The Hobby Center, 800 Bagby St. houston.broadway.com 800-952-6560

HOUSTON: March 13-25 "Bright Star"
From Grammy, Emmy, and Academy Award-winning Steve Martin and Grammy Award-winning Edie Brickell comes this five-time Tony-nominated, new Broadway musical. Directed by Tony winner Walter Bobbie and inspired by a real event, this original musical tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and '40s. Propelled by an ensemble of onstage musicians and dancers, the story unfolds as a rich tapestry of deep emotion, beautiful melodies, and powerfully moving performances. Theatre Under the Stars, The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St. tuts.com 713-558-2600

HOUSTON: March 23-25 Bayou City Art Festival
As the nation's premier outdoor fine art event, the

three-day festival will provide guests with the opportunity to personally meet artists, view original works, and purchase world class art. The festival will benefit local nonprofit partners and feature music, local food vendors and food trucks, live music performances, and entertainment. Memorial Park, 7575 South Picnic Lane. artcolonyassociation.org 713-521-0133

HOUSTON: March 24 Da Camera Presents: Mingus Big Band
The 14-piece Mingus Big Band celebrates the music of legendary composer/bassist Charles Mingus. Pianist and Houston native Helen Sung joins the band for this Houston performance. Cullen Performance Hall, University of Houston, 4300 University Drive. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: Through May 13 "Light Charmer: Neon and Plasma in Action"
A group show featuring artists who create a spectacle of light, color, and movement through neon and plasma sculpture and performance. Viewers will be enchanted by the variety of glowing artworks on display. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. craftthouston.org/exhibition/light-charmer 713-529-4848

KINGSVILLE: March 23 Meet the Blues
Bring your friends and family to get a glimpse of the Blue Angels and their staff before the Wings over South Texas Air Show. The public will be able to get photographs, autographs, and listen to some great music at this event. Admission and parking are free. J.K. Northway Exposition Center, 501 E. Escondido Road. kingsvilletexas.com 800-333-5032

KINGSVILLE: March 24-25 Wings over South Texas
Naval Air Station Kingsville will host the Navy's Blue Angels and other demonstrations of aerial skill. Admission is free. Naval Air Station Kingsville, 3731 Fitch St. wingsoversouthtexas.com 800-333-5032

LA PORTE: March 3 Main Street Trade Days
Held the first Saturday of the month downtown, this market showcases the best of area antiques, collectibles, re-purposed items, and artisan vendors. Enjoy the many eclectic shops and eateries along Main Street as you search for treasures. Historic Downtown La Porte, 200 W. Main St. visitlaportetx.com 281-470-7275

LA PORTE: March 17 Airing of the Quilts
This year, the event will feature multiple quilts on display throughout the downtown area, plus blanket bingo and a square exchange. Five Points Plaza, 100 S. Broadway. visitlaportetx.com 281-470-7275

LAKE JACKSON: May 1 Turtle Island Quartet
Turtle Island fuses the classical quartet aesthetic with contemporary American musical styles, and by devising a performance practice that honors both, the state of the art has inevitably been redefined. The Clarion, 500 College Drive. brazosport.edu/clarion 979-230-3156

LAKE JACKSON: March 3 Doggy Dash 5K
The seventh annual 5K starts at MacLean Park. Awards given to overall male and female and in many age categories. MacLean Park, 93 Lake Road. ljdoggdash.com 979-285-2340

LAKE JACKSON: May 1 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



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LAKE JACKSON: March 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 Brazos-pert area. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332. gcbo.org 979-480-0999

NEDERLAND: March 13-18 Nederland Heritage Festival During spring break, the city celebrates its Dutch heritage. The Windmill Museum and Acadian House at Tex Ritter Park form the background for a carnival, music, and the famed Cuisine Walk. Boston Avenue. nederlandhf.org 409-724-2269

ORANGE: Through July 14 "The World War I 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

PORT ARTHUR: March 17 Crabbing 101 at Sea Rim State Park Learn from the pros at the park showing off 5 miles of natural beach along the Gulf of Mexico. Visit the marsh side for paddle trails. Sea Rim State Park, 19335 S. Gulfway Drive. tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sea-rim 409-971-2559

ROCKPORT: March 10 Whooping Crane Strut The 30th annual event features a two-mile walk and a 5K and 10K run. The walk will remain on the beach while the 5K and 10K will continue to Austin Street and Water Street. Rockport Beach, 100 Seabreeze Drive. 361-727-2158

SPRING: March 24-25 SpringFest What began as a Texas wine and art show has evolved to so much more. This year's event will be adding a new twist with a home and garden show—visit the demonstration area for DIY project inspiration. Walk the shop-lined streets of Old Town Spring as you taste craft beers and wines from coast to coast, eat delicious foods, shop the local craft vendors and town shops, and see a demonstration or crafting class while listening to great music. Preservation Park, 130 Spring School Road. oldtownspring.com 281-353-9310

SUGAR LAND: March 3 Cultural Kite Festival Beautiful kites, windy weather, and vibrant people attend the city's annual event. There is plenty for the family to enjoy, including a kite-making workshop, kite-flying lessons, a children's craft area, a chalk art contest, and many more fun activities for all ages. Local community groups will entertain the crowd with various cultural performances throughout the event. Brazos River Park, 18427 Southwest Freeway. sugarlandtx.gov 281-275-2825

SUGAR LAND: March 3 Patti LaBelle in Concert with Kem and Special Guest Christette Michele Join the legendary singer for an evening of soul. With multiple Grammys including a Hall of Fame honor, an Emmy Award, American Music Award, and many others, LaBelle continues to be a powerhouse in the music industry. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: March 21 Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo in Concert The four-time Grammy winners will share their collection of hits in a stripped down, acoustic version—a setting that will allow fans to experience the true power of the music while hearing the stories behind the songs. Since 1979, Benatar and Giraldo have created some of rock's most memorable hits: "Love is a

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Battlefield," "Hit Me with Your Best Shot," and "We Belong." Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: March 22 Disney Junior Dance Party on Tour Sing along to Disney Junior's greatest hits with Mickey and the Roadster Racers, Sofia the First, Puppy Dog Pals, Doc McStuffins, and more. Kids of all ages and their families are invited to get up and dance, play games, and join the biggest dance party around. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: March 24 Eggstravaganza The Easter Bunny welcomes thousands of families to this annual event filled with egg scrambles, carnival games, and more. Eldridge Park, 2511 Eldridge Road. sugarlandtx.gov 281-275-2825

SUGAR LAND: March 31 Chicago in Concert The recently inducted Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band is hailed as one of the most important bands in music since the dawn of the rock 'n' roll era. Chicago is the first American rock band to chart Top 40 albums in six consecutive decades. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SURFSIDE BEACH: March 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade One of the longest-lasting traditions held at Surfside Beach, this annual event includes a parade where part of the route goes down the beach, and plenty of free beads and candy thrown from the floats. In addition to the parade, there are costume contests, a social, fundraisers, and a re-enactment of the Battle of Fort Velasco. Surfside Beach City Hall, 1304 Monument Drive. beachblarney.com 979-864-3414

THE WOODLANDS: March 3 The Woodlands Marathon A Boston qualifier, this race is the second fastest course in Texas on average and one of the top 25th fastest courses in the country. Town Green Park, 2099 Lake Robbins Drive. thewoodlandsmarathon.com

THE WOODLANDS: March 3 Waterway Nights Enjoy live music by local and regional performers weekly in the spring and summer. Waterway Square, 31 Waterway Square Place. thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov 281-210-3800

THE WOODLANDS: March 4, 11, 18, 25 Concert in the Park Enjoy a free evening of music in one of The Woodlands' premiere parks. Blankets, lawn chairs, coolers, and pets are permitted. On March 25, join the seventh annual sand castle building contest. Northshore Park, 2505 Lake Woodlands Drive. thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov 281-210-3800

THE WOODLANDS: March 10 Arts in the Park Bring lawn chairs and coolers and enjoy an afternoon of music. This free event features local vendors selling original artwork, fun activities featuring a kid zone, live performances, and concessions. Rob Fleming Park, 6055 Creekside Forest Drive. thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/artsinthepark 281-210-3800

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

VICTORIA: March 2-3 Victoria Quilt Show: Stars Across Texas The Quilt Guild of Greater Victoria presents its annual spring quilt show, where more than 100 quilts will be on display. Other activities at the event include vendors, a silent auction, scrap dive, quilt store, demonstrations, and tea room lunches. A quilt appraiser will be on site during the show. Holy Family Catholic Church Activity Center, 704 Mallette Drive. quiltguildvictoria.org 361-676-2293

VICTORIA: March 3-4 "Ballet on Fire" Victoria Ballet Theatre presents this exciting performance. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. victoriaballet.org 361-575-2313

VICTORIA: March 17 Riverside Ride A fully supported bicycle ride consisting of four routes, including a challenging 100K through the rolling hills of northwest Victoria County. First United Methodist Church, 407 N. Bridge St. 361-550-4323

VICTORIA: March 23-25 The Texas Mile Drivers compete against themselves as they see how fast their cars, trucks, and motorcycles will go in 1 mile—with no speed limit. Victoria Regional Airport, 609 Foster Field Drive. texasmile.net 281-303-1844

VICTORIA: March 24 Victoria Symphony Master Series Concert features cellist Christine Lamprea. Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 E. Sam Houston Drive. victoriasymphony.com 361-576-4500

WEST COLUMBIA: March 24 Governor Hogg's Birthday Celebration Spend the afternoon celebrating the 167th birthday of the state's first native-born governor, James S. Hogg, with cake and punch on the plantation breezeway, and historic toys and games on the lawn. Meet Gov. Hogg and his family on a stroll through the governor's last home, and learn about his contributions to Texas history and the site. Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, 1702 N. 13th. visitvarnerhogplantation.com 979-345-4656

WEST COLUMBIA: March 24 Varner-Hogg Plantation 60th Anniversary Celebration Spend the evening remembering the site's grand opening in 1958 with refreshments and dancing to the music of the 1950s. The plantation house will be open for visitors to stroll through, and docents will be available throughout the home to answer questions. Dress in 1950s attire is encouraged, but not required. Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, 1702 N. 13th. visitvarnerhogplantation.com 979-345-4656



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AUSTIN: Through Jan. 15, 2019 "Rodeo! The Exhibition" Experience the excitement of rodeos from around the state with this dynamic and comprehensive exhibition. Gain an insider's perspective on what makes rodeo an integral part of Texas history and imagine you're in the heart of the arena with classic artifacts spanning decades, immersive multimedia experiences, tactile activities, and first-person interviews highlighting the personal relationship Texans have with rodeo traditions. Bullock Texas State History Museum, 1800 N. Congress Ave. thetoryofTEXAS.com 512-463-6485

AUSTIN: Feb. 18-April 29 "Form into Spirit: Ellsworth Kelly's Austin" Ellsworth Kelly's last great work, the chapel-like structure entitled Austin now being realized at the Blanton Museum, has its roots in the artist's deep appreciation of historic European art and architecture. This exhibition will explore how Austin's conceptual origins began in the seminal period Kelly spent in France (1948-54), when he immersed himself in the country's artistic traditions and monuments. The Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. blantonmuseum.org 512-471-5482

AUSTIN: March 7 Black Violin: Classical Boom Tour Black Violin is a blend of classical, hip-hop, rock, R&B, and bluegrass music. Live, they are accompanied by their band, featuring ace turntable whiz DJ SPS and a drummer. Individually and together, Black Violin has collaborated with the likes of P. Diddy, Kanye West, 50 Cent, Tom Petty, Aerosmith, Aretha Franklin, and The Eagles. The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Drive. thelongcenter.org 512-474-5664

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AUSTIN: March 8 Texas Film Awards

The Texas Film Hall of Fame—founded by Evan Smith and Louis Black in 2001—honors those who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of the Texas film and creative media industry. Austin Film Society's Texas Film Awards is the year's biggest event for Texans in film and benefits the artistic and educational programs of the Austin Film Society. The annual event will take place for the first time at the newly opened AFS Cinema with a brand new format, with theater seating for the awards show and an intimate reception for all guests. AFS Cinema, 6406 N. I-35 Frontage Road, Suite 3100. austinfilm.org

AUSTIN: March 10-May 20 James Drake: "Tongue-Cut Sparrows (Inside Outside)"

Drake's work often explores borders and boundaries: of gender, of language, of those between countries and cultures, especially between the United States and Mexico. In this new exhibit, he worked with the female partners of men imprisoned in an El Paso jail, who had invented their own sign language for communicating with their loved ones from the street outside. He offered them texts by celebrated writers from Shakespeare to Cormac McCarthy and asked them to incorporate them into their messages; this multi-channel video piece captured their actions to create a meditation on love, loss, and the gap in-between. The Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. blantonmuseum.org 512-471-5482

AUSTIN: March 18 Bill Murray, Jan Vogler, and Friends

Bill Murray and Jan Vogler met during their travels and became friends in New York. Curious about each other's artistic world and interests, the actor and the cellist soon had the idea to work together on a project. Now, their idea for a joint program celebrates its premiere. The Hollywood star's love for classical music is young and his art of language boundless—all the more reason to look forward to a fascinating encounter between great music and great literature featuring two masters of their art. Featuring Jan Vogler, cello; Mira Wang, violin; and Vanessa Perez, piano. The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Drive. thelongcenter.org 512-474-5664

AUSTIN: March 20-25 "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder"

The Tony winner for Best Musical 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. All

the while, he's got to juggle his mistress (she's after more than just love), his fiancée (she's his cousin but who's keeping track?), and the constant threat of landing behind bars. Of course, it will all be worth it if he can slay his way to his inheritance—and be done in time for tea. Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. austin.broadway.com 800-731-7469

AUSTIN: March 23 Victor Wooten Trio in Concert

Five-time Grammy award-winning bass player Victor Wooten released his first album in five years, "TRYPNOTYX," this fall. In support of the album, he is hitting the road alongside legendary drummer Dennis Chambers and veteran saxophonist Bob Franceschini. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austinthatre.org 512-472-5470

AUSTIN: March 29-30 Cirque Éloize: Saloon

In the middle of the desert, a town comes to life. The infectious energy of folk music and strains of fiddle set the tone for an acrobatic comedy that sweeps spectators away in a mad flurry. Over the past 24 years, Cirque Éloize has travelled the planet with its 11 shows and hundreds of special events. Some 3 million people in 50 countries have been charmed by the originality, intimacy, energy, and poetry of its creations. The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Drive. thelongcenter.org 512-474-5664

BANDERA: March 3, 10, 24, 31 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 Visitors Center, 126 SH 16 S. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Chuckwagon Dinner and Show

Enjoy a barbecue dinner and des-

sert, live country Western band, gunslingers, Western photos, kid's face painting, wagon rides, roping lessons, and archery. Flying L Hill Country Resort. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Cowboys on Main

Every Saturday expect to see and interact with a sample of the Old West cowboy lifestyle on Bandera's Main Street. Cowboys on Main, 500 Main St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: March 3 The Old Timers Trading Post

Meet local artists and artisans. The Old Timer, 14178 SH 16 N. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: March 6 Cowboy Capital Opry

Grand Old Opry-style entertainment hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Refreshments and door prizes. Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: March 11 Second Sunday Music Fest

The Frontier Times Museum and the Bandera Music Hall of Fame join together to present an afternoon of music, food, and fun. Bandera County Public Library. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: March 15 Third Thursday Cowboy Camp

Pickers who play cowboy, Texas, or Western swing music are welcome to sit in. Public welcome. Bandera Beverage Barn RV Park, 1407 SH 16 N. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: March 17 Wild Hog Explosion

Wild hogs are brought in for an action-packed day. Teams of two enter the ring, catch a hog, and race to the finish line. Fun-filled day with vendor booths, arts and crafts, cookoffs, music, and much more. Proceeds to benefit the

Kronkosky Library of Bandera County, Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 N. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: March 19-22, 24 Bandera Fiber Arts Retreat

Enjoy and learn all about the fiber arts. Suzoo's Wool Works, 584 SH 16. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: March 22-25 Thunder in the Hill Country Biker Rally

An event consisting of tent camping, poker run, vendors, food, field events, music all day Friday and Saturday, a bike show, tattoo contest, and Sunday morning church service. 21 and older, no exceptions. Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 N. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BLANCO: March 30 Arts in the Park

Enjoy a free spring concert series featuring music representing all interests, from blues and gospel to Western and El Tule. Food will be available to purchase from local restaurants. Bring your chairs, your tapping shoes, and enjoy an evening under the stars. Bindseil Park, Pecan Street. blancochamber.com 410-463-4076

BOERNE: March 3 Glen Rose Formation—Musically

Evocative orchestral suites of music tuned specifically to the resonant frequencies in the cave. In premiering this uniquely site-responsive music, the ensemble will essentially be "playing the cave itself." The suites are narrated by Mary McGrath Curry, the 89-year-old adventurer who discovered the cave as a young girl. Cave Without A Name, Throne Room, 325 Kreutzberg Road. cavewithoutaname.com 830-537-4212

BOERNE: March 17 Spring Equinox Concert

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ern instruments, all focused on the theme of the beginning of spring as a time of rebirth and renewed energy. Some of this concert will be performed in total darkness, illuminated by periods of flickering candlelight, providing a visually rich, spell-binding setting and mesmerizing listening environment. Cave Without A Name, Throne Room, 325 Kreutzberg Road. cavewithoutaname.com 830-537-4212

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: March 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 830-997-6523

FREDERICKSBURG: March 10-11 WWII Pacific Combat Program at the National Museum of the Pacific War Bringing history to life with equipment and weapons used during WWII and a battle re-enactment set on an island in the Pacific. Pacific Combat Zone, 508 E. Austin. pacificwarmuseum.org 830-997-8600

FREDERICKSBURG: March 12-16 Texas Hell Week Bicycle Tour Features daily 40- to 100-mile bicycle tours of Gillespie County. Sunset Inn Motel. hellweek.com/texas.html

FREDERICKSBURG: March 16-18 Fredericksburg Trade Days Shop more than 400 vendors or relax in the Biergarten with live music. Sunday Farms, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. fbgtradedays.com 210-846-4094

FREDERICKSBURG: March 17 Celebrate Texas! Meet Texas Rangers and members of the Comanche and Apache Nations and enjoy historical re-enactments, trick roping, music, dance, and more. Texas Rangers Heritage Center, 1636 E. Main. trhc.org 830-990-1192

FREDERICKSBURG: March 17 Guy Forsyth in Concert Fredericksburg Theater Company presents one of Austin's premier musicians. Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 S. US 87. fredericksburgtheater.org 830-997-3588

FREDERICKSBURG: March 17 Luckenbach Mud Dauber Festival and Chili Cookoff Open chili cookoff and music festival named in honor of that pesky wasp. Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com 830-997-3224

FREDERICKSBURG: March 18 Pianist Scott Cuellar in Concert Fredericksburg Music Club presents the first place winner in the 2016 San Antonio International Piano Competition. Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 1800 N. Llano. fredericksburgmusicclub.com

FREDERICKSBURG: March 24 Hill Country Indian Artifact Show More than 60 tables of Indian artifacts including arrowheads, beads, and pottery. Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. hillcountryindianartifacts.com 830-626-5561

FREDERICKSBURG: March 30-31 The Gatlin Brothers "Unplugged" Hear raw, pure talent and see these experienced entertainers showcase the songs that have kept them at the top for 50-plus years. Rockbox Theater, 109 N. Llano. rockboxtheater.com 830-997-7625

GRUENE: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Friday Afternoon Club at Gruene Hall A Gruene Hall tradition, now in its 20th year, where hipsters, oldsters, suits, locals,

and drifters mix it up to start their weekend rite (pun intended). This quintessential Friday happy hour celebrates the warmer weather with great beer prices, prize giveaways, and the best in Texas tunes broadcast live by KNBT 92.1 FM Radio New Braunfels. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com 830-606-1281

GRUENE: March 2 Texas Independence Day Celebration To celebrate the 182nd anniversary of Texas independence, Gruene Historic District is throwing its ninth annual Texas-sized celebration with special offers and special events. Gruene Historic District, 1601 Hunter Road. gruenetexas.com 830-629-5077

GRUENE: March 3 Kinderschuhe 5K Run & Walk All proceeds help Communities in Schools purchase shoes for low-income school children. Open to all ages. Gruene Historic District, 1601 Hunter Road. gruenetexas.com or nbu5k.com 830-629-5077 or 830-629-8486

GRUENE: March 11 Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist In the tradition of a New Orleans-style gospel brunch, this event serves awe-inspiring gospel music coupled with a mouth-watering buffet catered by the Gristmill River Restaurant and Bar. One complimentary Champagne drink and a long stem rose for your sweetheart are included. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com 830-629-5077

GRUENE: March 15 Come and Taste It: Meet Texas' Best Winemakers A featured winemaker showcases three of its newest released, top-selling, or hardest-to-find 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 830-629-5077 or 830-606-0093

GRUENE: March 17-18 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods. Free admission. Gruene Historic District, 1601 Hunter Road. gruenemarketdays.com 830-629-5077 or 830-832-1721

INGRAM: March 1-30 "Myths and Muses" Art Exhibit Artists' impressions of myths, legends, and their source of inspiration. Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. hcaf.com 830-367-5120

INGRAM: March 1 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

INGRAM: March 9-24 "Love Letters" A tender, tragicomic, and nuanced examination of the shared nostalgia, missed opportunities, and deep closeness of two lifelong, complicated friends. While spanning five decades and numerous locations, it is staged simply, with two actors letting their words describe a world of emotion. Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. hcaf.com 830-367-5121

JOHNSON CITY: March 24-25 Market Days Local artisans sell handmade items, bakery goods, jewelry, plants, and food items. City Park, US 290 and Avenue G. lbcountry.com 830-868-7684

JOHNSON CITY: March 31 Art Walk All galleries will be open from 4-8 p.m. serving adult beverages and munchies while visitors peruse art from new artists. Nugent Avenue and Main Street. lbcountry.com 830-868-7684

JONESTOWN: March 31 Cajun Cookoff This free festival offers good Cajun food and music. Jones Brothers Park. lagovista.org 512-267-7952

KERRVILLE: March 1-25 "Uncommon Colors," "Channeling Memories," & "Virgil R. Carter Watercolors" Enjoy three separate art exhibits. Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. kackerrville.com 830-895-2911

KERRVILLE: March 2 Kerrville Farmers Market-Downtown A producer-only market offering a variety of locally sourced produce, meat, eggs, bread, cheese, beer, wine, and more. Dallas Daughtry Boardwalk Pavilion, 805 Water St. kerrvillefarmersmarket.com 830-928-4261

KERRVILLE: March 3 Hill Country Chorale Classical music festival celebrating Bach's birthday. First United Methodist Church, 321 Thompson Drive. hillcountrychorale.org 830-895-9760

KERRVILLE: March 3 Hill Country Swap Meet A giant community garage sale, flea market, and trade day all-in-one. Buy or sell new, used, antiques, collectibles, arts and crafts, knives, books, furniture, tools, clothing, kitchen and household items, and 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: March 3 Kerr County Market Days The indoor marketplace showcases 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: March 4 American Portraits A brand-

new production combines the energy and precision of the Dallas Brass with "America's beloved tenor" Daniel Rodriguez. The show also includes a choreographed multi-image projection. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. caillouxtheater.com 830-896-9393

KERRVILLE: March 10-11 San Antonio Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show More than 100 breeds and 1,000 dogs will be exhibited. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. sanantoniokennelclub.com 210-725-0661

KERRVILLE: May 12 Kerrville School of Dance Spring Variation Kerrville School of Dance and San Antonio Performing Arts Classical Ballet present their spring show. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. caillouxtheater.com 830-896-6116

KERRVILLE: March 30-April 1 Easter Hill Country Bike Tour Experience the charm and hospitality of the Texas Hill Country and three days of the best riding Texas has to offer at the 44th annual event. Quiet, well-paved roads, fully-stocked rest stops, and panoramic scenery have made this ride one of the premier cycling events in Texas with routes suitable for all categories of participants, from novices to experienced riders. Schreiner University, 2100 Memorial Blvd. ehct.com 281-782-8743

KERRVILLE: March 31-April 1 Easter at the Empty Cross A free two-day Easter celebration with speakers, music, and a Sunday morning "sonrise." Sculpture Prayer Garden, 520 Benson. thecomingkingfoundation.org 830-928-7774

KERRVILLE: March 31 Easter Eggstravaganza Two Easter egg hunts with more than 15,000 plastic eggs stuffed with candy, plus bounce houses, games, arts & crafts, food, and more. The Salvation Army Kroc Center,

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201 Holdsworth. kerrvillekroc.org 830-315-5762

KYLE: March 24 Hooked on Fishing Spring Tournament This unique tournament tests the strategic ability to catch qualifying species of fish in Lake Kyle: large-mouth bass, sunfish/perch, and channel catfish. Open to all adults with a valid Texas freshwater fishing license. Lake Kyle, 700 Lehman Road. cityofkyle.com/recreation 512-262-3939

LAGO VISTA: March 3-4 La Primavera Lago Vista A true Texas classic bike race, with two full days of racing. Highland Lake and American drives. lagovista.org 512-267-7952

LAMPASAS: March 3-4 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. marigoldsanquies.com 512-734-1294

LLANO: March 9-12 Llano Earth Art Fest Held on the banks of the Llano River—one block from Llano's historic downtown—LEAF is an interactive experience for young and old alike. Watch internationally renowned artists defy gravity with amazingly balanced rock sculptures, listen to great musicians fill the park with song, try your hand at rock balancing, or see if you've got what it takes to compete in the 2018 World Rock Stacking Championship. Kids can enjoy a climbing wall, face painting, and more, while adults can enjoy a cold beer while taking part in workshops, viewing and creating art, or just relaxing in the sun. Leonard Grenwedge County Park, Ford and E. Haynie streets. llanoearthartfest.org 325-247-5354

LLANO: March 24 Llano County Lawn & Garden Show United Methodist Church, 800 Wright St.

llanocountymastergardener.org 325-247-5354

LLANO: March 31 Llano Art Studio Tour Come to Llano on the "LAST" Saturday in March every year and visit with approximately 20 artists in their creative work spaces. Llano Fine Art Guild & Gallery, 503 Bessemer. llanofineartsguild.com 325-247-4839

MASON: March 2-3 Sweet Pickin's Vintage Fair A vintage and antique show on Mason's historic downtown square. The focus of the show is shabby chic, up-cycled treasures, beautiful antiques, rustic goods, industrial items, Wild West decor, farmhouse wears, and retro finds. Lea Lou Co-Op, 114 S. Live Oak St. facebook.com/sweetpickinsvintagefair 325-294-4440

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 1914-19—as well as touch on the lasting impact of the war on this German community. Sophienburg Museum & Archives, 401 W. Coll St. sophienburg.com 830-629-1572

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 2-4 Legacy Dance Competition Experience a competition like no other, one that greatly rewards excellence in dance. Director David Sanders is a veteran of stage and screen with more than 35 years of teaching, choreography, and adjudication experience. New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center,

375 S. Castell Ave. legacydancechampionships.com 631-319-1600

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 3 Chad Prather The American humorist and motivational speaker comes to town on his Star Spangled Banter Tour. Freiheit Country Store, 2157 FM 1101. freiheitcountrystore.net 830-625-9400

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 10 Big Band Blowout Part II Swing and sway the night away to the sounds of the 1940s. Hot diggity dog—it's the music of Glenn Miller, Les Brown, Dizzy Gillespie, and a host of other Big Band biggies. Swing dance lessons with Rob and Diane of YeahMan, an ice-cold Faust Craft Brew, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a concert designed to blow your mind; learn how to swing or show off your mad skills. New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center, 375 S. Castell Ave. mtsymphony.org/calendar 830-463-5353

OZONA: March 1-Sept. 30 Vintage Hat Happenings With hats dating back to the early 19th century, this exhibit treats visitors to a variety of hats, travel cases, and boxes as well as other accessories used by many of the early pioneers of the area and their ancestors. Crockett County Museum, 404 11th St. ozonamuseum.com 325-392-2837

STONEWALL: March 24 LBJ 100 Bicycle Tour The 11th annual event offers routes of 10, 30, 42, and 62 miles throughout the scenic Texas Hill Country. Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park. lbj100bicycletour.org 830-868-7128 ext. 222

STONEWALL: March 31 Easter at the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm Celebrate Easter with a traditional 1915 German farm family. Natural-dyed Easter eggs, lamb cake, and grass nests as

made by the early settlers. Lyndon B. Johnson State Park & Historic Site. tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lyndon-b-johnson 830-644-2252

UVALDE: March 9 Four Square Friday Features late-night shopping, food, live music, and art. Historic Downtown Uvalde. visituvalde.com 830-278-4115

UVALDE: March 24 Corks and Kegs Queso Fest Enjoy Texas Hill Country wine and craft beer, food and retail vendors, a queso competition, and live music and performances. Uvalde Memorial Park, 379-443 E. Main St. uvalde.org 830-278-3361

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: March 3-25 "Princess and the Pea" A classic tale told for the enjoyment of all ages. EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens, 1101 FM 2325. emilyann.org 512-847-6969

WIMBERLEY: March 3 Market Days The oldest outdoor market in the Texas Hill Country and the second-largest in the state features more than 475 booths filled with art, crafts, antiques, and treasures. Stroll the tree-shaded paths, listen to live music, and shop to your heart's content. Lions Field, 601 FM 2325. shopmarketdays.com 512-847-2201

WIMBERLEY: March 10 Second Saturday Gallery Trail On the second Saturday of every month, come early and stay late for wine, light bites, and an art-filled evening at many of the galleries in and around Wimberley. Various locations. gallerytrail.com 512-847-2201

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: March 3-4 Bent Wheel Bash Bikers from around the state compete in this USA Cycling-TMBRA Texas XC Mountain Bike State Championships. Buck Creek Trails, FM 2833 (East Lake Road). biketown@abilene.com 325-677-2453

ABILENE: March 4 Broadway in Abilene: "Dirty Dancing" Tells the classic story of Baby and Johnny, two fiercely independent young spirits from different worlds who come together in what will be the most challenging and triumphant summer of their lives. Featuring the hit songs "Hungry Eyes," "Hey Baby," and "Do You Love Me?" Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N. Sixth St. celebrityattractions.com 800-869-1451

ABILENE: March 17 Steppin' Out for Memories Featuring an island-inspired evening of delicious food, an open bar, dancing to live music by Free Ride Band and Muddywater, casino-style gaming, and exciting live and silent auctions. Benefits the Alzheimer's Association. Taylor County Expo Center, 1700 SH 36. alz.org 325-672-2907

ABILENE: March 23-24 Outlaws and Legends Music Fest The eighth annual festival benefits the Ben Richey Boys Ranch. Back Porch of Texas, 3350 N. Clack St. outlawsandlegends.com 325-518-9977

ABILENE: March 24 Starlight Extravaganza Hardin-Simmons University vocal performance and musical theatre majors present a variety of musical theatre entertainment complete with dramatic decorations and a beautifully served three-course meal. Each table will be decorated to represent a musical. All proceeds from this evening will benefit the HSU

Theatre Travel Fund, which supports students as they travel to Edinburgh, Scotland, and New York City. Hardin-Simmons University, Van Ellis Theatre, 2410 Cedar St. hsutx.edu 325-670-1405

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

AMARILLO: March 7-8 "Dirty Dancing" The 2017-18 Broadway Spotlight Series brings a national touring company performance to town. Amarillo Civic Center Complex, 401 S. Buchanan St. panhandletickets.com 806-378-3096

BIG SPRING: March 3-4 Gem and Mineral Show The 49th annual event offers dealers, demonstrators, displays, a spinning wheel with hourly prizes, a snack bar, jewelry repair, stone setting, and more. Howard County Fair Barns, FM 700 at Highway 80. visitbigspring.com 432-263-8235

DALHART: March 3 Fireman's Chili Supper

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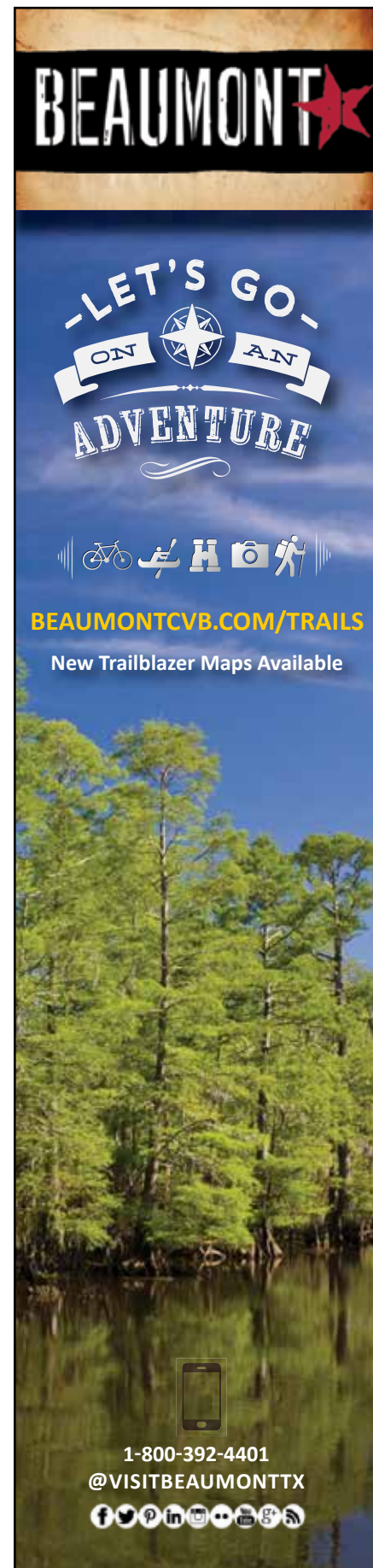
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DALHART: March 3-4 Rita Blanca Rampage
The trail run will have 5K and 10K distances. The bike race will have 11-mile and 20-mile distances. Rita Blanca Lake Trail. bikereg.com/rbrampage

DALHART: March 28 Dust Bowl Marathon Five days, five marathons, five states. All events will include half-marathons; walkers are welcome. Rita Blanca Lake Trail. mainlymarathons.com/series-3/dust-bowl 806-244-5646

GRAHAM: March 5-11 Cattleman's Classic and Derby Graham's biggest horse cutting event of the year. Come see the horses' innate ability to anticipate or read a cow's intended moves. Young County Arena, 120 Craig St. cattlemens-cutting.com 940-550-4241

GRAHAM: March 10 Young County Masonic Lodge Scholarship Auction Public consignment auction sells anything and everything, including surplus equipment from local and area government entities, private individuals, and others. Includes autos, trailers, equipment, tools, furniture, antiques, and firearms. All proceeds provide scholarships to students of Young County. Old Ag Barn, SH 67. 940-456-1669

GRAHAM: March 22-24 PRCA Rodeo The PRCA is the biggest cash-awarding American rodeo organization in the world, sanctioning rodeos in 37 states and three Canadian provinces. The PRCA championship event is the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Young County Arena, 120 Craig St. visitgrahamtexas.com

LUBBOCK: Through March 18 "Barbie: Examining An Icon" An open invitational exhibition featuring artworks in various media that explore and respond to themes associated with this iconic doll. Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Crickets Ave. buddyhollycenter.org 806-775-3560

LUBBOCK: March 30-May 13 "Portals: The Art of Yvonne Armitage Greene" An exhibition of colorful hand-drawn images portrays the artist's introspective reactions to current and historical social issues that are both personal and universal. Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Crickets Ave. buddyhollycenter.org 806-775-3560

LUBBOCK: Through June 17 "Columbia: 15 Years After" Special exhibition commemorates the 15th anniversary of the Columbia tragedy and the international outpouring of sympathy that followed. The display will also focus on the Columbia space shuttle program, the crew, and the 80 experiments that were accomplished during the mission. Silent Wings Museum, 6202 N. I-27. silentwingmuseum.com 806-775-3049

POST: March 9-11 Old Mill Trade Days Shop for arts, crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing, home decor, homemade candy, candles, antiques, and more, all while enjoying live entertainment and food. Old Mill Trade Days, 318 S. Avenue F. oldmilltradedays.com 432-934-1479

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

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 15-April 8 New Acquisitions: Spanish Colonial Exhibits 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 Showcases new acquisitions to the museum's collection. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: March 2 Mark Lowry in Concert The singer, songwriter, author, and humorist is best known for penning the lyric to the Christmas classic "Mary Did You Know?" and singing baritone for the Grammy-winning Gaither Vocal Band for many years. Lowry, who's entertained audiences since he was 11 years old, has a unique gift of communicating through music and storytelling. McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Drive. cosatx.us 325-653-9577

SAN ANGELO: March 3 Live! A Symphony of Television & Video Games Returning for another season is this popular crossover-style performance featuring the San Angelo Symphony. This immersive concert features an all-new program, with music from some of the most popular video games and television series of all time paired with an artistically creative classical piece by famed composer Verdi. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelosymphony.com 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: March 3 Wild West Fest Wall Ag Boosters proudly presents this music fest, which features artists Kody West, Dalton Domino, Charley Crockett, and the Turnpike Troubadours. San Angelo River Stage, 500 Avenue A. stubwire.com 325-656-1353

SAN ANGELO: March 4 "Alice in Wonderland" An Alice for our time: A precocious girl falls into a fantastic world of extravagant characters where little makes sense. To find her way, Alice charts a topsy-turvy course where every turn means a new adventure. In this 21st century staging, cameras, projection, and puppets help tell the story of Alice's journey through Wonderland. Brooks & Bates Theatre, 82 Gillis St. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: March 5 "The Great Gatsby" In a time where success is expected and excess celebrated, Jay Gatsby is a god among men, yet without the love of Mrs. Daisy Buchanan he is unfulfilled. This fast paced adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel brings the Jazz Age of New York to life as Daisy's cousin Nick guides the audience through a world where love, opportunity, deception, and tragedy are always just around the corner. Brooks & Bates Theatre, 82 Gillis St. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: March 9-11 Frontier Ladies Living History Symposium This weekend of programs, talks, and demonstrations highlights the roles and lives of women on the Western frontier. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes. fortconcho.com 325-762-2492

SAN ANGELO: March 13-15 "Musical Thrones: A Parody" Fans of the most talked about show on television can now get their fantasy fix live on stage with this hilarious send-up. The performance brings your most beloved and "be-hated" characters to life as you journey through all six seasons of the Emmy-winning "Game of Thrones" series. Sing and dance along with Daenerys and her dragons, Tyrion, Joffrey, and all the jolly members of the Lannister and Stark families in this love letter to fans. Stephens Center, 82 Gillis St. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: March 18 Chamber Music Series Concert Pianist Avguste Antonov performs. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org or museum@samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: March 20 "Diavolo: Architecture in Motion" Diavolo performs a distinct style of architec-

ture in motion that uses abstract and recognized structures to explore the relationship between the danger of one's environment and the fragility of the human body. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: March 23-24 "Innovative Works: Juxtaposed" Ballet San Angelo explores the similarities and differences of dance with a unique mix of both contemporary and classical work. Not only will the juxtaposition of style be evident, but the range of subject matter, choreographic motivation, aesthetic, and music will also deepen the connection and separation points of the movement. This wide-ranging choreographic production will highlight the depth of the talent at Ballet San Angelo and provide a rich and thoughtful audience experience. Brooks & Bates Theatre, 82 Gillis St. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

VEGA: March 29 Oldham County Easter Eggstravaganza A fun family celebration the day before Easter includes an egg hunt for all ages, a visit from the Easter Bunny, face painting, baby ducks and chicks, and Easter music and games. Oldham County Courthouse Square, 904 Main St. oldhamcofc.org 806-267-2828

WICHITA FALLS: March 16-18 FallsCon 3 A tabletop gaming convention specializing in open board gaming and miniature war games. There will be an open board game library with more than 300 games, plus a "play and win" raffle for select games that were donated by publishers. Every time you play the game, you get a raffle entry to win it. Centre Point Event Center, 900 Scott St. fallscon.net

WICHITA FALLS: March 17 City Easter Egg Hunt Thousands of wrapped Easter egg candies will be scattered over the park in two areas, one for children 4 and under and another for children ages 5 through 2nd grade. Be on the lookout for prize eggs and the Easter Bunny. Lucy Park, 100 Sunset Drive. wichitafallstx.gov/69/lucy-park 940-761-7496

WICHITA FALLS: March 24 The Red River Wine & Beer Festival Sample a variety of Texas wines and beers all in one convenient location. This annual celebration is the largest wine and beer tasting event in the Wichita Falls area. JS Bridwell Ag Center, 111 N. Burnett. redriverwineandbeerfestival.com 940-447-3198

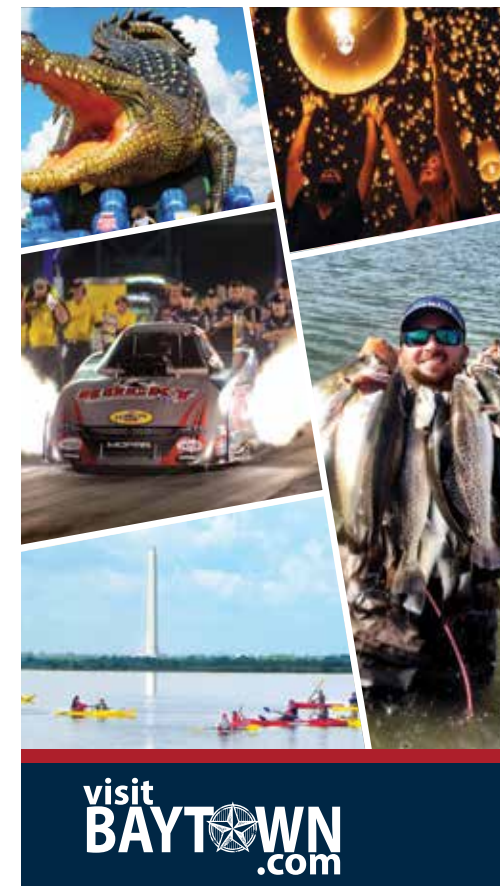
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CONROE: March 8-10 Young Texas Artists Music Competition This annual event showcases classical music's rising stars (ages 18-32) from Texas and around the world in piano, voice, strings, winds, brass, percussion, harp, and guitar. Crighton Theatre, 234 N. Main St. youngtexasartists.org

CROCKETT: March 6 "The Great Gatsby" Presented by the Piney Woods Fine Arts Association. Crockett Civic Center, 1100 Edmiston Drive. pwfaa.org 936-544-4276

HUNTSVILLE: March 2 General Sam Houston's Birthday & Texas Independence Includes a breakfast reception with Sam Houston's descendants, a ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery, lunch and birthday celebration, and a ceremony for those who want to be "baptized Texan." Sam Houston Statue & Visitor Center, 7600 SH 75. huntsvilletexas.com 936-291-9726

HUNTSVILLE: March 10-11 Rusty Chippy Vintage Hippy & Garden Show Held indoors at the air-conditioned Walker County Fairgrounds, this show brings an antique, vintage, and re-purposed wonderland to this little corner of East Texas. Walker



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of cultural presentations on 13 stages. Fair Park, 1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd. ntif.org

DALLAS: March 9-10 Lucky Plush A unique hybrid of high-level dance and theater. Lucky Plush's work is recognized for its layered choreography, moving content, surprising humor, and socially relevant storytelling. Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. moody.dallasculture.org

DALLAS: March 10 "Sightings: Nairy Baghramian" Baghramian's sculptural installations draw upon the frequently divergent histories of art, architecture, and design, as well as dance, theater, and photography. The space of a gallery may be reconceived as the interior of a body or its internal architecture turned inside out, with Baghramian's objects—fashioned from cast aluminum, resin, beeswax, and other materials—bolted into place or leaned against walls, calling into question commonplace distinctions between interior and exterior, meaning and form, art object and site. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. nashersculpturecenter.org

DALLAS: March 13 Cameron Carpenter in Concert Smashing the stereotypes of organists and organ music, Carpenter generates international acclaim and controversy unprecedented in his field. Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. moody.dallasculture.org

DALLAS: March 17 The Hidden Dallas Tour Cruise to some secret places in Dallas and check out extraordinary scenic, cultural, and architectural treasures—from giant teddy bears to hidden rooms. Discover some great neighborhoods and historic landmarks, stopping along the way for delicious snacks at "insider" culinary gems. Krispy Kreme, 5118 Greenville Ave. dallasbychocolate.com 972-814-5997

DALLAS: March 17-18 The Travel & Adventure Show Explore thousands of vacation options in top destinations from around the globe. Meet one-on-one with travel experts, uncover travel deals and show-only specials, and learn to travel like an insider from dozens of educational seminars. Get transported around the world in one day, under one roof. Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Freeway. travelschows.com/shows/dallas 203-878-2577 ext. 100

DALLAS: March 21 National Geographic Live! Speaker Series with Terry Virts (NASA) Step back about 220 miles from Earth and gain a deeper understanding of our planet's beauty, climate, and place in the universe from former NASA astronaut and International Space Station Commander Terry Virts. Become mesmerized as he shares his story along with mind-blowing video and still images from the station's 360-degree viewing module. Perot Museum of Nature and Science, 2201 N. Field St. perotmuseum.org

DALLAS: March 22 Dallas Arboretum Food and Wine Festival Delight in delicious bites and a variety of wines from dozens of award-winning chefs and wineries. Held during the nationally renowned Dallas Blooms Festival, guests explore the many floral displays throughout the garden while sampling cuisines from around the world. Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 8525 Garland Road. dallasarboretum.org/foodwinefest 214-515-6615

DALLAS: March 23-April 8 "Yana Wana's Legend of the Bluebonnet" Ten-year-old María is having trouble in school, so her mom sends her to stay with her Coahuiltecan grandmother in distant Laredo for discipline and perspective. There, María is told an ancient story of young Yana Wana who followed a revered deer to find water to save her people. Yana Wana's story ex-

poses an amazing and unknown ancestral connection to the bluebonnet that gives María a renewed sense of self and family pride. A beautiful, original play that illustrates the power of heritage and the value of one's own story—especially one as ancient as the petroglyphs of Texas. Dallas Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman St. dct.org 214-978-0110

DALLAS: March 25 Humana Rock 'n' Roll Marathon Run for St. Jude. Help save lives and earn an unforgettable race weekend experience. Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas, 650 S. Griffin St. runrocknroll.com/dallas/register

DALLAS: March 30 L.A. Dance Project In five short years, this dance company has toured 11 countries and 34 cities and has established itself as a force to be reckoned with. See great dancers, bold artistic vision, and stunning choreography. Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. moody.dallasculture.org

DENISON: Through April 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: 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: March 10 Battle of Waterloo 5K/10K Run or walk on the scenic trails of Waterloo Lake Regional Park. The terrain of the trail varies from wide to narrow, with some moderate climbs and descents, and many natural obstacles. 10K participants will complete two loops of the course. Waterloo Park, 1000 Waterloo Lake. cityofdenison.com 903-465-2720

DENISON: March 24 Easter Egg Roll President Dwight Eisenhower and First Lady Mamie Eisenhower revived the Easter Egg Roll tradition at the White House in 1953. Enjoy an egg scramble, egg roll races, and craft activities. For youth up to age 12. Eisenhower Birthplace, 609 S. Lamar Ave. visiteisenhowerbirthplace.com 903-465-8908

DENISON: March 24-25 Red River Amateur Championship Disc Golf Tournament Play 36 holes or two rounds on Saturday, and 18 holes on Sunday. The final six (1-2-3-6-8-9) is for divisions with more than 10 players. Munson Park, 2000 N. US 69. cityofdenison.com 903-465-2720

DENTON: March 3 North Texas Horse Country Tour Wind your way through the beautiful North Texas Horse Country aboard a luxury motorcoach while a fun and 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

DENTON: March 8-11 Texas Storytelling Festival Every March since 1985, fabulous tale spinners have filled the air in "Little D" with stories. This year's event will feature storytelling concerts, workshops, music, a story slam, a liar's contest, story swaps, ghost stories, sacred tales, a fringe concert, youth activities, and a family concert. Civic Center, 321 E. McKinney St. tejasstorytelling.com 940-380-9320

ELGIN: March 8 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in historic downtown. You will find more than 80 craft beers, diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists, and live music in many of the venues. Historic Downtown Elgin. elgintx.com

ENNIS: March 15-25 "Brighton Beach Memoirs" Neil Simon's autobiography: a portrait of the writer as a young teen in 1937 living with his family in a crowded, lower middle-class Brooklyn walk-up. Ennis Public Theatre, 113 N. Dallas St. ennispublictheatre.com 972-878-7529

FARMERSVILLE: March 3 Farmersville Farmers & 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: March 24 Spring Market Day with Texas Independence Relay Arts and craft vendors, food, drinks, family fun, music, contests, and more. Welcome and cheer on the Texas Independence Relay runners at the Flatonia exchange zone. 125 E. South Main St. flatoniachamber.com 361-865-3920

FORT WORTH: March 2-4 Show of Antiques and Art Described by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram as "an antique show that lets its hair down," the 55th annual event features art and antiques of all styles, eras, and prices. The 150 top exhibitors from across the U.S. are hand-picked for the Fort Worth-Dallas audience. Special guest author Sue Whitney will sign her new book, "Junk Beautiful: Furniture Refreshed." Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3400 Burnett-Tandy Drive. fortworthshow.com 817-291-3952

FORT WORTH: March 3-4 Funky Finds Spring Fling Shop local, handmade, and funky goods at this 10th annual free indoor shopping event. The family and pet-friendly event will offer more than 100 artists, crafters, designers, authors, and gourmet food makers. Event also features a charitable raffle with all proceeds benefiting the Humane Society of North Texas and CASA of Tarrant County. HSNT will be facilitating on-site pet adoptions all weekend. Will Rogers Memorial Center, Cattle Barn 2, 3337 Burnett-Tandy Drive. funkyfinds.com/spring 903-665-7954

FORT WORTH: March 3-4 Unlimited Off-Road Show Jeeps, trucks, UTVs, buggies, and performance vehicles—if you have a passion for off-road vehicles, you belong here. Meet with the top brands, check out the hottest builds, find the best deals, and enjoy off-road entertainment like nowhere else. Texas Motor Speedway, 3545 Lone Star Circle. uorshow.com 404-401-2807

FRISCO: March 16-18 Texas Pinball Festival Leave your quarters at home and enjoy an entire weekend of game room fun. The show will feature more than 400 vintage and new pinball machines, as well as classic arcade games all set on free play. Enjoy a variety of adult and child pinball tournaments throughout the weekend to test players' pinball skills for trophies and prizes. Meet the Incredible Hulk, Lou Ferrigno, too. Embassy Suites Hotel & Frisco Conference Center, 7600 John Q. Ham-

monds Drive. texaspinball.com/tpf 214-471-5777

FRISCO: March 24-25 Arts in the Square A juried fine arts and crafts festival featuring more than 120 of the best local and regional artists selling their hand-made creations at the ninth annual event. Feast your eyes on incredible art, sit and relax by Simpson Plaza, listen to local talent, watch ongoing performing arts, enjoy interactive art activities, and treat yourself to the food and spirits available at the variety of award-winning restaurants on site. Frisco Square, 8874 Coleman Blvd. friscosquare.com/aitis 469-633-7117

GARLAND: March 16 Garland Symphony Orchestra Concert: Rachel Kudo, Piano GSO's March performance will feature 2017 Cliburn competitor Rachel Kudo performing Weber's Piano Concerto No. 2 in Eb Major. GSO will also welcome guest conductor Piotr Sulkowski. Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. garlandsymphony.org 972-926-0611

GARLAND: March 29 Easter Egg Hunt Hop on over to Central Park for a chance to hunt for colorful candy and toy-filled eggs. There will even be a few special prize eggs with tickets for prizes. Activities include bounce houses, face painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny for a small fee, and snacks for sale. No registration required. Central Park, 1310 W. Avenue F. garlandparks.com 972-205-2928

GLEN ROSE: March 3, 24 Photo Tour These guided wildlife tours are geared toward photographers to provide the best-possible light. View more than 50 species on 1,800 acres. Reservations required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: March 10 Ultimate Calf Roping Somervell County Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd. 254-897-4509

GLEN ROSE: March 16 S.W. Mini Horse Show Somervell County Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd. 254-897-4509

GRAND PRAIRIE: March 3 Festival de Primavera Traders Village and "La Z" Radio 98.3 FM KBOC, are ready to welcome springtime with music, carnival rides, food, and fun for everyone. Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road. tradersvillage.com 972-647-2331

GRAND PRAIRIE: March 23 Alabama in Concert The band brought country music to the mainstream and from side stage to the main stage. The boys from Fort Payne, Alabama, formed the country-rock group in 1969. Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Place. verizontheatre.com 888-929-7849

GRAPEVINE: March 12-16 Spring Fling Train Enjoy interactions and games and activities aboard the Grapevine Vintage Railroad's seasonal train rides, held Monday through Friday during Spring Break. Cotton Belt Depot, 705 S. Main St. gvrr.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: March 17 Kiss Me I'm Irish Train Find luck on the rails during the Grapevine Vintage Railroad's unique St. Patrick's Day event, which features festive fun including green beer to commemorate this most Irish of celebrations. Riders must be 21 and older. Cotton Belt Depot, 705 S. Main St. gvrr.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: March 18 Wine Glass Painting Party Guests are invited to paint and keep a set of their own custom hand-painted Messina Hof glassware. A demonstration will be given by Clinkers, who will provide all necessary materials. Each ticket includes a set of glasses and a complimentary glass of wine. Messina Hof Grapevine Winery, 201 S. Main St. messinahof.com 817-442-8463



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GREENVILLE: March 15 Dallas Symphony Pops Concert Principal Pops Conductor Jeff Tyzick conducts the very best of film composer John Williams. "Star Wars," "Superman," "Jurassic Park," "Jaws," and "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"—you'll relive these great moments in cinematic history live on stage. Greenville Municipal Auditorium, 3831 Washington St. dallasymphonygreenville.com 903-457-3202

HALLETTSVILLE: Through Nov. 30 "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. Frieuch Simpson Memorial Library, 705 E. Fourth St. hallettsvillelibrary.org 361-798-3243 ext. 208

IRVING: March 17 Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra Presents Rachel Kudo, Piano The award-winning pianist performs Weber's "Piano Concerto No. 2 in EB Major." Kudo made her orchestral debut at the age of 16 with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, and she has since performed as a soloist with numerous symphonies across the U.S. and around the world. The concert will also feature Goldmark's "Im Fruhling" and Wolf's "Suite from Der Corregidor." Irving Arts Center, Carpenter Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. lascolinassymphony.org 972-252-4800

LA GRANGE: March 9-10 Best Little Cowboy Gathering Two fun-filled days of traditional country, Bob Wills Western swing, and good dance music. The 10th annual event also offers a barbecue cookoff, horse clinics and demonstrations all day on Saturday, Dutch oven demonstrations, trick ropers, carriage rides, and more. Fayette County Fair Grounds, 400 West Fairgrounds Road. bestlittlecowboygathering.org 979-966-7846

LEWISVILLE: March 17 St. Paddy's Texas Style A St. Patrick's Day celebration featuring both Irish and Texas music, plus fun for all ages—and beer of course. Amusements for kids include a 50-foot zip line. The water feature in the Plaza is even turned green for this Celtic celebration. Wayne Ferguson Plaza, 150 W. Church St. cityoflewsville.com 972-219-3401

MADISONVILLE: March 17-24 Madison County Fair The weeklong fair brings cowboy fun to Madisonville with an extensive livestock show, art competition, a family and consumer science show, and a Cowboy's Professional Rodeo Association rodeo. Madison County Fairgrounds, 712 Industrial Park. mcfa.net 936-348-2234

MESQUITE: March 1-31 J. Vincent Scarpace Artist Exhibit Enjoy an exhibit of the works of J. Vincent Scarpace. Galleries are open Monday through Friday and during events. Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: March 2-4 "Tuna Does Vegas" Presented by Mesquite Community Theatre, this play reunites the lovable and eccentric characters from the third-smallest town in Texas as they take a rambling romp in Sin City—a hilarious continuation of the Greater Tuna series. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquitecommunitytheatre.com 972-216-8126

MESQUITE: March 10 Florence Ranch Homestead Tours Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc. on the second Saturday of every month. Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

MESQUITE: March 10 Just For Kids: Canvas Creations Offers painting tutorials for kids of all ages. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: March 16 Black Box Series Concert: Open Classical Enjoy highly entertaining music that combines classical artistry with just enough comedic antics to entertain any audience. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: March 17 Hip-Hop Cowboys Annual Spring Rodeo Enjoy live blues, old school, and hip-hop performances at the annual rodeo. In addition to concert performances you'll find traditional rodeo events like bull riding, team roping, barrel racing, tie-down roping, bareback riding, steer wrestling, and relay racing. Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. hiphopcowboy.com 972-839-2802 or 972-285-8777

MESQUITE: March 24 Breakfast with the Bunny Enjoy pancakes and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Ave. cityofmesquite.com/pard 972-216-6260

MESQUITE: March 24 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Concert: Space Spectacular Presented by Mesquite Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are also available one hour prior to the concert at slightly higher prices. Season tickets from \$40. Discounts available for groups of 10 or more and for seniors. Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquitesymphony.org 972-216-6444 or 972-216-8127

MESQUITE: March 24 Opal Lawrence Historical Park Tours Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc., tours of the beautiful S.D. Lawrence home, located in Opal Lawrence Historical Park, are every fourth Saturday. Be sure to note the unique painted ceilings. Tours are also available by appointment. Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney St. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

NAVASOTA: March 2-3 Texas Birthday Bash Celebrate Texas Independence with two days of country music and Texas-themed family fun. Concerts, family activities, and shuttles are all free. The great state of Texas was born in 1836 when the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed just 7 miles down the road at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Downtown Navasota, 200 E. McAlpine St. texasbirthdaybash.com 936-825-6475

PARIS: March 3 Half de Marathon Enjoy a fun, affordable, well-organized race on a beautiful looped course through this lovely country town. Experience springtime in Paris for yourself with year deux of this event. theactivejoe.com

PLANO: March 2 CHIPS Poker Tournament and Casino Night The fifth annual last-person-standing poker tournament offers raffle prizes throughout the evening with proceeds benefitting the Downtown Plano Association. The Rooftop Event Spot, 1000 14th St., Suite 400. visitdowntownplano.com or visitplano.com 972-948-5916

PLANO: March 3 BT5K Run/Walk Dallas Part of the American Brain Tumor Association's Breakthrough for Brain Tumors 5K series, which helps fund brain tumor research, patient programs, and support services. Cur-

rently, more than 700,000 people in the U.S. are living with a brain tumor diagnosis. Oak Point Park Amphitheater, 2801 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. visitplano.com 800-886-1281

PLANO: March 9 Adult Easter Egg Hunt Grab your bunny ears and re-live your childhood at the fifth annual event, where you can hunt for more than 4,000 eggs containing a wide range of prizes. Wine and light refreshments served. This event sells out early. Heritage Farmstead Museum, 1900 W. 15th St. heritagefarmstead.org or visitplano.com 972-881-0140

PLANO: March 10-11 Texas Fly Fishing and Brew Festival Meet nationally known fly fishing book authors, professional guides, expert casters, custom bamboo rod makers, and fly tyers from across the country. Check out the fly fishing manufacturers, attend lectures on techniques, and then step out into the Texas sunshine to sample some micro-brewed beer. Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. txflyfishingfestival.org or visitplano.com 703-402-8338

PLANO: March 22-31 365 Women a Year Festival Rover again partners with the international playwriting coalition, whose focus is to write and present plays about extraordinary women, bring women back into the social consciousness, and plant seeds of herstory around the country. Check website for showtimes. Rover Dramawerks, 221 W. Parker Road. roverdramawerks.com or visitplano.com 972-849-0358

PLANO: March 23-24 Toyota Texas Music Revolution This two-day music festival is the perfect Texas weekend: folk, blues, country, rhythm & blues, rock 'n' roll, swing, and bluegrass. This Texas tradition has a 20-year history and features artists from Canada to Tennessee to the very heart of Texas. Oak Point Park Amphitheater, 1509 H Avenue. khyi.com or visitplano.com 972-633-0953

RICHARDSON: March 10 "Carefree: Dancin' with Fred and Ginger" A beloved American dance duo is transported from the silver screen to the stage. This modern musical journey through Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers' partnership is paired with high-tech visual effects for a one-of-a-kind musical celebration that will introduce their singular on-screen chemistry to a new audience. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive. eisemanncenter.com 972-744-4650

RICHARDSON: March 23 Sweet Dreams: Mandy Barnett Sings Patsy Cline Acclaimed recording artist and performer Mandy Barnett takes the audience on a sparkling musical journey performing an evening of Patsy Cline's hits. Barnett originated the role of Patsy Cline in the theatrical production "Always Patsy Cline" at Nashville's famed Ryman Auditorium. Hear favorites including "Sweet Dreams," "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," and more, along with other classic country and pop standards and selections from her own albums. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive. eisemanncenter.com 972-744-4650

RICHARDSON: March 24 Plano Symphony: Carmina Burana & the Young Artists Plano Symphony is joined by Plano Civic Chorus and Collin County Ballet Theatre in excerpts from Carmina Burana. The winners of the annual Collin County Young Artist Competition will then play their concerto-winning performances. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive. planosymphony.org or visitplano.com 972-473-7262

ROUND TOP: March 3 Quaternaglia Guitar Quartet and James Dick in Concert The quartet returns

to the Round Top stage to perform selections from the ensemble's 25th anniversary, pianist James Dick, the institute's founder and artistic director, will join them on stage to perform the premiere of a Quintet with Piano by Sergio Molina. Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Road. festivalhill.org 979-249-3129

ROUND TOP: March 16-17 Herb Forum The 23rd annual event explores the spicy world of gingers. Festival Hill, 248 Jaster Road. festivalhill.org 979-249-3129

ROUND TOP: March 27-31 Round Top Antique Weeks The Marburger Farm Antique Show has been a favorite source for antiques for 20 years. This twice-a-year tradition features more than 350 dealers from across the United States and the world, who spend the year combing the globe for the most extraordinary array of antiques this world has to offer. Marburger Farm is special because it caters to the interior designer, the collector, the treasure hunter, and shoppers alike. For some it is a bucket list item, for others it is a tradition, but for all it is an experience that cannot be matched. Marburger Farm Antique Show, 2248 SH 237. roundtop-marburger.com 800-947-5799

SEGUIN: March 3 ArtsFest This celebration of the arts includes live music, a fun run, arts and craft vendors, and a silent auction. Downtown Seguin, 201 S. Austin St. seguintexas.gov 830-401-0180

SEGUIN: March 17 Antique Tractor Pull and 42 Tournament Come and check out antique tractors, and see who can pull the best. Got a good (or bad) 42 playing partner? Enter in the area's largest 42 tournament. Texas Agricultural Education & Heritage Center, 390 Cordova Road. texagedu.org 830-379-0933

TEMPLE: March 2 First Friday On the first Friday of every month, Historic Downtown Temple transforms into a giant party, with street music and performances, great drinks, amazing food, and after-hours shopping. Downtown Temple, Main Street. discovertemple.com 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: March 3 Family Days This month's theme is "Homespun History Day." Take a step back in time and learn about traditional crafts like weaving, ceramics, quilting, or metalworking. Watch the experts demonstrate their skills and try your hand at crafting your own old-fashioned masterpiece. Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum, 315 W. Avenue B. templerrhm.org 254-298-5172

WACO: Through May 6 "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Secrets of the Sewer" Experience the first-ever museum exhibit featuring the four heroic ninjas-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. Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Drive. baylor.edu/mayborn 254-710-1110

WACO: March 1 Sam Houston Celebration Celebrate Sam Houston's 225th birthday and Texas Independence Day with historian and statesman Clifton Robinson, who will educate and entertain the audience with stories of the first President of the Republic of Texas. Light refreshments will be provided. Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Drive. baylor.edu/mayborn 254-710-1110

WACO: March 1 Stars over Texas Jamboree A family-style musical held monthly. Country, oldies, gospel, and bluegrass music will be featured, with a



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WACO: March 16-18 Disc Golf Pro Tour—Waco Charity Open The annual professional disc golf event welcomes the best players from around the world to a challenging course and tournament. Event benefits the Baylor Autism Resource Center. Brazos Park East, 3516 N. MLK Jr. Blvd. pdga.com 706-261-6342

WACO: March 17 The Texas Food Truck Show-down The fourth annual competition welcomes food trucks from across the state and thousands of foodies to indulge and enjoy live entertainment, a beer and wine garden, and a kids zone. The Texas Food Truck Champion will be awarded a \$5,000 grand prize. Heritage Square, Third Street and Austin Avenue. thetexasfoodtruckshowdown.com 254-757-5611

WACO: March 23-25 South 40 Outdoor Expo Vendors and exhibitors promote their outdoor products and services, plus exhibitors' seminars, fishing and activities for kids, the South 40 Fishing Trail Championship, a barbecue cookoff, and a car show. The free event includes parking, admission, and activities. Extraco Events Center, 4601 Bosque Blvd. extracoeventscenter.com 254-776-1660

WACO: March 24 Design Den: Music Make your own instrument using all sorts of fun materials. Once you have created your instrument, you can attach a contact microphone to amplify the sound and jam out like a rockstar. Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Drive. baylor.edu/mayborn 254-710-1110

WASHINGTON: March 3-4 Texas Independence Day Celebration The annual two-day living history celebration commemorates when 59 delegates bravely met in 1836 to make a formal declaration of independence from Mexico. The free event features live music, food, traditional crafts, musket and cannon firings, a kids history zone, a historical play about the signers of the declaration, and other commemorative programs. Historical re-enactors set up a bonafide 1836 Texas Army camp where visitors can wander freely to learn how the soldiers and their families lived then. Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Road 12. wheretexasbecametexas.org 936-878-2214

WAXAHACHIE: March 24 Spring Lawn & Garden Show Features more than 200 exhibits, speakers, and demonstrations. Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane. ecmga.com 972-825-5175

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

BEEVILLE: Through April 26 "The Rockport Way" An exhibition from the Rockport Center for the Arts celebrates the resiliency and strength of Rockport's art community. Beeville Art Museum, 401 E. Fannin St. bamtexas.org 361-358-8615

BEEVILLE: March 3 Bee County Living History Celebration Enjoy children's activities and historical demonstrations along with visual and hands-on activities, such as horseshoeing, atlatl throw demonstrations with flint knapping, Native American dancing and arts, vendors, food trucks, and entertainment. Event will be in conjunction with Texas Independence Day. Beeville Community Center, 100 and 200 blocks of East County Christi Street. beecountyhistoricalsociety.org 361-362-7062

EAGLE PASS: March 16-25 International Friendship Festival Includes the Abrazo Ceremony on March 16, parade on March 24, Noches Mexicanas on March

22-24, and a carnival through the festival's run. Shelby Park. eaglepasstexas.com 830-513-1928

MCALLEN: March 22 Taste McAllen Hosting more than 25 of the best restaurants in the McAllen area in a beautiful outdoor setting, with live music and the beautiful outdoor ambiance the Rio Grande Valley is known for. This food festival will offer a variety of delicacies including prime rib, pasta, sushi, international cuisine, and more. Soft drinks, beer, and wine will be served. The event will also feature a chef's cooking pit. McAllen Convention Center Oval Park, 700 Convention Center Blvd. tastemcallen.com 956-682-2871

SAN ANTONIO: March 3 Pops: God Save the Queen (Tribute to Queen) This year's pops concert by the San Antonio Choral Society will feature popular hits by Queen and other '70s British rock bands. Charline McCombs Empire Theatre, 226 N. St. Mary's St. sachoralsociety.org 210-228-4147

SAN ANTONIO: March 4 Bexar County Czech Heritage Society Music by Mark Halata and refreshments including sausage on a bun, sauerkraut, and kolaches. Martinez Social Club, 7791 FM 1346. 210-275-7971

SAN ANTONIO: March 6 Dawn at the Alamo Members of the San Antonio Living History Association fire rifles in front of the Alamo during a ceremony that honors the fallen on the 182nd anniversary of the famous battle between Texian defenders and Mexican troops. Alamo Plaza. salha.org 210-219-7181

SAN ANTONIO: March 10-11 Fiesta of Gems Rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, gemstones, 27 dealers, a silent auction, exhibits, games, and a grand prize. Make your own cabochon at the 57th annual event. San Antonio Event Center, 8111 Meadow Leaf Drive. swgemandmineral.org 830-387-1766

SAN ANTONIO: March 13 210|West Gallery Talk: William B. Travis: Commander at The Alamo Interpreted by living historian Ryan Badger. Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. briscoemuseum.org 210-299-4499

SAN ANTONIO: March 16-17 Bud Light St. Patrick's Day Festival and River Parade The River Walk is magically transformed into the River Shannon with eco-friendly green dye. Festival entertainment includes a family-friendly interactive activity called Passport to Ireland. On Saturday, a procession of 14 decorated floats filled with Irish entertainment can be viewed from anywhere along the route of this free parade. Several bagpipers will grace the floats along with other entertainers. Other activities include face painting, henna artistry, caricatures, Irish food, photo booth, Irish novelty items, and officially licensed River Walk merchandise. Downtown River Walk, Arneson River Theatre, and La Villita Way. thesanantonioriverwalk.com 210-227-4262

SAN ANTONIO: March 16-18 St. Patrick's Day Artisan Show More than 40 artists display and sell their beautiful handmade merchandise along the San Antonio River Walk. Artisans are different for each show but usually include pottery, textiles, jewelry, woodwork, paintings, beadwork, and more. Admission is free. Downtown River Walk Extension (Close to shops at Rivercenter). thesanantonioriverwalk.com 210-227-4262

SAN ANTONIO: March 25-June 6 "Night of Artists" Now in its 17th year, this public exhibition showcases more than 280 new works of art from 75 of the country's top Western artists. Art on exhibit is available for purchase. Free with museum admission. Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. briscoemuseum.org 210-299-4499

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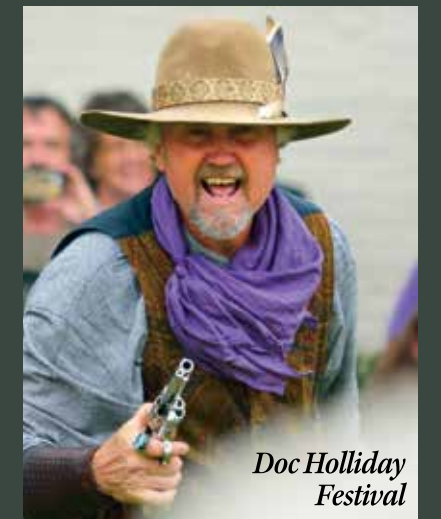
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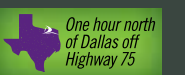
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The grandfather of modern American rodeo, *charreada* originated in the 16th century as a way for Spanish conquistadors to prepare horses and riders for war. By the 19th century, *charreada* had evolved into a sport, where contests were essential elements of celebrations among family and friends.

After the Mexican Revolution, charro (Mexican cowboy) lifestyle was diminishing, so in 1933 the Federación Nacional de Charros formed to preserve the customs and culture that were quickly disappearing. In 1947, San Antonio was granted a license to become the federation's first chapter in the United States, making the *charreada* tradition in the city even greater. Today, charros everywhere adhere to the standards created by the federation, from equipment to traditional apparel.

On **April 22**, Fiesta attendees can catch a glimpse of these brave charros during **A Day in Old Mexico**, as they wear the traditional *traje de charro* (charro suit) complete with embroidered pants, sombreros, and boots, all while dazzling the crowd with variations of horse reining, bull and bronco riding, artistic roping skills, *escaramuzas* (female side-saddle riding), and more team sports. A Day in Old Mexico will also feature plenty of food, kid-friendly activities such as pony rides, live mariachi music, and ballet folklorico performances. For more information, visit fiesta-sa.org.

SHOW ON THE ROAD

EVERY APRIL SINCE 1998, Fort Stockton has played host to the adrenaline-charged event known as the **Big Bend Open Road Race**, a rally-style competition regarded as the most challenging open-road race in the United States. Here's why: Of the eight or so open-road courses in America, none has so many turns and elevation changes as US 285 between Fort Stockton and Sanderson. That makes for exciting driving, whether you're going the speed limit or not. More than 100 racers are expected to show up **April 25-28** to test their mettle—and put the pedal to the metal—on this scenic stretch of highway.

And listen up, you velocity junkies out there: During the Big Bend Open Road Race, speeding is legal! In fact, it's encouraged. Best of all, you can participate in almost any vehicle—whether you drive a flashy Lamborghini, a PT Cruiser, or a 50-year-old Studebaker. Here's how it works: Racers compete in five speed classes, beginning with a target speed of 85 mph (the Street Rod division) and topping out at 160 mph (the Super



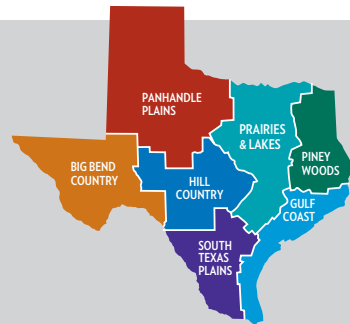
Sport division). A select few dare-devils qualify for "Unlimited" status, where cars typically burn up the straightaways at 200 mph or more. The more experience you have, and the more safety equipment you have in your car, the faster you're allowed to go. There's no wheel-to-wheel jockeying; the race is held rally-style, one car at a time. The first leg of the race goes to Sanderson; the second makes the round trip back to Fort Stockton. The car show is followed by a parade of race participants, and the public can join an end-of-the-race after-party. For more information, visit bborr.com.

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IN BLOOM

EACH SPRING in far west Texas, the desert landscape of the Franklin Mountains comes alive with a field of golden-yellow Mexican poppies, and for the 12th year, **El Paso** will celebrate the occasion with **Poppy Fest**. The free festival will once again take root at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology, where entertainment includes a family-friendly selection of arts and crafts, educational exhibits, and more. During the festival, visitors are encouraged to explore the museum—which features 14,000 years of prehistory in El Paso, the greater Southwest, and northern Mexico—and hit the surrounding trails to take advantage of the natural beauty of the Franklin Mountains. Details for this year's event have not yet been announced, but past festivals have included live music, art vendors, live archery demonstrations, Houdini (the hawk from the El Paso Zoo), and a live wolf from the Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary near Albuquerque, New Mexico. Free parking for the festival is at Cohen Stadium and shuttle buses will take visitors to the event. For more information, visit elpasotexas.gov.



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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

ALPINE: March 30-April 1 The Alpine Gem & Mineral Show Features indoor and outside vendors, demonstrators, and exhibits of rocks, fossils, mineral specimens, and jewelry. Alpine Civic Center, 801 W. Holland Ave. **432-244-9503**

EL PASO: April 22 Thanksgiving 1598 El Paso Mission Trail Association presents its 30th annual re-enactment of the arrival of Spanish Colonists in 1598 on the Camino Real De Tierra Adentro (Paso del Norte). Also enjoy educational booths, exhibits, and Spanish music and food. Socorro Mission, 328 S. Nevez Road. **visitelpasomissiontrail.com 915-851-9997**

LANGTRY: April 7 West of the Pecos Historical/Travel Fair Experience the Old West come to life by walking through the Jersey Lilly Saloon/Courthouse and the home of Judge Roy Bean, "The Opera House." The fair offers Old West re-enactments, prehistoric Native American artifacts, sheep-shearing, living history demonstrations, and flint knapping; visit the booths of Big Bend/Hill Country travel demonstrations. Admission is free. Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center, 526 Texas Loop 25. **432-291-3340**

MARFA: April 12-15 Marfa Myths An annual music, visual art, and film festival founded in 2014 by Brooklyn-based record label Mexican Summer and nonprofit contemporary arts nonprofit Ballroom Marfa. During Marfa Myths, the two organizations bring together emerging and established musicians and visual artists to work creatively—and collaboratively—across disciplines. Marfa Myths presents performances and exhibitions in unusual venues across the surreal West Texas landscape, attracting guests from all over the world. This year's line-up includes Suzanne Ciani, Circuit des Yeux, Wire, Jessica Pratt, and Terry Allen. Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. **marfamyths.com**

MONAHANS: April 3 Spring Fling Many local home-based businesses set up booths to display and sell products and merchandise. Ward County Event Center, East Monahans Parkway and North I-20 Service Road. **monahans.org 432-943-2187**

MONAHANS: April 9 Taste of Monahans Local restaurants, food trucks, and specialty shops will have samples of their delicious food. Ward County Event Center, East Monahans Parkway and North I-20 Service Road. **monahans.org 432-943-2187**

PECOS: April 19 Student Art Festival Admire the artistic and creative talents of local school children. West of the Pecos Museum, 120 E. First St. **432-445-5076**

PECOS: April 28 Kids Day Downtown A fun day for kids of all ages with lots of activities, music, games, and more. Historic Downtown Pecos. **visitpecos.com 432-445-2406**

PECOS: April 28 American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" Crockett Middle School, 1801 S. Park. **relayforlife.org/pecostx 432-448-2892 or 432-940-9247**

VAN HORN: April 18-20 Building Bridges Art Show Event includes sculpture, photography, oil painting, and watercolor paintings by local artists who build the bridge for younger generations and share the joy of art. Friday night reception. Van Horn Convention Center, 1801 W. Broadway. **vanhorn-texas.org 432-283-2682**

GULF COAST

ALVIN: April 27-28 Alvin Rotary Frontier Days The Alvin Rotary Club will host the 44th annual event, featuring activities like an arts, craft, and collectibles expo; a car and bike show; an antique tractor and farm equipment display; a carnival; local entertainers; a concert; mini golf; a raffle; and more. Proceeds from these activities will be used to help fund Alvin Rotary Club scholarships, the food pantry, Meals on Wheels, and many other programs. Alvin National Oak Park, 118 S. Magnolia St. **alvinrotary.org 713-828-9477**

BEAUMONT: March 22-April 1 South Texas State Fair Features a carnival and a kids fun zone where young fairgoers can ride camels and horses as well as get up close and personal with animals at the petting zoo. The Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association showcases the country's top cowboys and cowgirls at the YMBL Championship Rodeo while locals present their masterpieces at the School Art, Quilt, and Photo Show. Ford Park Event Center, 5115 I-10 S. **ymbbl.org 409-832-9991**

BEAUMONT: April 7 Discover Engineering Lamar University will host a free community event for young students to get hands-on exposure to the world of engineering. The event is designed for elementary and middle school students interested in STEM, and will feature the presence of local companies and student organizations as well as numerous self-paced activities. Events in previous years have included making ice cream, exploring "quick sand," making paper, and watching sound waves make fire "dance." Spindletop Gladys City Boomtown Museum, 5550 Jimmy Simmons Blvd. **spindletop.org 409-880-1750**

BRAZORIA: April 21-22 Migration Celebration Free activities for children, including archery, fishing for catfish, a BB gun range, bug sweeping, microscopes, touch tanks, and reptiles at the 23rd annual event. Adults and children can both enjoy the very popular "Birds of Prey" show by EarthQuest as well as the butterfly encounter tents. Refuge tours

given by qualified naturalists can be enjoyed by marsh buggy or wagon. Guided walking tours to Bobcat Woods and to the largest Texas Live Oak are also available. San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, 2547 CR 306. **migrationcelebration.com 844-842-4737**

CLUTE: April 3, 10, 17, 24 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. **brazosportcenter.org 979-265-3376**

CLUTE: April 6-8 CenterFest More than 100 artists display and sell works including furniture, paintings, photos, jewelry, glass, and more. Includes musical entertainment, kids tent, and food. Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. **brazosportcenter.org 979-265-7661**

CLUTE: April 27-29, May 4-6 "The Little Theater's Production of Hamlet" A sophisticated New York director with a successful Off-Broadway season under her belt travels to West Virginia to direct Hamlet under the auspices of a grant for "underserved regions." Only six people show up to audition: 23-year-old Mona who has always dreamed of playing Ophelia, a coal truck driver whose single desire is Mona, two waitresses in their 40s who have never been on stage, 74-year-old Hattie Johnson who has spearheaded the effort, and the bank vice president who has been ordered to appear. Gathering in Hattie's Restaurant, this group perpetrates the most harrowing production of Shakespeare ever mounted. Mishaps ladle hilarity on top of sincere attempts to tailor the play to this remarkable cast. Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. **brazosportcenter.org 979-265-7661**

CORPUS CHRISTI: April 7 Big Bloom Plant Sale & Dollar Day The spring garden festival and only plant sale of the year at the center. Enjoy kids activities, an orchid sale, specialty vendors, butterfly releases in the Butterfly House, ladybug releases, reptile shows, a parrot talk, food trucks, and more. Plant experts will be on site. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. **stxbot.org 361-852-2100**

CORPUS CHRISTI: April 19-May 5 Buc Days Includes PRCA rodeo action, a ranch rodeo, team roping and mutton bustin' events, plus a barbecue party, carnival, live performances, GospelFest, junior parade, and an illuminated night parade. Corpus Christi Bayfront and other locations. **bucdays.com**

CORPUS CHRISTI: April 19-22 Birdiest Festival in America The annual event features field trips throughout South Texas for some of the best bird sightings in the country. Weekend also includes birding workshops, guest speakers, trade show, Raptor Project shows, and a whole lot of Texas hospitality. In addition to talks, vendors, and demonstrations, optional field trips allow birders to explore great birding sites around the Texas Coastal Bend. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. **stxbot.org 361-852-2100**

CORPUS CHRISTI: April 28 Corpus Christi Chamber Music Society: Emerson Quartet 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**



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FREEPORT: April 27-29 Riverfest and Flapjack 5K Events include the Freeport Fireman's barbecue cookoff, a Flapjack 5K, a motorcycle show, a sailboat regatta, live entertainment, and a three-on-three basketball tournament. Freeport Municipal Park, 421 N. Brazosport Blvd. freeportriverfest.com 979-233-0651

FREEPORT: April 28 Schuster Home Open House Built by the Schuster family in 1917, the same year the city of Freeport was incorporated, this home was a special place for family gatherings and holidays. The home serves as an example of family life during the founding of Freeport. Schuster Home, 1130 W. Second St. 979-297-0868

GALVESTON: April 5 "Aesop's Fables—The Dinosaur and The Ant" Since ancient times, man has loved to tell stories. Often told, sometimes sung, here with giant glow-in-the-dark puppets, the show is presented in Bits 'N Pieces' Caribbean musical re-telling of a dinosaur having too much fun. Aesop shares three of his favorite fables with giant puppets, shadows, and projections. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: April 5-8 Tall Ships Galveston For the first time in history, Tall Ships America brings its Tall Ships Challenge to the Gulf of Mexico and Galveston. The new festival will include ship tours, sail-away excursions, music, and other special events. Galveston Pier 21, 21st and Harborside. tallshipsgalveston.com

GALVESTON: April 7 Grand Kids Festival Hosted by the Grand 1894 Opera House, this free event features performers, face painting, arts and crafts, and more.

Postoffice Street, 20th-23rd Streets. thegrand.com
GALVESTON: April 8 An Evening with Sophia Loren Of all the foreign sex symbols to explode on the American screen in the 1950s, Loren is the most iconic and enduring. Rescheduled from spring 2017, the Oscar-winning actress will captivate audiences with an intimate onstage conversation featuring former "Entertainment Tonight" host Bill Harris, along with film clips, home movies, and a Q&A with the crowd. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: April 14 "Amazing Grace" The awe-inspiring true story behind the world's most-loved song comes to life in this radiant touring production. Brimming with emotion and adventure, this tale of romance, rebellion, and redemption is an unforgettable musical saga that captures the spirit of history's sweetest and most powerful sound: freedom. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: April 14 Ocean Star Family Days On the second Saturday of each month, the Ocean Star celebrates Family Day. Each month focuses on a different theme that relates to the offshore oil and gas industry. Information is presented at a student's level using activities and experiments. Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum, 20th Street and Harborside Drive. oceanstaroec.com 409-766-7827

GALVESTON: April 17 "Go, Dog. Go!" The adventures in P.D. Eastman's book come to life in a frolicking musical romp full of surprises, color, clowning, vaudeville, singing/barking, and of course, six lovable dogs.

The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: April 19-22 FeatherFest & Nature Photo Festival As one of the nation's top locations for birding, Galveston Island will host the 16th annual event featuring field trips, workshops, and social events for nature enthusiasts. Various locations. galvestonfeatherfest.com

GALVESTON: April 21 "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" Getting away with murder can be so much fun—and there's no better proof than the hilarious hit show that won the 2014 Tony Award for Best Musical. This uproarious Broadway comedy is the story of a distant heir to a family fortune who sets out to jump the line of succession by eliminating the eight pesky relatives (all played by one fearless actor) who stand in his way. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: April 22 Galveston Symphony Orchestra From youthful passion to artistic salvation. Trond Saeverud conducts Massenet's "Phèdre" Overture, Saint-Saëns "Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 22," with Anton Nel on piano; and Shostakovich's "Symphony No. 5, Op. 47." The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: April 26-29 Third Coast Music Festival The festival will feature 40 bands and 50 shows representing numerous genres in venues throughout the city. The festival will coincide with the Galveston Island Beach Revue. Various locations. thirdcoastmusicfestival.com

HOUSTON: March 4-April 5 International Water-media Exhibition The 41st annual exhibition will highlight the artistic excellence of its global participants in a gallery exhibit held in Houston's popular Museum District. Selected entries will receive maximum exposure at this juried, monthlong exhibit and have an opportunity to win more than \$7,000 in prizes. This year Iain Stewart is the honorary juror and instructor. Watercolor Art Society—Houston, 1601 W. Alabama St. watercolorhouston.org 713-942-9966

HOUSTON: April 2-3 Da Camera Presents: Cy Twombly and Music A special art and music program in the Menil Collection's Cy Twombly Gallery, featuring virtuoso flutist Claire Chase and guest composer Erik Ulman. Cy Twombly Gallery, The Menil Collection, 1501 Branard St. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: April 6 Da Camera Presents: Juilliard String Quartet Da Camera launched its inaugural season in 1988 with the Juilliard String Quartet. The distinguished ensemble returns to Houston for a 30th anniversary performance featuring three major works by Beethoven, Bartok, and Dvorak. Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: April 13 Da Camera Presents: Brad Mehldau Trio Pianist Brad Mehldau makes his long-awaited first appearance on Da Camera's jazz series with his long-standing trio, featuring Larry Grenadier on bass and Jeff Ballard on drums. Cullen Performance Hall, University of Houston, 4300 University Drive. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: April 14-15 Houston Wing CAF—Annual Open House and Fly-In Authentic vintage military aircraft will fly in to the West Houston Airport when the Commemorative Air Force Houston Wing presents its annual fly-in and open house. Come enjoy this rare opportunity for the public to get close to these authentic aircraft, which played a huge role in American history. Several pilots and veterans will be on hand to talk to share their stories, talk about aviation, and answer questions about the aircraft. West Houston Airport, 18000 Groschke Road, Hangar B-5. houstonwing.org 281-579-2131

HOUSTON: April 21 Da Camera Presents: Reich and Messiaen In this unique program featuring the St. Lawrence String Quartet with clarinetist Joshua Rubin and pianist Sarah Rothenberg, two 20th century masterworks depicting profoundly contrasting experiences of the WWII era are presented together: Steve Reich's "Different Trains" and Oliver Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time." Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: April 24-May 20 "Hamilton" With book, music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda, "Hamilton" tells the story of America's founding father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and was the new nation's first Treasury Secretary. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B, and Broadway, "Hamilton" is the story of America then, as told by America now. The Hobby Center, 800 Bagby St. houston.broadway.com 800-952-6560

HOUSTON: April 30-May 1 Da Camera Presents: Poetry and Music: Exile and Return In collaboration with Inprint, Poetry, and Music: Exile and Return features Adam Zagajewski, Poland's most famous living poet, with longtime collaborator Sarah Rothenberg on

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HOUSTON: Through May 13 "Light Chарmer: Neon and Plasma in Action" A group show featuring artists who create a spectacle of light, color, and movement through neon and plasma sculpture and performance. Viewers will be enchanted by the variety of glowing artworks on display. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. craftthouston.org/exhibition/light-charmer 713-529-4848

HUMBLE: April 7 Good Oil Days More than 80 vendors line Main Street Humble alongside live entertainment throughout the day, plus lots of great food, a free kids zone with pony rides, train rides, petting zoo, moonwalks, and more. Main Street. goodoildays.com 281-446-4140

LA PORTE: April 7 Main Street Trade Days Held the first Saturday of the month downtown, this market showcases the best of area antiques, collectibles, re-purposed items, and artisan vendors. Enjoy the many eclectic shops and eateries along Main Street as you search for treasures. Historic Downtown La Porte, 200 W. Main St. visitlaportetx.com 281-470-7275

LA PORTE: April 21 San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Re-enactment The largest battle re-enactment in the southwest is the centerpiece of this admission-free festival, held on the grounds surrounding the San Jacinto Monument. The festival is a full day of entertainment with three stages, rides, vendors, food, family activities, animals, cultural exhibitors, children's games, and fun set amidst living history, paying tribute to the decisive Battle of

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LAKE JACKSON: April 7 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: April 7 Kids Reel Big Fish Event Pack your sunscreen, hat, lawn chair, and fishing gear for a couple of hours of catch-and-release fishing at the marine fish hatchery and visitor education center. Sea Center Texas, 302 Medical Drive. tpwd.texas.gov/seacenter 979-292-0100

LAKE JACKSON: April 13 The Five Browns in Concert A classical piano ensemble consisting of five siblings, the group performs individually or together in various combinations, from duos 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. The Clarion, 500 College Drive. brazosport.edu/clarion 979-230-3156

LAKE JACKSON: April 21 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. gcbo.org 979-480-0999

LAKE JACKSON: April 29 Taste of the Town Sample food and drinks from a variety of the Brazosport Area's finest restaurants at the 27th annual event. Brazos Mall, 100 SH 332 W. brazosport.org 979-285-2501

LEAGUE CITY: April 12-15 Southwest International Boat Show Celebrating its 10th anniversary, this annual in-water boat show features sail and power boats from 10 feet to 100 feet, freshwater and salt-water, ready for boarding and viewing. Onshore, live music will provide entertainment and more than 200 vendors will offer a variety of services and products for the boating and outdoor lifestyle, including fishing gear, apparel, and outdoor equipment, in addition to marine electronics, accessories, and hardware from top industry names. South Shore Harbour Marina, 2551 South Shore Blvd. southwestinternationalboatshow.com 561-842-8808

ORANGE: April 7 Art in the Park Includes arts and crafts, live entertainment, food, and drinks. Stark Park, 711 Green Ave. orangetexas.org 409-883-1010

ORANGE: Through July 14 "The World War I 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

PALACIOS: April 7 Palacios Rotary Club Golf Tournament Palacios Golf Course, 289 R. B. Trull Blvd. 361-972-3605

PALACIOS: April 7-8 Palacios Trail Riders Association Trail Ride Horses and carriages go on this annual two-day ride from the County Barn to Carl Park. Also enjoy a raffle with great prizes. County Barn. 361-972-2719

PALACIOS: April 14 Boys & Girls Club Colorful 5K by the Bay Throughout the race, walkers and runners get covered in paints of various colors. Sixth Street and City Park. palacioskids.org 361-972-2642

PORT ARANSAS: April 6-8 Wooden Boat Festival The annual festival has been re-scheduled for this wonderful weekend. Enjoy three days of all things wooden boat related. Farley Boat Works, 716 W. Avenue C. portaransasmuseum.org/about-farley-boat-works 210-218-9961

PORT ARANSAS: April 21 Adopt-A-Beach Register to assist Port Aransas in keeping the beach clean during this statewide beach cleanup. Port Aransas Beach, Avenue G. glo.texas.gov/adopt-a-beach 361-215-2763

PORT ARANSAS: April 27-29 Texas SandFest The largest master sand sculpting competition in the U.S., this family event offers attendees a weekend of fun on the beach while viewing these magnificent works of sand art. Unique "island-style" jewelry, art, crafts, food, and music will also be available on the beach between markers 9 and 15. Port Aransas Beach. texassandfest.org 361-749-2066

PORT ARTHUR: April 5-7 Elite Redfish Series

A televised, professional redfish tournament that spans the Gulf Coast as part of the fourth annual Cajun Festival—a combination of gigantic live redfish weigh-ins and cajun bands with a side of spicy crawfish. Meet pro fishermen and experience live weigh-ins where kids can interact and take photos with redfish in a 1,500-plus gallon tank. Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center, 1800 Lakeshore Drive. info@htseries.com 409-985-7822

PORT ARTHUR: April 7 Cajun Heritage Festival A daylong celebration of heritage, with generations appreciating modern and traditional music. Dance to foot-tapping sounds and experience the spice of cajun flavors. Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center, 1800 Lakeshore Drive. setxac.org 409-835-2787

PORT ARTHUR: April 21 Crabbing 101 at Sea Rim State Park Learn from the pros at the park showing off 5 miles of natural beach along the Gulf of Mexico. Visit the marsh side for paddle trails. Sea Rim State Park, 19335 S. Gulfway Drive. tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sea-rim 409-971-2559

QUINTANA: April 1-30 Spring Fling April is peak migration time, so the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory hosts Spring Fling at the Quintana Neotropic Bird Sanctuary the entire month of April. Volunteers or staff will be there each day to help identify the migrants as well as resident birds, and keep a daily list going. Quintana Neotropic Bird Sanctuary, 814 N. Lamar. gcbo.org 979-480-0999

QUINTANA: April 21 Adopt-A-Beach Clean-Up Quintana Beach County Park, 330 Fifth St. brazoria-county.com/parks 979-864-1541

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: April 14-15 Open Water Festival Open Water Planet returns to the Sandcastle

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SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: April 26-28 Splash South Padre Thousands of LGBT friends, family, and supporters will once again descend on the 2.3 square miles of paradise. Pride Island will open its doors and arms, welcoming visitors to a weekend of top-notch entertainment, amazing stage productions, exciting pool parties, and some of the best celebrations you've ever experienced. Various locations. splashesouthpadre.com 800-657-2373

SUGAR LAND: April 4 "Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles" Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the release of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band." For the first time ever, "Rain" will bring the historic album to life in its entirety for this psychedelic multimedia spectacular in addition to all your early favorites. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: April 5-8 Sugar Land Wine & Food Affair Attracting more than 10,000 food- and wine-lovers annually, this culinary festival is where top chefs share secrets, sommeliers get uncorked, and all manner of foodies—from bonafide gourmands to everyday eaters—come to indulge in fantastic fare, sensational spirits, and some of the finest wines around. Various locations. sugarlandwineandfoodaffair.com

SUGAR LAND: April 14 Ron White The comedian known as "Tater Salad" rose to fame as the cigar-smoking, scotch-drinking funnyman from the Blue Collar Comedy Tour. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: April 14 Texas Kung Fu Festival American Shaolin Kung Fu is hosting its third annual event—an afternoon full of fun, performances, games, and exchanges of martial arts knowledge. Brazos River Park, 18427 Southwest Freeway. texaskungfufestival.com

SUGAR LAND: April 19 Maluma in Concert Latin music's youth idol and box-office phenomenon, who has been selling out concerts throughout the world, has announced his return to the United States with his F.A.M.E. USA Tour. At just 23 years of age, Maluma sold the most concert tickets in 2017 of any Latin artist, selling out entire tours throughout Latin America, Europe, and even Brazil. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: April 20 Jim Gaffigan: The Fixer Upper Tour The comedian brings his tour to Sugar Land. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: April 21 Autism Speaks 8K and 1K Kid's Fun Run With autism becoming the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S. with 1 in 68 children diagnosed, this race seeks to raise awareness while fostering a great time during its inaugural event. So lace up those running shoes for an event that means so much more than just 4.97 miles.

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SUGAR LAND: April 21 Grant-A-Starr Foundation Family 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk In addition to a 5K chip-timed race on the USATF course, there will be 1-mile event as well. A community-oriented post-race party will follow the awards presentation. As always, there will be plenty of food, freebies, and an area just for the kids. The Kid's Zone will have games and activities galore. Brazos River Park, 18427 Southwest Freeway. grantastarr.org

SUGAR LAND: April 21 H-Town '90s Block Party Last year's '90s Block Party sold out, and this year is even better: Keith Sweat will be joining Guy and Tedd Riley in this year's lineup to take the party to another level. Jagged Edge and 112 are also performing and introducing new music live in concert. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: April 21 March of Dimes: March for Babies Family teams, company teams, friends, and individuals are invited to walk and raise money for babies in the Fort Bend community. Money raised supports programs that help mothers have healthy, full-term pregnancies, and funds research to find causes and preventions to premature births and birth defects. Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Drive. marchforbabies.org

SUGAR LAND: April 29 Judas Priest in Concert with Saxon and Black Star Riders One of heavy metal's most legendary acts will be hitting the road in 2018 in support of their new studio album, "Firepower," which features the line-up of singer Rob Halford, guitarists Glenn Tipton and Richie Faulkner, bassist Ian Hill, and drummer Scott Travis. There are few heavy metal bands that have managed to scale the heights that Judas Priest has during its 40-year career. Originally formed during the early '70s in Birmingham, England, Judas Priest is responsible for some of the genre's most influential and landmark albums. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SURFSIDE BEACH: April 21 Adopt-A-Beach Clean-Up Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater Hwy. brazoria-county.com/parks 979-864-1541

TEXAS CITY: April 16 TC 1947 Disaster Memorial Service An annual memorial service held for the victims of the 1947 disaster. Memorial Park, 2900 Block Loop 197 N. texascitycommunitycalendar.com 409-229-1660

THE WOODLANDS: April 7 Muddy Trails Bash The 11th annual race features chip-timed 5K and 10K trail runs, plus the Little Muddy Kids' Fun Run and 2K-9 Fun Run for you and your dog. The race culminates with a festive zydeco post-race party, complete with the Muddy Bowl Crawfish Cookoff. Rob Fleming Park, 6055 Creekside Forest Drive. thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/races 281-210-3800

THE WOODLANDS: April 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29; May 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-28 The Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival An annual fundraiser for The Woodlands Arts Council's education and outreach programs in the community. More than 200 extraordinary artists across the globe exhibit a broad range of styles and media. Town Green Park, 2099 Lake Robbins Drive. thewoodlandsartscouncil.org/festival 713-299-1184

THE WOODLANDS: April 8, 15 Concert in the Park Enjoy a free evening of music in one of The Wood-

lands' premiere parks. Blankets, lawn chairs, coolers, and pets are permitted. Northshore Park, 2505 Lake Woodlands Drive. thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov 281-210-3800

THE WOODLANDS: April 19 Foo Fighters in Concert The band heads to The Woodlands with newly minted memories of their CalJam 17 triumph still fresh in the eyes and ears of 30,000-plus true rock believers, and with "Concrete and Gold" (Roswell Records/RCA Records) still riding high in the charts worldwide since its international No. 1 debut. The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Drive. woodlandscenter.org 281-364-3010

THE WOODLANDS: April 26 Jack Johnson in Concert Jack Johnson grew up surfing and playing guitar in Hawaii. Since 2001, he has released seven studio albums and two live albums that have sold more than 25 million copies worldwide. His Brushfire Records label and touring crew have been leaders in the greening of the music industry, and his All At Once social action network connects fans with local nonprofits at each tour stop. The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Drive. woodlandscenter.org 281-364-3010

THE WOODLANDS: April 27 Eric Church in Concert Rescheduled after Hurricane Harvey, the concert will contribute to ongoing recovery efforts—with ticket proceeds from the concerts going directly to Houston relief charities. Additionally, Church is inviting first responders that have, and continue to, work tirelessly to aid those that have been affected by the storm to be his guests. The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Drive. woodlandscenter.org 281-364-3010

THE WOODLANDS: April 28 Memorial Hermann Ironman Texas North American Championship Athletes will begin with a 2.4-mile swim in Lake Woodlands. The rolling start, point-to-point swim begins at North Shore Park and ends at Town Green Park. The two-loop, out and back 112-mile bike course takes participants south through the scenic, rolling farmland of east Texas. The day ends with a 26.2-mile run taking place entirely within The Woodlands and concluding with a spectacular finish on Waterway Avenue. Various locations. ironman.com

VICTORIA: April 5-8 Victoria TX Independent Film Festival Features dramas and animated films of both short and feature length. Film directors, producers, and actors join the festival to talk about their work and answer questions from those who attend. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. vtxiff.com 361-935-8843

VICTORIA: April 7 Polo at McFaddin Annual fundraiser held for the Nave Museum and Victoria Regional Museum Association. The day includes polo matches, gourmet tailgate tastings, beer and wine, live and silent auctions, and live music. McFaddin Ranch. navemuseum.com 361-575-8227

VICTORIA: April 14-15 Historic Homes Tour Guided tours of five historic homes may include late Victorian, Queen Anne, and craftsman-style bungalows. Take advantage of this rare opportunity to view the inside of some of the most elegant homes in Old Victoria. Various locations. victoriapreservation.com 361-573-1878

VICTORIA: April 19-22 "Leading Ladies" Theatre Victoria presents this hilarious comedy. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. theatrevictoria.org 361-570-8587

VICTORIA: April 21 Art Car Parade This event features more than 50 moving works of art. Downtown Victoria, 101 N. Main St. fivepointsmuseum.com 361-572-0016

VICTORIA: April 21 JAM Fest The free street festival includes music, food, and beverage vendors, fine arts and crafts, and so much more. Downtown Victoria, 101 N. Main St. jamfestvictoria.com

VICTORIA: April 26 Downtown Rhythms An evening of food, family, and fun at the annual free family concert. Under the leadership of maestro Darryl One, the Symphony will perform selections from pops, jazz, and movie favorites. Downtown Victoria, 101 N. Main St. victoriasymphony.com 361-576-4500

VICTORIA: April 28 Victoria Symphony Master Series Concert features pianist Daniel Hsu. Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 E. Sam Houston Drive. victoriasymphony.com 361-576-4500

WEST COLUMBIA: April 21 San Jacinto Day Celebration Varner-Hogg Plantation commemorates the final battle of the Texas Revolution. Docents in period dress will give tours of the plantation house. Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site, 1702 N. 13th. visitvarnerhogplantation.com 979-345-4656

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Through Jan. 15, 2019 "Rodeo! The Exhibition" Experience the excitement of rodeos from around the state with this dynamic and comprehensive exhibition. Gain an insider's perspective on what makes rodeo an integral part of Texas history and imagine you're in the heart of the arena 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-April 29 "Form into Spirit: Ellsworth Kelly's Austin" Ellsworth Kelly's last great work, the chapel-like structure entitled Austin now being realized at the Blanton Museum, has its roots in the artist's deep appreciation of historical European art and architecture. This exhibition will explore how Austin's conceptual origins began in the seminal period Kelly spent in France (1948-54), when he immersed himself in the country's artistic traditions and monuments. The Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. blantonmuseum.org 512-471-5482

AUSTIN: March 10-May 20 James Drake: "Tongue-Cut Sparrows (Inside Outside)" Drake's work often explores borders and boundaries: of gender, of language, of those between countries and cultures, especially between the United States and Mexico. In this new exhibit, he worked with the female partners of men imprisoned in an El Paso jail, who had invented their own sign language for communicating with their loved ones from the street outside. He offered them texts by celebrated writers from Shakespeare to Cormac McCarthy and asked them to incorporate them into their messages; this multi-channel video piece captured their actions to create a meditation on love, loss, and the gap in-between. The Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. Martin Luther King

Jr. Blvd. blantonmuseum.org 512-471-5482

AUSTIN: April 11 An Evening with Noah & The MegaFauna When frontman Noah Lit was faced with the collapse of his former indie rock band Oliver Future, he took what he saw as the only next logical step, put aside the electric guitar, and dove into the world of acoustic gypsy jazz. As he dug deeper into the dizzying scales, arpeggios, and antiquated chords and patterns, Lit found a concealed wealth of songs surfacing in a form that quickly became Noah & The MegaFauna. His new sound: a clamorous whiskey-filled raucous of sing-alongs on the eve of destruction. The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Drive. thelongcenter.org 512-474-5664

AUSTIN: April 12 Brad Mehldau Trio in Concert One of the most lyrical and intimate voices of contemporary jazz piano, Brad Mehldau has forged a unique path, which embodies the essence of jazz exploration, classical romanticism, and pop allure. From critical acclaim as a band leader to major international exposure in collaborations with Pat Metheny, Renee Fleming, and Joshua Redman, Mehldau continues to garner numerous awards and admiration from both jazz purists and music enthusiasts alike. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-472-5470

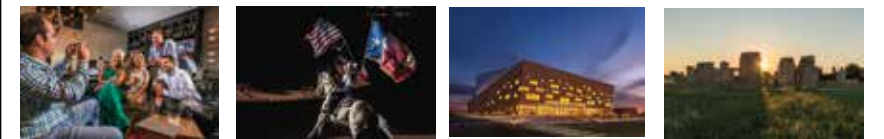
AUSTIN: April 12-13 Mack, Jack, & McConaughey Fundraiser Returning for its sixth year, Austin's beloved charity event is the joint fundraising effort of Academy Award-winning actor Matthew McConaughey, ACM Award-winning recording artist Jack Ingram, and ESPN analyst and Texas coaching legend Mack Brown. The two-day event includes a gala and concert, a live and silent auction, a celebrity golf tournament, and a fashion show. ACL Live at the Moody Theater, 310 W. Willie Nelson Blvd., Suite 1B. mackjackandmcconaughey.com 512-997-8279

AUSTIN: April 13-14 Spring Native Plant Sale The biannual native plant sales feature hundreds of species of Texas natives, including many that you won't find anywhere else. Seeds and plants are sold in all categories, such as annual wildflowers, perennials, grasses, shade-friendly plants, pollinator-friendly plants, wetland plants, shrubs, and trees. These native plants are beautiful, help conserve water, reduce mowing costs, provide habitat for wildlife, protect soil, and save money on fertilizer and pesticides. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave. wildflower.org 512-232-0100

AUSTIN: April 17-22 "The Book of Mormon" The nine-time Tony-winning musical follows the misadventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries, sent halfway across the world to spread the Good Word. Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. austin.broadway.com 800-731-7469

AUSTIN: April 18-21 Moontower Comedy Festival The seventh annual festival will bring a diverse and hilarious mix of comedians and podcasters from around the country and beyond as well as a lineup of impressive local and regional talent, including stand-up, sketch, and musical comedy performers. This year's acts include headliners "Weird Al" Yankovic, Mike Birbiglia, Tiffany Haddish, and many more. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. moontowercomedyfest.com 512-474-1221

AUSTIN: April 21 Texas Independence Tours Walking tour at historic Oakwood Cemetery features interesting stories on "residents" who helped Texas win its independence in 1836. The tours are presented by Save Austin's Cemeteries, a nonprofit dedicated to preserv-



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AUSTIN: April 28 Austin Classical Guitar International Series: Dimitri Illarionov & Boris Andrianov Austin first heard Dimitri Illarionov more than 15 years ago, when he had just won the world's most prestigious international competition for classical guitar. He returns for the season finale with cellist Boris Andrianov. AISD Performing Arts Center, 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd. austinclassicalguitar.org 512-300-2247

BANDERA: April 3 Cowboy Capital Opry Grand Old Opry-style entertainment hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Refreshments and door prizes. Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: April 7, 14, 21, 28 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 Visitors Center, 126 SH 16 S. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: April 7 Bandera Market Days Arts and crafts vendors on the courthouse lawn in downtown Bandera. Bandera County Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: April 7, 14, 21, 28 Chuckwagon Dinner & Show Barbecue dinner and dessert, live country Western band, gunslingers, Western photos, kid's face painting, wagon rides, roping lessons, and archery. Flying L Hill Country Resort. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: April 7, 14, 21, 28 Cowboys on Main Every Saturday expect to see and interact with a sample of the Old West cowboy lifestyle on Bandera's Main Street. Cowboys on Main, 500 Main St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: April 7 The Old Timers Trading Post Meet local artists and artisans. The Old Timer, 14178 SH 16 N. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: April 8 Second Sunday Music Fest Spring Showcase The Frontier Times Museum and the Bandera Music Hall of Fame join together to present an afternoon of music, food, and fun. 11th Street Cowboy Bar, 307 11th St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: April 19 Third Thursday Cowboy Camp Pickers who play cowboy, Texas, or Western swing music are welcome to sit in. Public welcome. Bandera Beverage Barn RV Park, 1407 SH 16 N. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BLANCO: April 13, 20 Arts in the Park Enjoy a free spring concert series featuring music representing all interests, from blues and gospel to Western and El Tule. Food will be available to purchase from local restaurants. Bring your chairs, your dancing shoes, and enjoy an evening under the stars. Bindseil Park, Pecan Street. blancochamber.com 410-463-4076

BOERNE: April 14 Harpeth Rising in Concert Three classically trained musicians play original music, intricately arranged as a string quartet, lyrically rooted in the singer/songwriter tradition, and wrapped in three-part vocal harmonies reminiscent

of both Appalachia and Medieval Europe. Cave Without A Name, Throne Room, 325 Kreuzberg Road. cavewithoutaname.com 830-537-4212

BOERNE: April 14-15 Texas ChuteOut Hosted by and benefitting Littlegrass Ranch, whose mission is to create a transitional sanctuary where victims of domestic abuse—with their children, horses, livestock, and pets—can develop a plan to rebuild their lives. Events include wild horse racing, bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, mutton bustin', steer dressing and calf dressing (yes, in clothing), world-famous trick roper Kevin Fitzpatrick, and cowboy church. Kendall County Fair Grounds, 1307 River Road. texaschuteout.com

BRADY: April 13-14 McCulloch County Early Days The fourth annual celebration of the area's frontier heritage features military and civilian living historians, Native American dancers and gunslingers, music, food vendors, crafts, and hands-on activities for everybody. Richards Park, 100 Brady Country Club Drive. mchc1.com 325-597-4123

BURNET: April 13-15 Bluebonnet Festival Declared "The Bluebonnet Capital of Texas" by the 67th State Legislature, the city of Burnet celebrates its designation with a festival the second weekend of April. Come for some fun and bring your camera to take pictures of the bluebonnets. Burnet's Historic Square, 220 S. Pierce St. bluebonnetfestival.org 512-756-4297

CANYON LAKE: April 28 Barbecue Cookoff The 20th annual event features great food, auctions, and family fun during a friendly competition for 35 teams for brisket, chicken, ribs, and cook's choice. Jacob's Creek Park. canyonlakechamber.com 830-964-2223

COMFORT: April 21 Townwide Garage, Plant, and Bake Sale Local residents will hold garage sales at their homes and at Comfort Park. This annual event draws local vendors and area visitors. One person's trash is the treasure of another. The Comfort Garden Club will hold their plant and bake sale at Seventh and High Street downtown. Various locations. comfortchamber.com 830-995-3131

CONCAN: April 21 Uvalde Classical Academy Spring Scramble The second annual event is open to all ages. The Golf Club of Texas—Concan, 520 Mountain Valley. uvaldeclassical.org 830-591-2242

DRIPPING SPRINGS: April 27-29 Founders Day Festival The three-day festival celebrates the 1850 founding of the Dripping Springs community and offers a variety of family-friendly activities. The festival kicks off with the grand parade on Friday followed by live music on two stages. With a carnival, cookoff competitions, and arts and crafts vendors, there is something for everyone. Downtown Dripping Springs, Mercer Street. cityofdrippingsprings.com 512-858-4725

FREDERICKSBURG: April 6-7 American Chuckwagon Association National Championship Cookoff Enjoy championship-level traditional chuckwagon cuisine. Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. americanchuckwagon.org 512-970-6464

FREDERICKSBURG: April 6 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 830-997-6523

FREDERICKSBURG: April 6-22 Texas Hill Country Wine and Wildflower Journey Enjoy the Texas Hill

Country wineries and wildflowers. Self-guided tour includes special events, tastings, and discounts. Various locations. texaswinetrail.com 872-216-9463

FREDERICKSBURG: April 6-7 Waltstock & Barrel Wine and Music Festival Large music, wine, and craft beer festival with headliner Walt Wilkins. Artists and food trucks, too. Texas Wine Country Jellystone Park Camp-Resort, 10618 E. US 290. waltstockandbarrel.com 830-456-6059

FREDERICKSBURG: April 7 Historic Country Schools Open House Tour Self-guided tour of schools listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Various locations. historicschools.org

FREDERICKSBURG: April 7-21 Wildflower Celebration at Wildseed Farms Celebrate the arrival of spring and Texas wildflowers with colorful fields, great shopping, butterfly gardens, and special activities. Wildseed Farms, 100 Legacy Drive. wildseedfarms.com 830-990-8080

FREDERICKSBURG: April 13-29 "Barefoot in the Park" From comic genius Neil Simon comes one of the sweetest odes to young love ever written for the theater. Presented by Fredericksburg Theater Company. Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 S. US 87. fredericksburgtheater.org 830-997-3588

FREDERICKSBURG: April 14 Bluebonnet Tractor Ride Antique tractors, cars, and trucks make a 20-mile loop through scenic Gillespie County at the 13th annual event. Various locations. rustyiron.org

FREDERICKSBURG: April 14-15 WWII Pacific Combat Program at the National Museum of the Pacific War Brings history to life with equipment and weapons used during WWII and a battle re-enactment set on an island in the Pacific. Pacific Combat Zone, 508 E. Austin. pacificwarmuseum.org 830-997-8600

FREDERICKSBURG: April 15 The Marksmen in Concert Fredericksburg Music Club presents San Antonio's premier men's cappella group and members of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 1800 N. Llano. fredericksburgmusicclub.com

FREDERICKSBURG: April 20-22 Fredericksburg Trade Days Shop more than 400 vendors or relax in the biergarten while listening to live music. Sunday Farms, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. fbgtradedays.com 210-846-4094

FREDERICKSBURG: April 21 Fredericksburg VFD Annual Spring Fish Fry Features a freshly fried catfish dinner with all the trimmings and live music, too. Marktplatz, 100 block of W. Main. 830-997-7521

FREDERICKSBURG: April 26-29 Hill Country Film Festival Annual film festival screens the best of independent film from Texas and around the world. Fritztown Cinema, 2254 S. US 87. hillcountryff.com 866-224-7714

FREDERICKSBURG: April 27-28 Fort Martin Scott Days Cannon firings and bugle calls bring the 1850s fort to life as re-actors share stories of Native Americans, soldiers, and settlers in early Fredericksburg. Fort Martin Scott, 1606 E. Main St. ftmartinsscott.org 830-217-3200

GEORGETOWN: April 13-14 Georgetown Quilt and Stitchery Show Features a silent auction, raffle, tea room, and vendors. Community Center in San Gabriel Park, 445 E. Morrow St. handcraftsunlimited.com 512-658-6973

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GEORGETOWN: April 29 A Marvelous Party Penfold Theatre's eighth annual fundraising gala sparkles with elegance, featuring a mouthwatering meal by Chef Vikki Bowen, a swinging line-up of cabaret selections sung by Central Texas musical theatre performers, and a host of other ways to play and laugh away a magical evening. All proceeds support Penfold's next season of professional theatre performances and education programs—of which guests will receive an exclusive preview. Kindred Oaks, 2100 County Road 176. penfoldtheatre.org 512-850-4849

GRUENE: April 6, 13, 20, 27 Friday Afternoon Club A Gruene Hall tradition, now in its 20th year, where hipsters, oldsters, suits, locals, and drifters mix it up to start their weekend rite (pun intended). This quintessential Friday happy hour celebrates the warmer weather with great beer prices, prize giveaways, and the best in Texas tunes broadcast live by KNBT 92.1 FM Radio New Braunfels. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com 830-606-1281

GRUENE: April 8 Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist In the tradition of a New Orleans-style gospel brunch, this event features awe-inspiring gospel music coupled with a mouth-watering buffet catered by the Gristmill River Restaurant and Bar. One complimentary Champagne drink and a long stem rose for your sweet heart included. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com 830-629-5077

GRUENE: April 19 Come and Taste It: Meet Texas' Best Winemakers A featured winemaker showcases three of its newest released, top-selling, or hardest-to-find 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 830-629-5077 or 830-606-0093

GRUENE: April 21-22 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods. Free admission. Gruene Historic District, 1601 Hunter Road. gruenemarketdays.com 830-629-5077 or 830-832-1721

INGRAM: April 17-June 28 Texas Watercolor Society Annual National Exhibit The exhibit will be celebrated with an artist's reception on May 12. Hill Country Arts Foundation, 119 Point Theatre Road. hcaf.com 830-367-5120

JOHNSON CITY: April 28 Art Walk All galleries will be open from 4-8 p.m. serving adult beverages and munchies while visitors peruse work from new artists. Nugent Avenue and Main Street. lbjcountry.com 830-868-7684

JOHNSON CITY: April 28-29 Market Days Local artisans sell handmade items, bakery goods, jewelry, plants, and food items. City Park, US 290 and Avenue G. lbjcountry.com 830-868-7684

KERRVILLE: March 30-April 1 Easter Hill Country

Bike Tour Experience the charm and hospitality of the Texas Hill Country and three days of the best riding Texas has to offer at the 44th annual event. Quiet, well-paved roads, fully-stocked rest stops, and panoramic scenery have made this ride one of the premier cycling events in Texas with routes suitable for all categories of participants, from novices to experienced riders. Schreiner University, 2100 Memorial Blvd. ehct.com 281-782-8743

KERRVILLE: March 31-April 1 Easter at the Empty Cross A free two-day Easter celebration includes speakers, music, and a Sunday morning "sonrise." Sculpture Prayer Garden, 520 Benson. thecomingkingfoundation.org 830-928-7774

KERRVILLE: April 6-24 "Crazy for You" An award-winning, updated tribute to the music of George and Ira Gershwin featuring all of the hits from their classic songbook. Enjoy singing, dancing, and a comic script by Ken Ludwig. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. caillouxtheater.com 830-896-9393

KERRVILLE: April 6 Kerrville Farmers Market Downtown A producer-only market offering a variety of locally sourced produce, meat, eggs, bread, cheese, beer, wine, and more. Dallas Daughtry Boardwalk Pavilion, 805 Water St. kerrvillefarmersmarket.com 830-928-4261

KERRVILLE: April 7 Hill Country Swap Meet A giant community garage sale, flea market, and trade day all-in-one. Buy or sell new, used, antiques, collectibles, arts and crafts, knives, books, furniture, tools, clothing, kitchen and household items, and 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: April 7 Kerr County Market Days Features 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: April 14-15 Texas Gun and Knife Show New and used guns, knives, gold and silver coins, jewelry, camping gear, military supplies, and several businesses under one roof. Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. texasgunandknifeshows.com 830-285-0575

KERRVILLE: April 21 Spring Native Plant Sale and Festival A free native plant sale with an emphasis on Hill Country natives. Includes exhibits, demos, and experts available for landscaping advice, as well as kids activities and featured presentations. Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos St. riversidenaturecenter.org 830-257-4837

KERRVILLE: April 28 Camerata San Antonio String Quartet-Lasting Legacy-Coolidge Composers Patrons make music happen. This concert features works all composed for patroness Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge. First Presbyterian Church, 800 E. Jefferson. camerata.org 210-492-9519

KERRVILLE: April 29 Hill Country Youth Orchestra Spring Concert Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. hcoy.org 830-285-9781

KYLE: April 14 Market Days On the second Saturday of the month, local vendors sell arts and crafts and farm-to-market items. Includes live music and more. City Square Park, 101 S. Burlson. cityofkyle.com/recreation 512-262-3939

LAMPASAS: April 7 Bloomin' Fest Enjoy arts and crafts, plants, food, wine tasting, bandstand entertainment, and children's activities. Downtown on the Square. lampasaschamber.org 512-556-5172

LAMPASAS: April 7-8 Lampasas Trade Days Meet the artists and craftsmen who create one-of-a-kind items. Merchandise ranges from antiques, collectibles, quilts, crafts, and folk and fine art, to home furnishings. Marigold's Antiques & More, 2646 US 190. marigoldsantiques.com 512-734-1294

LAMPASAS: April 27-28 Riata Roundup Festival Diamond Cross Rodeo Co. brings CPRA-sanctioned rodeo events such as bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling, bull riding, women's barrel racing, and steer roping, plus concessions. 580 Sports Complex, 2351 FM 580 W. lampasaschamber.org 512-556-5172

LLANO: April 6-8 Llano Fiddle Fest Weekend It's all about the fiddle—Texas fiddle that is. Fiddle contests include the 41st Llano Open Fiddle Contest with a \$1,000 first place prize. Enjoy concerts, fiddle jams, the Fiddle Fiddle toss out, a Sunday river service with cowboy breakfast, and more. Lantex Theater, 113 W. Main St. llanofiddlefest.com 325-247-3979

LLANO: April 20-21 Llano Crawfish Open Enjoy great food, live music, a golf tournament, and more. Event takes place rain or shine. Robinson Park, 100 Robinson Park. llanocrawfishopen.com 325-247-5354

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 1914-19—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: April 14-15 Folkfest Early Texas costumed interpreters join troops of Buffalo Soldiers, Confederate veterans, and Revolutionary War officers to demonstrate life in early Texas. Chuckwagon champion Donnie Demoin demonstrates how cowboys were fed on the trail; kids of all ages enjoy hands-on activities like brick-making, candle-making, clothes-washing, and quilt-making; learn nine-pin bowling, a game with a unique role in the Texas Hill Country; saw logs with a crosscut saw; and play games from the 19th century. Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture, 1370 Churchill Drive. texashandmade.com 830-629-6504

NEW BRAUNFELS: April 14-15 Train Show Event includes an extra-large exhibit of Lego trains, large displays of traveling model railroads of various scales, and more than 60 vendors from Texas—plus some from out of State—displaying items on more than 300 tables for attendees to buy, sell, or swap. Also enjoy hourly drawings for prizes, a silent auction, and a free train ride on the Landa Park railroad for children 5 years of age or younger. New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center, 375 S. Castell Ave. newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org 830-627-2447

NEW BRAUNFELS: April 20 Lee Ann Womack in Concert Artists don't really make albums anymore like Lee Ann Womack's "The Lonely, the Lonesome, and

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the Gone," a breathtaking hybrid of country, soul, gospel, and blues. The album also underscores the emergence of Womack's songwriting voice: She has more writing credits among this album's 14 tracks than on all her previous albums combined. Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. gruenehall.com 830-629-5077

NEW BRAUNFELS: April 20-22 New Braunfels Swap & Car Show Offers more than 1,000 spaces of hard-to-find car parts and related items, food and drink concessions, and free parts hauling by swap meet volunteers. Comal County Fairgrounds, 701 Common St. newbraunfelsareacarclub.com/swap-meet.php 830-625-1505

NEW BRAUNFELS: April 28 CrawFest Rock out to Whiskey Myers and Austin's own Vejello, and taste the awesomeness of the Battle of the Roux Gumbo Cookoff. Can last year's crawfish-eating champions hold their crown for another year? Enjoy live zydeco, a Dock Dogs competition, crawfish races, and live Tejano music from Siggno. Camp out on-site. Comal County Fairgrounds, 701 Common St. crawfishfestivalnewbraunfels.com 210-827-2222

OZONA: March 1-Sept. 30 Vintage Hat Happenings With hats dating back to the early 19th century, this exhibit treats visitors to a variety of hats, travel cases, and boxes as well as other accessories used by many of the early pioneers of the area and their ancestors. Crockett County Museum, 404 11th St. ozonamuseum.com 325-392-2837

OZONA: April 1 Crockett County Easter Egg Hunt The annual Easter egg hunt is sponsored by the Ozona Knights of Columbus. Ozona's Historic Town Square, Ozona Business Loop 466 and SH 163. ozona.com/eventscalendar 325-392-2827

UVALDE: April 13 Four Square Friday Features late-night shopping, food, live music, and art. Historic Downtown Uvalde. visitualde.com 830-278-4115

UVALDE: April 13-14 Historic Fort Inge Days Historic Fort Inge. visitualde.com 830-591-6804

UVALDE: April 20-21 American Cancer Society Relay for Life The money raised through Relay For Life events helps realize the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives, celebrate life, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. Uvalde County Fairplex, 215 Veterans Lane. uvaldecountyfairplex.com 830-591-9040

UVALDE: April 27 Dia de Los Ninos Fun for all ages with games, food, and more. Uvalde County Fairplex, 215 Veterans Lane. uvaldecountyfairplex.com 830-591-9040

UVALDE: April 28 Air and Space STEM Expo Constellations, planet viewing, and more. El Progreso Memorial Library. visitualde.com 254-541-4037

WIMBERLEY: April 7 Market Days The oldest outdoor market in the Texas Hill Country and the second-largest in the state, featuring more than 475 booths filled with art, crafts, antiques, and treasures. Stroll the tree-shaded paths, listen to live music, and shop to your heart's content. Lions Field, 601 FM 2325. shopmarketdays.com 512-847-2201

WIMBERLEY: April 13-May 6 "The Sunshine Boys" Al and Willie as "Lewis and Clark" were top-billed vaudevillians for more than 40 years. Now they aren't even speaking. When CBS requests them for a "History of Comedy" retrospective, a grudging reunion brings the two back together, along with a flood of memories, miseries, and laughs. Wimberley Playhouse, 450 Old Kyle Road. wimberleyplayers.org 512-847-0575

WIMBERLEY: April 14 Second Saturday Gallery Trail On the second Saturday of every month, come early and stay late for wine, light bites, and an art-filled evening at many of the galleries in and around Wimberley. Various locations. gallerytrail.com 512-847-2201

WIMBERLEY: April 21 Butterfly Festival At the 20th annual event, more than 3,800 butterflies will be released throughout the day after a moving opening ceremony at the Veterans Memorial, which will include a butterfly release to honor those who have lost their lives in the past year. Attendees can enjoy crafts, games, bounce houses, wonderful food, an exotic butterfly flight house, and more. There is no admission charge, but donations are greatly appreciated. EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens, 1101 FM 2325. emilyann.org 512-847-6969

WIMBERLEY: April 28-29 Wimberley Arts Fest The 10th annual event kicks off with more than 100 artist booths, a vintage car show, continuous live music, and lots to eat and drink. Relax alongside the Blanco River, and enjoy the sights and sounds of beautiful Wimberley. The Waters Point, 13401 RR 12. wimberleyartsfest.com 512-952-0098

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ABILENE: April 7 Big Country Home & Garden Expo Attracting more than 2,000 attendees from Abilene and the Big Country. Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N. Sixth St. abilenescene.com/abilenes-home-and-garden-expo 325-767-6211

ABILENE: April 14 AEF Cajun Fest Includes live entertainment, an inflatable park, games and face painting, the Crawfish Crawl—a 5K run/walk at Shotwell Stadium with a finish on the 50-yard line, food trucks, the chance to "beat up a car," shopping, authentic Louisiana-style crawdads and shrimp, and a whole lot of fun. Taylor County Expo Center, 1700 SH 36. aaeff.org 325-677-1444

ABILENE: April 14-15 Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show Features exhibits, dealers, fossils, rare minerals, cut and uncut gems, fluorescent display, lapidary supplies and rough, jewelry making equipment, crack your own geode, silent auction, door prizes, and a grand prize drawing. Proceeds benefit scholarship programs. Hosted by Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society. Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N. Sixth St. new.calichetimes.com 325-668-8558

ABILENE: April 28-29 Key City Rhythm & Blues Festival At the fourth annual event, enjoy fabulous blues music under the West Texas sky with a variety of vendors and food trucks. End your weekend with a Sunday gospel brunch. Nelson Park Festival Gardens, E.S. 11th Street and Loop 322. keycityblues.com 325-677-1841

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

AMARILLO: April 5-7 "Man of La Mancha" Amarillo Opera brings the classic musical to life featuring the favorite songs of this "Don Quixote" story. Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts, 500 S. Buchanan St. amarilloopera.org 806-372-7464

AMARILLO: April 20-21 "An American in Paris" The Lone Star Ballet performs the George Gershwin favorite. The classic film starred Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts, 500 S. Buchanan St. lonestarballet.org 806-372-2463

AMARILLO: April 27-28 Amarillo Symphony in Concert Maestro Jacomo Bairos leads the Amarillo Symphony and Amarillo Master Chorale in a performance of Mahler's Symphony No. 1 and Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts, 500 S. Buchanan St. amarillosymphony.org 806-376-8782

AMARILLO: April 30-May 1 "Chicago" The 2017-18 Broadway Spotlight Series brings a touring performance of the longest running musical in Broadway history to Amarillo. Amarillo Civic Center Complex, 401 S. Buchanan St. panhandletickets.com 806-378-3096

BIG SPRING: April 14 Music of the Beatles Big Spring Symphony presents a concert inspired by the Beatles, featuring the best-selling album "Abbey Road" with guest artists Jeans n' Classics. Directed and arranged by Peter Brennan. Municipal Auditorium, 310 E. Third St. visitbigspring.com 432-263-8235

BIG SPRING: April 28-29 A Joyful Season Spring Shopping Expo Features more than 80 various vendors, including food, arts and crafts, clothing boutiques, home goods, and much more. Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 10001 N. Birdwell Lane. ajoyfulseason.org 432-263-8235

BUFFALO GAP: April 13-15 Buffalo Gap Food and Wine Summit Make plans to join award-winning wine-makers and chefs under the oaks at Perini Ranch for the 14th annual event. Hosted by Perini Ranch, Becker Vineyards, and Fess Parker Winery and Vineyard. Perini Ranch Steakhouse, 3002 FM 89. buffalogapsummit.com 800-367-1721

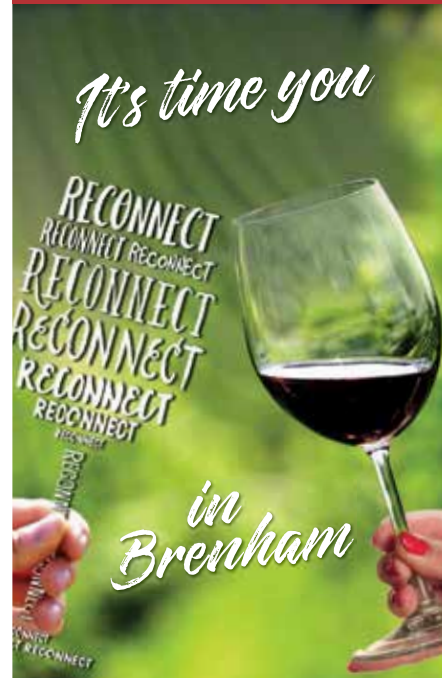
DALHART: April 21 Eta Upsilon Sorority Golf Tournament All proceeds will benefit local charities. Twisted Elms Golf Club, 2979 US 54. 806-244-5646

GRAHAM: April 7 Rotary Duck Derby Join the Rotarians for a family fun day launching thousands of rubber ducks into the water. With your \$5 duck adoption, you have the opportunity to cheer on your duck to the finish line for a chance to win a \$2,500 prize and help raise money for the community. Enjoy family activities, balloons, games, remote control boats, great food, beverage tent, prizes, and more. Fireman's Park, SH 67 and FM 61.

GRAHAM: April 14 Cars and Stars The eighth annual classic car show offers more than 200 classic and new cars to drool over. Vendors, food, live music, kid activities, cars, and more. Graham Downtown Square, 608 Elm St. grahamcarsandstars.com 940-549-0401

HENRIETTA: April 4-7 Turkey Fest Last year's festival attracted 6,000 attendees with live music, a pie-eating contest, barrel racing, live turkey races, a cookoff, and a street dance. The event is not just for hunters—it's for the whole family. Plus, coming to the fest is free and there are plenty of free children's activities to keep the

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TYLER: April 3 Kimberly Guilfoyle Guilfoyle joined Fox News as a legal analyst in 2006, hosting the one-hour crime-based program, "The Lineup." She currently co-hosts Fox's primetime show "The Five," a roundtable ensemble of Fox personalities who discuss, debate, and debunk news stories, controversies, and issues of the day. Guilfoyle also appears as a legal and political analyst on "Hannity," and she is part of a rotating panel on "Outnumbered." University of Texas at Tyler, R. Don Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. cowancenter.org or kimberlyguilfoyle.com 903-566-7424

TYLER: April 8-May 6 High School Art Exhibition Each year, the Tyler Museum of Art offers a month-long showcase for senior-level art students from numerous regional schools, with the top four works as judged by a panel of professional artists receiving awards along with an audience-voted "Viewer's Choice" prize. Tyler Museum of Art, 1300 S. Mahon Ave. tylermuseum.org 903-595-1001

TYLER: April 14 Hit the Bricks Downtown Tyler bursts with entertainment every second Saturday. Each month offers something new and different. Downtown Tyler, 100 N. Broadway. visittyler.com/secondsaturday 903-592-1661

TYLER: April 21 "The Wizard of Oz" There truly is no place like home in the greatest family musical of all time. Travel down the yellow brick road and beyond with Dorothy, Toto, and their new friends—the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Man, and the Scarecrow—in this lavish production, featuring breathtaking special effects, dazzling choreography, and classic songs from the iconic 1939 film. University of Texas at Tyler, R. Don Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. cowancenter.org 903-566-7424

WOODVILLE: April 7 Dogwood Festival The 75th annual celebration of springtime in East Texas includes a 5K fun run, arts and crafts, antique cars and motorcycles, a parade, the coronation of the Dogwood Queen, an outdoor historical play, and a fireworks finale. Downtown, 100 W. Bluff St. tylercountydogwoodfestival.org 409-283-2632

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ADDISON: April 13-May 6 "Bread" This world premiere by award-winning Dallas-born actress and playwright Regina Taylor weaves a compelling family drama of hopes, fears, thwarted dreams, and dark secrets against a turbulent backdrop of racial tension and social upheaval. This stirring, timely story of identity and family asks: How can we prepare the next generation for what's to come? Water Tower Theatre, 15650 Addison Road. watertowrtheatre.org 972-450-6232

ADDISON: April 14 Walk MS Event helps friends, loved ones, and co-workers team up to change the world for everyone affected by multiple sclerosis. Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Road. nationalmssociety.org 855-372-1331

ADDISON: April 28-29 Wellness Expo More than

100 exhibitors will feature products and services for mind, body, and spirit. Showcases energized jewelry and stones, bodywork, Reiki, reflexology, and intuitive readings. Addison Conference Centre, 15650 Addison Road. wellnessexpo.net 972-925-9393

BONHAM: April 14 Red River Art, Wine, and Music Festival Music, vendors, art demonstrations, and wine vendors. Creative Arts Center, 200 W. Fifth St. creativeartscenterbonham.com 903-640-2196

BOWIE: April 13-15 Chisholm Trail Heritage Festival, Cattle Drive, and Wagon Train Events include the Marlow Gunfighters Show, stick horse rodeo and games for kids, horse and wagon obstacle course races, and a cowboy ball Saturday night. Bowie Chamber of Commerce, 201-A Walnut St. bowietxchamber.org 940-872-1173

BRYAN: April 15 Cooking Party: Exotic Fruits and Vegetables Every month Messina Hof hosts a demonstration focusing on a specific cuisine or technique. Each guest will receive a recipe booklet to take home and will have a chance to register to win culinary door prizes. This month features dishes made with a variety exotic fruits and vegetables. Messina Hof wine will be featured in the dish as always. The Vintage House Restaurant, 4545 Old Reliance Road. messinahof.com 979-778-9463

BURTON: March 30-April 7 LaBahia Antiques Dealers across the country will provide antiques, collectibles, vintage, and repurposed items at the show. Free admission and parking. LaBahia Hall, 550 SH 237. labahiaantiques.com 979-289-2684

BURTON: April 21 Burton Cotton Gin Festival Celebrate the 1914 Burton Farmers Gin at the 29th annual festival, a free day of family fun. Enjoy the main street parade and stay for contests, food, crafts, folk life, tours of the historic cotton gin, tractor pull, great music, and entertainment. All proceeds help preserve the oldest operating cotton gin in the U.S. Texas Cotton Gin Museum, 307 N. Main St. cottonginmuseum.org 979-289-3378

CHAPPELL HILL: April 14-15 Official Texas Bluebonnet Festival The festival boasts more than 250 juried exhibitors (home decor, gardening, artists, craftsmen, jewelry, clothing, and more), delicious country-style food, live entertainment and music, and tours of the historic community. A special children's activity corner provides pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, a barrel train, and more. Downtown Chappell Hill, 9220 Poplar St. visitbrenhamtexas.com 979-203-1242

CLEBURNE: March 16-31, April 5-21 "The Music Man" Con man Harold Hill comes to River City, Iowa, intending to sell the town and its children on a fake marching-band system and then skip town—until he falls for the local librarian. Plaza Theatre Company, 111 S. Main St. plaza-theatre.com 817-202-0600

CLEBURNE: April 14 SpringFest Celebrate springtime with vendors, food, a carnival, and more. Hulén Park, 201 W. Westhill Drive. downtowncleburneassociation.com 214-202-5550

CLEBURNE: April 20-21 Antique Alley and Yard Sale The semi-annual event includes more than 500 dealers from across the state and country, food vendors, and more along a 25-mile stretch of highway. FM 4 South. antiquealleytexas.com 940-232-8983

CLEBURNE: April 24 Brazos Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert Enjoy an evening with friends and family as the 50-piece orchestra plays an eclectic blend of orchestral music, including classical, big band, movie tunes, Americana, and pop. First Baptist Church of Cle-

burne, 414 N. Main St. brazoschamberorchestra.org 817-645-8067

CLEBURNE: April 27-28, May 3-19 "To Kill a Mockingbird" One of the most beloved novels of all time transitions to the stage in this unforgettable adaptation. Devoted father and lawyer Atticus Finch is tasked with defending an African-American man against false charges in the Depression-era South. In carrying out his duty, he sets an example for us all. Plaza Theatre Company, 111 S. Main St. plaza-theatre.com 817-202-0600

COLLEGE STATION: April 10 Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company Furthers contemporary dance as an accessible and valued art form through performance and dance education that raise the standards, deepens the understanding, and promotes personal connections with dance. Rudder Auditorium, 401 Joe Routt Blvd. academyarts.tamu.edu 979-847-2787

COLLEGE STATION: April 28 California Dreamin' The Brazos Valley Chorale concludes the season with their spring concert. This lighthearted fundraiser will feature more of Leonard Bernstein's music along with past Billboard hits. Hildebrand Equine Center, 3240 F&B Road. bvchorale.org 979-476-8199

CORSICANA: April 27-28 Derrick Days Festival and Navarro County Pro Rodeo Festival marks 43 years of celebrating Texas' first oil boom, which transformed Corsicana into an oil and industrial center. Festivities include a morning parade, chili cookoff, a gospel stage, a main entertainment stage featuring a battle of the bands, vendors, food booths, five historical tours, a rodeo, a car show, and zip lining. Children's activities include pet adoptions, a carnival, amusement rides, and pony rides. Corsicana Historic Downtown, 301 S. Beaton St. derrickdays.com 903-654-4850 or 877-648-2688

DALE: April 19-22 Old Settler's Music Festival Bluegrass, folk, and Americana acts perform on three stages over four days. Many music fans return annually for amazing performances by award-winning artists such as Sam Bush, Richard Thompson, Bruce Hornsby, the Mavericks, Jason Isbell, St. Paul & the Broken Bones, Bela Fleck, and favorite locals such as Patty Griffin and Bob Schneider, along with camping in beautiful Central Texas. 1616 FM 1358. oldsettlersmusicfest.org 512-478-0578

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: March 23-April 8 "Yana Wana's Legend of the Bluebonnet" Ten-year-old María is having trouble in school, so her mom sends her to stay with her Coahuiltecan grandmother in distant Laredo for discipline and perspective. There, María is told an ancient story of young Yana Wana who followed a revered deer to find water to save her people. Yana Wana's story exposes an amazing and unknown ancestral connection to the bluebonnet that gives María a renewed sense of self and family pride. A beautiful, original play that illustrates the power of heritage and the value of one's own story—especially one as ancient as the petroglyphs of Texas. Dallas Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman St. dct.org 214-978-0110

DALLAS: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Taste of Bishop Arts Food and Historical Tours Sample the fun and fare of this unique neighborhood, following in the footsteps

of Bonnie and Clyde and other notorious residents. The tour does not include a lot of walking, and it stops at some great eateries—including one of the top barbecue venues in Dallas and a place where you can make your own tableside s'mores. Veracruz Cafe, 408 N. Bishop. dallasbitesfoodtours.com 972-814-5997

DALLAS: April 5-18 Down for #TheCount One-Act Play Festival: A Celebration of Female Voices Now in its third year, this one-act play festival features six short plays by women of all backgrounds. This event brings to life onstage the female voice in exciting, funny, and heartbreaking stories that only live theater can do. Bishop Arts Theatre Center, 215 S. Tyler St. bishopartstheatre.org

DALLAS: April 6-8 Deep Ellum Arts Festival Six blocks of Main Street in the Deep Ellum entertainment district will be transformed into one enormous street festival. The 24th annual event features 200 top-notch decorative and visual artists, 150 original bands and singer/songwriters performing from six different stages and two additional performance areas, the renowned Pet Parade, and enticing foods and drinks. Festival attendees can stroll through displays of cutting-edge decorative arts and admire, commission, and purchase the works of sculptors, muralists, jewelers, painters, leather and wood crafters, and other specialized fine artists, some of whom will be creating original pieces on the spot. Deep Ellum, 2900-3200 Main St. deepellumartsfestival.com 214-855-1881

DALLAS: April 14 Most Good 5K The race will start and finish at Klyde Warren Park in the heart of downtown Dallas, where there will be a mix of pre- and post-race food, music, and entertainment. Klyde Warren Park, 2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway. 214-637-8229

DALLAS: April 14 Walk To End Lupus Now Experience firsthand the power of the movement to end lupus. Raise money for research, increase awareness, and rally public support for the estimated 1.5 million Americans who suffer from the disease's brutal impact. Verizon Theatre in Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Place. chapters.lupus.org/dallas 469-374-0590

DALLAS: April 15-Aug. 12 "The Power of Gold: Asante Royal Regalia from Ghana" Be dazzled by more than 200 gleaming gold items of regalia, colorful and intricately woven silk, kente cloth, ceremonial furniture, state swords, linguist staffs, and other significant objects related to Asante royals from the 19th through the 21st centuries. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St. dma.org

DALLAS: April 21-May 6 "Blue" Pale Blue and Inky Blue are very happy in their blueness. When a red sock enters their kitchen, Pale and Inky—and the audience—are surprised by the way their world is turned upside down. This play introduces the idea of acceptance in an age-appropriate, soft-hearted theatrical experience. It is filled with fun, humor, and whimsy—and at the end of the show, you will be too. Dallas Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman St. dct.org 214-978-0110

DALLAS: April 21 March of Dimes March for Babies Walk alongside more than 18,000 friends, family members, caregivers, and supporters with the beautiful Dallas skyline as your backdrop. Annually, more than 6 million participants in 450 communities raise \$80 million to support the lifesaving research to find causes and preventions to premature births and birth defects. The Lawn at Reunion Tower, 692 Sports St. 972-232-1358

DALLAS: April 21 The Hidden Dallas Tour Cruise to some secret places in Dallas, and check out extraordinary scenic, cultural, and architectural treasures—



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DALLAS: April 26 Tony Bennett in Concert With worldwide record sales in the millions, and dozens of platinum and gold albums to his credit, Bennett is a musician who touches the hearts and souls of audiences with his legendary vocals and charming stage presence. His long list of achievements, spanning more than 60 years, includes 19 Grammy awards. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. attpac.org 214-880-0202

DECATUR: April 14 Glitzy Girls Trailer Park Tour remodeled vintage travel trailers that will fill the historic Decatur square at the fifth annual event. Shop the local boutiques and antique shops in addition to the variety of vendors that will be attending the event. Play bingo with special guest callers and watch local entertainment. Proceeds benefit local charities. Decatur Square, Main Street. glitzygirlstrailerpark.com 281-686-1803

DENISON: Through April 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: 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: April 28 Doc Holliday Festival Celebrate the city's boomtown in the 1870 and '80s with characters from the past, including Doc Holliday (the infamous gambler and gunfighter once held an office in downtown Denison). Events include a panel of local historians, Wild West photos, gunfights, food, music, and more. The Red River Railroad Museum will have an open house and celebrate 25 years of existence. Look for some popular characters and a likely shootout. Re-enactors welcome. 324 W. Main St. cityofdenison.com 903-465-2720

DENTON: April 7 North Texas Horse Country Tour Wind your way through the beautiful North Texas Horse Country aboard a luxury motorcoach while a fun and knowledgeable guide narrates the facts and backstory of the area. Six behind-the-scenes 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

DENTON: April 18-22 Thin Line Fest A documentary film, multi-genre music, and competitive photo festival. Each year, international documentaries of many interests are shown, and national multi-genre live music acts and regional photographers come to Denton to

exhibit their talents. Campus Theatre, 214 W. Hickory St. thinline.us 940-382-7895

DENTON: April 21 Denton Redbud Festival The award-winning festival is Denton's official Arbor Day celebration, promoting community beautification and Denton pride since 1994. The festival features dozens of vendors with tree and plant sales, gardening supplies, household items, and local/handmade products, along with family-friendly activities and live, local music. Denton Civic Center, 321 E. McKinney St. kdb.org 940-349-8711

DENTON: April 27-29 Denton Arts & Jazz Festival One of Denton's signature events, this three-day celebration of the arts features more than 3,000 professional and amateur performers on seven stages showcasing the best in jazz, pop, rhythm & blues, and full orchestra music. In addition, community and school groups represent a wide variety of dance, choral, storytelling, and theatrical performances. Fine artists and craftsmen come from all over to participate and sell in this juried show. Abundant food and beverage options, bars, tons of entertainment, and a huge kids' area keep the fun rolling all weekend. Quakertown Park, 321 E. McKinney St. dentonjazzfest.com 940-565-0931

DESOTO: April 7 DeSoto Living! Festival Last year's inaugural event attracted more than 2,500 attendees with festivities including a car show, a motorcycle display and races; a kid zone with a bounce house, face painting and other games; demonstrations highlighting energy conservation, recycling and xeriscaping; a wellness area featuring health-related vendors, an obstacle course and mammogram vehicle; a petting zoo, a pet parade; and entertainment acts under tents. DeSoto East Middle School, 601 E. Belt Line Road. desotochamber.org 972-224-3565

EAGLE LAKE: April 14-15 Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival A two-day event with guided refuge tours and extended chances for viewing the endangered Attwater's Prairie Chicken on their booming grounds. Events include Native American dancers, guest speakers, birding, and plant tours. Birds will typically perform their unique mating dance for a couple of hours each morning. Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, 1206 APC-NWR Road. fws.gov or attwater.org 979-234-3021

ELGIN: April 6, 13, 20, 27 Music in the Park On every Friday in April, bring blankets or a lawn chair and enjoy this free event, which features a variety of live music including swing, rockin' oldies, country and Western, and international favorites. Concessions are available. Veteran's Memorial Park. elgintx.com

ELGIN: April 12 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in historic downtown. You will find more than 80 craft beers, diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists, and live music in many of the venues. Historic Downtown Elgin. elgintx.com

ENNIS: April 1-30 Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Pick up a free trail map at the Ennis Visitors Center and then drive the local trails to take in the spectacular wildflower display that graces the countryside here every spring. Ennis Bluebonnet Trails, 002 E. Ennis Ave. bluebonnettrail.org or visitennis.org 972-878-4748

ENNIS: April 11-14 Main Street Midway Bring the family out for a state fair-quality carnival in downtown Ennis. 101 N.W. Main St. visitennis.org 972-878-4748

ENNIS: April 20-22 Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival Celebrate spring and the state flower in downtown Ennis. Enjoy more than 100 arts and crafts booths, children's play area, lots of food and drink (including a wine wander), and live music. Downtown Ennis, 119 N. Dallas St. bluebonnettrail.org or visitennis.org 972-878-4748

ENNIS: April 27-May 12 "Sleeping Beauty" A classic fairy-tale adaptation by Rebecca Perry and Noelle Carmen, the well-known fairy tale is brought to life with charm and humor for adults and children alike. The classic elements are all there—a beautiful princess cursed at birth, the danger of a spinning wheel, the hope of true love—but enhanced by the unexpected magic of an entire hidden fairy realm. Theatre Rocks!, 505 NW Main St. theaterocks.com 972-878-5126

FARMERSVILLE: April 7 Farmersville Farmers & 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: April 6-8 Race Week at Texas Motor Speedway The premier motorsports facility in Texas hosts IndyCar, Monster Energy NASCAR Cup, Xfinity, and Camping World Truck series races. Texas Motor Speedway, 3545 Lone Star Circle. texasmotorspeedway.com 817-215-8600

FORT WORTH: April 19-22 Main Street Arts Festival Celebrate one of the top downtowns in the country along a magnificent mile of art, music, and food. Sundance Square, Main Street. mainstreetartsfest.org 817-870-1692

FORT WORTH: April 27-May 13 Fort Worth Opera Festival Event offers a truly transparent look into opera. See everything through the eyes of the performers with exclusive backstage tours. Get an inside look at the world that influenced the composer and librettist during the pre-show Opera Previews. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St. fwopera.org 817-731-0726

FORT WORTH: April 28-29 Fortress Festival The festival is a partnership between Fortress Presents and the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and features two stages, one on the lawn in front of the Will Rogers Memorial Center and a second that hovers above the reflecting pond of the Modern. In addition to world-class music, attendees are able to wander through the galleries of the museum and experience world-class art. Modern Art Museum, 3200 Darnell St. fortressfestival.com 888-454-4353

FRISCO: April 14 Frisco StrEATS Food & Music Festival Grab the family and head to historic downtown Frisco to enjoy some of the best food trucks from around the DFW metroplex at the seventh annual event. Enjoy great food, trendy melodies, and a beer garden offering beer and wine for purchase. Historic Downtown Frisco, 6843 Main St. 972-292-5266

GARLAND: April 20 Garland Symphony Orchestra Concert: Mahler's Symphony No. 1 For the spring performance of GSO's 17-18 season, "Vienna, City of Music!," the orchestra will feature Mahler's "Symphony No. 1." Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. garlandsymphony.org 972-926-0611

GIDDINGS: April 12-14 Rodeo Giddings Events include bareback, steer wrestling, team roping, calf roping, ladies barrel racing, bull riding, saddle bronc, and ladies breakaway. Lee County Sheriff's Posse Arena, 2591 US 290. lcspgiddings.com 979-542-3455

GLEN ROSE: April 5-7 Glen Rose Bluegrass Jambo-ree Festival Three days of bluegrass music from local artists and around the country. Oakdale Park, 1019 N.E. Barnard St. 254-897-3081

GLEN ROSE: April 13 American Miniature Horse Show Somervell County Expo Center, 202 Bo Gibbs Blvd. 254-897-4509

GLEN ROSE: April 14, 28 Photo Tour These guided wildlife tours are geared toward photographers to provide the best-possible light. View more than 50 species on 1,800 acres. Reservations required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GLEN ROSE: April 14 Spring Wingding Celebrate the arrival of migratory birds, butterflies, and dragonflies. Dinosaur Valley State Park, 1629 Park Road 59. 254-897-3129

GLEN ROSE: April 27 Discovery After Dark This nighttime guided wildlife tour with spotlights includes admission to the self-guided wildlife tour in daytime. Recommended for ages 5 and older. Reservations required. Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. fossilrim.org 254-897-2960

GRANBURY: April 27-28 Granbury Wine Walk Granbury Wine Walk Festival, 201 E. Pearl St. granburywinewalk.com 682-498-3089

GRAND PRAIRIE: April 19-July 22 Thoroughbred Racing Live thoroughbred racing every Saturday and Sunday—a good time you can bet on. Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Pkwy. lonestarpark.com 972-263-7223

GRAND PRAIRIE: April 20-22 Main Street Fest The seventh annual festival will celebrate the fun, festive, family atmosphere of Grand Prairie with live music, rides, crafts, food, and more. Downtown Grand Prairie, 200 block of W. Main Street. mainstreetfest.com 972-237-8100

GRAND PRAIRIE: April 21-22 Big Mamou Cajun Festival Get ready to party hearty, creole-style, as this annual festival cooks up big fun and delicious food starting at noon under the Big Red Patio. Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road. tradersvillage.com 972-647-2331

GRANDVIEW: April 20-22 Antique Alley Texas and 30+ Miles of Shopping What started in 1999 as a small sidewalk sale with a couple of yard/pasture sales now spans more than 30 miles of treasures. 300 E. Crier St. antiquealleytexas.com 817-666-5024 or 817-240-4948

GRAPEVINE: April 13-15, 20-22 Day Out with Thomas The 15th annual event features an approximately 25-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine, Thomas & Friends-themed entertainment, storytelling, live music, and more. Cotton Belt Depot, 705 S. Main St. gvrr.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: April 13 Symphony in the Park Admission is free for this Friday night late-night happy hour. Enjoy handcrafted wine cocktails on the Messina Hof bandstand and in Liberty Park while Texas Chamber Music Project plays classical music. Liberty Park, 215 S. Main St. messinahof.com 817-442-8463

GRAPEVINE: April 14 New Vintage Wine & Gallery Trail and Blessing of the Vines Toast the good life at Grapevine's 26th annual event. With tradition and flair, Grapevine celebrates new release wines, beautiful works of art, and good times with friends. Historic Downtown Grapevine. grapevinetexasusa.com 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: April 21 Spring into Nash Children and adults alike will enjoy learning what




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GRAPEVINE: April 27 Farm to Supper, a Farm to Fork Experience The evening includes a farmhouse reception, supper in the meadow, string band, and local wines. Nash Farm, 626 Ball St. nashfarm.org 817-410-3185

GRAPEVINE: April 29 Truffle-Making Class with Dr. Sue's Chocolates Messina Hof Grapevine welcomes back chocolatier Dr. Sue with Dr. Sue's Chocolates in Grapevine. Sign up for a Sunday afternoon making your very own chocolate truffles paired with Messina Hof wines, and take home your handmade truffles with springtime flavors. Messina Hof Grapevine Winery, 201 S. Main St. messinahof.com 817-442-8463

GREENVILLE: April 20-29 Hunt County Fair and Livestock Show The annual fair celebrates youth, agriculture, and entertainment with great foods, lots of live entertainment, and a fun-filled midway packed with rides and games for all ages. Hunt County Fair Grounds, 9800 Jack Finney Blvd. huntcountyfair.net 903-454-1503

GREENVILLE: April 27 The Four Freshmen in Concert With six Grammy nominations and multiple recordings, today's Four Freshmen preserve the nostalgic sound from '50s and '60s while enhancing it with youth, vitality, and talent. Greenville Municipal Auditorium, 2821 Washington. greenvilleentertainmentseries.com 903-513-0445

HALLETTSVILLE: Through Nov. 30 "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

HILLSBORO: April 21 Hill County Master Gardeners Plant Sale Spring gardeners and plant lovers are invited to shop a variety of well-adapted plants for North Central Texas gardens, including annuals, perennials, natives, and drought-tolerant plants. Hill County Texas A&M AgrLife Extension Office, 126 S. Covington St. 254-582-4022

IRVING: April 21 Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra Presents Mahler Symphony No. 1 For its spring performance, the Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra will feature "Mahler No. 1." You won't want to miss a minute of this outstanding first symphony by Mahler which cannot fail to stir the soul. Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier Waltz Sequence No. 1" will also be included in this concert. Irving Arts Center, Carpenter Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. lascolinassymphony.org 972-252-4800

LEWISVILLE: April 14 ColorPalooza: A Celebration of Spring Designed to showcase the rich cultural, artistic, and eco-friendly spirit of Lewisville with a day of creativity, hands-on art activities, and displays. Highlights include Chalk This Way, a sidewalk chalk extravaganza that showcases amateur and professional chalk art; interactive art activities for children; a DIY tie-dye station; live art demonstrations featuring everything from painting to glass blowing and street art/graffiti; Eco-Alley, featuring local groups giving demonstrations and presentations on multiple environmental topics;

and performances from cultural groups and musicians. Wayne Ferguson Plaza, 151 W. Church St. lewisvillecolorpalooza.com 972-219-3401

LOCKHART: April 7 Cowtown Sip and Stroll Businesses around the square host wine and beer tastings, food tastings, an art show and sale, and live music. Lockhart Town Square, 110 S. Main St. facebook.com/cowtownstroll 512-398-2818

MADISONVILLE: April 14 Tour de' Madisonville Bicycle Ride & Festival Choose from four routes ranging from beginner to advanced, and pedal your way through the picturesque countryside. Refreshment stops will be available along the way to keep you hydrated and energized. The ride ends in downtown Madisonville, the setting for a celebration that includes live entertainment, kids' activities, arts and crafts, and more fun. Proceeds from the race benefit the Madisonville Area Parks. Downtown Madisonville, 113 W. Trinity St. visitmadisonville.org 936-348-9333

MCKINNEY: April 7, 14, 21, 28 Historic McKinney Farmers Market Re-creates the feel of bygone market days once held in the old Jockey lot in downtown McKinney. Meet friends, share local news, and bring a chair so you can sit awhile. Local and organic meat, dairy, honey, and produce vendors as well as crafts people offer their wares every Saturday. Chestnut Square Historic Village, 315 S. Chestnut. chestnutsquare.org

MCKINNEY: April 13-15 Arts in Bloom The streets around McKinney's historic downtown square are blocked off for this three-day festival celebrating the arts with 150 local, regional, and nationally recognized artists representing 15 states and 45 cities from across Texas. Live music fills the square and more than a dozen Texas wineries offer tastings in the large wine garden. Free admission. Downtown McKinney, 111 N. Tennessee. downtownmckinney.com 972-547-2660

MESQUITE: April 1-30 Texas Visual Arts Association Exhibit Enjoy an exhibit of works by Texas Visual Arts Association. Galleries are open Monday through Friday and during events. Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: April 6 Rockin' Rhapsody Concert Series: Mr. Inez Enjoy free concerts outdoors every Friday evening through the month of April. Bring lawn chairs or blankets; in the case of inclement weather, the concerts will be moved indoors. This week features Mr. Inez, a band that specializes in unique arrangements of classics from the '60s, '70s, and '80s. Mesquite Arts Center North Lawn, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: April 7 Mesquite Community Band Concert Conducted by Dr. Stephen Shoop. Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: April 7 Mesquite Rodeo Parade In celebration of the Mesquite Championship Rodeo season, the Mesquite Parks and Recreation and the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce will present a community-wide parade, bringing together civic clubs, churches, community groups, sports teams, and schools. The parade will follow its traditional route starting on Belt Line at Newsom, proceeding through downtown Mesquite and ending on Galloway Avenue at New Market. Downtown Mesquite. realtexasflavor.com 972-204-4925

MESQUITE: April 13-28 "Becky's New Car" Becky Foster is caught in middle age, middle management, and a middling marriage with no prospects for change

when suddenly she stumbles into a situation that could give her nothing short of a new life. Presented by Mesquite Community Theatre, this thoroughly original comedy with serious overtones will grab your attention and won't let go until the final scene. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquitecommunitytheatre.com 972-216-8126

MESQUITE: April 13 Rockin' Rhapsody Concert Series: Downtown Fever Enjoy free concerts outdoors every Friday evening through the month of April. Bring lawn chairs or blankets; in the case of inclement weather, the concerts will be moved indoors. This week features Downtown Fever, a high-energy, 11-piece party band with a musical range that spans decades of classics to the music of today. Mesquite Arts Center North Lawn, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: April 14 Florence Ranch Homestead Tours Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc. on the second Saturday of every month. Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

MESQUITE: April 14, 28 Marketplace Mesquite: Farmers' and Artisan's Market Come and shop in downtown Mesquite for local fare from artisans, growers, and craftsmen. The Mesquite Marketplace is held the second and fourth Saturday from April through October. Heritage Square in Downtown Mesquite, 150 W. Main St. themarketplacedfw.com 214-793-6121

MESQUITE: April 20 Rockin' Rhapsody Concert Series: Back in Black Enjoy free concerts outdoors every Friday evening through the month of April. Bring lawn chairs or blankets; in the case of inclement weather, the concerts will be moved indoors. This week features Back in Black, an AC/DC tribute band. Mesquite Arts Center North Lawn, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: April 27 Rockin' Rhapsody Concert Series: Texas Flood Enjoy free concerts outdoors every Friday evening through the month of April. Bring lawn chairs or blankets; in the case of inclement weather, the concerts will be moved indoors. This week features Texas Flood, one of the premier blues bands in North Texas. Mesquite Arts Center North Lawn, 1527 N. Galloway. mesquiteartscenter.org 972-216-6444

MESQUITE: April 28 Kidfish A free event for children 16 and younger; all fishing participants must register for the event. Poles and bait are provided, or participants may use their own fishing gear. Prizes and trophies are awarded immediately following the final measuring and weigh-in of the fish. City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Ave. cityofmesquite.com/pard 972-216-6260

MESQUITE: April 28 Opal Lawrence Historical Park Tours Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc., tours of the beautiful S.D. Lawrence home, located in Opal Lawrence Historical Park, are every fourth Saturday. Be sure to note the unique painted ceilings. Tours also available by appointment. Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney St. historicmesquite.org 972-216-6468

PARIS: April 5-8 ASA Southwest Shootout Archery Tournament Sanctioned ASA Pro-AM archery tournament with 3-D targets. Participants compete for cash prizes and a coveted custom Paris, Texas, buckle. Love Civic Center, 2025 S. Collegiate. asaarchery.com or paristexas.com 770-795-0232 or 903-784-2501

PARIS: April 6 Cruisin' on the Plaza Antique and vintage vehicles for show and tell. Downtown Paris Fountain Plaza. paristexas.com 903-784-2501

PLANO: April 5 Courtyard Texas Music Series Get up close and personal with some of the Lone Star State's favorite musicians on the first Thursday of the month from March through November, and enjoy the amazing acoustics of this 321-seat theater. Courtyard Theater, 1509 H Ave. plano.gov or visitplano.com 972-941-5600

PLANO: April 7 One Day Only 29 The 29th installment of this signature play festival features five short plays from concept to curtain in just one day. Rover Dramawerks, 221 W. Parker Road. roverdramawerks.com or visitplano.com 972-849-0358

PLANO: April 21 Beatles Night Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and cooler for this annual Beatles tribute concert, presented by Plano Stages. This fun event sells out, so get your tickets early and come enjoy some Beatlemania. Oak Point Park Amphitheater, 2801 E. Spring Creek Pkwy. visitplano.com or planostages.com 972-941-5600

PLANO: April 27-28 Artfest Enjoy live music, food, and local makers and vendors selling everything from jewelry and pottery to furniture and food. There's a kids' zone with bounce houses, a chalk art station, and various craft tables. Enjoy live performances from local music and dance groups. Downtown Plano Arts District, 998 E. 15th St. planoartfest.com or visitplano.com 972-468-1588

PLANO: April 28 Plano Symphony 35th Anniversary Finale: Van Cliburn Gold Hector Guzman and the Plano Symphony conclude the season with a much-beloved pianist, Haochen Zhang. Since his Gold Medal win at the Thirteenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 2009, the 26-year-old Chinese pianist has captivated audiences in the U.S., Europe, and Asia. St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 5801 W. Plano Pkwy. planosymphony.org or visitplano.com 972-473-7262

PLANTERSVILLE: April 26-28 St. Mary's Quilt Show Stroll the gardens of this historic and beautiful painted church, visit vendors in the Church Hall, and view exquisite quilts in the church sanctuary. Lunch will be served in the hall and outside in the pavilion. St. Mary Catholic Church, 8227 CR 205. stmarysquiltshow.com 713-882-5850

RICHARDSON: April 8 "Mutts Gone Nuts" Disorderly duo Scott and Joan Houghton and their hilarious pack of pooches take the stage with a comedy dog thrill show like no other. Expect the unexpected in this top-notch presentation that includes incredible high-flying frisbee dogs, tight-wire dogs, dancing dogs, magic dogs, and of course, the one and only Sammie the Talking Dog. Their nine amazing canine partners are all rescues adopted from animal shelters, and they are sure to unleash havoc and hilarity in a family-friendly performance that is leaving audiences howling for more. Presented as a community family event in support of the Richardson Animal Shelter. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive. eisemanncenter.com 972-744-4650

RICHARDSON: April 12-15 "Driving Miss Daisy" Enjoy this timeless, searing, funny, and ultimately hopeful meditation on race relations in America. Winner of the 1988 Pulitzer Prize. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive. eisemanncenter.com 972-744-4650

RICHARDSON: April 16 Keyboard Conversations: A Bernstein Birthday Bash! Enjoy a concert with lively commentary by renowned pianist Jeffrey Siegel. This unique format makes the music more acces-

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RICHARDSON: April 22 "Go, Dog, Go!" The adventures of P.D. Eastman's book comes to life in a frolicking musical romp full of surprises, color, clowning, vaudeville, singing/barking, and of course, six lovable dogs. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive. eisemanncenter.com 972-744-4650

RICHARDSON: April 29 Plano Band Spring Concert The Plano Community band performs twice a year at the beautiful Eisemann Center. The band is made up of approximately 70 musicians from all walks of life who share a passion for music. Free admission, advanced ticket required. Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive. planoband.com or visitplano.com 972-814-8882

ROUND TOP: April 14 James Dick in Concert The legendary pianist, founder, and artistic director of the Round Top Festival Institute will perform works by Haydn, Beethoven, Chopin, and Prokofiev. Festival Concert Hall, 248 Jaster Road. festivalhill.org 979-249-3129

ROUND TOP: April 20-22 Poetry at Round Top Lectures and workshops with distinguished poets at the 17th annual event. Festival Hill, 248 Jaster Road. festivalhill.org 979-249-3129

SALADO: April 14 5K Troll Trot Keep Salado Beautiful is a supporting sponsor of the second annual race, held on a route featuring the rich history and natural beauty of the village as well as highlighting the public gardens and hidden art, especially Billy Goat Gruff and the Troll at the Green Bridge Garden. Prizes will be awarded in adult and youth divisions. Salado Museum and College Hill, 423 S. Main St. keepsaladobeautiful.com 254-760-1150

SCHULENBURG: April 14 Schulenburg Sausagefest Features sausage-making contests, a race, arts and crafts vendors, and live music. Main Street. schulenburgsausagesfest.com 979-743-4514

SEGUIN: April 6 Moonlight and Roses Enjoy a nice relaxing evening in the Memorial Rose Garden for this annual event, which includes live jazz music, free food, and the presentation of the Downtown Awards. Bring your beverage of choice and a lawn chair or blanket. Walnut Springs Park, 307 W. Court St. seguintexas.gov 830-401-0810

SEGUIN: April 28 Earth Day Festival and Trade Days Learn to live a greener lifestyle at the 10th annual event, and see how Seguin can become a healthier, more sustainable community. Businesses, schools, organizations, and industry will show how to protect the environment and conserve natural resources. Musical groups will perform in the bandstand, and activities for

children will add to the festivities. The festival is held in conjunction with Main Street's spring Trade Day, where more than 80 vendors will set up throughout downtown selling crafts, jewelry, food, clothes, toys, and more. Central Park, 201 S. Austin. seguintexas.gov 830-401-0810

SHERMAN: April 21 Texoma Earth Day Festival Learn about how to keep the earth healthy, enjoy great food, see fun musical acts, and visit with a variety of vendors. There will also be a recycling drive and a shredding truck for disposal of personal documents. Sherman Municipal Grounds, 405 N. Rusk. earthdaytexoma.org 903-821-8198

TEMPLE: April 6 First Friday On the first Friday of every month, Historic Downtown Temple transforms into a giant party, with street music and performances, great drinks, amazing food, and after-hours shopping. Downtown Temple, Main Street. discovertemple.com 254-298-5378

TEMPLE: April 7 Family Days This month's theme is "Gone to Texas!" Celebrate what it means to be Texas; whether you are a native or just moved here, come see what made Texas great. Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum, 315 W. Avenue B. templerrhm.org 254-298-5172

TEMPLE: April 27-28 Bloomin Temple Festival Activities include a carnival midway, live music by local and national performers, arts and crafts, and a children's area with inflatable games. Downtown Temple. bloomintemple.com 254-298-5900

TERRELL: April 21-22 Terrell Heritage Jubilee A weekend of fun for the whole family with a carnival, 5K run, arts and crafts, a quilt show, a car show, live entertainment, pig races, a business and health expo, and more. Ben Gill & Lions Club Park, 1314 W. Moore Ave. terrelltexas.com 972-563-5703

WACO: Through May 6 "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Secrets of the Sewer" Experience the first-ever museum exhibit featuring the four heroic ninjas-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 Drive. baylor.edu/mayborn 254-710-1110

WACO: April 7-8 Heart of Texas Air Show Military aircraft and jets, warbirds, static aircraft, a large kids area, and more. Fly in historic warbird aircraft and helicopters. TSTC Waco Campus Airport, 3801 Campus Drive. heartoftexasairshow.com 254-867-4807

WACO: April 14 Rootstock: A Texas Wine Festival This event celebrates the Texas wine industry with more than 18 participating wineries from across the Lone Star State. Enjoy live music and a VIP dinner on Waco's historic suspension bridge. Indian Spring Park, 101 N. University Parks Drive. facebook.com/rootstockwinefest 254-848-4343

WACO: April 28 Design Den: Sewing Enjoy an afternoon of sewing, weaving, and embroidery. Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Drive. baylor.edu/mayborn 254-710-1110

WACO: April 28 Waco Texas Steak Cookoff & Wine Festival An annual event featuring teams of cooks competing to prepare the best steak and appetizer. The event will include wine tastings, vendors, live music, and an evening steak dinner prepared by the chef of your choice. Indian Spring Park, 101 S. University Parks Drive. wacotexassteakcookoff.com 254-836-0734

WACO: April 30-Nov. 25 "Faces of the Southern Ocean" Through a selection of photography by J.J. L'Hereux, this exhibit embodies the spirit of the Southern Ocean and Antarctica, a realm dominated by sky and cold. Reindeer, seals, and penguins—inhabitants of this icy territory—along with breathtaking landscapes are captured in photographs from L'Hereux's more than a dozen expeditions to this region. Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Drive. baylor.edu/mayborn 254-710-1110

WAXAHACHIE: April 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29; May 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-28 Scarborough Renaissance Festival The event is set back in the time of King Henry VII and offers arts, crafts, vendors, food, and entertainment. 2511 FM 66, Exit 399 A on I-35 E. srfestival.com 972-938-3247

WAXAHACHIE: April 19-22 Crossroads of Texas Film & Music Festival A four-day celebration of movies and music made in Texas or by Texans. Chautauqua Auditorium, 400 S. Grand Ave. crossroadssoftxxf.com 469-309-4012

WAXAHACHIE: April 21 W3-Wonderful Women of Waxahachie Vintage Trailer Tour A fundraiser tour with an anticipated 100 trailers. Getzendaner Park, 400 S. Grand Ave. waxahachiecvb.com 469-309-4040

WEATHERFORD: April 7 Spring Fling at Chandor Gardens Celebrate the arrival of a long-awaited spring season in the gardens at this annual event featuring music, food, area artists, and craftsman. The gardens will be loaded with talented people displaying, demonstrating, and selling their unique arts and crafts. Chandor Gardens, 711 W. Lee Ave. chandorgardens.com 817-613-1700

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

BEEVILLE: Through April 26 "The Rockport Way" This exhibition from the Rockport Center for the Arts celebrates the resiliency and strength of Rockport's art community after Hurricane Harvey. Beeville Art Museum, 401 E. Fannin St. bamtexas.org 361-358-8615

POTEET: April 13-15 Poteet Strawberry Festival Held annually in April, the festival in the Strawberry Capital of Texas has 14 areas of continuous entertainment featuring concerts with nationally known country Western and Tejano stars, regional bands, gunslingers, a carnival, various contests, and rodeo performances. Poteet Strawberry Festival Grounds, 9199 SH 16. strawberryfestival.com 830-742-8144

SAN ANTONIO: March 25-June 6 "Night of Artists" Now in its 17th year, this public exhibition showcases more than 280 new works of art from 75 of the country's top Western artists. Art on exhibit is available for purchase. Free with museum admission. Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. briscoemuseum.org 210-299-4499

SAN ANTONIO: April 10|West Gallery Talk: Santa Anna: The Napoleon of the West Interpreted by living historian Martin Vasquez. Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. briscoemuseum.org 210-299-4499

SAN ANTONIO: April 19 Fiesta Fiesta at Hemisfair At the official opening of Fiesta 2018, enjoy live entertainment; greet official Fiesta royalty and special guests; buy, sell, or trade Fiesta pins and medals at Pin Pandemonium; and join the fun as cascarnones are broken and the crowd proclaims, "Viva Fiesta!" to kick off the Alamo City's biggest, best festival. This year, at Tastes of the Republic—an exclusive culinary event with a view to all of Fiesta—taste the six regions of Texas as executed by 12 Texas chefs. Hemisfair, 434 S. Alamo St. fiesta-sa.org/events/fiesta-fiesta-at-hemisfair 210-227-5191

SAN ANTONIO: April 19-29 Fiesta San Antonio Every April, the city of San Antonio comes together for Fiesta San Antonio. For 11 days, the city parties with a purpose in celebration of its history and the diversity that makes the community what it is. More than 100 local nonprofit organizations orchestrate festivities and raise funds that support the community throughout the year. There's something for everyone at Fiesta: street fairs, carnivals, charity runs, music, arts, culture, and so much more. Various locations. fiesta-sa.org 210-227-5191

SAN ANTONIO: April 23 Fiesta River Parade Party Enjoy a fun evening along the River Walk at the Jack Guenther Pavilion with a dazzling view of the parade, a sumptuous buffet, and premier access to the beautiful venue and all its amenities. Ticketed event. Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. briscoemuseum.org 210-507-4849

SAN ANTONIO: April 24 Ford Mariachi Festival Kickoff and Riverwalk Coronation Experience the pageantry of the River Walk Royal Court Coronation. Enjoy live music and mariachi bands. Have fun dancing, eating street tacos, and drinking beer and wine. Fun activities include Fiesta medal buying and trading, plus a free photo booth with props for the ultimate souvenir of the evening. Fiesta attire is encouraged. Downtown River Walk. thesanantonioriverwalk.com 210-227-4262

SAN ANTONIO: April 27 Battle of Flowers Parade The 127th annual parade will for the first time in its storied history feature not one, not two, but the entire Familia Cortez from San Antonio's iconic Mi Tierra Restaurant in historic Market Square as grand marshal. In a nod to San Antonio's Tricentennial celebration, the parade's theme is "300 Timeless Treasures." The parade will be televised nationally and broadcast to U.S. military bases overseas. Downtown San Antonio, Broadway Street. battleofflowers.org/events 210-422-1546

SAN ANTONIO: April 24-26 Ford Mariachi Festival This free, official Fiesta event features mariachi bands and folklorico dancers from local schools and colleges. This is the perfect time to sit outside, sip a margarita, and enjoy the music as it floats by. Downtown River Walk. thesanantonioriverwalk.com 210-227-4262

SAN ANTONIO: April 27-29 Fiesta Artisan Show Participating vendors display unique handmade merchandise. Whether its jewelry, pottery, or fine art you are interested in, you are sure to find something you will love. Downtown River Walk Extension (Close to shops at Rivercenter). thesanantonioriverwalk.com 210-227-4262

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Rockin' and Rollin'
Quiet Valley Ranch near Kerrville will become a music mecca for 18 days in May and June—just as it has for the past half-century.

MAY 2018

Picks across the state

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE

JUST AS THEY HAVE for almost 50 years, songwriters, musicians, and fans will make their annual trek to the **Kerrville Folk Festival** for 18 days and nights of music **May 24–June 10**. The festival claims to be the longest continuously running music festival in the country—Texas music greats Lyle Lovett, Willie Nelson, and Robert Earl Keen all played Kerrville over the years. The festival welcomes newcomers and seasoned musicians and promotes a family-friendly environment. Attendants are welcome to tent and RV camp on Quiet Valley Ranch's 20 acres, which is within walking distance to outdoor theaters and vendors and is the heart of the festival—where impromptu jam sessions can happen any time.

Festival activities include a songwriter's school; guitar, harmonica, and ukulele workshops; daytime children's concerts; music business seminars; Hill Country bike rides; canoe trips on the Guadalupe River, a songwriter's competition; and yoga on Saturday mornings. Food vendors will be on site at the Kennedy Outdoor Theater and campgrounds, and the Craft Village will host artisans from across the U.S. during performance nights. For more information, visit kerrville-music.com.



LICENSE TO GRILL

INSPIRED BY tailgating, family reunions, and potlucks, **Austin's Hot Luck: Live Food & Music** festival returns for a second year to please taste buds and ears alike. From **May 24–27**, event venues around downtown Austin will host world-class chefs whipping up delectable a la carte eats, served with a side of live music—think s'mores bar, ramen bowl concoctions, homemade buttermilk donuts, and whole hog roasts. Last year's inaugural event featured multiple James Beard award-winning chefs, and music ranging from garage punk to blues and soul. With barbecue guru Aaron Franklin at the helm of the operation, this food-and-music hybrid features open-fire pit feasts, to-die-for grub, and plenty of fun surprises. A portion of festival proceeds goes to The SAFE Alliance, a merger of Austin Children's Shelter and SafePlace, both long-standing agencies serving survivors of abuse. For more information, visit hotluckfest.com.

SAN ANTONIO 300

THERE ARE NEARLY 700 partner events planned to celebrate **San Antonio's** Tricentennial in 2018, culminating with Commemorative Week on the 300th anniversary of the Alamo's founding. For more information, visit sanantonio300.org/commemorative-week.

May 1: Day of Reflection

A communal, interfaith service will be held at places of worship across San Antonio with a central candlelight service at Main Plaza.

May 2: History and Education

The Tricentennial Commission will release its com-

memorative book in addition to the San Antonio Parks & Recreation Department's launch of its Tree-centennial program, during which it will plant 300 trees by the end of 2018.

May 3: Founder's Day

A ticketed Founders Ball at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, plus five concurrent events across San Antonio, will be connected to each other via simulcast for the public to enjoy various speakers and performances.

May 4: Arts for All

Galleries, studios, museums, and art venues will be open and free to the public. The city will also unveil new public art exhibitions throughout the city. Fi-

nally, the evening will culminate with a 5-mile-long fireworks display along the Mission Trail.

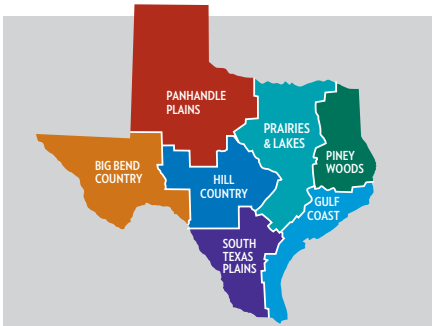
May 5: Legacy Day

Bexar County officials and the San Antonio River Authority will dedicate the transformation of San Pedro Creek as a cultural park at the headwaters and unveil a public art piece, *Plethora*—a 45-foot-tall stainless steel sculpture.

May 6: Military Appreciation

Fort Sam Houston will open to the public for the first time since 9/11 for a day full of interactive exhibitions and performances (U.S. Air Force flyovers, carnival rides, live music, and—of course—fireworks).

PHOTOS: (left) Will van Overbeek; (top) Jackie Young



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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

PECOS: May 6 Golden Girl/Little Miss Cantaloupe Style Show Local girls participating in the show will model retail attire to promote local chamber businesses. Reeves County Civic Center, 1500 S. Cedar St. 432-445-2406

VAN HORN: May 5 Cinco de Mayo Celebrating the culture and traditions of Old Mexico with food, arts and crafts, mariachi bands, folklorico dancers, and local talent. A colorful moonlit outdoor dance concludes the celebration. Van Horn City Park, Second and Austin Street. vanhorn-texas.us 432-283-2682

GULF COAST

BEAUMONT: May 11-12, 18-19, 24-26 "Young Frankenstein" Mel Brooks' zany comedy comes to life on the main stage. Come sing along with Dr. Frankenstein and Igor as they try to bring their characters to life. This Tony-nominated play includes songs like "Roll in the Hay," "Transylvania Mania," and "Puttin' on the Ritz." Beaumont Community Players, 4155 Laurel Ave. beaumontcommunityplayers.com 409-833-4664

BEAUMONT: May 12 Maypole Festival Held on the second Saturday in May, this annual blessing of the crops and celebration of the arts is for young and old alike. Stroll through 23 acres of green serenity found within the Beaumont Botanical Gardens and shop local art and food vendors. Children can enjoy carnival games, face painting, and feeding the giant koi in the outdoor fish pond. The festival ends with the blessing of the crops, followed by a dance to wrap the maypole. Family-friendly costumes are encouraged. Beaumont Botanical Gardens, 6088 Babe Zaharias Drive. beaumontbotanicalgardens.org 409-832-3135

CLUTE: April 27-29, May 4-6 "The Little Theater's Production of Hamlet" A sophisticated New York director with a successful Off-Broadway season under

her belt travels to West Virginia to direct "Hamlet" under the auspices of a grant for "under-served regions." Only six people show up to audition: 23-year-old Mona who has always dreamed of playing Ophelia, a coal truck driver whose single desire is Mona, two waitresses in their 40s who have never been on stage, 74-year-old Hattie Johnson who has spearheaded the effort, and the bank vice president who has been ordered to appear. Gathering in Hattie's Restaurant, this group perpetrates the most harrowing production of Shakespeare ever mounted. Mishaps ladle hilarity on top of sincere attempts to tailor Hamlet to this remarkable cast. Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. brazosportcenter.org 979-265-7661

CLUTE: May 1, 8, 15 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. brazosportcenter.org 979-265-3376

CORPUS CHRISTI: April 19-May 5 Buc Days Includes PRCA rodeo action, a ranch rodeo, team roping and mutton bustin' events, plus a barbecue party, carnival, live performances, GospelFest, junior parade and an illuminated night parade. Corpus Christi Bay-front and other locations. bucdays.com

CORPUS CHRISTI: May 5 Principles of Designing Landscape Curb Appeal Learn from Gill Nursery landscape designer Kathy Hubner the basic principles of designing curb appeal into your landscape—type of plants, colors, groupings, size, textures, curves, and more. Class included in general admission; members free. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. stxbot.org 361-852-2100

CORPUS CHRISTI: May 19 Teens, Tweens Meet Parrots, Reptiles Up Close! Animal Care Specialist Rich Hafemeister and Master Naturalist Chad Huckabee take youth deep into the habitats, habits, and humor of the Botanical Gardens most personable exotic parrots and fascinating resident reptiles, and how they made their way into these popular exhibits. Under age 12 need accompanying adult. Class included in general admission; members free. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. stxbot.org 361-852-2100

CORPUS CHRISTI: May 26 Marvels of Purple Martins On Memorial Day Monday, Purple Martin Conservation Association retiree Louise Chambers shares insights of how to draw colonies of popular mosquito-eating purple martins to your backyard, their ideal housing, and lets you peak into the Botanical Gardens' martin "apartments" as she conducts nest checks for hatchlings. Class included in general admission; members free. Check in at Visitors Center. South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. stxbot.org 361-852-2100

CRYSTAL BEACH: May 11-13 Texas Crab Festival Dive into more Gulf Coast style music, art, and crabs than you can shake a claw at. A full weekend of family entertainment features live music, coastal arts and crafts, a Crab Gumbo cookoff, crab races, carnival rides, contests, games, and booth after booth of fresh local seafood and festival favorites. Gregory Park, 2292 SH 87. texascrabfestival.org 281-773-3044

FREERPORT: May 26 Schuster Home Open House Built by the Schuster family in 1917, the same year the city of Freeport was incorporated, this home was a special place for family gatherings and holidays. The home

serves as an example of family life during the founding of Freeport. Schuster Home, 1130 W. Second St. 979-297-0868

GALVESTON: May 5 The Summit: The Manhattan Transfer Meets Take 6! Combining forces in concert for the first time, these amazing vocal groups boast a remarkable 20 Grammy awards between them. Their range of performance styles and innovative arrangements cover nearly every genre of popular music—from jazz to swing, gospel to urban R&B. With unexpected twists and turns, this jubilant show by the coolest masters of vocal harmonies on the planet will have you bouncing in your chair. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: May 12 Blood, Sweat, and Tears—50th Anniversary Tour Combine the sophistication and musical skill of jazz with the energy and universal appeal of rock vocal music. Add spontaneously improvised jazz solos and horn arrangements, and you have BS&T—one of the top touring attractions of the past five decades. Celebrate an amazing performance with "Spinning Wheel," "And When I Die," "You've Made Me So Very Happy," "God Bless the Child," and much more. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. thegrand.com 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894

GALVESTON: May 12 Ocean Star Family Days On the second Saturday of each month, the Ocean Star celebrates Family Day. Each month focuses on a different theme that relates to the offshore oil and gas industry. Information is presented at a student's level using activities and experiments. Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum, 20th Street and Harborside Drive. oceanstaroec.com 409-766-7827

HOUSTON: April 24-May 20 "Hamilton" With book, music, and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda, "Hamilton" tells the story of America's founding father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and was the new nation's first Treasury Secretary. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B, and Broadway, "Hamilton" is the story of America then, as told by America now. The Hobby Center, 800 Bagby St. houston.broadway.com 800-952-6560

HOUSTON: April 30-May 1 Da Camera Presents: "Poetry and Music: Exile and Return" In collaboration with Inprint, "Poetry, and Music: Exile and Return" features Adam Zagajewski, Poland's most famous living poet, with longtime collaborator Sarah Rothenberg on piano. Matchbox 2, Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston (MATCH), 3400 Main St. dacamera.com 713-524-5050

HOUSTON: May 5 Deutsch-Texanischer Saengerbund Saengerfest Experience the tradition of German singing at the 72nd annual event. Enjoy a presentation of various German choral pieces by German choirs from Austin, Dallas, Houston, New Braunfels, and San Antonio. Omni Hotel, 3210 Katy Freeway. houstonsaengerbund.org 281-660-0283

HOUSTON: Through May 13 "Light Charmer: Neon and Plasma in Action" A group show featuring artists who create a spectacle of light, color, and movement through neon and plasma sculpture and performance. Viewers will be enchanted by the variety of glowing artworks on display. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. craftthouston.org/exhibition/light-charmer 713-529-4848

KATY: May 4-5 Wild West Brewfest Includes a launch

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party Friday and a Saturday full of craft beers to try. Katy Mills Mall. katybrewfest.com 713-502-0328

LA PORTE: May 5 Main Street Trade Days
Held the first Saturday of the month downtown, this market showcases the best of area antiques, collectibles, repurposed items, and artisan vendors. Enjoy the many eclectic shops and eateries along Main Street as you search for treasures. Historic Downtown La Porte, 200 W. Main St. visitlaportetx.com 281-470-7275

LAKE JACKSON: May 4, 11, 18, 25 Outdoor Concert Series Free concert rain or shine. Bring your lawn chairs and refreshments. Lake Jackson Civic Center Plaza, 333 SH 332 W. lakejacksontx.gov 979-415-2600

LAKE JACKSON: May 5 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: May 19 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. gcbo.org 979-480-0999

ORANGE: May 19-20 Deep South Racing Association Boat Races Drag boats rumble on the Sabine River. City Boat Ramp, 1000 Simmons Drive. orangetx.org

ORANGE: Through July 14 "The World War I 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

PALACIOS: May 11-12 Palacios Pirate Festival Activities for kids and adults include a fishing tournament, live music, and an auction. South Bay, Eighth Street and South Bay Boulevard. palaciospiratefestival.com 832-805-9434

PALACIOS: May 17 Boys & Girls Club Denim & Diamonds—Beneath the Oaks The fundraiser offers bucket prizes, live and silent auctions, and a live band. Beneath the Oaks, 1796 SH 71. palacioskids.org 361-972-2642

PASADENA: May 18-20 Pasadena Strawberry Festival The 45th annual event offers a cookoff, a mud volleyball contest, the world's largest strawberry shortcake, a children's area, pig races, a circus/thrill show, a petting zoo, pony rides, a yo-yo expert, juggling, 280 vendors, a carnival, concerts and local entertainers, and more fun. Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7902 Fairmont Pkwy. strawberryfest.org 281-991-9500

PORT ARTHUR: May 19 Crabbing 101 at Sea Rim State Park Learn from the pros at the park showing off 5 miles of natural beach along the Gulf of Mexico. Visit the marsh side for paddle trails. Sea Rim State Park, 19335 S. Gulfway Drive. tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sea-rim 409-971-2559

PORT ARTHUR: May 26-27 SALT Club Memorial Classic Fishing Tournament Family fishing events take place on Pleasure Island, which offers year-round fishing, boating, and birding appeal. Pleasure Island, T.B. Ellison Pkwy. saltclub.net 409-626-2501

PORT NECHES: May 2-6 RiverFest Tunnel boat races, live Texas country music, a carnival, food and craft vendors, an antique car show, and many other activities. Port Neches River Front Park, Merriman and Grigsby. pnriverfest.com 409-722-9154

QUINTANA: April 7-May 5 Spring Fling Hosts will be present each day to help ID birds and answer questions. Snacks, drinks, and birding supplies will be on sale. Neotropical Bird Sanctuary, 814 Lamar St. gcbo.org 979-480-0999

ROCKPORT: May 5-6 Nautical Flea Market This 17th annual event, hosted by the Rockport Yacht Club, offers nautical treasures, including books, nautical art, fishing, and more. Rockport Harbor, Navigation Circle. 361-729-3115

ROCKPORT: May 18-19 Babes on the Bay This 18th annual event is the largest one-day women angler fishing tournament in the country. Women from all over Texas and across the country come together for a fun-filled weekend with live bands, vendor booths, and educational outreach. 100 Seabreeze Drive. babesonthebay.com

ROCKPORT: May 26-27 Festival of Wine and Food Celebrate Memorial Day weekend with the 22nd annual event, which offers a wide variety of wines of the Americas, food demonstrations, and specialty food concessions. Live bands and entertainment make the event lively and fun. Texas Maritime Museum, 1202 Navigation Circle. texasmaritimemuseum.org

SEABROOK: May 5-6 Keels and Wheels Concours d'Elegance The 23rd annual event, benefiting The Boys & Girls Harbor, is a nationally acclaimed classic car and vintage wooden boat show held each spring that attracts more than 15,000 attendees. The car and boat exhibitors come from every part of the United States, as do the spectators. Lakewood Yacht Club, 2425 E. NASA Pkwy. keels-wheels.com 713-521-0105

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: May 24-25 Fireworks over the Bay At 9:15 p.m. sharp, a silent barge in the center of the bay releases its payload into the summer sky. Louie's Backyard, 2305 Laguna Blvd. sopadre.com 800-657-2373

SUGAR LAND: May 5 Celtic Woman in Concert Both an accomplished recording ensemble and a world-class performing collective, Celtic Woman celebrates Ireland's rich musical and cultural heritage, while continuing its remarkable legacy of introducing some of Ireland's most talented singers and musicians onto the world stage. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: May 16 Tom Jones in Concert Along with sustaining his popularity as a live performer and recording artist for five decades, Jones has garnered—at the age of 76—the best reviews of his 50-year-career for his most recent albums. Sir Tom is indeed a living legend, one of the few musical artists whose profession began at the dawn of modern popular music and continues to have a vital recording and performing career to this day. His irresistible show traverses musical eras and genres, cuts across class divides, and appeals to young and old, male and female, mainstream and cutting edge. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

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SUGAR LAND: May 18 Khalid in Concert The Grammy nominee and 19-year old singer-songwriter embarks on his third North American headlining tour, "The Roxy Tour." Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: May 20 Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra Presents: "The Planets" Watch NASA footage of the solar system as the orchestra plays Holst's masterpiece, featuring the Fort Bend Symphony Orchestra Chorus women. Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Road. fbso.org 281-208-6900

SUGAR LAND: May 21 Joe Bonamassa in Concert One of the biggest names in blues rock, Bonamassa was found to be a genuine guitar prodigy before he was a teenager. He was featured on local news shows and played in professional bands throughout school with members three times his age. He started as an opening act for B.B. King. Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. smartfinancialcentre.net 281-207-6278

SUGAR LAND: May 28 Memorial Day Ceremony In tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service for our country, the city of Sugar Land will observe Memorial Day with its annual program that begins with a patriotic music presentation. During this time, attendees will also have the opportunity to visit on-site exhibits and participate in activity stations. At 11 a.m. the official ceremony will commence and will include tributes from members of the community and words of remembrance from local veterans. Educational and commemorative activities will take place throughout the event.

Sugar Land Memorial Park, 15300 University Blvd. sugarlandtx.gov 281-275-2825

THE WOODLANDS: May 5, 12, 19, 26 Waterway Nights Enjoy live music by local and regional performers in the picturesque setting of Waterway Square at Waterway Nights. Taking place weekly in the spring and summer, Waterway Nights make for an eventful night out in The Woodlands Town Center. Waterway Square, 31 Waterway Square Place. thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov 281-210-3800

THE WOODLANDS: May 12 CB&I TRI—The Woodlands Triathlon The triathlon, a USAT sanctioned and certified event, consists of a 500-meter swim, 12.25-mile bike ride, and 5K run. As one of the premier multi-sport events in the region, the CB&I TRI offers high-caliber competition, first-rate race management, and scenic courses to participants ranging from beginners to nationally-ranked athletes. Northshore Park, 2505 Lake Woodlands Drive. thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/races 281-210-3800

THE WOODLANDS: May 17 Kenny Chesney in Concert with Special Guest Old Dominion It's a No Shoes Nation kind of night when Chesney rolls into town. Head to the beach, kick back, and listen to some country tunes by Chesney and his special guest, Old Dominion. The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Drive. woodlandscenter.org 210-364-3010

THE WOODLANDS: May 27 Memorial Day in The Woodlands All are invited to celebrate and honor our fallen heroes, as well as those who have served in the military. The annual festival features live music, children's activities, strolling entertainers, and more at Town Green Park. The evening concludes with a dazzling fireworks display choreographed to a patri-

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TOMBALL: May 12 Vintage Car Festival At the fifth annual festival, enjoy a day for all ages with remarkable vehicles from the past, entertainment, food, vendor booths, silent auction, and kids' activities including a petting zoo. First Presbyterian Church, 30410 SH 249. fptomball.org 979-299-4185

VICTORIA: May 5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration A celebration of music, contests, and family-oriented traditions, featuring Hispanic foods, crafts, and entertainers from the Gulf Coast. Downtown Victoria, 101 N. Main St. victoriafiesta.com 361-573-5227

VICTORIA: May 25-27 Memorial Weekend Bash One of Victoria's biggest celebrations features live Tejano music, a carnival, arts and crafts and food vendors, and much more. Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St. salazarpromotions.com 361-237-0351

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Through Jan. 15, 2019 "Rodeo! The Exhibition" Experience the excitement of rodeos from around the state with this dynamic and comprehensive exhibition. Gain an insider's perspective on what makes rodeo an integral part of Texas history and imagine you're in the heart of the arena 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. thetoryoftexas.com 512-463-6485

AUSTIN: March 10-May 20 James Drake: "Tongue-Cut Sparrows (Inside Outside)" Drake's work often explores borders and boundaries: of gender, of language, of those between countries and cultures, especially between the United States and Mexico. In this new exhibit, he worked with the female partners of men imprisoned in an El Paso jail, who had invented their own sign language for communicating with their loved ones from the street outside. He offered them texts by celebrated writers from Shakespeare to Cormac McCarthy and asked them to incorporate them into their messages; this multi-channel video piece captured their actions to create a meditation on love, loss, and the gap in-between. The Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. blantonmuseum.org 512-471-5482

AUSTIN: May 4 An Evening with George Takei During his Austin engagement, Takei shares with an uncanny eloquence and signature wit the story of his family's forced internment as Japanese Americans during WWII—a seemingly forgotten part of American history. He also takes audiences through his rise to celebrity as a sci-fi icon, his remarkable journey as social media mega power, and his passionate fight for LGBTQ rights and marriage equality in America—empowering others to beat the odds and make a difference. The Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Drive. thelongcenter.org 512-474-5664

AUSTIN: May 4 Boots & Blooms Break in your Wranglers, dust off your Ropers, and practice your two-step for this celebration of bluebonnets, live oaks, country

music, and more—all to further the conservation of native plants. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave. wildflower.org 512-232-0100

AUSTIN: May 4 Texas Monthly LIVE! Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-472-5470

AUSTIN: May 19 Emmylou Harris in Concert A 13-time Grammy winner and Billboard Century Award recipient, Harris' contributions as a singer and songwriter spans 40 years. She has recorded more than 25 albums and has lent her talents to countless fellow artists' recordings. One of the most admired and influential women in music, she has recorded with such diverse artists as Linda Ronstadt, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Roy Orbison, Ryan Adams, Beck, Elvis Costello, Johnny Cash, Lucinda Williams, and Lyle Lovett. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-472-5470

AUSTIN: May 23 Chick Corea and Béla Fleck in Concert Two master songwriters, musicians, and band leaders meet in a historic duet of piano and banjo. The Grammy-winning duet will combine Corea and Fleck's most recognizable tunes with the music from their Latin Grammy-winning album, "The Enchantment." With a mix of jazz and pop standards, crossing a myriad of genres, from jazz, bluegrass, rock, flamenco and gospel, this will be a casual, intimate evening with two legends from different musical worlds. Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org 512-472-5470

AUSTIN: May 24-27 Hot Luck Festival The second annual event honors the soul, sweat, and DIY diversity of the food and music world. Enjoy an a la carte eat-with-your-fingers picnic and party experience highlighting the open-pit feats of culinary know how, set to music as thoughtfully created as the food on your plate. The festival will once again host a series of customizable events and surprises all around the city, with live music and signature culinary events every night in the city's most iconic venues. Returning sponsors this year include Lone Star Beer, YETI, and more. Hot Luck is proud to benefit The SAFE Alliance. Various locations. hotluckfest.com 512-997-8279

AUSTIN: May 30-June 3 "An American in Paris" A new Tony-winning musical about an American soldier, a mysterious French girl, and an indomitable European city, each yearning for a new beginning in the aftermath of war. Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. austin.broadway.com 800-731-7469

AUSTIN: May 30-June 24 "Sunday in the Park with George" Stephen Sondheim's Pulitzer Prize-winning musical masterpiece is a living painting by artist Georges Seurat, and centers on the artist as he discovers unimaginable possibilities while creating an enduring work of art. Seurat, known for juxtaposing points of multi-colored paint to allow the viewer's eye to blend the colors, connects the dots that make life so passionate, unexpected, heartbreaking, and ultimately rapturous. The live, onstage orchestra brings the radiant score about the art of making art—and love—to life. ZACH Theatre, 202 S Lamar Blvd. zachtheatre.org 512-476-0541

BANDERA: May 1 Cowboy Capital Opry Grand Old Opry-style entertainment hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Refreshments and door prizes. Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: May 5, 12, 19, 26 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 Visitors Center, 126 SH 16 S. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: May 5 Bandera Market Days Arts and crafts vendors in downtown Bandera. Bandera County Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: May 5, 12, 19, 26 Chuckwagon Dinner & Show Barbecue dinner and dessert, live country Western band, gunslingers, Western photos, kid's face painting, wagon rides, roping lessons, and archery. Flying L Hill Country Resort. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: May 5, 12, 19, 26 Cowboys on Main Every Saturday expect to see and interact with a sample of the Old West cowboy lifestyle on Bandera's Main Street. Cowboys on Main, 500 Main St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: May 5 Medina River Cleanup The annual river cleanup is conducted as a service to the Bandera community by the Medina River Protection Fund. It was established as a perpetual fund to engage residents in all parts of the county in a community-wide effort to preserve and protect the river. Bandera City Park, 1102 Maple St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045 or 210-413-7264

BANDERA: May 5 The Old Timers Trading Post Meet local artists and artisans. The Old Timer, 14178 SH 16 N. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: May 6 St. Stanislaus Parish Festival Includes a meal, children's activities, music, auction, and entertainment. St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, 300 Seventh St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: May 13 Second Sunday Music Fest The Frontier Times Museum and the Bandera Music Hall of Fame join together to present an afternoon of music, food, and fun. Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: May 17 Third Thursday Cowboy Camp Pickers who play cowboy, Texas, or Western swing music are welcome to sit in. Public welcome. Bandera Beverage Barn RV Park, 1407 SH 16 N. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: May 19 Armed Forces Day There will be live music, a silent auction, hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, fixin's, 50/50 raffle, special military service cakes, and a live auction—all with no cover charge. Proceeds support veterans and their families and fund the Bandera Honors Veterans Celebration. 11th Street Cowboy Bar, 307 11th St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045 or 830-796-7528

BANDERA: May 25 Bandera ProRodeo PRCA rodeo produced by Rafter G Rodeo Company. Mansfield Park Rodeo Arena, 2886 SH 16 N. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BANDERA: May 26-27 Funtier Days Arts & Crafts Show Shop more than 75 vendors in downtown Bandera. Bandera County Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045 or 830-796-4447

BANDERA: May 26 Funtier Days Parade An annual Memorial Day Weekend parade down Main Street—one of the most colorful parades of the year. Main Street Bandera. banderacowboycapital.com 830-796-3045

BLANCO: May 4, 25-26 Arts in the Park Enjoy a free spring concert series featuring music representing all interests, from blues and gospel to Western and El Tule. Food will be available to purchase from local restaurants. Bring your chairs, your tapping shoes, and enjoy an evening under the stars. Bindseil Park, Pecan Street. blancochamber.com 410-463-4076

COMFORT: May 5-6 Spring Antique Show Sponsored by Texas Presentations, many antique dealers will display their wares for sale. Comfort Park, 423 Main St. comfortchamber.com 830-995-3131

COMFORT: May 8 Music in the Park The 2018 season opens with The Almost Patsy Cline Trio. Back by popular request, this group enjoyed the attention of more than 300 delighted members of the audience. Event is free and open to the public; bring your own lawn chair and enjoy. Comfort Park, 423 Main St. comfortchamber.com 830-995-3131

FREDERICKSBURG: May 4 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 830-997-6523

FREDERICKSBURG: May 4-6 Hill Country Run Motorcycle Rally Bike rides through the hills, live music, a cowboy breakfast, brew and barbecue, and more. Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. hillcountryrun.com 830-997-8515

FREDERICKSBURG: May 5 Derby Day Party Enjoy the sounds of Churchill Downs at Messina Hof Hill Country's Derby Day party. Watch the main event in the VIP room while enjoying newly released wines and light appetizers. Showcase your Derby Day hat for the chance to win a specially labeled bottle of wine. Mint juleps will be available for purchase. Messina Hof Hill Country, 9996 US 290. messinahof.com 830-990-4653

FREDERICKSBURG: May 6 Maifest German Chorale Concert An evening of German song and Fredericksburg *gemutlichkeit* (hospitality). visitfredericksburgtx.com

FREDERICKSBURG: May 12 Texas Flower Country Women's 5K and 10K Run Run or walk through the fields of beautiful Wildseed Farms. After the run, enjoy the farm's scenic grounds, a Champagne brunch, craft beer, massages, live music, and the boutiques of Wildseed Farms. Wildseed Farms, 100 Legacy Drive. runintexas.com

FREDERICKSBURG: May 18-20 Fredericksburg Trade Days Shop with more than 400 vendors or relax in the Biergarten while listening to live music. Sunday Farms, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. fbgtradedays.com 210-846-4094

FREDERICKSBURG: May 19 Fredericksburg Professional Bull Riders Forty of the PBR's best riders and some of the crankiest bulls around make this a must-see event. Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. gillespiefair.com

FREDERICKSBURG: May 20 Kay & Friends in Concert For three decades, the ensemble has delighted audiences in Texas and Europe with piano, violin, sax, percussion, and vocals. Presented by Fredericksburg Music Club. Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 1800 N. Llano. fredericksburgmusicclub.com

FREDERICKSBURG: May 25-27 Fredericksburg Crawfish Festival A three-day festival dedicated to music, entertainment, food, beverages, and fun inspired by all things Cajun. Marktplatz, 100 block of W.

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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

AMARILLO: April 30-May 1 "Chicago" The 2017-18 Broadway Spotlight Series brings a touring performance of the longest running musical in Broadway history to Amarillo. Amarillo Civic Center Complex, 401 S. Buchanan St. panhandletickets.com 806-378-3096

AMARILLO: May 4 Cinco de Mayo Fajita Festival The Amarillo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's annual celebration offers good food, great music, and—of course—fajitas. Big Texan Starlight Ranch, 1415 Sunrise Drive. amarillohcc.com 806-379-8800

AMARILLO: May 20 Muttfest This marks the 25th year for the largest fundraising event for the Amarillo SPCA. Fun festivities include delicious barbecue, music, information and activity booths, and a silent auction. This event also includes the Skyhoundz Disc Championship and other adorable canine contests. Memorial Park, 2501 S. Washington St. amarillospca.net 806-290-2883

AMARILLO: May 31 Polk Street Cattle Drive Sixty longhorn cattle make their way up Polk Street in a drive reminiscent of the late 1800s and early 1900s. It's the kickoff to the Coors Cowboy Club Ranch Rodeo weekend. No admission charge. Downtown Amarillo, Polk Street between 11th and Third streets. coorsranchrodeo.com 806-374-1497

BAIRD: May 19 Railhead Festival Street dance, car show, cookoff, vendors, children's activities, and much more. Downtown, 100 Market St. bairdchamber.com 325-854-1212

BIG SPRING: May 18-19 Summer Fest Enjoy this summer concert event with food and gift vendors—it's fun for the whole family. Ryan Hall, 605 N. Main. facebook.com/northsidem

CANADIAN: May 12 Canadian River Music Festival Making a name for Canadian, Texas, by providing great music in a hometown setting. Jones Pavilion & Hemphill County Recreation Complex, 1101 N. Sixth St. canadianrivermusicfestival.com 806-323-6660

ELECTRA: May 11-12 Electra Goat Barbecue and Craft Show During the 35th annual cookoff sanctioned by Lone Star Barbecue Society, cooks compete in four meat categories: goat, chicken, brisket, and ribs. Also enjoy Jackpot Steak, beans, salsa, and drinks, plus a large area of craft booths and kid games. There will be live entertainment and a free dance Friday night. Electra Fairgrounds, 700 E. Cleveland. electratexas.org 940-495-3577

GRAHAM: May 9-12 Lions Club Carnival Enjoy carnival eats, treats, games, and rides. Graham Downtown Square, 608 Elm St. 940-549-0401

GRAHAM: May 19 Run for the Children—5K and 10K Run to empower children to have hope, healing, and know that they are cherished. Participants, sponsors, and volunteers are part of the driving force to reduce the number of child victims in the community. 5K

and 10K routes available. Virginias's House, 729 Elm. runforthechildrentx.org 940-550-8963

LAMESA: May 18-19 Red Dirt Ranch Texas Country Music Fest Two-day country music festival with food booths, RV camping spots, and tent camping. Old Lamesa Golf Course, 2002 US 87. thereddirtranch.com 806-462-7943

LUBBOCK: Jan. 30-June 17 "Columbia: 15 Years After" Special exhibition commemorating the 15th anniversary of the Columbia tragedy and the international outpouring of sympathy that followed. The display will also focus on the Columbia space shuttle program, the crew, and the 80 experiments that were accomplished during the mission. Silent Wings Museum, 6202 N. I-27. silentwingsmuseum.com 806-775-3049

LUBBOCK: March 30-May 13 "Portals: The Art of Yvonne Armitage Greene" An exhibition of colorful hand-drawn images portraying the artist's introspective reactions to current and historical social issues that are both personal and universal. Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Crickets Ave. buddyhollycenter.org 806-775-3560

LUBBOCK: May 11-12 "Our Mothers' Daughters" Flatlands Dance Theatre's spring 2018 production presents the complexities of motherhood. Exploring such themes as the tricky navigation of new motherhood, the circus act of juggling children with other priorities, competition and jealousy, what it means to have a mom body, career moms, and the hopefulness we share for our children's future, this production is an ode to mamas. LHUCA Firehouse Theatre, 511 Avenue K. civclubbock.com/select.html 806-770-2000

POST: May 5 Cinco De Mayo Festival Old Mill Trade Days, 318 S. Avenue F. 432-934-1479

POST: May 11-13 Old Mill Trade Days Shop for arts, crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing, home decor, homemade candy, candles, antiques, and more, all while enjoying live entertainment and food. OMTD, 318 S. Avenue F. oldmilltradedays.com 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: April 20-June 24 San Angelo National Ceramic Competition Contemporary ceramics at the 22nd annual event. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org or museum@samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: May 1-2 One-Man Star Wars Trilogy Canadian actor and über-geek Charles Ross brings his solo madcap creation to the stage in this mind-bending whirlwind of a show. Ross retells the classic bad hair trilogy in 60 minutes—no costumes, no props, no sets—all the characters, the music, the ships, and the battles. Brooks & Bates Theatre, 82 Gillis St. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Art Thursday Free art activities for children and their families. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org or museum@samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: May 4-5 "Chicago: the Musical" This musical has everything that makes Broadway great: a universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz; one show-stopping song after another; and some of the best dancing ever seen on stage. Murphey Performance Hall, 72 W. College Ave. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: May 6 Chamber Music Series Concert YES Brass performs. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org or museum@samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: May 12 Family Day Summer! Enjoy hands-on art activities, with free admission. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org or museum@samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: May 17 Downtown Stroll Museum admission is free during the event. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. samfa.org or museum@samfa.org 325-653-3333

SAN ANGELO: May 18-20 "Robin Hood & Maid Marion" Ballet San Angelo presents a delightful interpretation of the classic story of Robin Hood and Maid Marion. Brooks & Bates Theatre, 82 Gillis St. sanangelopac.org 325-284-3825

SAN ANGELO: May 19 Armed Forces Day Celebrate the nation's armed forces with living history displays and demonstrations. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes. fortconcho.com 325-234-0316

SAN ANGELO: May 28 Memorial Day Exercises A program of special presentations and music to honor the nation's service people who made the ultimate sacrifice. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes. fortconcho.com 325-234-0316

SANTA ANNA: May 18-19 Frontier Days Featuring the World Championship Bison Cookoff Established in 1994, this community event has since been sanctioned as the official bison cookoff for the state of Texas. Enjoy barbecue bison plates, homemade ice cream, vendors, exhibits, an arts and craft fair, and entertainment including helicopter rides, chain saw carving, and gunfights. Old Armory Civic Center, Gary James Memorial Park, 303 S. Houston. santaannatex.org 432-889-8359

SNYDER: May 4-5 Snyder Wheels Car Show At the 27th annual classic car show, participants can compete for cash prizes and trophies during a day filled with vendors, food, pedal car races, Hot Wheels races, a burn out contest, and a cruise through Snyder. Towle Park, 3000 Towle Park Road. snyderwheelsclub.com 325-573-8961

SNYDER: May 5 Cinco de Mayo This event will offer a carnival, food, entertainment, live bands, a washer pitching contest, folkloric dancing, and more. North Park (Spanish Park). snyderchamber.org 325-573-7321

SNYDER: May 5 May Day Booths from various companies in the area will be at this event offering services, screenings, and products for senior adults. There will also be beautiful quilts for auction, arts and crafts, and homemade baked goods. The Coliseum of Snyder, 900 E. Coliseum Drive. snyderchamber.org 325-573-4035

VERNON: May 5 Doan's Picnic Celebrate the rich heritage of the pioneers of the great Western trail. Annual activities include food, music, political speeches, various activities for the kids, and ceremonies crowning the king and queen and honoring the man and woman of the year. Doans Crossing, FM 2916. doansmaypicnic.com 940-839-8720

VERNON: May 16-19 Santa Rosa Roundup Parade and Rodeo A downtown parade features the official "Ambassadors on Horseback," the Santa Rosa Palomino Club. Afterward, head out to the Santa Rosa Rodeo grounds for some barbecue sponsored by the Lion's Club, then get ready for rodeo—complete with muttin' bustin', a calf scramble, ride the hide, ranch bronc rid-



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WICHITA FALLS: May 8, 10, 15, 17 After School Fishing Parks & Recreation and TPWD will conduct these after school fishing sessions for all interested youth ages 5 through 16 (11 and younger must be accompanied by an adult). All fishing equipment, bait, and supervision will be provided—kids need only to show up and be prepared to have a good time. Participants will receive personalized and expert instruction on common fishing techniques. South Weeks Pond, 1928 Southwest Pkwy. wichitafallstx.gov 940-761-7490

WICHITA FALLS: May 12 Cajun Fest A Texoma twist on the 11th annual Cajun Fest. Grab your family and friends, find your old Mardi Gras beads, search for your craziest hats and Cajun attire, and then head downtown to shop, eat, play, and dance. Downtown Wichita Falls, Eighth and Ohio. facebook.com/canjunfestwf 940-322-4525

WICHITA FALLS: May 12 Celtic Woman: Homecoming Tour Transcending national and cultural boundaries to celebrate the timeless emotion of Ireland's centuries-old heritage, this one-of-a-kind live act combines the country's finest musical talents with epic stage production to present a uniquely inspiring live experience. Memorial Auditorium, 1300 Seventh St. wfmpc.com 940-716-5555

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GLADEWATER: May 12 Apron Strings: Ties to the Past Join the Antique District on Mothers Day weekend as it looks at the history of the apron from necessity to accessory, and honor those who wore them. Antique District Apron Strings, Downtown Gladewater. 903-845-5501

HENDERSON: April 15-May 31 East Texas Wildflower Trails Includes four itineraries within a 100-mile radius of Rusk County. The self-driving tour includes several museums along the way, shopping, and the London Museum where the nation's worst school explosion occurred. Various locations. visithendersontx.com 866-650-5529

HUNTSVILLE: May 3 Wine Down, Shop Small Explore all the unique shops in downtown Huntsville and taste some of the best wine from across the Lone Star State. Historic Downtown Square, 1203 University Ave. huntsvillemainstreet.com 936-291-9726

HUNTSVILLE: May 5 Cinco de Mayo Live performances, food and drink vendors, Latin cuisine, dancing, arts and craft vendors, games, and family fun. Walker County Annex, 1301 Sam Houston Ave. huntsvilletexas.com 936-291-9726

HUNTSVILLE: May 18-20 East Texas Folk Festival Step back in time to the 1800s and enjoy folklife demonstrations, children's activities, cultural displays, arts and crafts, guitar workshops, ethnic foods, living history theatre, dulcimer workshops, citizen soldiers, live acoustic music, tale-spinners, museum tours, performances, and costumed historical characters. Sam Houston Memorial Museum Grounds, 1836 Sam Houston Ave. samhoustonmemorialmuseum.com 936-291-9726

JEFFERSON: May 4-6 "Battle for Jefferson" Civil War Re-enactment The largest Civil War re-enactment in the state of Texas, the event boasts

two battles, a street dance, "Illumination" at Oakwood Cemetery, a parade, a street skirmish, a ladies' tea, an educational event for children, the Grande Ball, the "Presentation of Colors," and much more delighting crowds of all ages. Re-enactors camp throughout the historic town allowing visitors the opportunity to visit campsites and relive this important event in history. Cypress River Ranch, 1552 FM 2208. battleforjefferson.com 903-240-1599

KILGORE: May 5 Kilgore Geekend Celebrate comics along with free comic books, live music, vendors, food, and other entertainment. Downtown Kilgore, Kilgore and Main Street. facebook.com/kilgoregeekend 903-218-6896

MAGNOLIA: May 12 Corks & Canvas on The Stroll Annual festival featuring area wineries and art. The Stroll, 312 Commerce St. cityofmagnolia.com 713-542-4358

TYLER: April 8-May 6 High School Art Exhibition Each year, the Tyler Museum of Art offers a month-long showcase for senior-level art students from numerous regional schools, with the top four works as judged by a panel of professional artists receiving awards along with an audience-voted "Viewer's Choice" prize. Tyler Museum of Art, 1300 S. Mahon Ave. tylermuseum.org 903-595-1001

TYLER: May 5 Red Dirt Barbecue Festival Celebrating its fifth anniversary, this event offers the best in Texas barbecue and Texas and Red Dirt music on the brick streets of downtown Tyler. 100 N. Broadway. reddirtbbqfest.com 903-581-0606

TYLER: May 10 Celtic Woman in Concert Both an accomplished recording ensemble and a world-class performing collective, Celtic Woman celebrates Ireland's rich musical and cultural heritage, while continuing its remarkable legacy of introducing some of Ireland's most talented singers and musicians onto the world stage. University of Texas at Tyler R. Don Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. cowancenter.org or celticwoman.com 903-566-7424

TYLER: May 12 Hit the Bricks Downtown Tyler bursts with entertainment every second Saturday. Each month offers something new and different. Downtown Tyler, 100 N. Broadway. visitt Tyler.com 903-592-1661

TYLER: May 19 Tyler Civic Chorale 50th Anniversary Spring Gala The nonprofit community chorus will celebrate its 50th season in May 2018. All four of its former artistic directors will be present to participate in the performance, along with current Artistic and Executive Director Weston Jennings. First Presbyterian Church, 230 W. Rusk St. tylercivicchorale.org 903-597-6317

WOODVILLE: March 25 Dinner on the Grounds Join an "old-fashioned" dinner on the grounds, offering great food, great entertainment, and great fellowship. Heritage Village, 157 PR 6000. heritage-village.org 409-283-2272

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ADDISON: April 13-May 6 "Bread" This world premiere by award-winning Dallas-born actress and playwright Regina Taylor weaves a compelling family drama of hopes, fears, thwarted dreams, and dark secrets against a turbulent backdrop of racial tension and social upheaval. This stirring, timely story of identity and family asks: How can we prepare the next generation

for what's to come? WaterTower Theatre, 15650 Addison Road. watertowrtheatre.org

ADDISON: May 12 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation—Great Strides Walk For 30 years, Great Strides—the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's largest national fundraising event—has supported the foundation's mission to cure cystic fibrosis and raise awareness for this rare, genetic, life-shortening disease that makes it difficult to breathe and shortens lives. Vitruvian Park, 3966 Vitruvian Way. fightcf.cff.org 214-871-2222

ADDISON: May 18-20 Taste Addison A three-day celebration of food, music, and fun, the event dishes out the best food and flavor from local restaurants with a healthy side of jam. Addison Circle Park, 4950 Addison Road. tasteaddisontexas.com 972-450-2800

BOLIVAR: May 17-19 Unlimited Off-Road Show—Jeep Resort Bring friends and family and enjoy great entertainment right off the ocean in Crystal Beach. The Jeep Resort is 54 acres of pure fun, action, and entertainment during the "Go Topless" weekend. Texas Frog Fest Venue, 1609 SH 87. uorshow.com/jeepresort 404-401-2807

BONHAM: May 5 Bonham Heritage Day The 12th annual event includes motocross jumps, music entertainment, a car and truck show, and food and craft vendors. Downtown Bonham Historic Square. visitbonham.com 903-583-9830

BRYAN: May 20 Cooking Party: Locally Sourced Every month Messina Hof hosts a demonstration focusing on a specific cuisine or technique. Each guest will receive a recipe booklet to take home and will have a chance to register to win culinary door prizes. This month features dishes made with ingredients sourced locally and across the state of Texas. Messina Hof wine will be featured in the dish as always. The Vintage House Restaurant, 4545 Old Reliance Road. messinahof.com 979-778-9463

CLARKSVILLE: May 19 Barbecue Smoke-Off at Langford Lake Bragging rights are priceless at this annual event. A \$50 entry fee qualifies each team for all categories: brisket, pork ribs, and pulled pork. Langford Lake, SH 37. redrivercoc.com 903-427-2645

CLEBURNE: April 27-28, May 3-19 "To Kill a Mockingbird" One of the most beloved novels of all time transitions to the stage in this unforgettable adaptation. Devoted father and lawyer Atticus Finch is tasked with defending an African-American man against false charges in the Depression-era South. In carrying out his duty, he sets an example for us all. Plaza Theatre Company, 111 S. Main St. plaza-theatre.com 817-202-0600

CLEBURNE: May 5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration Celebrate with vendors, mariachi, ballet folklorico, live music, and more. Hulen Park, 201 W. Westhill Drive. visitcleburne.com 817-645-0949

COLUMBUS: May 18-19 Magnolia Days A fun-filled celebration with live music, food vendors, a biergarten and outdoor wine bar, and an abundance of games and activities for the kids and adults alike—including ring toss, fish pond, face painting, and carriage rides. On Saturday, vendors in the courthouse square will offer a multitude of crafts, jewelry, candles, clothing, soaps, and other items for sale, while the kids can enjoy the bounce house, hoop shoot, rock wall, bungee trampoline, train ride, petting zoo, camel rides, and other carnival-type games. Downtown Columbus, Courthouse Square, 400 Spring St. columbus-texas.org 979-732-8385

CORSICANA: May 19 Corsicana AirSho "The best little AirSho in Texas," the 20th annual event includes aerobatics, precision flights, WWII Warbirds on display, rides, food, and exhibits. KCRS, C David Campbell Field, 9000 Navarro Road. coyotesquadron.org 903-467-7170

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: April 15-Aug. 12 "The Power of Gold: Asante Royal Regalia from Ghana" Be dazzled by more than 200 gleaming gold items of regalia, colorful and intricately woven silk, kente cloth, ceremonial furniture, state swords, linguist staffs, and other significant objects related to Asante royals from the 19th through the 21st centuries. Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St. dma.org

DALLAS: April 21-May 6 "Blue" Pale Blue and Inky Blue are very happy in their blueness. When a red sock enters their kitchen, Pale and Inky—and the audience—are surprised by the way their world is turned upside down. This play introduces the idea of acceptance in an age-appropriate, soft-hearted theatrical experience. It is filled with fun, humor, and whimsy—and at the end of the show, you will be too. Dallas Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman St. dct.org 214-978-0110

DALLAS: May 2 A Night of Symphonic Hip-Hop featuring Wyclef Jean with the Dallas POPS Over his long career, the three-time hip-hop Grammy-winner has blended the lines of hip-hop with other musical styles, and for the first time, the "hip-hop guitarist" will perform live with a full symphony orchestra. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. attpac.org 214-880-0202

DALLAS: May 3-8 Air Play Air Play is a circus-style adventure of two siblings journeying through a surreal land of air, transforming the ordinary into objects of uncommon beauty. Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre, 2400 Flora St. attpac.org 214-880-0202

DALLAS: May 4-26 "Jungalbook" An adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book." See Kipling's original 1894 coming-of-age tale brought to the stage, and join Mowgli in learning the moral lessons of home, betrayal, life and death, and loyalty. Dallas Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman St. dct.org 214-978-0110

DALLAS: May 5-Aug. 19 "Sterling Ruby: Sculpture" Ruby's multifaceted practice encompasses painting, collage, photography and video, textiles, clothing, ceramics, sculpture, and installations. Featuring 20-30 large and moderately scaled sculptures spanning his career, the museum exhibit will be the first to survey his sculptural work and the great variety of methods and materials he has explored. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. nashersculpturecenter.org

DALLAS: May 5 Command Performance Dynamic and unforgettable, this is world-class dance. AT&T Performing Arts Center Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. attpac.org 214-880-0202

DALLAS: May 6, 13, 20, 27 Taste of Bishop Arts Food and Historical Tours Sample the fun and fare of this unique neighborhood, following in the footsteps of Bonnie and Clyde and other notorious residents. The tour does not include a lot of walking, and it stops at some great eateries—including one of the top barbecue venues in Dallas and a place where you can make your own tableside s'mores. Veracruz

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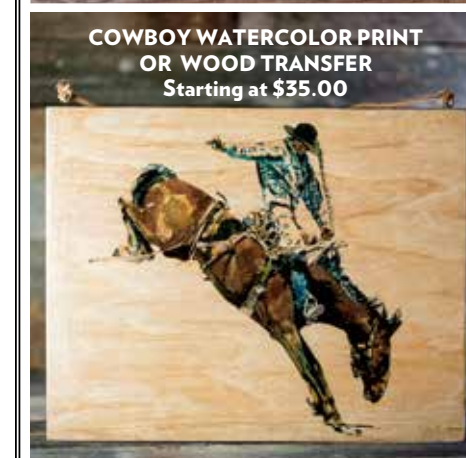
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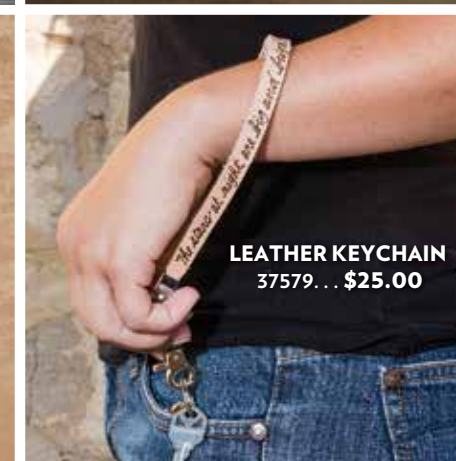
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