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season, guests can stroll the expansive property and cut their own lavender or settle for solitude in the gazebo or by the waterfall on-site. But even if the lavender isn't in bloom, the scenic sights make this a worthy day trip, topped off with a glass of ice-cold lemonade—lavender flavored, of course. chappellhilllavender.com/lavender-festival

ON THE COVER

STAR-SPANGLED SUMMER

No matter your locale, the Lone Star State has a wide variety of celebrations to suit your patriotic fancy. One such soiree takes place in the 4.4-square-mile town of Addison, which has welcomed more than half a million guests to **Addison Kaboomtown** for more than three decades. On July 3, make your way to one of 180 watch parties, watch the Addison Airport Show, and gaze at one of the top fireworks displays in the nation. Down in Central Texas, Belton's annual Fourth of July parade celebrates its centennial this year. Held July 3-6, the event features a kickoff barbecue at Yettie Polk Park, a festival at Nolan Creek, and a three-day rodeo. The fun continues over in Round Top with a 166-year-old tradition—the oldest Fourth of July celebration west of the Mississippi. Guests enjoy an all-American parade with more than 140 floats, live music, and a barbecue lunch provided by the area's Rifle Association. addisonkaboomtown.com; rodeobelton.com; roundtop.com

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JUNE



JULY



AUGUST

1st

LAMPASAS: Atlas Ride Cycle with the 2019 Texas 4000 team on day one of their 70-day journey from Austin to Anchorage, Alaska. More than 700 participants are expected to send off the team and to celebrate at the finish with local barbecue, live music, beer, festival activities, and a presentation by the team. **737-300-2318; atlasride.org**

7th-9th

ARANSAS PASS: Shrimporee The 71st annual festival brings in more than 60,000 visitors in a single weekend. Events include a parade, shrimp-eating contest, men's and women's Sexy Legs contest, folklórico dancers, and a carnival. **361-758-2750; aransaspas.org/shrimporee**

8th

SAN MARCOS: Texas Water Safari Billed as the "World's Toughest Boat Race," this 260-mile long canoe and kayak race spans from Spring Lake in San Marcos to the city of Seadrift on the Texas coastline. Come cheer the teams on at various riverside parks. **512-738-6607; texaswatersafari.org**

8th

EAST BERNARD: Czech Kolache Klobase Festival Enjoy live music, dancing, arts and crafts, raffle prizes, a cake walk, barbecue, and plenty of kolaches. **979-335-7907; klfest.com**

21st-22nd

STONEWALL: Peach Jamboree and Rodeo The 58th annual celebration of the peach crop in Gillespie County includes peach judging, the crowning of the Peach Queen, a parade, music, a rodeo, and plenty of freshly picked juicy peaches. **830-644-2735; stonewalltexas.com**

29th

BANDERA: Riverfest Bring your swimsuit and river shoes and join in the fun at this annual event on the banks of the Medina River. Bring your tube to float in one of the cleanest, clearest rivers in Texas. Activities include kayak races, exhibits, water games, river rodeo, car show, music, food booths, arts and crafts, paddle boats, and cookoff. **830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com**

4th

KERRVILLE: Robert Earl Keen's Fourth on the River Enjoy food, vendor booths, family fun, river fun, a splashpad, live bands, a free concert featuring Robert Earl Keen, and a fireworks show. **830-257-8233; robertearlkeens4th.com**

12th-2nd

SAN ANTONIO: Balcones Heights Jazz Festival The 26th annual free summer concert series—held for four consecutive Friday evenings—features an all-female lineup for 2019. This year's headlining jazz musicians include Ragan Whiteside and Lindsey Webster. **210-323-6356; sanantoniocentral.org**

13th

WEATHERFORD: Parker County Peach Festival Celebrate the Peach Capital of Texas' 35th annual event with homemade peach ice cream, peach cobbler, peach pie, or just plain ol' juicy peaches. A children's area has train rides, face painting, and bounce houses. More than 2,200 cyclists start the day with the Peach Pedal bike ride. **817-596-3801; peachfestivaltx.com**

21st

FRIONA: Cheeseburger Festival The Cheeseburger Capital of Texas hosts its 14th annual festival that includes a competition cookoff for the best cheeseburger—first place wins \$1,000. **806-250-3491; friona-chamber.com**

25th-27th

CLUTE: Great Texas Mosquito Festival The 37th annual event features a carnival, arts and crafts, and a mosquito-calling contest among other competitions. The carnival provides three days of fun for children and adults alike. Live entertainment caps off each evening. **979-265-8392; mosquitofestival.com**

26th-28th

LONGVIEW: Great Texas Balloon Race The best competitive pilots in the world compete at this annual race, which earned Longview the official designation as "The Balloon Capital of Texas" by the Governor in 1985. See balloon flights daily, balloon glows at night, live concerts, children's activities, and vendor booths. **903-237-3281; greattexasballoonrace.com**

10th

SAN MARCOS: Bubble Fest There is plenty of entertainment for all ages at this free event celebrating the final days of summer, including a ball pit, bubble dance floor, bubble wands, and bubble blasters—plus the Art Squared Arts Market and a farmers market. **512-393-8430; downtownmtx.com**

22nd-25th

WICHITA FALLS: Hotter 'N Hell Hundred At one of the oldest and largest cycling events in the nation, more than 13,000 riders from across the globe come to Wichita Falls for four days of challenging and inspiring activities. **940-322-3223; hh100.org**

22nd-25th

FREDERICKSBURG: Gillespie County Fair and Parade The 131st annual event includes agricultural, livestock, and home skills displays. Enjoy horse racing, concerts, dances, a carnival, and midway—all at the oldest continuously running fair in Texas. **830-997-2359; gillespiefair.com**

24th

WACO: Margarita and Salsa Festival The 24th annual festival is one of the larger music events on the Waco calendar featuring local bands and top country favorites. Aside from music, the event also has the margarita and salsa contest. All proceeds benefit the scholarship program at the Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo. **254-776-1660; extracoeventscenter.com**

24th

MESQUITE: Mesquite Championship Rodeo Since 1958, the toughest cowboys around the world have competed with the strongest horses, steers, and bulls in the country at this PR-CA-sanctioned rodeo. **972-285-8777; mesquiterodeo.com**

24th

AUSTIN: Bat Fest At the 14th annual event, celebrate the 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats who emerge from under the Congress Avenue Bridge at dusk with live music, more than 50 arts and crafts vendors, food and drinks, children's activities, a bat costume contest, and more. **roadwayevents.com**

HONEY FESTIVAL

Uvalde, TX

JUNE

PICKS ACROSS THE STATE

POWER TO THE POLLINATORS

Revered for its honey for more than 100 years, the town of Uvalde attracts bee farmers from all over—bringing their hives to benefit from the Huajillo plant of South Texas. On June 14–15, the town premieres a sweet idea that has earned plenty of buzz: the first annual **Honey Festival**. The festivities kick off with The Hive Jive, a street dance in the town plaza, and continue with lawn games, a poker run, “bee in your bonnet” hat competition, and more. Kids can enjoy fanfare along with educational aspects featuring a bee education and microscope station set up by Texas A&M AgriLife. The pollinator party culminates when one lucky essay competition winner is crowned Honey Ambassador. uvaldehoneyfestival.com



A Lasting Impression

When impressionist Claude Monet embarked on a new painting style during the last decade of his life, he began to produce increasingly bold and abstract works. In an exhibition exploring the years leading up to his death in 1926, Fort Worth's **Kimbell Art Museum presents Monet: The Late Years** June 16–Sept. 15. Marked by a period of personal loss, these years saw Monet dealing with deteriorating vision and painting his garden with varied and broad new techniques. The exhibition promises to be a unique glimpse into one of the art world's greatest painters: Many of these works—sembled from major public and private collections in Europe, the United States, and Asia—have never been publicly displayed in the U.S. kimbellart.org/exhibition/monet

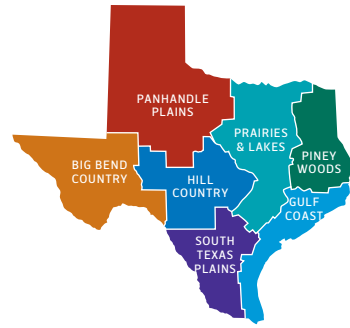


SEEING STARS

The Alamo City is preparing for superheroes to swarm the Freeman Expo Halls and Coliseum June 14–16, when **Celebrity Fan Fest** returns to San Antonio for its second annual comic con-style meetup. 2019 appearances include *Aquaman*'s Jason Momoa, Amber Heard,

and Dolph Lundgren; Jeremy Renner of *Avengers* fame; and notable comic book artists. Visit your favorite famous vehicles at the Cars as Stars exhibition, presented by H-E-B and featuring more than 25 famous Hollywood cars like Ecto-1 from *Ghostbusters*; the *Back to the Future* DeLorean; and a

Bumblebee replica car, Optimus Prime replica truck, and Barricade replica police car of *Transformers* fame. For fans looking for an extra-special experience, VIP packages are available, including an exclusive seafood lunch and photo opportunity with Aquaman himself. celebrityfanfest.com



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BIG BEND COUNTRY

ALPINE: June 1 Fiesta 1888 A celebration of Alpine history, this event highlights historic Murphy Street. Enjoy historic photos, storytellers, video interviews with Alpine residents, and a tour of historic homes alongside a street party featuring music, food, and dancing. *Historic Murphy Street, 100 W. Murphy St. 432-837-0914; visitalpinetx.com*

ALPINE: June 14-16 Alpine Photo Weekend The Museum of the Big Bend presents its 2019 summer photography exhibit featuring the work of Burton Pritzker. This annual event includes the opening exhibit reception on Friday followed by a day of photography talks, demonstrations, and workshops on Saturday, as well as guided photo hikes and walks. *Museum of the Big Bend, 400 N. Harrison. 432-837-8143; museumofthebigbend.com*

ALPINE: June 21-23, 28-30; July 5-7 "Our Lady of the Tortilla" Theatre of the Big Bend presents an outdoor production of this goofy 1987 comedy about a Latino family's revelations as a pious aunt discovers the Virgin Mary in her first batch of tortillas. *Kokernot Outdoor Theatre. 432-837-8218; sulross.edu/theatre*

ALPINE: June 29-July 4 Alpine's Fourth of July Celebration The weeks events include Alpine Cowboys baseball, outdoor theatre, a neighborhood block party, annual parade, car show, live music, and July 4

fireworks. *Various locations. 432-837-2326; visitalpinetx.com*

ALPINE: June 29 Fiesta del Barrio Community celebration and extended Alpine family reunion includes vendors and live music. *Medina Park, 209 S. 10th St. 432-294-2398*

EL PASO: June 15-Aug. 24 The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Show At America's largest interactive-comedy, murder-mystery dinner show, you'll tackle a challenging crime while feasting on a fantastic dinner. Just beware! The criminal is lurking somewhere in the room, and you may find yourself as a prime suspect before you know it. *Holiday Inn El Paso West-Sunland Park, 900 Sunland Park Drive. thedinnerdetective.com*

PECOS: Jun 21 Golden Girl of the Old West Revue and Little Miss Cantaloupe Pageant Local teen girls compete for the title Golden Girl and younger girls compete for the title of Little Miss Cantaloupe. *Pecos High School Auditorium, 1201 S. Park St. 432-445-2406; visitpecos.com*

PECOS: June 26-29 Reeves County Sheriff's Posse Nightly Dance Enjoy four nights of dancing under the stars with live entertainment after the rodeo. *Reeves County Sheriff's Posse Barn, 1400 S. Cedar St. 432-448-6844*

PECOS: June 26-29 West of the Pecos Rodeo Enjoy four exciting nights of calf roping, bronc riding, barrel racing, and bull riding. *Reeves County Arena, 1500 S. Cedar St. 432-445-2406; pecosrodeo.com*

PECOS: June 28 Rodeo Hall of Fame Induction Selected inductees and families are honored by the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame for achievements in rodeo. Following is a barbecue lunch. *Windmill Square Pavilion, 100 E. Dot Stafford St. 432-445-2406; texasrodeohalloffame.com*

VAN HORN: June 23 Frontier Days A Van Horn tradition since 1899, enjoy a day of food, fun, a ranch rodeo, school reunions, and an outdoor street dance. *Downtown Van Horn, 107 W. Broadway St. 432-283-2682; vanhorn-texas.org*

GULF COAST

ARANSAS PASS: June 7-9 Shrimporee The 71st annual festival brings in more than 60,000 visitors in a single weekend. Events include a parade, shrimp-eating contest, men's and women's Sexy Legs contest, folklorico dancers, mariachis, belly dancers, the Kidz Korner, face painting, a magic show, pony rides, arts and crafts, games, and a carnival. There are

two stages of entertainment, more than 120 vendors, a farmers market, and live music. Free air-conditioned shuttle buses provide transportation from remote parking sites. *Aransas Pass Community Park, 200 E. Johnson Ave. 361-758-2750; aransaspass.org/shrimporee*

BROWNSVILLE: June 8 Ridley Rush This 1-mile run/walk kicks off the Yappo-Palooza Festival, which is a family-oriented festival and fundraiser to benefit the bi-national recovery plan for Kemp's ridley sea turtles and other sea turtle conservation projects. *Gladys Porter Zoo, 500 Ringgold St. 956-546-7187; gpz.org*

BROWNSVILLE: June 8 YappoPalooza Kids Fest and Bands and Brewskis Join in for these YappoPalooza events that aim to raise funds for the bi-national Kemp's ridley sea turtle recovery project. The Kids Fest immediately follows the Ridley Rush walk/run and includes arts and crafts, educational exhibits, and children's games. Kids also get a chance to meet the Kemp's ridley project ambassador, Shelldon. **Bands and Brewskis** features beer samplings, shrimp plates, a silent auction, and a live music showcase with bands from around the Rio Grande Valley area. *Gladys Porter Zoo, 500 Ringgold St. 956-546-7187; yappopalooza.net*

BROWNSVILLE: June 21 World Giraffe Day Celebrate the world's tallest animal on the year's longest day. During World Giraffe Day, the zoo has the Giraffe Landing Feeding Experience open for extended hours with knowledgeable staff and docents answering questions about these gentle giants. Kids can also participate in fun activities while learning about giraffe conservation. *Gladys Porter Zoo, 500 Ringgold St. 956-546-7187; gpz.org*

CLUTE: June 4, 11, 18, 25, 28 Planetarium Show The show features a 30-foot dome equipped with a 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. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org or visitbrazosport.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 1-Aug. 31 Bay Jammin' Concert and Cinema Series Every Thursday and Friday evening during the months of summer, Cole Park Amphitheater turns into a mecca of fun for the whole family. On Thursday nights enjoy free music in the amphitheater while kids play in the park, then on Friday nights enjoy a free children's movie under the



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stars. *Cole Park, 2600 Ocean Drive. 361-826-3460; cctexas.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 1-Aug. 31 Hatching Releases of Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles Every year, thousands of the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles are nested and hatched in Corpus Christi, then released into the Gulf of Mexico. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience to watch the baby sea turtles make their way into the ocean for the first time. *Padre Island National Seashore, 20420 Park Road 22. 361-949-8068; nps.gov/pais*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 1-Aug. 18 Kent Ullberg: Celebrating the Wild and Wonderful The newest featured exhibit showcases works from Corpus Christi's own Kent Ullberg, one of the world's most distinguished wildlife artists. Ullberg is best known for iconic public sculptures, and the museum is filled with over 50 sculptures depicting detailed fish, sea mammals, turtles, native birds, and majestic land animals. The world of Kent Ullberg is brought to museum goers through interactive technology. *Art Museum of South Texas, 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-825-3500; artmuseumofsouthtexas.org*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 3 WWE Live Watch your favorite WWE superstars go head to head. Experience a night of action, drama, and athleticism as you cheer, or boo, your favorite wrestlers. *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-826-4700; americanbankcenter.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 8-Aug. 2 First Friday ArtWalk Watch downtown Corpus Christi come to life every first Friday of the month. Find artists, live music, and all things creative. Shop for local arts and crafts, see art exhibits in galleries, and enjoy mouthwatering food and drinks as you pop in and out of the many restaurants and local bars. *Artesian Park, 524 Twigg St. 361-882-2363; marinaarts.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 13 Jeff Dunham: Passively Aggressive Tour Enjoy a night of endless laughs with ventriloquist Jeff Dunham, a global comedy superstar and one of the world's most inventive entertainers due to his use of puppet characters incorporated into his comedy shows. *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-826-4700; americanbankcenter.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 14-July 7 The Summer Melodrama Get your popcorn ready and gear up for a hilarious, old-fashioned summer melodrama. Take part in the long standing tradition at this Corpus Christi theater with the whole family. Don't miss your chance to cheer the hero, boo

the villain, and throw as much popcorn as you like. *Harbor Playhouse, 1802 N. Chaparral St., Building No. 2. 361-882-5500; harborplayhouse.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 15 Brew HaHa Craft Beer Festival Get ready for a belly full of beer and laughter at this second annual festival that combines craft brews and comedy. Sample various beers, ciders, and meads from a wide range of breweries between the multiple comedy shows happening. Craft beer enthusiasts can talk with brewmasters on the process of achieving the perfect taste for a brew. *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-826-4700; americanbankcenter.com*



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EAST BERNARD: June 8 Czech Kolache Klobase Festival Festivalgoers enjoy live music, dancing, arts and crafts, raffle prizes, a cake walk, and plenty of kolaches. A barbecue plate lunch is available with chicken, sausage, sauerkraut, and trimmings, and hamburgers are available in the evening. This event has free parking. *Riverside Hall, 14643 Buls Road. 979-335-7907; kkfest.com*

FREEPORT: June 9 Freeport Market Square Local vendors showcase homemade goods and farm fresh items. *Downtown Freeport, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; freeport.tx.us or visitbrazosport.com*

FREEPORT: June 22 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; visitbrazosport.com*

GALVESTON: June 13 "Kinky Boots" The winner of every major Best Musical award, "Kinky Boots" is based on true events. This hit production tells the story of two people with nothing in common—or so they think. This unexpected pair learns to embrace their differences and creates a line of sturdy stilettos unlike any the world has ever seen. But in the end, their most sensational achievement is their friendship. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-1894 or 409-765-1894; thegrand.com*

GALVESTON: June 28-29 Jeanne Robertson, Humorist At 75 years young, Jeanne Robertson continues to charm audiences with her humorous observations about life around her. This former Miss North Carolina, standing tall at six-foot-two, has a vivacious personality, heart, and sense of humor. Her witty depiction of everyday situations never fails to have audiences of all ages rolling with laughter. Be prepared for her stories, including "Don't Bungee Jump Naked" and "Don't Send a Man to the Grocery Store." *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894; thegrand.com*

HARLINGEN: June 15 Concert in the Park featuring The Spazmatics Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to the park for a free concert. There is live music and food vendors on-site. *McKelvey Park, 1325 S. 77 Sunshine Strip. 956-622-5053; visitharlingentexas.com*

HOUSTON: April 24-June 16 "Murder for Two" The hit show that is selling out across the country is now coming to Houston. Everyone is a suspect in Murder for Two, a hilarious murder mystery with a twist. One actor plays the investigator, the other plays all 13 suspects, and both play the piano throughout. A zany blend of classic musical comedy and madcap mystery, this whodunit is a highly theatrical duet loaded with killer laughs. *Stages Repertory Theatre, 3201 Allen Parkway. 713-527-0123; stagestheatre.com*

HOUSTON: May 31-June 1 National African Violet Show A spectacular showcase and judged show of African violets and others in the Gesneriad family of plants. See an exquisite display of hundreds of incredible indoor plants that have been judged by accredited judges. Winners and awards are displayed. Visit the salesroom and shop for unusual and unique plants not found in most garden centers. *Houston*

Marriott Westchase, 2900 Briarpark Drive. 940-206-8250; avsa.org

HOUSTON: June 1-Aug. 25 "All You Can Eat" This solo exhibition by mixed-media artist Justin Favela features larger-than-life piñatas depicting a visual feast of Tex-Mex cuisine, from "nachos supreme" to "chili con carne." This site-specific installation, which is both playful and challenging, is intended to generate conversation about popular culture, the politics of food, and the Latino experience in the U.S. *Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. 713-529-4848; visithoustontexas.com*

HOUSTON: June 1-29 Immanuel and Helen Olshan Texas Music Festival Classical music's rising stars from premier music schools and conservatories from around the world alight to study and perform major classical works for the 30th anniversary season of this festival. The one-month international music residency features performances by gifted student musicians and distinguished conductors and faculty artists in more than 30 performances, including the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Young Artist concerto competition. Select Saturdays kick off with pre-concert musical performances by members of Virtuosi of Houston and pre-concert lectures.

Featured works include favorites by Prokofiev (featuring guest soloist 2017 Van Cliburn Piano Competition silver medalist Kenneth Broberg), Copland, Rimsky-Korsakov, Wagner, Strauss, and Mahler. *University of Houston Moores Opera House, UH Main Campus, I-45 at Cullen Blvd., entrance No. 16. 713-743-3313; tmf.uh.edu*

HOUSTON: June 2 Bayou City Jazz Series—Eric Darius and Jeff Lorber in Concert Saxophonist, composer, and producer Eric Darius likes to play by his own rules. Considered by his peers one of the most exciting musicians on the contemporary jazz scene, Darius packs a punch on stage. Known for his smooth style and weaving together elements of funk, R&B, rock, and electric jazz, keyboardist Jeff Lorber helped pioneer the post-fusion sound of contemporary jazz. Born in Philadelphia, Lorber is electric. Together, these two create an electrifying show of smooth jazz. *Wortham Theater Center, 501 Texas Ave. 832-487-7000; visithoustontexas.com*

HOUSTON: June 19 A Gulf Coast June-tenth This blues and creole festival features a performance by The Soul Rebels, who are riding high after receiving national attention with a performance on NPR's Tiny Desk series, a debut late night TV ap-

pearance on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," a headlining set at the global TED Conference, and an appearance and official soundtrack feature for Universal Pictures' hit comedy "Girls Trip." *Miller Outdoor Theatre, 6000 Hermann Park Drive. 281-373-3386; milleroutdoortheatre.com*

HOUSTON: June 27-July 28 "Josephine Tonight" This is the musical biography of showbiz legend Josephine Baker. "Josephine Tonight" draws on the early life of the internationally known singer, actress, and nightclub sensation who wowed audiences in America and Europe in the first quarter of the 20th century, and reveals the relationship of the young Josephine and her laundress mother who steers her toward success and then guides her to remember her roots. *The Ensemble Theatre, 3535 Main St. 713-520-0055; ensemblehouston.com*

LAKE JACKSON: June 1 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historic archaeological 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*



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LAKE JACKSON: June 7 Shotgun Road in Concert Bring lawn chairs and refreshments for a free outdoor concert. *Lake Jackson Civic Center Plaza, 333 SH 332. 979-415-2600; lakejackson-tx.gov or visitbrazosport.com*

LAKE JACKSON: June 14 Checkered Past Bring lawn chairs and refreshments for a free outdoor concert. *Lake Jackson Civic Center Plaza, 333 SH 332. 979-415-2600; lakejackson-tx.gov or visitbrazosport.com*

LAKE JACKSON: June 15 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 W. SH 332. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org or visitbrazosport.com*

LAKE JACKSON: June 16 Pool Daze of Fun Enjoy outdoor pool games with free admission. *Lake Jackson Outdoor Pool, 300 Magnolia. 979-297-4533; lakejackson-tx.gov or visitbrazosport.com*

LAKE JACKSON: June 21 Hysterimania—Def Leppard Tribute and More Bring lawn chairs and refreshments for a free outdoor concert. *Lake Jackson Civic Center Plaza, 333 SH 332. 979-415-2600; lakejackson-tx.gov or visitbrazosport.com*

LAKE JACKSON: June 28 The Slags in Concert Bring lawn chairs and refreshments for a free outdoor concert. *Lake Jackson Civic Center Plaza, 333 SH 332. 979-415-2600; lakejackson-tx.gov or visitbrazosport.com*

PORT ARTHUR: June 1-2 Garden Fest A family- and photo-friendly celebration, this event has colorful blooms, towering bamboo, lotus blossoms, and citrus plants that are all part of the landscape. Koi ponds and Buddha statues dot the grounds. Vendors and cultural programs are part of the festival. *Buu Mon Buddhist Temple, 2701 Procter St. 409-982-9319; buumon.org*

PORT ARTHUR: June 19 Juneteenth Observations around this date in Port Arthur have included a sunrise service, pageant, parade, and cultural programs in the park. *Barbara Jacket Park, 444 Fourth St. 409-332-1709*

PORT ISABEL/SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: June 1 Longest Causeway Run Follow a 6.2 mile (10K) course starting at Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark on South Padre Island, continuing on to the Queen Isabella Causeway and over the Laguna Madre Bay,

and ending in front of the Port Isabel Event & Cultural Center. An awards ceremony follows the race. *Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Beach Resort, 100 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

RICHMOND: June 1 Traditional Blacksmithing Skills II—Workshop This 7-hour continuation course helps participants progress further in blacksmithing skills and practice. Topics include forge use and care, heat treating, annealing, quenching, normalization, and tempering. Students make a project to take home. This class is open only to participants who have attended the initial skills class or have forging experience. *George Ranch Historical Park, 10215 FM 762 Road. 281-343-0218; georgeranch.org*

RICHMOND: June 8 Kickoff to Juneteenth In Galveston on June 19th, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger declared, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free." Join the George Ranch 154 years later to kick off the celebration for this historic event with a re-enactment and barbecue lunch. *George Ranch Historical Park, 10215 FM 762 Road. 281-343-0218; georgeranch.org*

RICHMOND: June 15 Blacksmithing Sampler Class This introductory class covers fire-building and maintenance, shop safety, tools and equipment, and hammer control. Students get hands-on experience while working on a small project to take home. *George Ranch Historical Park, 10215 FM 762 Road. 281-343-0218; georgeranch.org*

RICHMOND: June 15 Father's Day Frontier Survival Class Help Dad discover his inner pioneer. Learn the necessary skills for living on the Texas prairie and help fire off the cannon. *George Ranch Historical Park, 10215 FM 762 Road. 281-343-0218; georgeranch.org*

RICHMOND: June 19 Juneteenth at the Ranch Celebrate Juneteenth and the enduring African American contribution to the George family legacy. Learn about the African American families—both pre- and post-slavery—who helped shape the George Ranch Historical Park. Observe a re-enactment of Union General Gordon Granger's speech, and hear the reactions of the men and women who lived through this difficult time. *George Ranch Historical Park, 10215 FM 762 Road. 281-343-0218; georgeranch.org*

ROCKPORT: June 8 Art Center Market Second Saturday Member artists exhibit and sell their unique and one-of-a-kind fine art, photography, jewelry, pottery, wood carving, yard art, fiber art, and more.

Live music and food truck on-site. *Down-town Rockport, Austin Street. 361-729-5519; rockportartcenter.com*

ROCKPORT: June 22-23 TSA Rockin Rockport Youth Sailing Regatta Rockport Yacht Club brings its fourth TSA-sanctioned youth sailing Regatta to Rockport. Approximately 90 boats are expected to participate. *Rockport Yacht Club. 361-272-9644; rockportyachtclub.org*

ROCKPORT-FULTON: June 15 Rockport-Fulton Market Days More than 100 vendors and live music add extra fun the third weekend of the month. The pet-friendly market offers more than a dozen food trucks and food vendors, with seating in the shade. *Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 100 Seabreeze. 361-463-0125*

SEABROOK: June 19-23 Texas Outlaw Challenge This is the biggest performance boating event in Texas with five days and nights of Texas-style parties. *Endeavour Marina, 3101 NASA Road 1. 281-702-8744; texasoutlawchallenge.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: June 7-8 Dargel Boat Owners Tournament The slot redfish with the most spots wins. In case of a tie, the earliest fish weighed in will be the winner. The day will offer several surprise side tournaments that will be announced at the event. This family-friendly event also has kids and junior divisions to help the next generation get hooked on fishing. *South Padre Island Convention Centre, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

SUGAR LAND: June 6 Derek Hough Live This live dance show is the first-ever solo tour for the Emmy Award-winning performer. *Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. 281-207-6278; smartfinancialcentre.net*

SUGAR LAND: June 8 Sugar Land Heritage Hike This historic walking tour takes attendees back to the time when Sugar Land was a company town, with virtually all enterprises managed by the Imperial Sugar Company or its affiliate, Sugarland Industries. *Sugar Land Heritage Museum & Visitor Center, 198 Kempner St., Building B, second floor. 281-275-2045; slheritage.org*

SUGAR LAND: June 14-16, 21-23 "Spring Awakening" The winner of eight Tony Awards including Best Musical, this rock musical explores the journey from adolescence to adulthood with a poignancy and passion that is illuminating and unforgettable. *Sugar Land Auditorium, 226 Lakeview Drive. 713-302-5329; inspirationstage.com*

SUGAR LAND: June 29 Summer Family "Camp Out" Enjoy a fun, family-friendly

event for all ages. Explore NEO's interactive campsite with tents, games, friendly competitions, and a lawn fishing tournament. *Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Drive. 281-276-6000; sugarlandtownsquare.com*

TOMBALL: June 1 Narrated Glass Blowing Demonstration Houston's only open-access studio allows visitors to watch the pros blow glass. Free, narrated demos are held on the first Saturday of every month (except August). Check the website before heading out, as demonstrations typically start at 3 p.m. There is also a showroom and gallery for gift-shopping. *Three Dimensional Visions—Glass Blowing Houston, 17442 FM 2920. 281-734-0366; threedimensionalvisions.com*

VICTORIA: May 24-July 14 Kathleen Elliott Exhibit This exhibit features the glass sculpture work of Kathleen Elliott, where botanical forms are used to create surreal representations of nature. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-575-8228; navemuseum.com*

VICTORIA: June 1-8 Victoria Bach Festival Enjoy classical music performances at the 44th annual event. *Various locations. 361-570-5788; victoriabachfestival.org*

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Jan. 26-July 14 "Kambui Olujimi: Zulu Time" Following its last showcase at the University at Buffalo Art Galleries, this new solo exhibition by Brooklyn Native Kambui Olujimi is on view in the Contemporary Project gallery. The title comes from "Zulu Time," a short-hand term for the world's standardized mode of tracking time, also known as "Coordinated Universal Time" (UTC). Through compelling two-dimensional and sculptural work, the artist invites visitors to consider this empirical system of reference and the invisible hierarchies that impact our daily lives. *Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. MLK Blvd. 512-471-5482; blantonmuseum.org*

AUSTIN: Through Jan. 26, 2020 "Motown: The Sound of Young America" This exhibit celebrates the 60th anniversary of the birth of Motown Records. The exhibit traces the evolution of the label, focusing on its major artists and musical achievements, and explores how the sound of Motown continues to influence some of pop music's most important artists today. With support from the Motown Museum in Detroit, and personal artifacts from some of the music's biggest recording artists, Motown: The Sound of Young America is the first major museum exhibition to embrace all facets of the biggest sound in soul in the

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- September 28: Museum Day
- September 28: Texas Tumbleweed 100 Bike Ride
- October 5 - 6: Lions Club Arts & Crafts Show
- November 16: Candy Cane Lane

'60s: musically, culturally, and politically. *LBJ Presidential Library, 2313 Red River St. 512-721-0200; lbjlibrary.org*

AUSTIN: June 1-2 Pond Tour Trek around town on this self-guided tour of ponds and gardens. Visitors go to Austin Pond Society member's private home gardens and ponds to see beautiful landscapes with ponds, fish, plants, and fountains. One home has a pirate ship and a hedge maze. Another has a piano with plants in it. After purchasing tickets online, you're given a map with addresses to drive to the homes yourself. *Multiple locations. 512-762-7647; austinpondsociety.org*

AUSTIN: June 3-Aug. 2 Professional Art Academy Teen Summer Camps Art studio Atelier Dojo offers a rigorous training to young, dedicated artists between 13-18 years old. The Summer Teen Intensive Classes are designed to offer a sampling of the Dojo's yearly courses in drawing and oil painting, specifically tailored to teens. Students should come prepared to learn, grow, and have fun. Classes include figure, cast, and still-life drawing; still-life painting; and self-portrait drawing. *Atelier Dojo, 916 Springdale Road, Building 2, Suite 106B. 281-793-4209; atelierdojo.com*

AUSTIN: June 7-9 Austin Terror Fest This annual celebration of underground

and independent heavy metal music and rock culture takes place this year across a three-day weekend. Each night of the festival takes over several popular music venues downtown—Empire Control Room and Garage, and Barracuda—to offer attendees performances from some of the most in-demand heavy metal and rock acts from across the globe, including several that have never performed in Texas before. *Various locations. austintexas.org*

BANDERA: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters Experience gunfight re-enactments at noon and 2 p.m. *Bandera Visitors Center, 126 SH 16 S. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: June 1 Bandera Market Days Shop arts and crafts vendors in downtown Bandera. *Bandera County Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Cowboys on Main Every Saturday expect to see and interact with a sample of the Old West cowboy lifestyle on Main Street. *830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: June 1 The Old Timers Trading Post Meet local artists and artisans. The Old Timer, 14178 SH 16 N. *830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: June 4 Cowboy Capital Opry See some Grand Ole Opry-style entertainment, hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne, and enjoy refreshments and door prizes. *Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: June 7, 14, 21, 28 Bandera Summer Rodeo Friday night summer rodeo events include bull riding, mini bulls, team roping, tie-down roping, No. 10 roping, open roping, break-away roping, open barrels, junior barrels, and, of course, mut-ton bustin'. *Mansfield Park Rodeo Arena, 2886 SH 16 N. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: June 20 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. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: June 23 Frontier Times Jam-boree On the fourth Sunday of every month, the Frontier Times Museum offers live music, storytelling, and more free fun for all ages. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: June 29 Bandera Riverfest Bring your swimsuit and river shoes and

join in the fun as the Bandera Business Association holds its annual event on the banks of the Medina River. Bring your tube for the opportunity of floating in one of the cleanest, clearest rivers in Texas. Activities include kayak races, exhibits, water games, river rodeo, car show, music, food booths, arts and crafts, paddle boats, and cookoff. Children 12 and under and active military are free. *Bandera City Park, 1102 Maple St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BOERNE: June 1 Boerne Family Fish The first Saturday in June is fish without a license day in the state of Texas—therefore adults fishing in this tournament are not required to carry a fishing license to participate. *Boerne City Lake Park, 1 City Lake Road. 830-248-1635; visitboerne.org*



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BOERNE: June 1 Hot Rod Night With live music and classic cars, this event is reminiscent of old-fashioned Americana street parties—a gathering place for old and new friends. The C-Rock Band performs music of the '70s, '80s, and '90s. *Soda Pops, 103 N. Main. 830-331-8799; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: June 2 Texas Two Step—2-Ring Miniature Dairy Goat Show The public is welcome and encouraged to watch this 2 Ring MDGA-sanctioned show. *Kendall County Fairgrounds, 1307 River Road. visitboerne.org or hillcountryminimilkers.org*

BOERNE: June 4, 18 Abendkonzert The Boerne Village Band is the longest continuously playing German band in the world outside of Germany. Concert regulars come early to grab their favorite spot at

the Plaza, to hear the oom-pah-pah of their favorite tunes, and watch the kids do the chicken dance. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnics. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. 830-248-1635; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: June 8-9 Boerne Market Days Hundreds of festive booths display everything from collectibles and remembrances of the past to modern innovations that will bring a smile of wonder to those who stroll past. *Boerne Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. 210-844-8193; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Farmers Market at The Cibolo Shop fresh local produce, farm fresh eggs, breads, jams, jellies, local honey, and Texas Hill Country arts and crafts. *Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road. 830-249-4616; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: June 8 Kuhlmann-King Museum Tour Located behind Boerne City Hall, the Kuhlmann-King house gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historic Boerne home looked like “way back when.” Open every Second Saturday of each month. *Kuhlmann-King House, 402 E. Blanco Road. 830-331-1033; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: June 8 Second Saturday Art Beat Boerne shops and art galleries are teaming up to bring you a heart-racing fine art experience. Take a walk on the art side every second Saturday of the month. *Hill Country Mile, 100 N. Main. 210-954-6659; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: June 14-16 Berges Fest Every Father's Day weekend, this hometown celebration brings live music and old-fashioned contests of skill and luck. The celebration started in 1967 as an ice cream social and music festival celebrating the area's German heritage. Friday evening features the Miss Berges Fest Scholarship pageant, and Saturday has a parade, carnival, and family-friendly games such as dachshund races, wheelbarrow races, watermelon eating, washer pitching, sack races, a horseshoe tournament, and a stein-hold contest. There are also merchants, food vendors, and arts and crafts. *Herff Park, 1307 River Road. 210-325-5804; bergesfest.com*

BOERNE: June 20 Thirst For Nature Every third Thursday of the month, the Cibolo Nature Center hosts a specially themed event where visitors can learn about the different plant and wildlife of Boerne and the Hill Country's surrounding areas. Sip on an adult beverage made to match the theme for that month for those who are of age, or choose the non-alcoholic version for the kids. *Cibolo Nature*

Center, 140 City Park Road. 830-249-4616; visitboerne.org

BOERNE: June 22 Concert in the Cave Enjoy an eclectic mixture of uplifting, contemporary acoustic songs, ancient instrumentation, improvisation, and contemplation celebrating the Summer Solstice. *Cave Without A Name, 325 Kreuzberg Road. 830-537-4212; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: June 22 Hot Rod Night With live music and classic cars, this event is reminiscent of old-fashioned Americana street parties—a gathering place for old and new friends. The Lonestar Pickerz perform classic country. *Soda Pops, 103 N. Main. 830-331-8799; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: June 22 Moondance Concert Series Bring drinks, chairs, and a picnic for a concert beneath the Texas stars. *Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road. 830-249-4616; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: June 30 Independence Day Boerne Concert Band Concert Celebrate the Fourth of July with lots of patriotic music performed by the Boerne Concert Band. Concert goers should bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnics. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. 830-248-1635; visitboerne.org*

BULVERDE: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Saturday Night Rodeo This rodeo features all types of Texas entertainment, from live music and dancing to mechanical bulls, mut-ton bustin, and calf scrambles. Enjoy beer, wine, and soft drinks coupled with barbecue, tacos, steak, burgers, and more. *Tejas Rodeo Company, 401 Obst Road. 830-980-2226; tejasrodeo.com*

CASTROVILLE: June 9 Artisans, Antiques, and Edibles Market Days Shop a selection of arts and crafts, unique foods, and goods from local growers. *Houston Square, 1306 Angelo St. 830-538-3142; castroville.com/events-festivals*

COMFORT: June 11 Music in the Park Held the second Tuesday of May through October, these free concerts also include free drinks provided by Gaddis Methodist Church, the co-sponsor of the event with the Chamber of Commerce. Bring a lawn chair, enjoy the music, and dance too. *Comfort City Park, SH 27 and Broadway. 830-995-3813*

EARLY: June 7-9 Central Texas Cowboy Gathering This three-day event of Western music features performers from the International Western Music Association along with cowboy poetry, a storytelling contest, merchandise and food vendors, Western re-enactment skits, and kid's activities like stick horse barrel racing, pony rides, barrel train rides, and face painting. *Stagecoach Station*



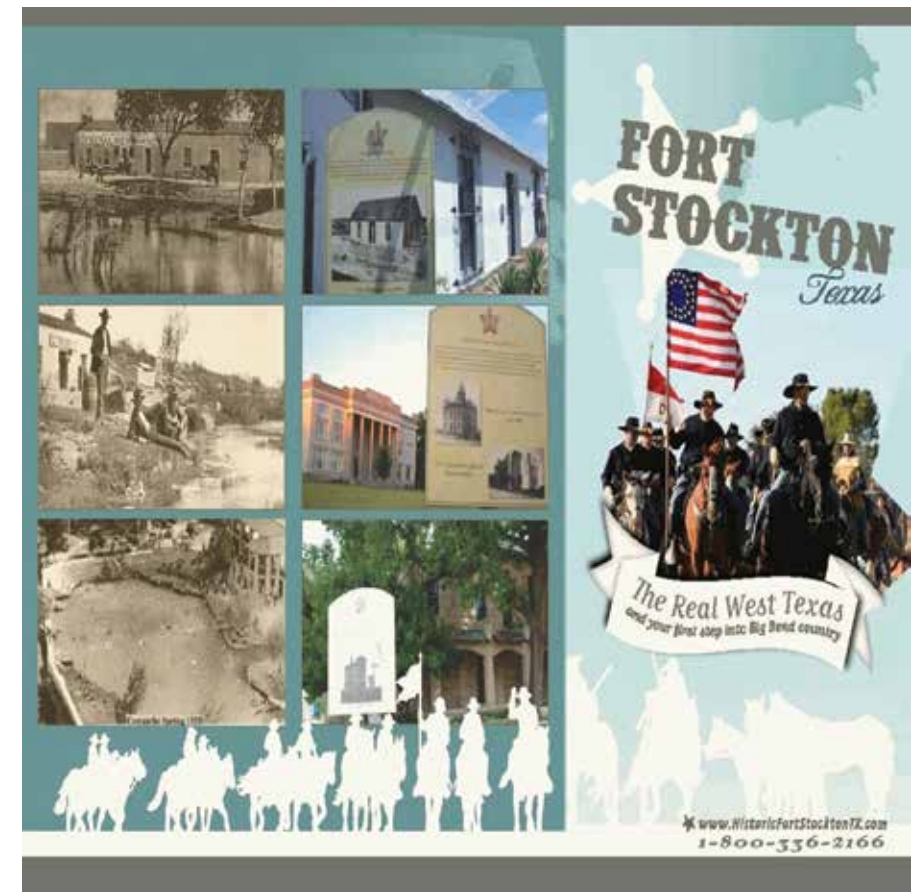
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FREDERICKSBURG: May 31-June 1 The Gatlin Brothers in Concert

This Grammy Award-winning trio have dazzled audiences for more than 60 years with a lifetime of noteworthy achievements in their storybook career. *Rockbox Theater*, 109 N. Llano. 830-997-7625; rockboxtheater.com

FREDERICKSBURG: June 1 Masonic Open Car Show

The 15th annual event benefits various charitable activities, and features classic cars, live music, food, vendors, and more. *Marktplatz*, 126 W. Main St. 830-992-3333; fredericksburgmasons.com/carshow.html

FREDERICKSBURG: June 7 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*. 830-997-6523

FREDERICKSBURG: June 7-8 Thomas Michael Riley Music Festival

The 12th annual music festival features Texas Country music artists hosted by Thomas Michael Riley. Activities include camping, campfire pickin', and chicken bingo. *Luckenbach Texas*, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. 830-997-3224; luckenbachtexas.com

FREDERICKSBURG: June 14-16, 21-23, 28-30 "The Sound of Music"

Fredericksburg Theater Company presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's 1959 hit stage musical, which tells the inspiring true story of the von Trapp Family Singers and their escape from Austria during the rise of Nazism. *Steve W. Shepherd Theater*, 1668 S. US 87. 830-997-3588; fredericksburgtheater.org

FREDERICKSBURG: June 14-16 Fredericksburg Trade Days

Shop more than 400 vendors or relax in the biergarten while listening to live music. *355 Sunday Farms Lane*. 830-990-4900; fbgradedays.com

FREDERICKSBURG: June 14 The Marshall Tucker Band in Concert

Listen to the gold and platinum album music of this iconic classic rock and country band—pleasing audiences for more than 40 years. The Backyard Amphitheater, 2254 S. US 87. 830-644-2252; thebackyardamphitheater.com

FREDERICKSBURG: June 23 PCAA Concert in the Park

Bring your chairs, eats, and drinks to this free Sunday evening concert. *Marktplatz*, 126 W. Main St. 830-997-8515; fredericksburgfestivals.com

GRUENE: June 4, 11, 18, 25 Two Ton Tuesdays

It wouldn't be summertime without popular rockabilly band Two Tons of Steel

holding court in Gruene Hall every Tuesday evening—now in its 24th year. If you haven't caught Two Ton fever yet, grab your dancing shoes and get ready. The band takes the stage at 8:30 p.m. Come early for swing dance lessons from 6 to 7 p.m. *Gruene Hall*, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-629-5077; gruenehall.com

GRUENE: June 7, 14, 21, 28 Friday Afternoon Club at Gruene Hall

A Gruene Hall tradition, now in its 21st 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. There's even a very special guest interview each week. Past guests include Ray Benson, Steve Earle, Delbert McClinton, Radney Foster, Hayes Carll, and Ray Wylie Hubbard. *Gruene Hall*, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-606-1281; gruenehall.com

GRUENE: June 9 Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist in Gruene Hall

In the tradition of a New Orleans-style gospel brunch, enjoy awe-inspiring gospel music coupled with a mouth-watering buffet, catered by Gristmill River Restaurant and Bar. *Gruene Hall*, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-629-5077; gruenehall.com

GRUENE: June 15-16 Old Gruene Market Days

Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods. *Gruene Historic District*, 1601 Hunter Road. 830-629-5077; gruenemarketdays.com

GRUENE: June 20 Come and Taste It—Meet Texas' Best Winemakers

Sample Texas' best wines and craft brews on the third Thursday of each month throughout the year (except January). A featured winemaker showcases three of their newest releases, 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 of this popular tasting room. Samples of food that are offered for sale are provided, and each event features live music and three prize giveaways. *The Grapevine*, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-629-5077; grapevinegruene.com

GRUENE: June 23 Frank Schlather Day in Gruene

Also known as Frank's Tranquilizer Hour, this event commemorates the legendary former "mayor" of Gruene with special offers at Gruene Hall, including 50-cent beers from noon to 2 p.m. *Gruene Hall*, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-629-5077; gruenehall.com

HUTTO: June 22 Sunset Block Party Bash This free, family-friendly event includes live music, food trucks, kids and family activities, and arts and craft vendors. *Fritz Park*, 306 E. Live Oak St. 512-759-4003; facebook.com/downtownhutto

INGRAM: June 14-15, 21-22, 28-29 "Madagascar: A Musical Adventure"

Based on the DreamWorks animated motion picture, this musical follows your favorite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar. *Hill Country Arts Foundation The Point Outdoor Theatre*, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcacf.com

JOHNSON CITY: June 22-23 Market Days

Local artisans sell handmade items, jewelry, and plants. Food trucks are on-site. *City Park*, US 290 at Avenue G. 830-868-7684; lbjcountry.com

JOHNSON CITY: June 30 Art Walk

All galleries are open for new exhibits and are serving adult beverages and snacks. *North Nugent and Main streets*. 830-868-7684; johnsoncitytexas.info

KERRVILLE: May 4-June 29 American Plains Artists Signature Show

See artwork from American Plains artists. *Museum of Western Art*, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com

KERRVILLE: May 23-June 6 Kerrville Folk Festival

The 48th annual event offers 18 days and nights of songwriters with national and international acclaim. *Quiet Valley Ranch*, 3876 Medina Highway. 830-257-3600; kerrvillefolkfestival.org

KERRVILLE: June 1 Hill Country Swap Meet

This shopping experience is a giant community garage sale, flea market, and trade days all-in-one. Buy or sell new, used, antiques, collectibles, arts and crafts, knives, books, furniture, tools, clothing, kitchen and household items, and much more. Concessions are on-site and lots of free parking is available. Pets on a leash are welcome. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center*, 3785 SH 27. 830-459-6198; kerrmarketdays.org

KERRVILLE: June 1 Kerr County Market Days

Shop in 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. 830-895-7524; kerrmarketdays.org

KERRVILLE: June 1-July 6 Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show

The nation's finest gourd artists compete in a variety of cate-

gories in this popular annual show. *Kerr Arts & Cultural Center*, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com

KERRVILLE: June 2 Painting with Pizzazz

Enjoy a glass of wine and chocolate treats while creating a personalized wine glass. *Kerrville Hills Winery*, 3600 Fredericksburg Road. 830-895-4233; kerrvillehillswinery.com

KERRVILLE: June 7-8 Shakespeare in the Park

Bring a chair, blanket, and food, and watch a free play under the stars: Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor." *Louise Hays Park*, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-896-9393; playhouse2000.com

KERRVILLE: June 8 National Get Outdoors Day

Enjoy this annual free event meant to encourage healthy, active, outdoor fun. *Louise Hays Park*, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov

KERRVILLE: June 14-30 "Women in Jeopardy!"

"Thelma and Louise" meets "The First Wives Club" in this modern comedy. *Playhouse 2000 VK Garage Theater*, 305 Washington St. 830-896-9393; playhouse2000.com

KERRVILLE: June 15 Kerrville Skateboard Competition

Entrants have 3 minutes to perform their best skating skills.

Singing Wind Park, 2112-2116 Singing Wind Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov

KERRVILLE: June 21 Summer Concerts in the Park

Enjoy some summer jams at this free event. Bring your lawn chairs. *Louise Hays Park*, 202 Thompson. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov

KERRVILLE: June 22 Cody's Memorial Car Show

The third annual event includes a car show, barbecue lunch plates, a silent auction, door prizes, a kids zone, and music. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center*, 3785 SH 27. 830-459-2639

KYLE: June 8 Market Days

Enjoy local vendors, live music, and family fun under the shade of the oak trees. *City Square Park*, 101 S. Bureson St. 512-262-3939; cityofkyle.com/recreation

LAMPASAS: June 1 2019 Atlas Ride

This celebratory cycling event kicks off the summer with the opportunity for friends, family, and community members to ride with the 2019 Texas 4000 Team on day one of their 70-day journey from Austin, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska. There are 25- and 50-mile ride options through the hill country with beautiful views and wildlife. This event raises money and awareness for cultivating student leaders and

engaging communities in the fight against cancer. More than 700 participants are expected to be there to send off the team and to celebrate at the finish with delicious, local barbecue, live music, beer, festival activities, and a presentation by the Texas 4000 team. Non-cyclists are welcome to purchase a food pass that includes lunch, beverages, and the finish-line activities. *Hanna Springs Sculpture Garden*, 501 E. North Ave. 737-300-2318; atlasride.org

LLANO: June 7-8 Open Pro Rodeo

This year marks the 84th annual event, a full weekend of bronc bustin', bull riding, barrel racing, mutton bustin', and calf scramble. *John L. Kuykendall Arena and Events Center*, 2200 W. RR 152. 325-247-5354

LLANO: June 7-8 Volunteer Fire Department Barbecue Cookoff

This is a fundraiser for the Llano Volunteer Fire Department. This year includes a \$10,000 payout to make it worthwhile for the cooks and their support. *Robinson Park*, 123 Robinson Park Drive. 325-248-3408; facebook.com/llanovfdannualbbqcookoff

LLANO: Aug. 14-15 Summer Powwow

The Texas Indian Hobbyist Association hosts the 63rd annual powwow with the



intention to promote an active participation in Native American Indian crafts, preserve the customs and culture of the Native Americans Indians, promote an understanding of Native American Indian traditions, provide knowledge and fellowship for interested persons, and present others with the best possible view of these ideals. *John L. Kuykendall Arena and Events Center, 2200 W. RR 152. 325-247-5354; crazycrow.com*

MASON: June 8 Sweet Pickin's Vintage Fair A vintage market where you can find antique and up-cycled treasures. *Mason Community Building, 1015 San Antonio Highway. 325-294-4440; facebook.com/sweetpickinsvintagefair*

NEW BRAUNFELS: June 1 Billy Currington in Concert With eight No. 1 singles, five studio albums, and a Grammy nomination, country singer-songwriter Billy Currington has made a name for himself as a country star. *Whitewater Amphitheater, 11860 FM 306. 830-964-3800; whitewaterrocks.com*

NEW BRAUNFELS: June 21-23 Tattoo Expo The fourth annual expo has live tattooing all weekend by over 160 award-winning tattoo artists. There are artists to help with finding the right tattoo style from realistic to traditional and black and gray to color. There is also piercings, temporary tattoos, airbrush tattoos, food, and two free tattoo giveaways each day. *New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center, 375 S. Castell Ave. 714-787-8169; inkmasterstatooexpo.com*

NEW BRAUNFELS: June 27 Lorrie Morgan in Concert Back by popular demand, country music star Lorrie Morgan and her band take the stage for an evening filled with Lorrie's hits like "Paper Roses" and "What Part of No." Lorrie got her start as a country music singer at an early age. Born in Nashville, she made her first appearance on the Grand Ole Opry at age 13, shadowing her famous father, George Morgan. She toured as a duet partner with George Jones in the early '80s and spent two years as part of the Opryland USA bluegrass show. Lorrie continues to tour and record albums. *Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre, 290 W. San Antonio St. 830-627-0808; brauntex.org*

NEW BRAUNFELS: June 29 Midland in Concert Hailing from Dripping Springs, Texas, lead vocalist Mark Wystrach fronts Midland's rich sound that is rounded out with lead guitarist Jess Carson and bass player Cameron Duddy. Rooted in tradition in both sound and style, the trio initially

garnered attention playing clubs in the region. Their critically-acclaimed freshman album, "On the Rocks," features 13 tracks with songwriting credits from each member alongside hitmakers Shane McAnally and Josh Osborne. Their debut No. 1 single "Drinkin' Problem," which offers an intentional nod to country music reminiscent of the '70s and '80s, earned the band their first Grammy Awards nominations for Best Country Song and Best Country Duo/Group Performance. Midland was also named New Vocal Group of the Year at the 2018 ACM Awards and their current single "Burn Out" is Top 15 at Country Radio. *Whitewater Amphitheater, 11860 FM 306. 830-964-3800; whitewaterrocks.com*

OZONA: March 11-June 28 Crockett County Museum Toy Box Exhibit This exhibit features a wide variety of toys from decades past and gives visitors a new perspective on the lives of the children of Crockett County for over a century. *Crockett County Museum, 404 11th St. 325-392-2837; ozona.com/eventscalendar*

Hungry in an effort to support its mission to end child hunger in America. *Old Settlers Park, 1371 Harrell Parkway. 619-312-1212; fitfoodierun.com/austin-texas*

SAN MARCOS: June 4-July 30 Movies in Your Park Bring your blanket and chairs and pick the perfect spot to enjoy a movie and festivities. Come early for pre-movie games an hour before sunset. Admission is free and concessions are available for purchase. *Plaza Park, 206 N. CM Allen Parkway. 512-393-8400; toursanmarcos.com*

SAN MARCOS: June 6-Aug. 29 Summer in the Park Concert Series This year marks 30 years of the summer concert series. Different bands of various genres play every Thursday night. Bring friends, family, lawn chairs, blankets, and an ice chest of your favorite beverages—no glass or Styrofoam containers/coolers. *Plaza Park, 206 N. CM Allen Parkway. 512-393-8400; toursanmarcos.com*

SAN MARCOS: June 8 Texas Water Safari Billed as the "World's Toughest Boat Race," the Texas Water Safari is a 260-mile long canoe and kayak race from Spring Lake in San Marcos to the city of Seadrift on the Texas coastline. Come cheer the teams on at various riverside parks. *Meadows Center, 201 San Marcos Springs Drive. 512-738-6607; texaswatersafari.com*

STONEWALL: June 21-22 Stonewall Peach Jamboree and Rodeo The 58th annual celebration of the peach crop includes peach judging, the crowning of the Peach Queen, a parade, food, music, and a rodeo. *Downtown Stonewall. 830-644-2735; stonewalltexas.com*

TAYLOR: June 15 Junk Hippy Shop one of the area's top vintage events with retro furniture and decor, shabby chic and boho finds, handmade items, and art. *Williamson County Expo, 5350 Bill Pickett Trail. 405-242-3290; junkhippy.com*

UVALDE: June 14 Four Square Friday Enjoy late-night shopping, food, live music, and art. *Historic Downtown Uvalde, North Getty Street. 830-278-4115; visituvalde.com*

UVALDE: June 14-15 Honey Festival This inaugural festival celebrates the tradition of honey cultivating in Uvalde. Honey put Uvalde on the map in 1905 at the World's Fair when the town was named the Honey Capital of the World. There are family events like a bake-off, music, street dance, relay race, crafts, plus a focus on bee and honey conservation education. *Downtown Uvalde, Main Street. 830-278-4184; uvaldehoneyfestival.com*

WIMBERLEY: May 31-June 30 Into the Woods As the result of the curse of a once-beautiful witch, a baker and his wife are childless. Three days before the rise of a blue moon, they venture into the forest to find the ingredients that will reverse the spell and restore the witch's beauty: a milk-white cow, hair as yellow as corn, a blood-red cape, and a slipper of gold. During their journey, they meet Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, and Jack, each one on a quest to fulfill a wish. This is an outdoor musical. *EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens, 1101 FM 2325. 512-847-6969; emilyann.org*

WIMBERLEY: June 1 Market Day More than 450 outdoor booths are filled with art, furniture, collectibles, and treasures of all kinds. Live music and food and drink make for a shopper's delight. *Lions Field, 601 FM 2325. 512-847-2201; shopmarketdays.com*

WIMBERLEY: June 8-Dec. 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 the galleries in and around the Wimberley square. *Various locations, 13811 RR 12. 260-290-5001; gallerytrail.com*

WIMBERLEY: June 20-Dec. 19 Susanna's Kitchen Coffee House Concert Series Every third Thursday, talented and well-known musicians perform in an intimate venue. Texas Pie Company's famous pies, tamales, pizza, coffee, and soft drinks are available. Concerts are held in the Fellowship Hall at Wimberley United Methodist Church. *Wimberley United Methodist Church, 1200 CR 1492. 512-847-3109; wimberleyumc.org/susannas-kitchen*

WIMBERLEY: June 28-July 21 "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" Based on a real-life brothel, the "Chicken Ranch" thrived for more than 130 years in La Grange, Texas. The destination of football teams, politicians, and others, it enjoyed the cozy protection of the town's sheriff until a crusading reporter sets out to expose the operation. A rollicking hootenanny of a musical with memorable music, dance, and characters, it stars small-town Texas in all of its glory. *The Wimberley Playhouse, 450 Old Kyle Road. 512-847-0575; wimberleyplayers.org*

PANHANDLE PLAINS


ABILENE: June 7-8 Stars Over Abilene Quilt Show This is a non-judged quilt show

with quilt displays, a concession stand, a scavenger hunt, and a Quilts of Valor booth. A quilt is raffled off with proceeds benefiting Cancer Service Network. *Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N. Sixth St. 325-665-2724*

ALBANY: June 19-20, 26-27 "Fort Griffin Fandangle" With singing, dancing, pantomime, and pageantry, Texas' oldest outdoor musical is now in its 81st year and recreates the look and feel of life in the frontier days of the Old West. Relive the stories of Native Americans who inhabited the prairie, the early white men who displaced them, and the many settlers who followed the call to settle this land. *Fort Griffin Fandangle, 1490 FM 1084. 325-762-3838; fortgriffinfandangle.org*

ALBANY: June 22 Traditional Native American Dance Performance Enrich your exploration of Texas history through a celebration of Native American cultures with a traditional costumed dance performance, including music and storytelling. *Old Jail Art Center, 201 South Second St. 325-762-2269; theojac.org*

ALBANY: June 29 Fandangle Round-Up Family Festival Bring the whole family for this free, seasonal festival that includes



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ROUND ROCK: June 1 The EatingWell and Health Fit Foodie Festival and 5K Celebrate the balance of a delicious, healthy, and active lifestyle as you eat your way to the finish line with bites along the course, then celebrate at the post-run Food and Fitness Festival, which rewards you for making healthy choices with tastes from local restaurants, beer and wine gardens, mini-workout classes, and cooking demonstrations. This event benefits No Kid



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crafts, music, games, and refreshments. Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. 325-762-2269; theojac.org

AMARILLO: June 6 Coors Cowboy Club Rodeo Cattle Drive Longhorns, along with other non-motorized groups and accompanying riders, start from the corner of 11th and Polk streets at 6 p.m., and finish at entrance No. 1 to the Tri-State Fairgrounds. Visitors are welcome to cheer on the cattle and riders from any point along the way. *Downtown Amarillo, Polk Street.* 806-374-1497

AMARILLO: June 7-8 Coors Cowboy Club Ranch Rodeo This annual event serves as a tribute to West Texas heritage and promotes the rich history of Western life by featuring competition between real cowboys from working ranches in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle and New Mexico. Ranch rodeos promote and showcase actual events that cowboys participate in on a daily basis on their ranches. The unique aspect of this rodeo is the qualifications that a ranch must have to be eligible. The Coors Cowboy Club board and rodeo committee review each ranch and give consideration to each based upon specific criteria, one of those being the historical significance of the ranch. *Amarillo National Center/Tri-State Fairgrounds, 3301 SE 10th Ave.* 806-376-7767; coorsranchrodeo.com

AMARILLO: June 7-8 Coors Cowboy Club Rodeo This rodeo pits area ranches in friendly but serious competition. A cattle drive downtown kicks off the weekend. *Tri-State Expo, 3301 SE 10th Ave.* 806-376-7767

AMARILLO: June 7 First Friday Art Walk Join local artists when they open their galleries to share the art they create every day at Arts in the Sunset. Food trucks and entertainment are on-site. *Arts in the Sunset, 3701 Plains Blvd., Suite 72D.* 806-310-2600; artsinthesunset.org

AMARILLO: June 15, 22, 29 Amarillo Community Market The Market hosts live music and a diverse mix of everything the Panhandle has to offer: herbs and veggies, baked goods, live plants, cut flowers, jellies, jams and pickles, and arts and crafts. *Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Grounds, 1000 S. Polk St.* 806-335-6360

AMARILLO: June 15 Route 66 Heart of Amarillo Festival The Route 66 Historic District hosts its annual car show, swap meet, and antique market with top local restaurants mixed in—spread out across more than six blocks. *Route 66 Historic District.* 806-373-1427; amarillo66.com

AMARILLO: June 20 Amarillo Chamber of Commerce's Summer Celebration The day combines the best of Amarillo's restaurants with live local music. *Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Grounds, 1000 S. Polk St.* 806-373-7800

CANADIAN: June 6-20 Music in the Park Bring your lawn chairs for live music on the lawn. Admission is free. *Canadian Visitors Center, 119 N. Second St.* 806-323-6234; canadiantx.com

CANADIAN: June 24-July 31 Texas Humanities Traveling Photo Exhibit: Rural Texas Women at Work 1930-1960 This photo exhibit highlights rural Texas women who were industrious and enterprising. These women performed the common tasks of housewives everywhere—cooking, housekeeping, and doing laundry. In addition, they raised large gardens, tended flocks of poultry, canned and preserved foods for their families, made and repaired furnishings, picked cotton, drove tractors, and took over the men's work during World War II. This exhibit uses photographs and explanatory texts to convey a sense of the lives of rural Texas women. *River Valley Pioneer Museum, 118 N. Second St.* 806-323-6548; rivervalleymuseum.org

CISCO: June 14-15 Pie Fest Pie lovers unite for two days of pie-centric fun. Friday evening there is music and a chicken pot pie dinner, and Saturday there are pie-related games, live music, local shopping, food, and of course, pie. There is a 40-foot all-you-can-eat pie buffet, pie baking and eating contests, and many other pie-related activities. *Downtown Cisco, Conrad Hilton Boulevard.* 325-728-0536; ciscotxpiefest.com

COLORADO CITY: June 7 CC Riders Car Cruise Cruise downtown and Hickory street in your classic car. The local radio station plays oldies and people line the street. At the end of the night, there is a King and Queen of the Cruise named at the Sonic Drive-In. *Railhead Building, 150 E. First St.* 325-242-0929; *CC Riders Car Club of Colorado City - Facebook*

COLORADO CITY: June 8 CC Riders Car Show Vehicles line Elm street and fill the inside of the Railhead Building. After registration closes, there is an awards program where the "Best of the Best" trophy is awarded. *Railhead Building, 150 E. First St.* 325-242-0929

CROSS PLAINS: June 7-8 Robert E. Howard Days Enjoy two days of total immersion into the life and writings of Robert E. Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian as well as many other characters in the fanta-

sy realm. Festivities include tours of Howard's home, panel discussions, a celebration dinner with a silent auction, barbecue, a poetry reading, and lots of networking. *Robert E. Howard Museum / Pavilion, 625 SH 36 W.* 254-725-4993

DALHART: June 1 Dalhart Cruzers Muscle Car Show The 16th annual weekend includes a car show, bicycle drag races, a rotary bike safety rodeo, free helmets, inspections, cash prizes, dinner, and a midnight dance. *Hart Motors, 920 Liberal St.*

DALHART: June 15, 29 The Purpose Market An open-air market, with farmers, artisans, chefs, and vendors sharing their passions and purposes, including fresh produce, quality handmade goods, delicious foods and treats, and mission-driven products from around the world. *Purpose Coffee Co., 324 Rock Island.* facebook.com/purposemarket

DUMAS: June 12-15 Dogie Days The 73rd annual Dogie Days celebration includes four days of carnival fun with food and a small-town parade. *McDade Park, East 14th and Durrett streets.* 806-935-2123; dumaschamber.com

LEVELLAND: June 20-22 Golden Spread Classic Steer and Heifer Show This is the largest cattle jackpot show in Texas and one of the largest in the country. The show has been in existence since 1984. *Mallet Event Center and Arena, 2320 US 385.* 806-759-1102; facebook.com/Golden-Spread

LEVELLAND: June 20 Sip and Swirl Enjoy an evening of downtown shopping while tasting Texas' top wines and sampling sweet and savory bites from our Food Truck Alley. Sit and enjoy live music at the gazebo and swirl the square while sipping and shopping. *Levelland Downtown Main Street, 802 Houston St.* 806-894-9079; levellandtexas.org/38/Main-Street

LUBBOCK: June 1 Summer Stampede Western Art and Gear Show and Sale Western art and gear collectors have an opportunity not only to purchase new art pieces but also to meet the artists at this sixth annual event. There are more than 100 pieces of art by more than 30 Western artists and craftsmen. This occasion provides a unique mix of art that combines both Western paintings, jewelry, and gear such as spurs, stirrups, bits, and belt buckles. The art show is followed by both a dinner and dance to the music of Red Steagall and the Boys in the Bunkhouse. *National Ranching Heritage Center, 3121 Fourth St.* 806-834-0469; ranchingheritage.org/stampede

POST: June 7-9 Old Mill Trade Days Shop for arts, crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing, home decor, homemade candy, candles, goat milk soap, antiques, gifts, and more, plus live entertainment and food. *318 S. Avenue F.* oldmilltradedays.com

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

SAN ANGELO: April 12-June 30 San Angelo Ceramic Invitational Exhibition Features contemporary ceramics. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St.* 325-653-3333; samfa.org

SAN ANGELO: June 7-8 "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Bring lawn chairs and coolers to watch "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Shakespeare's enchanting comic tale of love lost and found. When the merry sprite Puck meddles with a magical love potion, young lovers lost in the woods mysteriously find themselves infatuated with the wrong person in this hilarious, fairytale fantasia that proves the course of true love never did run smooth. Expect to be delighted by Be Theatre's

modern retelling of the classic romance as it proves that, in the end, love conquers all. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St.* 325-716-4125; betheatre.com/midsummer-nights-dream

SAN ANGELO: June 27-Aug. 4 American Plains Artists Summer Show Five members of the American Plains Artists Association (APA) are participating in a special show. Guests who attended last year's APA juried show cast their ballots for their favorite art pieces, and those artists were invited to feature a dozen of their works during this summer's show. *Fort Concho, 630 S. Oakes St.* 325-657-4444; fortconcho.com

SWEETWATER: June 6 Big Country Dance This monthly country dance features different bands performing and a potluck dinner. *Sweetwater VFW, 217 Avenger Field Road.* 325-235-5488; sweetwatertexas.org

SWEETWATER: June 8-9 West Texas Rodeo Association Rodeo Contestants compete in rodeo events. The 40+ team roping is also competing. *Nolan County Coliseum, 220 Coliseum Drive.* 432-413-0976; nolancountycoliseum@gmail.com

SWEETWATER: June 15 Bucking For Heros Rodeo Sanctioned by the Rock You

Pro Youth Tour, this rodeo has mutton bustin', and mini and big broncs and bulls. This rodeo supports Bucking For Heroes, an organization helping veterans and their families with housing, food, counseling, education, employment, and any basic needs not being met. *Nolan County Coliseum, 220 Coliseum Drive.* 325-201-4771; facebook.com/bucking4heroes

SWEETWATER: June 28-30 Big Country Cutting Horse Association Competition Horses compete. *Nolan County Coliseum, 220 Coliseum Drive.* 325-651-6112

VEGA: June 6-27 Summer Music at the Courthouse Local musicians perform each Thursday in June. Bring a chair or a blanket for some family fun during those warm summer evenings. *Oldham County Courthouse Square, 105 S. Main St.* 806-267-2828; oldhamcofc.org

VERNON: June 7-8 Highway 82/287 Yard Sale Yard sales, garage sales, sidewalk sales, farmers markets, and flea markets located within participating communities cover 425 miles of highways 82 and 287. Participating towns have maps available to guide shoppers to sales. Some towns have yard sales set up at a central location, while others may have them spread

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throughout the community to showcase downtown merchants and their flea markets. *Various locations, 1614 Main St. 940-552-2564; redrivervalley.info/event/2018-highway-82-287-yard-sale*

WICHITA FALLS: June 1-2 Ink Masters Tattoo Expo Live tattooing is offered all weekend by more than 100 award-winning tattoo artists. Artists help find the style of tattoo you've been looking for—from realistic to traditional, black and grey to color. *MPEC, 1000 Fifth St. 940-716-5555; inkmasterstattoexpo.com*

WICHITA FALLS: June 6 After Hours Art Walk Meet local artists and explore art studios, galleries, restaurants, and shops, with live music and refreshments. Don't forget to jump on the trolley. *Downtown Wichita Falls, 700 Eighth St. 940-322-4525; downtownwf.com*

WICHITA FALLS: June 22-Aug. 11 Artzeum Interactive Kids' Exhibit This year's exhibit, "Small Wonders: Insects and Art," combines interactive play areas and large-scale photos of insects to create a one-of-a-kind art experience for kids and adults alike. *Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar St. 940-767-2787; artscouncilwf.org/artzeum*

PINEY WOODS

GLADEWATER: June 5-8 Round-Up Rodeo This is a nationally sanctioned PRCA Rodeo. Founded in 1937, this rodeo is recognized as one of the top in Texas with events for all ages. *Gladewater Rodeo Arena, 1/2 mile west of Gladewater, US 80 West. 903-845-5126; gladewaterrodeo.com*

JACKSONVILLE: June 8 Cherokee Craft and Trade Fair Enjoy free admission to a show featuring a variety of arts and crafts vendors, some new and many returning. Each event assists a local charity. *The Ten Spot, 201 E. Commerce St. jacksonvilletexas.com*

JEFFERSON: June 15 Father's Day Express Celebrate Father's Day aboard an antique gas-powered locomotive. The ride includes a stop at Diamond Don Gator Pit for feeding live alligators. Fathers receive a 10% discount when accompanied by their children. *Historic Jefferson Railway, 400 E. Austin St. 866-398-2038; jeffersonrailway.com or diamonddonempire.com*

KILGORE: June 8 Stars and Scars Mud Run Compete with other runners in a rugged natural terrain course in the Piney Woods of East Texas that will feature 10-plus obstacles including muddy hillsides, pits and trenches,

and man-made obstacles that make the course even more challenging. *Rabbit Creek Offroad Park. 903-984-5022*

KILGORE: June 21-22 Children's Art Festival Enjoy an outdoor chalk drawing competition along with two days of fun, creativity, and lots of activities for the whole family. *Kilgore City Park. 903-988-4117; kilgoremaintstreet.com*

LONGVIEW: June 1-2 Comic Con This comic convention brings together a diverse list of guests, vendors, artists, and fan groups in an affordable, family-friendly environment. *Maude Cobb Convention Center, 100 Grand Blvd. 903-237-1230; visitlongviewtexas.com*

LONGVIEW: June 1 Movies on the Plaza Catch the full-length feature film "Mary Poppins Returns" in an outdoor setting. Bring a lawn chair and blanket. Enjoy food from local food trucks plus free popcorn and soda (courtesy of Made Rite company). The movie starts at dark. *Heritage Plaza, 219 E. Methvin St. 903-237-1000; visitlongviewtexas.com*

LONGVIEW: June 6-9 Summer Boat Show The annual boat show features boats from Plano Marine of East Texas and Nicholas Marine. Admission is free.

Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Center, 100 Grand Blvd. 903-753-3515; visitlongviewtexas.com

LONGVIEW: June 15 Pride Festival In its sixth year, Longview's Pride Festival features food trucks, shopping, an outdoor bar, and a children's area. This is East Texas' largest Pride event. *Maude Cobb Ag Pavilion, 100 Grand Blvd. 903-237-1230*

LUFKIN: June 12 "Finding Neverland"—National Broadway Tour Winner of Broadway.com's Audience Choice Award for Best Musical, this breathtaking smash is a must see. "Finding Neverland" tells the incredible story behind one of the world's most beloved characters: Peter Pan. Playwright J.M. Barrie struggles to find inspiration until he meets four young brothers and their beautiful widowed mother. Spellbound by the boys' enchanting make-believe adventures, he sets out to write a play that will astound London theatergoers. *Angelina College Temple Theater, 3500 S. First St. 936-633-5454; angelinaarts.org*

MINEOLA: Jan. 7-Dec. 30 Square Dancing Join in on square dancing every Monday night with national caller Tim Tyl. *American Legion Hall, 2015 US 80 E. 903-312-3713; mineolarailers.com*

NACOGDOCHES: June 8 Texas Blueberry Festival Jump into loads of fun at the 30th annual Texas Blueberry Festival. Find blueberry-sweet treats and fresh blueberries for sale along with a variety of other festival vendor goodies. Enjoy live entertainment, a car show, pet parade, and a kids splash and bounce park. Enter into a 42 tournament, washer pitching contest, blueberry pie eating contest, and the Blueberry Cupcake Battle. For the first time at the festival, attendees may experience a simulated NASCAR race around the track. Whoever has the fastest lap wins two tickets to Texas Motor Speedway. *Historic Downtown Nacogdoches, 200 E. Main St. 936-560-5533; tbf.nacogdoches.org*

PALESTINE: June 8 Wiggy Thump Festival This music festival, presented by Whiskey Myers, features a lineup of Texas country favorites with the Read Southall Band, Chris Colston, and The Steel Woods. No outside food or drink is allowed, but folding chairs are permitted. A portion of proceeds benefit the Anderson County Youth Livestock Association. *Anderson County Livestock Pavilion, 750 N. US 287. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com*

PALESTINE: June 15, July 13, Aug. 10 Dog Daze of Summer Concert Series Gather in

the shade with friends and move to the groove of live music while enjoying expertly paired snack boards and beverages in an environment to escape the dog days of summer. Bands performing are Chris Oliver and Company, The Magills, and The Tuxedo Cats. *Oxbow Hollow, 215 E. Crawford St. 903-729-6066; palestinechamber.org/festivals*

PALESTINE: June 15 Dogwood Jamboree "Star Spangled Country" This Branson-style music show is filled with family fun, laughter, and great classic country music from some of the best artists anywhere. Listen to some of the golden hits in country music performed live on stage. *Palestine High School Auditorium, SH 19 S. and Loop 256. 903-729-7080; visitpalestine.com/events*

THE WOODLANDS: June 3-9 Wine and Food Week For wine and food lovers, this is a not-to-be-missed event. Celebrating 15 years in the making, Wine and Food Week features wine and culinary tastemakers from across the globe. Raise a glass to master chefs, winemakers, and educators and experience national and international wines at wine tastings, wine dinners, seminars, and casual events. The week ends in an elaborate Wine Rendezvous Grand Tasting and Chef Showcase.



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THE WOODLANDS: June 7 Texas Music Festival Orchestra This festival brings the future of classical music to the stage with talented musicians from across the globe. The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Drive. 281-364-3010; woodlandscenar.org

TYLER: June 1-2 Dallas Dressage Club Spring Dressage Show Dressage is a highly skilled form of riding performed in exhibition and competition, as well as an "art" sometimes pursued solely for the sake of mastery. As an equestrian sport defined by the International Equestrian Federation, dressage is "the highest expression of horse training" where "horse and rider are expected to perform from memory a series of predetermined movements." Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com

TYLER: June 1-2 Equine Trail Sports—Obstacle Challenge This challenge for horse riders includes miles of beautiful trails that very few people get to see, plus two trail challenges and an obstacle course. Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com

TYLER: June 8-9 North Texas Hunter Jumper Club Wagon Wheel Summer Show This nonprofit organization provides competition for horse and rider from cross rails to hunter derbies and jumper classics. This is a fun, outdoor family activity. Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com

TYLER: June 10-13 Brunson Equestrian Center Summer Camp Session 1 This is a horse-riding camp designed for the beginner to advanced rider. Camp is open to all ages from 6 to 99. These summer camps are a great experience, whether you're looking for a fun activity for yourself or your horse-crazy child. Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com

TYLER: June 17-20 Brunson Equestrian Center Summer Camp Session 2 This is a horse-riding camp designed for the beginner to advanced rider. Camp is open to all ages from 6 to 99. These summer camps are a great experience, whether you're looking for a fun activity for yourself or your horse-crazy child. Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com

TYLER: June 24-27 Brunson Equestrian Center Summer Camp Session 3 This is a horse-riding camp designed for the begin-

ner to advanced rider. Camp is open to all ages from 6 to 99. These summer camps are a great experience, whether you're looking for a fun activity for yourself or your horse-crazy child. Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com

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ADDISON: May 31-June 2 Taste Addison Known for 180-plus restaurants in less than 4.4 miles, Addison can satisfy any craving. Taste Addison is a historical event for the town and is the best backyard party to kick back and taste local eateries while listening to great headlining bands. Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle Drive. 972-450-2800; tasteaddisontexas.com

ADDISON: June 8 National Antique Oldsmobile Club Meet and North Texas Oldsmobile Club Annual Zone Show This free car show displays up to 125 Oldsmobile cars including classics like the 1940s Dynamic, 1950s Eighty-Eight, 1960s Toronado, and the 1970s Cutlass. Crowne Plaza Addison Hotel, 14315 Midway Road. 972-400-0694; antiqueolds.org

ADDISON: June 13-Aug. 8 Vitruvian Nights Live Enjoy live music and gourmet food trucks every other Thursday in June, July, and August. Admission and parking are free. Vitruvian Park Amphitheater, 3875 Ponte Ave. 972-450-2800; visitaddison.com/specialevents

ADDISON: June 15 Addison After Dark Join in on outdoor entertainment on the third Saturday of every month from May to November. This event features live music, movies, and food trucks. With different themes each month, the entertainment options are forever changing, giving fans a unique experience. This month, enjoy Retro Night Out. Step back in time for an evening of swing music, dancing, and a vintage, romantic movie under the stars. Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle Drive. 972-450-2800; visitaddison.com/specialevents

ARLINGTON: June 1-2, 9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-29; July 3, 5-6, 14, 19, 21 Free Music Under the Stars Enjoy free outdoor concerts on select evenings throughout the summer, including Shotgun Rider, BB King Blues Band, The Bright Light Social Hour, Nakia & the Blues Grifters, and Blue Water Highway. Levitt Pavilion Arlington, 100 W. Abram St. 817-543-4301 or 817-543-4308; levittpavilionarlington.org

BELTON: June 29-July 6 Fourth of July Celebration and PRCA Rodeo Since the

1850s, folks from all over Texas have come to celebrate the Fourth of July in Belton. This weeklong celebration draws more than 50,000 people and features one of USA Today's top 10 parades in the country, the Festival on Nolan Creek, live music, a carnival, a patriotic program, and a kickoff barbecue, with the PRCA Rodeo being the highlight of the celebration. Downtown Belton. rodeobelton.com

BONHAM: June 7-8 Highway 82 Yard Sales Shop yard sales in downtown Bonham along the highway. 327 N. Main St. 903-583-9830; visitbonham.com

BOWIE: June 7 Outdoor Movie Night Enjoy a free outdoor movie. Fundraising concessions are served. Bowie Community Development, 101 E. Pecan St. 940-872-6246; cityofbowietx.com

BREMOND: June 21-22 Polish Festival Days The Polish Capital of Texas has been celebrating Polish heritage for more than 32 years at this annual festival. There is Polish culture, music, dancing, and food and drinks. Friday night starts with a beauty pageant, polka and waltz dance contests, and live music. Saturday starts with the famous Polish Pickle Run; followed by a parade, more music, games, and vendors; and ends with a street dance. Bremond Main Street, Main Street. 254-883-7279; bremondtx.org

BRENHAM: June 15 Summer Sip Wine Walk What better way to spend a summer afternoon than an afternoon and evening of wine tasting in quaint stores around Brenham's downtown district? Taste more than 40 different wines in a keepsake glass. Downtown Brenham, 115 W. Main St. 979-337-7580; downtownbrenham.com

BRYAN: June 13-15 Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers State Festival Square dancing is a clean, family-oriented, fun activity for all ages from early teens to nonagenarian. Visitors have the opportunity to meet the officers from the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers plus many other officers and dancers from all over Texas. There is free admission for non-square dancers. The Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Drive. 832-877-6534; squaredancetx.com

CLEBURNE: June 7-8 Shakespeare in the Park This outdoor event showcases Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet." Bring lawn chairs and coolers. Food trucks are available on-site. Winston Patrick McGregor Park, 1628 W. Henderson St. 817-645-2455; cleburneshakes.org

CLEBURNE: June 12-15 Johnson County Sheriff's Posse PRCA Rodeo This profes-

sional rodeo consists of varied activities including calf roping, bull riding, mutton bustin', and the annual crowning of the rodeo queen. Johnson County Sheriff's Posse Grounds, 1315 S. Main St. 817-556-9910; visitcleburne.com

CLEBURNE: June 21-July 27 "Always ... Patsy Cline" The Plaza Theatre Company presents this retrospective musical based on the true story of Patsy Cline's friendship with Houston housewife Louise Seger. Seger supplies a narrative while Patsy floats in and out of the set singing tunes that made her famous. Classics like "Anytime," Walkin' After Midnight," and "Crazy" make this evening with Patsy Cline one not to be forgotten. Plaza Theatre Company, 305 S. Anglin St. 817-202-0600; plaza-theatre.com

CLEBURNE: June 21-July 7 "Mamma Mia" Cleburne Carnegie Players present "Mamma Mia," the hit musical that tells the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The storytelling magic of ABBA's timeless

songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. Performing Arts Center, 1501 W. Henderson St. 682-317-3644; carnegieplayers.org

CLEBURNE: June 29-30 Dragon Boat Festival Join in a family event with races, vendors, and entertainment. Teams race down Lake Pat Cleburne ranging from 250 to 500 meters in a traditional Hong-Kong-style Buk dragon boat. The event is free to the public. Lake Pat Cleburne, Lakeshore Drive. 817-645-2455; visitcleburne.com

CLIFTON: June 8 Legacy Park 5K Glow Run The sixth annual run benefits the preservation of Legacy Park and welcomes participants of all fitness levels. This is a chip-timed event. Run categories are 12 years and under, 13-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50-65 and up. Clifton City Park, 400 E. Second St. 254-675-8337; visitclifton.org

CORSICANA: June 1-July 31 Hotter Than Blue Blazes: Summer in the West Exhibit Featuring artwork from the Pearce's permanent collection, this exhibit contrasts the recent show, "The West in Winter," and communicates the ferocious heat of the Wild West. See the lives of ranchers de-

picted in art during the hottest part of the year, or catch a moment of respite as a cowboy naps in the shade. This is a show that hits the reset button on what we may think is an uncomfortable season. Pearce Museum at Navarro College, 3100 W. Collin St. 903-875-7642; pearcemuseum.com

CORSICANA: June 8 Mimosas at the Market A sip, shop, and stroll event on the second Saturday of each month. Hospitable shop owners pour unique mimosas while new and old friends meet up and enjoy the historic downtown shopping vibe. Downtown Historic Corsicana, Beaton, and Collin streets. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com

CORSICANA: June 28 Art After Hours Enjoy a combination of open galleries, late-night shopping, live music, coffee houses with lively game nights, and cast meetings after live performances when theater schedules coincide. Downtown Corsicana has festive lighting all year long, giving shopping, dining, and appreciation of art an inviting glow. Downtown Historic Corsicana, Beaton, and Collin streets. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com

DALLAS: Through-Aug. 4 "55 Years" In remembrance of the 55th anniversary of the death of President John F. Kennedy, The

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Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza presents this new temporary exhibit. Featuring a broad representation of popular magazine covers from the last five decades, this captivating visual timeline of President Kennedy's image reflects his lasting imprint on the nation's consciousness and pays tribute to his life and legacy. *The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, 411 Elm St. 214-747-6660; jfk.org*

DALLAS: Through June 2 "Fortuny: Friends and Followers" Centered on one of Mariano Fortuny y Marsal's (1838-1874) most well-known paintings, "The Choice of a Model" (1868-1874), this exhibition will showcase the friends, family, and followers of the artist who engaged with the popular Spanish painter's work, many of whom are represented in the Meadows' rich permanent collection. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org*

DALLAS: June 1-June 29 Best Tacos and Margaritas Tour Sample both gourmet and street tacos on an adventure through East Dallas, Oak Cliff, and other iconic Dallas neighborhoods. Stops include award-winning margaritas and tacos at amazing spots including hole-in-the-wall taquerias. Learn about the history of tacos and margaritas and win prizes playing taco/margarita trivia. This includes air conditioned motorcoach transportation, a tour host, food and drinks as specified at venues, and beverages on the motorcoach (you can also BYOB). Presented by Dallas Bites! Food Tours. *Desperado's Mexican Restaurant, 4818 Greenville Ave. 972-814-5997; dallasbitesfoodtours.com*

DALLAS: June 1-Aug. 31 Dallas by Chocolate Tour Indulge your chocolate passions at some of the most creative chocolate, ice cream, and pastry shops around. An air-conditioned motorcoach whisks guests around town to sample treats galore while learning about the history of chocolate, how it's made, and meeting those who make these scrumptious treats. Includes private motorcoach transportation, many dessert samples, and beverages on board (you can also BYOB). The exact meeting location is given to ticket holders. *Various locations. 972-814-5997; dallasbychocolate.com*

DALLAS: June 2-Aug. 18 Taste of Bishop Arts Food and Historical Tour Sample the fun and fare of this unique neighborhood on a tour of the eclectic Bishop Arts District. On foot, learn about its colorful history, slip into galleries and shops, and stop at great eateries that may include one of Dallas' top barbecue havens and a

shrine to Bonnie and Clyde (restaurants vary). Drinks beyond water are on your own. Minimum 8 people; limit 20 people. Meeting place details are given to ticket holders. *Various locations. 972-814-5997; dallasbitesfoodtours.com*

DENTON: April 18-June 27 Twilight Tunes Concert Series Local musicians perform an eclectic assortment of music every Thursday evening on the lawn. Attendees are encouraged to pick up a meal-to-go from downtown eateries, bring a blanket or chairs, and enjoy an evening of great live music as the sun sets over downtown. *Downtown Denton Courthouse on the Square Lawn, 110 W. Hickory St. 940-349-8529; dentonmainstreet.org*



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DENTON: June 8 We Denton Drag It with Peppermint This event celebrates Pride Month with headliner Peppermint, the runner up from season 9 of "RuPaul's Drag Race." Musical talents Dezi 5, Corey TuT, and Will Sheridan join again this year. Backyard on Bell, 401 N. Bell Ave. *940-243-4990; fwbdenton.com/2018-event-details*

ELGIN: June 7 Juneteenth Street Dance This Juneteenth celebration kicks off with vendors in Veterans' Memorial Park on Friday night, followed by an annual street dance. *Depot Street. elgintx.com*

ELGIN: June 8 Juneteenth Parade and Celebration Juneteenth continues on Saturday morning with the Grand Parade through historic downtown Elgin. After-

ward, there will be activities at Veterans' Memorial Park downtown including vendors, music, and a car show. *Veteran's Memorial Park. elgintx.com*

ELGIN: June 13 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in historic downtown Elgin. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists, wine and beer tastings, samples, refreshments, and live music in many of the venues. *Downtown Historic Elgin. elgintx.com*

ELGIN: June 18-22 Western Days The 50th annual festival is packed with fun activities for all ages, culminating with a grand finale day on Saturday featuring a parade, more than 100 vendors, live music, contests of all sorts—including volleyball, softball, and horseshoes—a carnival, and kids activities. *Elgin Memorial Park and Historic Downtown Elgin. elgintxchamber.com*

ENNIS: May 17-June 2 "The Premature Corpse" By Mike Johnson, this masterfully plotted live show has so many twists and turns. State's witness Evan Jorris, is under a government protection program after testifying against the mob. His wife, Francine, along with her lover, lawyer Larry Craig, contrives to do away with her husband. They are confident that Evan's protector, federal agent Bert Marshak, will logically assume that the mob did the deed. *Ennis Public Theatre, 113 N. Dallas St. 972-878-7529; ennispublictheatre.com*

ENNIS: June 8 Blues on Main Enjoy an evening of jazz and blues under the stars. Bring the family out to enjoy live music, domino tournament, children's activities, and more. *Downtown Ennis, 204 W. Knox St. 972-878-4748; visitennis.org/bluesonmain.htm*

ENNIS: June 28-July 7 "Disney's Alice in Wonderland, Jr." Travel down the rabbit hole and join Alice, one of literature's most beloved heroines, in her madcap adventures. Live performance features updated songs from Disney's animated motion picture. This is a fast-paced take on the classic tale. Adapted by David Simpatico. *Ennis Public Theatre, 113 N. Dallas St. 972-878-7529; ennispublictheatre.com*

FARMERSVILLE: June 22 Audie Murphy Day This 20th annual event honors the legacy of hometown hero Audie Murphy, as well as all local veterans and active duty military personnel. Includes a patriotic parade, ceremony, and free breakfast and lunch for military personnel and veterans. *Downtown, 205 S. Main St. 972-784-6846; farmersvilletx.com*

FORT WORTH: June 2-July 4 Fort Worth Symphony Concerts in the Garden Relax with evening performances by the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and special artists staged outdoors. All performances conclude with a fireworks finale. *Fort Worth Botanical Garden, 3270 Botanic Garden Blvd. 817-665-6500; fwsymphony.org*

FORT WORTH: June 4-8 Phoebe Robinson Stand-up comedian, New York Times best-selling writer, and actress Phoebe Robinson hits the stage for five nights of entertainment. She is best known as the co-creator and co-star of the hit podcast-turned-TV show "2 Dope Queens," which aired eight hourlong specials on HBO. On her second WNYC Studios podcast, the critically-acclaimed talk show "Sooo Many White Guys," Phoebe interviews today's biggest stars and groundbreakers such as Tom Hanks, Issa Rae, and Abbi Jacobson. Phoebe made her feature film debut as one of the stars of the Netflix comedy "Ibiza." She was also a staff writer on MTV's hit show "Girl Code" and IFC's "Portlandia." *Amphibian Stage Productions, 120 S. Main St. 817-923-3012; amphibianstage.com*

FORT WORTH: June 11-15 Sam Jay Originally from Boston, stand-up comic Sam Jay

is an Emmy-nominated writer for "Saturday Night Live" and frequently appears in sketches. In 2018, she made her Netflix debut on "The Comedy Lineup." In 2017, Sam made her late night television debut on ABC's "Late Night with Jimmy Kimmel" and her half-hour stand-up special premiered on Comedy Central. She was named to the Comedy Central "Comics To Watch List" in 2015, and has since performed at the Vodafone Dublin Comedy Festival, Bumbershoot Festival, 208 Comedy Festival, New York Comedy Festival, Portland's Bridgetown Festival, The Laugh Your Asheville Off Comedy Festival, and Boston's Women In Comedy Festival. *Amphibian Stage Productions, 120 S. Main St. 817-923-3012; amphibianstage.com*

GARLAND: June 14-23 "Mamma Mia!" Garland Summer Musicals presents "Mamma Mia!"—the smash hit musical based on the songs of legendary pop group ABBA. *Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. 972-205-2790; garlandsummermusicals.org*

GARLAND: June 14, 28 Sounds of Summer Concert Series Spend a summer evening under the stars at Garland's annual concert series. This free, family-friendly

series incorporates various avenues of the arts all into one fun-filled series. *Historic Downtown Garland Square, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2750; garlandparks.com or facebook.com/playgarland*

GARLAND: June 15-16 "Les Miserables" School Edition In 19th-century France, Jean Valjean is released from years of unjust imprisonment but finds nothing in store for him but mistrust and mistreatment. He breaks his parole in hopes of starting a new life, initiating a lifelong struggle for redemption as he is relentlessly pursued by police inspector Javert, who refuses to believe Valjean can change his ways. Finally, during the Paris student uprising of 1832, Javert must confront his ideals after Valjean spares his life and saves that of the student revolutionary who has captured the heart of Valjean's adopted daughter. This play is put on by adolescent actors. *Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St. 972-658-3915; actingforchildren.org*

GARLAND: June 23-29 Disney's "Frozen" Junior When their kingdom becomes trapped in perpetual winter, fearless Anna joins forces with mountaineer Kristoff and his reindeer sidekick to find Anna's sister,



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Snow Queen Elsa, and break her icy spell. This musical is performed by adolescent actors. *Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St. 972-658-3915; actingforchildren.org*

GARLAND: June 28-29 Willie Wonka Junior Musical Roald Dahl's story follows enigmatic candy manufacturer Willy Wonka as he stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whomever comes up with these tickets wins a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. Four of the five winning children are insufferable brats, but the fifth is a likeable young lad named Charlie Bucket who takes the tour in the company of his equally amiable grandfather. The children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules in the factory or suffer the consequences. Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," in addition to a host of fun new songs, Roald Dahl's tale is a scrumdiddlyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth. *Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St. 972-658-3915; actingforchildren.org*

GARLAND: June 30 Disney's "Peter Pan" Junior Wendy Darling loves to tell stories to her brothers, Michael and John. But when her father announces she must move out of the nursery, Peter Pan comes to visit the children and whisks them away to Neverland. Their journey introduces them to the Lost Boys, mermaids, indians, and even the infamous pirate, Captain Hook. It's Peter to the rescue when Wendy is taken captive by the dreaded captain, who has his own sinister plans in mind for our hero. *Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St. 972-658-3915; actingforchildren.org*

GATESVILLE: June 1 Pearl Bluegrass Festival This monthly music festival has been held for 20 years and features six bands performing on stage and indoor and outdoor jam sessions. There is also home-cooked food and a charity bookstore. RV spaces are available. *Free admission. Pearl Community Center, 6301 FM 183. pearlbluegrass.com 254-865-6013*

GIDDINGS: June 25 Senior Expo Enjoy browsing vendors and services useful to senior citizens, talk to the different organizations, or attend short seminars. Music and door prizes are at the event. Lunch is served at noon. This event is open to senior citizens ages 55 and up. *American Legion Hall, 1502 US 77. 979-542-3455; giddingstx.com/page-1676245*

GLEN ROSE: June 8 Photo Tour This tour lets the photographer catch the dusk light, which is the best light possible for afternoon photos. Tours go through the park's

1,800 acres, and the tour driver caters to photographers whenever possible. There are 50-plus species of animals at Fossil Rim. Some of the animals that may be photographed include white rhinos, blackbuck, European red deer, gemsbok, zebras, addax, waterbuck, giraffes, sable, axis deer, and dama gazelle, just to name a few. Reservations are required. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GLEN ROSE: June 14 Discovery After Dark Program and Tour Enjoy a guided sunset wildlife tour using spotlights to see exotic and native species. An after-dark hike caps off the event that lasts approximately three hours. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GLEN ROSE: June 15 Father's Day Sunset Safari Dinner and Tour Treat dad to a three-course dinner and wine in a glass-walled pavilion overlooking a wildlife watering hole. Then head out on a sunset guided tour. A special gift is included. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GLEN ROSE: June 16 Father's Day Barbecue Treat dad to a barbecue buffet in a glass-walled pavilion overlooking a wildlife watering hole. There are various games to play with dad and a guest pass for dad's vehicle to visit wildlife in the 1,800-acre park. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GLEN ROSE: June 17 Homeschool Class and Tour: Cheetah Encounter This amazing cat, a hallmark species for Fossil Rim, is designed for maximum speed. They sure can move, but toward what kind of future is this species speeding? Come look, learn, and fall in love with 20-plus cheetahs. Please reserve at least three days in advance. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GLEN ROSE: June 18 Homeschool Class and Guided Tour: Giraffe Day Celebrate World Giraffe Day with an amazing giraffe encounter. There are so many things to learn about these gentle giants. Please reserve at least three days in advance. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GLEN ROSE: June 22 Beautiful, Tall, Strawberry Blondes Celebrate World Giraffe Day with guided tours to giraffes and discussion from an animal care specialist. Then, head to the glass-walled cafe overlooking the giraffe pasture to enjoy a steak dinner and wine. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GONZALES: May 24-June 1 Texas Jr. High Rodeo Finals This is the rodeo finals for the Texas Junior High Rodeo Association. *JB Wells Arena and Expo Center, 2301 CR 197. 830-672-2861; tjhra.net*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Through July 21 Live Thoroughbred Racing Catch the fun and excitement of world-class thoroughbred horse racing. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: June 6 Crawfish Boil Enjoy live music, games, and crawfish while you shop local at the Grand Prairie Farmers Market. *Grand Prairie Farmers Market, 120 W. Main Street. 972-237-4559; gptx.org/farmersmarket*

GRAND PRAIRIE: June 7 Derek Hough Live This live dance show is the first-ever solo tour for the Emmy Award-winning performer. *The Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Parkway. 972-854-5050; theatregp.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: June 8 Travis Tritt and The Charlie Daniels Band in Concert The country-rock veterans hit the road for their Outlaws & Renegades Tour with special guest The Cadillac Three. *The Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Parkway. 972-854-5050; theatregp.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: June 21-30 "The Little Mermaid" Don't miss this classic show of a 16-year-old mermaid fascinated with life on land. *Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main Street. 972-237-8786; artsgp.org*

GRAND PRAIRIE: June 26 Brit Floyd in Concert The cover band performs songs from Pink Floyd's most loved and best-selling albums, including "The Dark Side of the Moon" and "Wish You Were Here." *The Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Parkway. 972-854-5050; theatregp.com*

HILLSBORO: June 21-22 Elm Street Rod Run Classic Car Show This car show is held at the 110-year-old Ford dealership building downtown, which has been beautifully renovated and now houses a fantastic collection of '40s and '50s advertising memorabilia, classic cars, and nostalgic Americana. Free t-shirts go to the first 200 entrants and free tickets to the museum are given to all entrants. *Road Side America Museum, 212 E. Elm St. 972-291-2958; roadsideamericatx.com*

LA GRANGE: June 8 Art Stroll Enjoy the works of local artists throughout La Grange's historic downtown square. This event is free and open to the public. *Fayette County Courthouse Square,*

151 N. Washington St. 979-968-3017; visitlagrangetx.com

LEWISVILLE: June 1 Fiesta Charra This event is a demonstration of traditional Charreada activities including traditional dress and horsemanship performances based on the animal husbandry practices in the haciendas of Old Mexico. The event includes live music. Admission is free and a free shuttle service is available. *Lewisville Rodeo Arena, 201 Parkway Drive. 214-929-3447; visitlewsville.com*

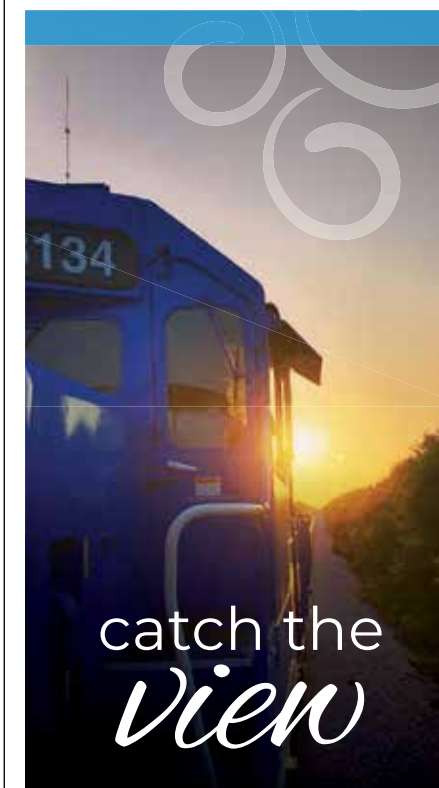
LEWISVILLE: June 4-July 30 Sounds of Lewisville Concert Series The popular and free concert series returns on Tuesday nights in June and July. The concert series includes two bands each night. Among headliners are Desperado, an Eagles tribute band; PriMadonna; Reflective Soul; a Michael Jackson '80s tribute; Bidi Bidi Banda; Blaze of Glory, a Bon Jovi tribute band; a Heart tribute; and Shameless, a Garth Brooks tribute. Food, beer, and wine are sold on-site. *Wayne Ferguson Plaza, Old Town, 150 W. Church St. 972-219-3401; soundsoflewisville.com*

MARTINDALE: June 30 Tri for Old Glory Sprint and Olympic Triathlons Swim in a private ski lake, cycle on quiet country roads, and run around lakes in these sprint and olympic triathlons. Both races have open-water swims and both bike courses are a one-loop course. *San Marcos River Ranch, 783 Scull Road. 210-912-8874; redemptionrp.com/races/tri-for-old-glory*

MCKINNEY: June 1-Dec. 31 "McKinney Then and Now" Travel back in time with this exhibit that focuses on McKinney. Various types of audio/visual aids are available along with augmented reality experiences. *Collin County History Museum, 300 E. Virginia St. 972-542-9457; collincountyhistorymuseum.org*

MCKINNEY: June 1-Sept. 30 Native Texas Butterfly House and Garden Walk among free-flying native butterflies and other pollinators in the Native Texas Butterfly House and Garden. The butterfly house includes native species, which vary by season and what is available from suppliers. The butterfly garden is filled with host plants that naturally attract these lovely creatures. You may even find a few ideas to try in your own garden. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org*

MCKINNEY: June 14-16 Third Monday Trade Days This is the oldest and largest monthly trade days and flea market in North Texas. Shop from more than 450 vendors who offer almost anything you can



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MCKINNEY: June 15 Cultural Music Series—Kupira Marimba Enjoy a free, live performance at sunset with Kupira Marimba. Feel free to bring a chair and some snacks for the show. *Bonnie Wenk Park, 2996 Virginia Parkway. 972-547-2690; mckinneytexas.org*

MCKINNEY: June 30 Patriotic Band Concert Join the all-volunteer McKinney Community Band for a free concert of American songs that pay tribute to our country. All ages are welcome to this concert. *McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee St. 972-547-2650; mckinneyband.com*

MELISSA: June 22 Celebration of Freedom This event honors veterans with music, fireworks, vendors, and a children's play area. It's Melissa's biggest event all year. *Zadow Park, 1501 W. Harrison St. 903-227-4538; melissatx.org*

MESQUITE: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Mesquite Championship Rodeo Don't miss the toughest cowboys around the world as they compete with the strongest horses, steers, and bulls in the country. This PRCA-sanctioned rodeo has been thrilling visitors since 1958. You'll see calf-roping, barrel racing, bronc busting, bull riding—all of the traditional rodeo events—in air-conditioned comfort. On opening night, enjoy a welcome performance by Mark Chestnut. *Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. 972-285-8777; mesquiterodeo.com*

MESQUITE: June 4, 11, 18, 25 JazzBreaks at Mesquite Arts Center In Mesquite, summer means free outdoor jazz concerts on the north lawn every Tuesday in June at 7:30 p.m. Artists include Melanie Skybell, Tony Baker, Brad Leali, and the Mesquite Jazz Repertory Ensemble Big Band with Curt Bradshaw. *Mesquite Arts Center, North Lawn, 1527 N. Galloway. 972-216-6444; mesquiteartscenter.org*

MESQUITE: June 8, 15, 22, 29 Devils Bowl Speedway Enjoy auto racing at the Southwest's most famous dirt track. *Devil's Bowl Speedway, 1711 Lawson Road. 972-222-2421; devilsbowl.com*

MESQUITE: June 8, 22 Mesquite Artisans and Farmers Market This European-style market features food, artisans, and crafters from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. *Heritage Square in Downtown Mesquite, 223 W. Davis.*

866-242-8078, themarketplacedfw.com

MESQUITE: June 8 Summer Sizzle Kick off your summer with a fun-filled day of live music, kids' activities, food trucks, a mud volleyball tournament, and more, culminating in an evening fireworks show set to music. *Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road.*

MESQUITE: June 14-16, 21-23, 28-30 "An Ideal Husband" This 1985 comedic stage play by Oscar Wilde revolves around blackmail and political corruption, and touches on the themes of public and private honor. The action is set in London in "the present" and takes place over the course of 24 hours. *Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway. 972-216-8126; mesquitecommunitytheatre.com*



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MIDLOTHIAN: June 1 Pancake Breakfast Fly-In Pilots from Texas and beyond fly in to create an aviation extravaganza complete with a pancake breakfast, activities for children, music, and helicopter and plane rides. *Mid-Way Regional Airport, 131 Airport Drive. 972-923-0080; mid-wayregional.com*

PLANO: June 1 Holistic Festival of Life and Wellness + Summer Solstice Labyrinth Learn about and sample a variety of life-enhancing modalities including pranic healing, vedic chanting, ayurveda, yoga, meditation, reiki, feng shui, astrology, vastu shastra, massage therapy, and more. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. holisticfestivaloflife.com*

PLANO: June 2 Happy Birthday Plano Pool Party Celebrate Plano's 146th birth-

day with special treats while supplies last. Sign a Texas Pool-size birthday card for Plano, and enter to win a Texas Pool T-shirt. *The Texas Pool, 901 Springbrook Drive. 972-881-8392; texaspool.org*

PLANO: June 2 Night Out on 15th Street At this community dining experience, guests can eat a meal with friends as they are surrounded by the historic beauty of Plano's arts district. The event features a 300-foot-long table down the middle of 15th Street where arts district chefs prepare a culinary tasting paired with select beer, wine, and spirits. Guests can also enjoy a pre-dinner reception and post-dinner whiskey and cigar tasting. *Historic Downtown Plano Arts District, 15th Street. 972-922-1292; visitdowntownplano.com*

PLANO: June 3, 17 Plano Community Band—Summer Series in Haggard Park Bring a blanket or chair and a picnic dinner, and enjoy a night of live music in the park with the Plano Community Band. *Plano Community Band/Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St. 972-814-8882; planoband.com*

PLANO: June 6 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. 972-941-5600; plano.gov/208/plano-stages*

PLANO: June 6, 13, 20, 27 Summer Fun Thursdays Families can enjoy a summer of bubble-popping, mind-stretching, floor-stomping, and clown-laughing fun every Thursday in June and July. This month's kid-oriented activities include David Chicken, comedy magic from Bo Gerald, a magic show from Christopher Lyle, and ventriloquist Ian Varella. *The Shops at Willow Bend, 6121 W. Park Blvd. 972-202-7110; shopwillowbend.com/events*

PLANO: June 7-8 Ham-Com Explore the largest amateur radio and electronics show in Texas. Ham-Com showcases the latest in ham radio and related gear, three days of classes, lectures, vendor sales, a swap meet, and more. The first 3,000 people through the door receive a 40th anniversary commemorative pin. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. hamcom.org*

PLANO: June 13 Historic Downtown Plano Arts District Art & Wine Walk Stroll the downtown Plano arts district, sampling different wines in shops and galleries, listening to street musicians, and checking out artists and their wares. *Downtown Plano Arts District, 1013 E. 15th St. 972-922-1292; visitdowntownplano.com*

PLANO: June 15 North Texas Pride Foundation's "Come As You Are" Festival The ninth annual festival brings the community together for a family-friendly day celebrating pride in diversity. There will be vendor booths, food, beverages, giveaways, activities for both adults and kids, bands, a DJ, dancing, and more. *Saigling House, 902 E. 16th St. northtexaspride.com*

PLANO: June 16 Crayola Sensory Sundays This special morning is designed for kids and families who would like to experience the attraction adapted just for sensory needs. Lights are dimmed, music is turned off, and there is a quiet room/space available. *The Crayola Experience, 6121 W. Park Blvd. 469-642-2901; crayolaexperience.com/plano*

PLANO: June 21-23 The Official "Supernatural" Convention Celebrating the 14th year of "Supernatural"—North America's longest-running genre TV series—at its convention tour stop. Stars Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles, Misha Collins, and more will be in Dallas for parties, panels, contests, photographs, full musical concerts, and photo and autograph opportunities. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. visitplano.com or creationent.com*

PLANO: June 22 Mermaid Party at The Texas Pool Inviting all mermaids, mermen, sea creatures, and pirates for a day of salt-water fun at the Texas Pool. Take a monofin class, try your hand at mermaid art, walk the plank, chalk the deck, and have your photo taken with the Texas Pool's professional mermaids and mermen. Bring your swim fin or try on one of the pool's limited number of tail fins on hand. *The Texas Pool, 901 Springbrook Drive. 972-881-8392; texaspool.org*

SALADO: Through Oct. 25 Fourth Friday On the fourth Friday of the month, experience downtown Salado's Sip 'n Shop with more than 25 boutiques, art galleries, wineries, and more. Complimentary drinks and snacks will be available at some locations. *Historic Downtown Salado, Main Street. 254-947-0888; facebook.com/salado4thfriday*

SALADO: June 1-15 "Blow Your Own" Father's Day Event This experience allows visitors to try glassblowing firsthand. With the guidance of the artist team, visitors can assist in various way to help make a one-of-a-kind, blown-glass mug, sipper, or tumbler. *Salado Glassworks, 2 Peddler's Alley. 254-947-0339; saladoglassworks.com/upcoming-events*

SALADO: June 8 Texas History Days The village of Salado leads Texans on a journey back to their roots. This festival features

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SALADO: June 14 Randy Rogers Band in Concert Enjoy a night of Texas country music with the Randy Rogers Band, originally from San Marcos. All ages require a ticket for this show. Outside chairs are not permitted. *Johnny's Steaks and BBQ, 301 Thomas Arnold Road. 254-947-4663; johnnyssteaksandbbq.com*

SALADO: June 15 Salado Springs Craft Beer Festival Barrow Brewing Company invites a selection of Central Texas craft brewers to come celebrate their craft and the brotherhood that is craft beer in Texas. There are activities for all ages, food trucks, and amazing craft beer. *Barrow Brewing Company, 108 Royal St. 254-947-3544; barrowbrewing.com/salado-springs-beer-fest*

SALADO: June 29 Tracy Byrd in Concert Country music star Tracy Byrd is a household name and has been for more than two decades. All ages require a ticket for this show. Outside chairs are not permitted. *Johnny's Steaks and BBQ, 301 Thomas Arnold Road. 254-947-4663; johnnyssteaksandbbq.com*

SEALY: June 7-8 90 Miles on 90 Shop 90 miles of yard sales, antiques, and farmers markets along US 90 from Sealy to Seguin. *US 90. 979-885-3222; visitsealy.com*

SEALY: June 23 KC Music Fest Enjoy dancing, entertainment, dining, and music by the Fabulous Four. *Sealy Columbus Club Hall, 1310 US 90 W. 979-885-6370; sealykofc.org*

SHERMAN: June 6, 13, 20, 27 Hot Summer Nights Grab a lawn chair, cooler, blanket, and friend, and enjoy live music on the Municipal Lawn every Thursday night in June and July (with the exception of July Fourth). *Lucy Kidd-Key Park, 405 N. Rusk St. 903-892-7230; shermantx.org or facebook.com/shermantx*

SHERMAN: June 14-16, 21-23 "West Side Story" Young lovers are caught between prejudice and warring street gangs in one of the most important and powerful musicals of all time. *Kidd-Key Auditorium, 405 N.*

Rusk St. 903-893-8525 or 903-892-7230; scptheater.com or facebook.com/scptheater

SHERMAN: June 15 Juneteenth Celebration The celebration kicks off with a Juneteenth parade starting in Downtown Sherman and ending at Lucy Kidd-Key Park, which features vendors, live music, and a kid's zone—free for kiddos younger than 12. *Lucy Kidd-Key Park, 405 N. Rusk St. 903-892-7230; shermantx.org or facebook.com/shermantx*

SHERMAN: June 21 Farm To Table Dinner and Private Concert with Linda Davis and The Scott Family Join in for an outdoor dinner, drinks, and private concert with Linda Davis. This is an intimate concert with only 100 tickets available. Come an hour early, and enjoy specialty appetizers, complimentary cocktails, and photo opportunities with Linda Davis. *Old Quail Run Farm, 233 Old Quail Run Road. 903-868-2100; oldquailrunfarm.com/tickets/linda-davis*

STEPHENVILLE: May 31-June 1 Moo-La Fest This hot air balloon festival features dairy activities, tethered and balloon rides, music, a carnival midway, a Kids Zone, food trucks and vendors, live musical entertainment, beer and wine pairings with different cheeses, and balloon glows. The event honors the community's rich dairy heritage. *Stephenville City Park, 378 W. Long. 254-552-1222; visitstephenville.com*

STEPHENVILLE: June 24-28 Summer Art Camp Children are welcome to join in for a weeklong experience that focuses on a variety of artistic endeavors. *Cross Timbers Fine Arts, River North Gallery, 204 River North Blvd. 254-965-6190; ctfac.com*

SULPHUR SPRINGS: June 7-15 Hopkins County Dairy Festival This year's theme, "Over the Moon," celebrates dairy families and the contribution of the dairy industry to the local economy with parties. *Various locations. hopkinscountydairyfestival.com*

SULPHUR SPRINGS: June 29 Independence Day Celebration Have a real old-fashioned family experience to celebrate the nation's birthday. Bring lawn chairs and join the crowd downtown on Celebration Plaza for music and family fun beginning with Saturday evening's concert of traditional marches and patriotic tunes performed by the North East Texas Symphony Orchestra and ending in a blaze of colors as fireworks explode in the sky above the historic Hopkins County Courthouse. *Celebration Plaza, Downtown Sulphur Springs. sulphurspringsymphonyleague.org*

TEMPLE: June 1 Beat the Heat Family Day—Ocean Waves Who says you can't

have fun when it's hot outside? Cool off with activities for the entire family and explore what lives under the ocean waves. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templerrhm.org*

TEMPLE: June 7 First Friday On the first Friday of every month, Historic Downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Enjoy street music and performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. *Downtown Temple, Main Street. 254-298-5378; discoverdowntowntempletx.com*

WACO: May 25-Sept. 8 "Be the Astronaut" This exhibit premiered at Space Center Houston to record-breaking crowds and teaches STEM-based content via a fusion of state-of-the-art video game technology and traditional exhibitry. The focus of the exhibit is on the concepts common to all space flight, so it uses the narrative of a possible future space mission—as opposed to any particular historic mission—as the framework to communicate these ideas. In the exhibit, visitors learn about the challenges and excitement of spaceflight, then apply that knowledge as they fly the spaceships, pilot the landers, and drive the rovers in a thrilling narrative adventure to orbit Earth, the Moon, Mars, Ceres, and Jupiter. *Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Drive. 254-710-6558; maybornmuseum.com*

WACO: June 2 Bowen Musicfest The 21st annual music festival returns with great performances from country music star and Wacoan Wade Bowen and all his friends. *Touchdown Alley at McLane Stadium, 1001 S. M.L.K. Jr. Blvd. 254-750-8697; bowenfamfound.org/bowen-musicfest*

WACO: June 8 USA Triathlon Off-Road National Championship Participants are challenged on this course that takes your breath away. Climb up and down and flow in and out of cedar breaks and into dark bamboo forests. Rocks, roots, limestone ledges, tight twisty turns, short power climbs, narrow bridges, fast descents, this course has it all. *Redwood Shelter, Cameron Park, 2300 Cameron Park Drive. 512-751-8940; active.com/waco-tx/triathlon/races/usa-triathlon-off-road-national-championship-2019*

WACO: June 15 Sharkfest Swim This swim consists of three distances: 1K, 2K, and 4K. All swims are in Lake Brazos and start and finish at Indian Spring Park. *Brazos River, Downtown Waco, University Parks Drive. 254-750-8697; racerooster.com/events/2019/18578/2019-waco-sharkfest-swim*

WACO: June 29 Cattle Barons Ball This one-of-a-kind evening features food, live music, dancing, and an auction. *Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau, 100 Washington*

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WAXAHACHIE: June 1-2 Gingerbread Trail Historic Home Tour Victorian, Gingerbread, Gothic Revival, and Queen Anne are a few architectural styles showcased in this celebration along with a tour of a special selection of five private homes and a classic car show downtown. *Ellis County Museum, 201 S. College St. 972-937-0681; gingerbreadtrail.net*

WYLIE: June 29 Bluegrass on Ballard Wylie is wide awake when the seventh annual Bluegrass on Ballard comes to downtown. Event activities include top bluegrass bands from across the country; a 200-vehicle car show; 100-plus vendors of arts, crafts, and unique items; and food. Bring a lawn chair. Musicians of all skill levels are also invited to bring their instruments to pick and jam with the pros on the street and in stores and restaurants on Ballard Avenue. *Historic Downtown Wylie, 112 S. Ballard Ave. 972-516-6016; wylitexas.gov/living/events/bluegrass_on_ballard*

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

GOLIAD: June 5, 12, 19, 26 Wayback Wednesdays The history of Presidio La Bahia, Texas's only fully restored Spanish presidio, is brought to life every Wednesday during the months of June and July. Visit with living historians as they bring the past to life and explore little known stories from the Presidio's early days. Learn about the daily life of a presidial trooper stationed on the frontier of Spanish Texas. Explore the stone walls and battlements of the old presidio and duck inside for a look at the museum and collection of artifacts from the 1700 and 1800s. *Presidio La Bahia, 217 Loop 71. 361-645-3752; goliadtx.net*

GOLIAD: June 8, July 13, Aug. 10 Goliad Market Days This open-air, outdoor market has vendors placed around the beautiful courthouse square. The vendors and variety change each month, but typically there are 100 or more vendors in attendance. Local shops and restaurants are open with unique clothing, arts, and home decor. *Downtown Goliad, 231 S. Market St. 361-645-3563; goliadcc.org*

GOLIAD: June 22 Downtown Summerfest Enjoy live music, food trucks, and games and activities for the whole family. *Downtown Goliad. 361-645-3454; goliadtx.net*

SAN ANTONIO: June 3 Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson The American astrophysicist speaks on the search for life in the universe. Be-

ginning with Mars, he reviews the ongoing effort to search for habitable planets, liquid water, and life in the cosmos. The talk culminates in the search for intelligent life, and explores the topic of whether or not it already exists on Earth. *Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Auditorium Circle. 210-223-8624; tobincenter.org*

SAN ANTONIO: June 7-9 "Kinky Boots" g Broadway's huge-hearted, high-heeled hit features songs by Grammy and Tony-winning pop icon Cyndi Lauper. This joyous musical celebration is about friendships and the belief that you can change the world when you change your mind. Inspired by true events, "Kinky Boots" takes you from a gentlemen's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan. *Majestic Theatre, 224 E. Houston St. majesticempire.com*



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SAN ANTONIO: June 7-9 Texas Folklife Festival The 48th Folklife Festival to be held, this event gathers a myriad of Texan cultures in a celebration of their heritage, music, art, dance, food, and artisan skills. There are five stages of music and entertainment, more than 60 skilled artisans demonstrating crafts such as blacksmithing, wine making, and pottery; living historians portraying Texas pioneers, military, and frontier folk; and vendors selling handmade Texas wares such as soaps, artwork, and décor. Dozens of food vendors prepare a menu teeming with authentic offerings such as German schnitzel, Filipino lumpia, Belgian mussels, Greek gyros, Lebanese shish kebabs, Wendish noodles, and Romanian sausage. *UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures, 801 E. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. 210-458-2300; texasfolklife festival.org*

SAN ANTONIO: June 14-16 Celebrity Fan Fest This is the premier San Antonio comic con. The interactive fan festival offers fans an intimate and immersive experience where they can get up close and personal with their favorite film and television celebrities, comic creators, and artists. There are celebrity meet-and-greet opportunities, a variety of vendors and artists, gaming seminars, special performances by the stars, and celebrity panels. This year's festival features special guests Jason Momoa, Amber Heard, and Dolph Lundgren of "Aquaman"; Ray Fisher of "Justice League"; Alexandra Shipp and Ty Sheridan of "X-Men: Dark Phoenix"; Joe Flanigan of "Star-gate: Atlantis"; and Walter Koenig and Robert Picardo of "Star Trek." *Freeman Coliseum and Expo Halls, 3201 E. Houston St. 210-490-2554; celebrityfanfest.com*

SAN ANTONIO: June 18 Art in the Dark The ninth annual event has more than 50 one-of-a-kind art pieces, 40-plus food and drink vendors, and jewelry made by the Lighthouse's very own Blind Children's Program. Enjoy food and drink while socializing with local San Antonio artists and businesses. Art pieces are part of a silent auction and all proceeds go toward improving the Blind Children's Program at the Lighthouse. *LaVillita Assembly Hall, 401 Villita St. 210-531-1532; salighthouse.org/event/9th-annual-art-in-the-dark*

SAN ANTONIO: June 22 The Legend of Big Bend Critically acclaimed indie-classical group Montopolis turns West Texas tales into song in this concert inspired by Big Bend National Park. The performance weaves science, history, poetry and personal stories into music inspired by the land and the people that have walked upon it. Music and story are accompanied by breathtaking video that captures the epic grandeur of the vast high desert wilderness. *Brick at Blue Star Arts Complex, 1414 S. Alamo St. 210-262-8653; montopolismusic.com/bigbend*

SAN ANTONIO: June 28 Nella in Concert Nella's music is a meeting place for her country's folklore roots, the influence of her contemporaries, and the music of the Andalusian region. Above all, she sings with her bare soul. This concert is presented by ARTS San Antonio. *Charline McCombs Empire Theatre, 226 N. St. Mary's St. 210-226-2891; artssa.org/individual-tickets*



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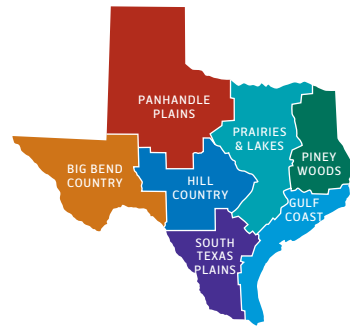
Return to Rockport

After the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey in 2017, Rockport is ready as ever to reclaim its place as a summer destination—and the **Rockport Art Festival** is no exception. Held on Fourth of July weekend, July 6-7, the Rockport Center for the Arts celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Rockport Arts Festival with live music and entertainment, tasty food and drink, and original creations from more than 120 artists and crafters. All ages are welcome, and tiny Texans can head to the activity tent for their own fun. "The Rockport-Fulton area has made great strides to return to the wonderful visitor attraction it has always been...and it shows," says Sandy Jumper of the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce. "Every new visitor makes us stronger." rockportartfest.com

DESERT CHILL OUT

The Texas desert is the place to be July 25-28, when music-lovers get their fill out in West Texas during the dog days of summer at **Viva Big Bend**. Held at more than 10 venues, the festival welcomes travelers from all over to enjoy music throughout the towns of Marfa, Alpine, Fort Davis, and Marathon. More than 40 artists take the stage in four days, with free music during the day and

all-ages shows scattered throughout. Four-day passes are available for a mere \$45, with residents of Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis counties eligible for discounted tickets prior to the festival. While the 2019 lineup hasn't been released yet, disappointment seems unlikely—past acts include Dale Watson, The Nightowls, Wood & Wire, Shinyribs, and Bidi Bidi Banda. vivabigbend.com



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BIG BEND COUNTRY

ALPINE: June 21-23, 28-30; July 5-7 *“Our Lady of the Tortilla”* Theatre of the Big Bend presents an outdoor production of this goofy 1987 comedy about a Latino family’s revelations as a pious aunt discovers the Virgin Mary in her first batch of tortillas. *Kokernot Outdoor Theatre*. 432-837-8218; sulross.edu/theatre

ALPINE: June 29-July 4 *Alpine’s Fourth of July Celebration* The week’s events leading up to Independence Day include Alpine Cowboys baseball, outdoor theatre, a neighborhood block party, annual parade, car show, live music, and July 4 fireworks. *Various locations*. 432-837-2326; visitalpinetx.com

ALPINE: July 12-14, 19-21, 26-28; Aug 2-4 *“Nonsense”* Theatre of the Big Bend presents an outdoor production of this hilarious spoof about the misadventures of the Little Sisters of Hoboken Nunnery as they try to raise money to bury sisters who were accidentally poisoned by the convent cook. *Kokernot Outdoor Theatre*. 432-837-8218; sulross.edu/theatre

ALPINE: July 19-21 *Sul Ross Weekend* The 43rd annual long weekend of events celebrates Sul Ross State University and supports its rodeo program. Activities include a dance with live music, roping events, sport clay shooting, and poker and golf tournaments. *Various locations*. 940-549-3717; sulrossexes.com

ALPINE: July 25-28 *Viva Big Bend* More than 60 live shows will take place during the event’s eighth year, featuring a wide range of music genres. Concerts are held in at least 10 venues in Alpine, Marfa, Fort Davis, and Marathon. *Various locations*. vivabigbend.com

ALPINE: July 31-Aug. 2 *West Texas Rural Philanthropy Days* This event is designed, organized, funded, and planned by community leaders from West Texas. It provides rural nonprofits with access to funding sources, opportunities for collaboration, and capacity-building services to more effectively meet the needs of rural West Texas communities. Grant seekers, grant makers, representatives of public agencies, and elected officials can explore new partnerships that lead to mutual understanding, successful grant proposals, and more financial resources for rural West Texas. *Sul Ross State University, East US 90*. 432-837-8011; wtxrpd.org

EL PASO: June 15-Aug. 24 *The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Show* At America’s largest interactive-comedy, murder-mystery dinner show, you’ll tackle a challenging crime while feasting on a fantastic dinner. Just beware! The criminal is lurking somewhere in the room, and you may find yourself as a prime suspect before you know it. *Holiday Inn El Paso West—Sunland Park, 900 Sunland Park Drive*. 866-496-0535; thedinnerdetective.com

EL PASO: July 4 *Independence Day Celebration* This celebration features local bands, food vendors, children’s activities, and dancing in the plaza. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy the tunes from local groups. *San Jacinto Plaza, 114 W. Mills Ave*. 915-212-1704; elpasotexas.gov/parks-and-recreation

FORT DAVIS: July 4 *Coollest 5K in Texas* This 5K includes a 1K fun run/walk. The event benefits the Fort Davis Higher Education Foundation. *Jeff Davis County Park, 100 Memorial Square No. 4*. 432-426-3015; fortdavis.com

FORT DAVIS: July 4-6 *Coollest Fourth of July* The pageantry of Independence Day comes alive in the rugged and scenic town of Fort Davis. Comedy acts, gunfights, vendors, tasty food, live music, a parade, and fireworks await visitors. *Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce, 100 Memorial Square No. 4*. 432-426-3015; fortdavis.com

FORT DAVIS: July 12-14 *Open Weekend at Davis Mountains Preserve* The Nature Conservancy’s Davis Mountains Preserve opens for hiking, biking, equestrian activities, picnics, photography, birding, and other outdoor pursuits on select days.

Davis Mountains Preserve, 25 miles northwest of Fort Davis on SH 118 (about 10 miles past McDonald Observatory). 432-426-2390; nature.org

FORT DAVIS: July 25-28 *Viva Big Bend* Part music festival and part music-industry conference, Viva Big Bend’s eighth year showcases more than 50 bands at venues in Alpine, Marfa, Fort Davis, and Marathon. *Various locations*. 432-426-3015; vivabigbend.com

MONAHANS: July 4 *Freedom Fest* Have fun with a parade, craft and food vendors, swimming, a sand dig, live entertainment, a bike tour, and fireworks. *Hill Park, Fifth Street and Allen Avenue*. 432-943-2187; monahans.org

MONAHANS: July 27 *Butterfield Festival* This event features a pie auction, horse-shoe and washer tournament, bull rides, and a dance with music by Kyle Park. *Ward County Coliseum, 3203 S. Stockton Ave./SH 18*. 432-943-2187; monahans.org

PECOS: July 13-14 *La Onda Car Show and Concert* The ninth annual event features a car show and bike exhibition and has DJ entertainment, food vendors, and an evening concert. *Reeves County Civic Center, 1500 S. Cedar St*. 432-448-1102

PECOS: July 27-28 *Night in Old Pecos* Celebrate Pecos with this downtown festival of live music, dancing, and a variety of vendors including food, toys, and face painting. *Downtown Pecos*. 432-445-2406; visitpecos.com

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BRAZORIA: July 21 *Santa Ana Ball* This is a re-enactment of a ball held in Brazoria, Texas in 1832 after the Battle of Velasco. The evening includes a gourmet fajita and enchilada dinner, silent and live auction, and dancing. It is a costume ball in the era of the Republic of Texas. There is a costume contest for Best Couple and party favors for all. *Brazoria Civic Center, 202 W. Smith St*. 979-824-0455; brazoriahf.org

BROWNSVILLE: July 20-21 *Zoo Family Starlight Sleepover* Tour the zoo at night and challenge your senses to observe nocturnal animals. It’s a sleepover in a nice air-conditioned building. Enjoy games, a pizza party, and an early morning outdoor breakfast. The Starlight Sleepover is for adults and kids over the age of 7. *Gladys Porter Zoo, 500 Ringgold St*. 956-548-9453; gpz.org

CLUTE: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 *Planetarium Show* The show features a 30-foot dome equipped with a projector to produce the

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CLUTE: July 12-14, 19-21 "Shrek! The Musical" Enjoy watching the ogre and his friends in a family-friendly musical. *Center for the Arts & Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org or visitbrazosport.com*

CLUTE: July 25-27 Great Texas Mosquito Festival This fun-filled, family event includes food booths, arts and crafts, a three-day carnival, and live entertainment capping off each evening. *Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Drive. 979-265-8392; mosquitofestival.com or visitbrazosport.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 1-Aug. 31 Bay Jammin' Concert and Cinema Series Every Thursday and Friday evening during the months of summer, Cole Park Amphitheater turns into a mecca of fun for the whole family. On Thursday nights enjoy free music in the amphitheater while kid-dos play in the park, then on Friday nights enjoy a free children's movie under the stars. *Cole Park, 2600 Ocean Drive. 361-826-3460; cctexas.com/departments/parks-recreation-department*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 1-Aug. 31 Hatchling Releases of Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles Every year, thousands of the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles are nested and hatched in Corpus Christi, then released into the Gulf of Mexico. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience to watch the baby sea turtles make their way into the ocean for the first time. *Padre Island National Seashore, 20420 Park Road 22. 361-949-8068; nps.gov/pais*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 1-Aug. 18 Kent Ullberg: Celebrating the Wild and Wonderful The newest featured exhibit showcases works from Corpus Christi's own Kent Ullberg, one of the world's most distinguished wildlife artists. Ullberg is best known for iconic public sculptures, and the museum is filled with more than 50 sculptures depicting detailed fish, sea mammals, turtles, native birds, and majestic land animals. The world of Kent Ullberg is brought to museumgoers through interactive technology. *Art Museum of South Texas, 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-825-3500; artmuseumofsouthtexas.org*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 8-Aug. 2 First Friday ArtWalk Watch downtown Corpus Christi come to life every first Friday of the

month. Find artists, live music, and all things creative. Shop for local arts and crafts, see art exhibits in galleries, and enjoy mouthwatering food and drinks as you pop in and out of the many restaurants and local bars. *Artesian Park, 524 Twigg St. 361-882-2363; marinaarts.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 14-July 7 The Summer Melodrama Get your popcorn ready and gear up for a hilarious, old-fashioned summer melodrama. Take part in the long standing tradition at this Corpus Christi theater with the whole family. Don't miss your chance to cheer the hero, boo the villain, and throw as much popcorn as you like. *Harbor Playhouse, 1802 N. Chaparral St., Bldg. No. 2. 361-882-5500; harborplayhouse.com*



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CORPUS CHRISTI: July 4 Fourth of July Big Bang Celebration The Fourth is not complete without a breathtaking fireworks show. Spend the day relaxing on the beach then head downtown for a one-of-a-kind fireworks show over Corpus Christi Bay. *Water's Edge Park, 602 South Shoreline Blvd. 361-561-2000; bigbangcorpuschristi.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: July 7 Frida Fanatics Festival On her birthday and death week, join in celebrating the life of Frida Kahlo, an artist whose works were inspired by nature and artifacts of Mexico. She is remembered for her boldness and using vibrant colors in her art. She had a passion for life and embraced her Mexican culture. There is Frida-inspired art, crafts, entertainment, and food. Don't miss the look-alike con-

tests—one for adults and one for children—with cash prizes. *Water Street Village, 505 S. Water St. 361-446-2843; visitcorpuschristi.org/events*

CORPUS CHRISTI: July 13 Plumeria Passions Class A week before the big annual sale, Plumeria Society veteran Frank Eicholz and friends discuss tips on purchasing and raising these exotic, tropical beauties and lead a tour of the Gardens and Nature Center's impressive plumeria garden and Willoughby Viewing Platform. *South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. 361-852-2100; stxbot.org*

CORPUS CHRISTI: July 19-Aug. 11 "Gypsy" Harbor Playhouse presents one of the greatest musicals ever created. It is the ultimate tale of an ambitious stage mother fighting for her daughters' success while secretly yearning for her own. Set all across America in the 1920s, when vaudeville was dying and burlesque was born, Arthur Laurents' landmark show explores the world of two-bit show business with brass, humor, heart, and sophistication. *Harbor Playhouse, 1802 N. Chaparral St., Bldg. No. 2. 361-882-5500; harborplayhouse.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: July 20 Plumeria Society Annual Sale Attend this fabulous sale of plumeria starts and potted plants from Plumeria Society of South Texas members' own collections. Entrance to the sale is free, with proceeds benefiting care and maintenance of the botanical gardens beautiful plumeria garden with tree-top-level viewing platform. *Garden Senior Center, 5325 Greely Drive. 361-991-4376; plumeriasocietyofsouthtexas.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: July 20 Spazmatics in Concert Take a trip down memory lane with a night full of classic '80s hits after a Corpus Christi Hooks baseball game. The Hooks is a Double-A affiliate team of the World Series-winning Houston Astros. The Spazmatics put on an infectious show that captivates the entire crowd with their quirky personalities. To close out the night, enjoy a spectacular fireworks show over the baseball field and the Corpus Christi Harbor Bridge. *Whataburger Field, 734 E. Port Ave. 361-561-4665; milb.com/corpus-christi*

CORPUS CHRISTI: July 20 Wingapalooza The American Bank Center hosts the third annual Wingapalooza where visitors can sample as many wings as they like and enjoy live music. *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-826-4700; americanbankcenter.com*

EDNA: July 6 Brackenridge Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks This year's event includes an antique tractor show and parade, a Kiddie Peddle Tractor Pull, the Ride'em-Push'em-Pull'em Parade, a watermelon eating contest, hot dog eating contest, DJ dance, and a fireworks show, as well as a new obstacle course competition. This event is free to the public. *Brackenridge Park and Campground, 891 Brackenridge Parkway. 361-782-5456; brackenridgepark.com/independenceday*

FREEPORT: July 3-7 Fishin' Fiesta Since 1947, fishermen have been drawn to this fishing tournament each year in the hopes of catching the biggest redfish, barracuda, or any other offshore or inshore fish. The 72nd annual event is sponsored by the Freeport Lions Club and offers carnival rides, food, live entertainment, dances, and arts and crafts. The fishing tournament is one of the largest on the Gulf and includes prizes for both offshore and inshore categories. Fireworks display is Friday night. *Freeport Municipal Park, 421 Brazosport Blvd. 979-233-5137; fishinfiesta.com or visitbrazosport.com*

FREEPORT: July 14 Freeport Market Square Local vendors showcase home-made goods and farm fresh items. *Downtown Freeport, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; freeport.tx.us or visitbrazosport.com*

FREEPORT: July 27 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; visitbrazosport.com*

GALVESTON: July 5 Robert Earl Keen and Tyler Childers in Concert "The road goes on forever..." It's not always easy to sum up a career—let alone a life's ambition—so succinctly, but those five words from Robert Earl Keen's calling-card anthem just about do it. Making one of his frequent stops at The Grand this summer, he'll be joined by Tyler Childers, singer-songwriter called "the New Voice of Appalachia" by Rolling Stone. Join these two musical poets for a summer treat. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894; thegrand.com*

GALVESTON: July 12-14 "Menopause, the Musical" Four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra...and memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex, and more. This hilarious musical parody set to



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HARLINGEN: July 3 Freedom Fest This Independence Day celebration is filled with live music, food vendors, carnival rides, business vendors, and a fireworks show. *Lon C. Hill Park, 1217 Fair Park Blvd. 956-622-5053; visitharlingentexas.com*

HOUSTON: June 1-Aug. 25 "All You Can Eat" This solo exhibition by mixed-media

artist Justin Favela features larger-than-life piñatas depicting a visual feast of Tex-Mex cuisine, from "nachos supreme" to "chili con carne." This site-specific installation, which is both playful and challenging, is intended to generate conversation about popular culture, the politics of food, and the Latino experience in the U.S. *Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. 713-529-4848; visithoustontexas.com*

HOUSTON: June 27-July 28 "Josephine Tonight" This is the musical biography of showbiz legend Josephine Baker. "Josephine Tonight" draws on the early life of the internationally known singer, actress, and

nightclub sensation who wowed audiences in America and Europe in the first quarter of the 20th century, and reveals the relationship of the young Josephine and her laundress mother who steers her toward success and then guides her to remember her roots. *The Ensemble Theatre, 3535 Main St. 713-520-0055; ensemblehouston.com*

HOUSTON: July 4 ExxonMobil Summer Symphony Nights: Star Spangled Salute There's no better way to celebrate the Fourth than with the Houston Symphony's Star Spangled Salute to America. Enjoy all of your patriotic favorites and cap off the night with a spectacular fireworks display. This is a ticketed event for the covered seating area. Free tickets are available at the Miller Outdoor Theatre box office the day of the performance. *Miller Outdoor Theatre, 6000 Hermann Park Drive. 281-373-3386; milleroutdoortheatre.com*

HOUSTON: July 27 All The Books Author Event Have you ever wanted to meet the person behind the pages? At All The Books Author Event, writers from various genres are in the same room at the same time solely for your entertainment. From crime to fantasy to children's books, there is anything and everything your heart doesn't know it desires yet. Browse and find your new favorite author. Entry is free. *Hyatt Regency Houston Intercontinental Airport, 425 N. Sam Houston Parkway E. 832-704-3227; allthebooksevent.wixsite.com/atbevent*

LAKE JACKSON: July 4 Cole Degges in Concert Bring lawn chairs and refreshments for a free outdoor concert. *Lake Jackson Civic Center Plaza, 333 SH 332. 979-415-2600; lakejackson-tx.gov or visitbrazosport.com*

LAKE JACKSON: July 4 Firecracker 4 Run Enjoy a 4-mile run through the neighborhoods of Lake Jackson along Oyster Creek. This is a USATF-certified course. *Dunbar Park, 803 FM 2004. visitbrazosport.com*


LAKE JACKSON: July 4 Fireworks Display Celebrate America's birthday with fireworks. *Dunbar Park, 803 FM 2004. 979-297-4533; lakejackson-tx.gov or visitbrazosport.com*

LAKE JACKSON: July 4 Rubber Duck Regatta Get out on Oyster Creek for some kayak and canoe fun. Teams will compete to be one of the first 20 boats to retrieve eight different rubber ducks that will be corralled along the creek and bring them back to the starting point in order to win a prize. The total course length will be approximately 1 mile. Teams can consist of up to two people and should bring their own kayaks or canoes, lifejackets, and paddles.

Dunbar Park, 803 FM 2004. 979-297-4533; *lakejackson-tx.gov or visitbrazosport.com*

LAKE JACKSON: July 6 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historic archaeological 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. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org or visitbrazosport.com*

LAKE JACKSON: July 20 Bird Banding Volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station is an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn all the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 W. SH 332. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org or visitbrazosport.com*



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Texas Highways Events Calendar listings can be found online with additional details about these events and others. Visit texashighways.com/events or traveltexas.com for a searchable list of events.

PALACIOS: July 4 Lions Club Fourth of July Celebration Celebrate Independence Day with a flag-raising ceremony, a kids parade, a barbecue lunch, carnival, helicopter rides, bingo, a LaSalle Landing re-enactment featuring La Petite Belle, and fireworks. *East Bay Park, East Bay Boulevard. 361-972-2615; facebook.com/palacios.lions*

PALACIOS: July 13 Poker in Palacios and Seafood Dinner This event is a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce. Guests must be 21 years of age to attend. The poker tournament is a Texas hold'em se-

ries and the grand prize winner takes a \$4,500 value. There is also Hi-Lo, blackjack, and bingo for the people who don't play poker. Check out the gun raffle, live and silent auction, fantastic prizes, and the delicious seafood dinner, too. *Palacios Recreation Center, 2401 Perryman Ave. 361-972-2615; palacioschamber.com*

PORT ARANSAS: July 4 Fourth of July Fireworks Display Catch a spectacular fireworks display over the harbor. If cancelled by weather, it is the following evening. *Robert's Point Park, 301 JC Barr Blvd. 361-749-4111; cityofportaransas.org*

PORT ARANSAS: July 11-14 The Deep Sea Round Up Fishing Tournament What began in 1932 as the Tarpon Roundup has grown from a handful of Port Aransas fishing and hunting guides pitting their skills against one another to become the largest family fishing tournament on the Texas Gulf Coast. The event attracts fishers of all ages and skill levels and draws more than 800 contestants annually. The monies from the Deep Sea Roundup are used to fund scholarships for community students and support community youth activities. This year's roundup welcomes a new kayak division as well. *Port Aransas Municipal Harbor, 301 JC Barr Blvd. 361-701-7711; deepsearoundup.com*

RICHMOND: July 4 An American Tradition Nothing says America and Independence Day like games, speeches, and food. Enjoy this fun-filled day and celebrate America's birthday with some old-fashioned game play. *George Ranch Historical Park, 10215 FM 762 Road. 281-343-0218; georgeranch.org*

ROCKPORT: July 6-7 Art Festival Rockport Center for the Arts hosts its 50th annual Rockport Art Festival. Join the fun over Independence Day weekend. More than 120 artists and master craftsmen, selected from a competitive pool of applicants, present their original creations. Visitors also enjoy live music and entertainment, tasty food and drink, and a huge air-conditioned tent. There is also a children's activity tent and collectible festival merchandise including the annual festival poster and T-shirt. *Rockport Festival Grounds, SH 35 at Rockport Harbor. 361-729-5519; rockportartfest.com*

ROCKPORT: July 13 Art Center Market Second Saturday Member artists exhibit and sell their unique and one-of-a-kind fine art, photography, jewelry, pottery, wood carving, yard art, fiber art, and more. Live music and food truck on site. *Down-town Rockport, Austin Street. 361-729-5519; rockportartcenter.com*

ROCKPORT-FULTON: July 4 Fourth of July Boat Parade and Fireworks Get in the patriotic mood as you view the patriotic boat parade at noon. Best views are from Broadway adjacent to Little Bay. The Wendell Family Fireworks Show is held at dark. *Rockport-Fulton Harbors. 361-729-6445; rockport-fulton.org*

ROCKPORT-FULTON: July 20 Rockport-Fulton Market Days More than 100 vendors and live music add extra fun during the third weekend of the month. The pet-friendly market offers more than a dozen food trucks and food vendors, with seating in the shade. *Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 100 Seabreeze. 361-463-0125*

SAN BENITO: July 6 ResacaFest Celebrate the spirit of America with live music, refreshments, performances, and a fireworks show. *Heavin Memorial Park, 705 N. Bowie St. 956-361-3804; sanbenitoevents.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: July 2 Fourth of July Fireworks 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. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: July 31-Aug. 4 Texas International Fishing Tournament (TIFT) Surrounded by the sparkling waters of the Laguna Madre Bay and Gulf of Mexico, Port Isabel and South Padre Island play host to Texas' largest saltwater fishing tournament. Fishers young and old compete in one of three divisions: bay, tarpon, and offshore. Docksides, spectators turn out to view impressive catches of blue marlin, white marlin, and sailfish brought in by the big boats offshore. Bay anglers weigh in mouthwatering catches of speckled trout, redfish, and flounder during the two days of fishing. *South Padre Island Convention Centre, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

SUGAR LAND: July 6 Red, White, Blues, and Brews Pack up your chairs and head to the Plaza to round out your Fourth of July weekend with snacks and brews from Baker St. Pub & Grill and live country music from Tribute to George Strait. *Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Drive. 281-276-6000; sugarlandtownsquare.com*

SUGAR LAND: July 13 Sugar Land Heritage Hike This historic walking tour takes attendees back to the time when Sugar Land was a company town, with virtually all enterprises managed by the Imperial Sugar Company or its affiliate, Sugarland Industries. *Sugar Land Heritage Museum & Visitor Center, 198 Kempner St., Building B, second floor. 281-275-2045; slheritage.org*

SUGAR LAND: July 19-21, 26-28; Aug. 2-4 "Mamma Mia!" ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. *Sugar Land Auditorium, 226 Lakeview Drive. 713-302-5329; inspirationstage.com*

SUGAR LAND: July 28 Papa Roach in Concert with Asking Alexandria and Bad Wolves Alternative rock quartet Papa Roach heads out on their summer 2019 headlining run, the Who Do You Trust? Tour, with Asking Alexandria and Bad Wolves. *Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. 281-207-6278; smartfinancialcentre.net*

TOMBALL: July 4 July Fourth Celebration and Street Festival Tomball's annual celebration is the largest birthday bash in northwest Harris County. Aerial fireworks, live music, a tribute to veterans, food vendors, and a giant kids zone pack the fun. There is free admission and parking. *Business 249 north of FM 2920. 281-351-5484; tomballtx.gov*

TOMBALL: July 6 Narrated Glass Blowing Demonstration Come out to Houston's only open-access studio and watch us blow glass. We offer free, narrated demos on the first Saturday of every month (except August). Be sure to check our website before heading out, as demonstrations typically start at 3 p.m. There is also a showroom and gallery where you can find that perfect gift. *Three Dimensional Visions—Glass Blowing Houston, 17442 FM 2920. 281-734-0366; threedimensionalvisions.com*

VICTORIA: May 24-July 14 Kathleen Elliott Exhibit This exhibit features the glass sculpture work of Kathleen Elliott, where botanical forms are used to create surreal representations of nature. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-575-8228; navemuseum.com*

VICTORIA: July 26-Aug. 4 "Mamma Mia!" Theatre Victoria presents the stage adaptation of the hit musical. *Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. 361-570-8587; theatrevictoria.org*

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Jan. 26-July 14 "Kambui Olujimi: Zulu Time" Following its last showcase at the University at Buffalo Art Galleries, this new solo exhibition by Brooklyn Native Kambui Olujimi is on view in the Contemporary Project gallery. The title comes from

"Zulu Time," a short-hand term for the world's standardized mode of tracking time, also known as "Coordinated Universal Time" (UTC). Through compelling two-dimensional and sculptural work, the artist invites visitors to consider this empirical system of reference and the invisible hierarchies that impact our daily lives. *Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. MLK Blvd. 512-471-5482; blantonmuseum.org/rotation/kambui-olujimi-zulu-time*

AUSTIN: Through Jan. 26, 2020 "Motown: The Sound of Young America" Celebrating the 60th anniversary of the birth of Motown Records, this exhibit traces the evolution of the label, focusing on its major artists and musical achievements, and it explores how the sound of Motown continues to influence some of pop music's most important artists today. With support from the Motown Museum in Detroit and personal artifacts from some of the music's biggest recording artists, "Motown: The Sound of Young America" is the first major museum exhibition to embrace all facets of the biggest sound in soul in the '60s: musically, culturally, and politically. *LBJ Presidential Library, 2313 Red River St. 512-721-0200; lbjlibrary.org*

AUSTIN: June 3-Aug. 2 Professional Art Academy Teen Summer Camps Art studio Atelier Dojo offers a rigorous training to young, dedicated artists between 13-18 years old. The Summer Teen Intensive Classes are designed to offer a sampling of the Dojo's yearly courses in drawing and oil painting, specifically tailored to teens. Students should come prepared to learn, grow, and have fun. Classes include figure, cast, and still-life drawing; still-life painting; and self-portrait drawing. *Atelier Dojo, 916 Springdale Road, Building 2, Suite 106B. 281-793-4209; atelierdojo.com*

BANDERA: July 2 Cowboy Capital Opry See some Grand Ole Opry-style entertainment, hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne, and enjoy refreshments and door prizes. *Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: July 4 Annual Pet Parade Enjoy this free 24th annual pet parade along the Medina River. *Bandera City Park, 1102 Maple St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: July 4 Lakehills Fourth of July Parade The parade begins at St. Victor Church, followed by a barbecue chicken and sausage plate at the Lakehills American Legion starting at noon. Enjoy live country music in the pavilion. *St. Victor Chapel, 10514 Park Road 37. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

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BANDERA: July 6 Bandera Market Days Shop arts and crafts vendors in downtown Bandera. *Bandera County Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: July 6 The Old Timers Trading Post Meet local artists and artisans. The Old Timer, 14178 SH 16 N. 830-796-3045; *banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: July 9, 13, 20, 27 Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters Experience gunfight re-enactments. Shows are at noon and 2 p.m. *Bandera Visitors Center, 126 SH 16 S. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: July 9, 13, 20, 27 Cowboys on Main Every Saturday, expect to see and interact with a sample of the Old West cowboy lifestyle. *Main Street. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: July 18 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. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: July 26-27 National Day of the American Cowboy Start the day off with a chuckwagon breakfast, then enjoy the Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters, Little Wrangler's Stick-Horse Races and Boot Scramble, fiddlers, a singing cowboy, a storyteller, Native American exhibits, bucking bulls, chicken ropin', Texas Rangers, Western craftsmen, a picker's circle, and blacksmiths. Stay for the ranch rodeo at Mansfield Park Arena. *Bandera County Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: July 26 Texas Heroes Hall of Honor The Frontier Times Museum celebrates the National Day of the American Cowboy by inducting great Texans into their Texas Heroes Hall of Honor. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BOERNE: July 2 Patriotic Abendkonzert A special patriotic performance celebrates the Fourth of July. The Boerne Village Band is the longest continuously playing German band in the world outside of Germany. Concert regulars come early to grab their favor-

ite spot at the Plaza, to hear the oom-pah-pah of their favorite tunes, and watch the kids do the chicken dance. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnics. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. 830-249-1635; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: July 4 Fourth of July Fireworks Sponsored by the Boerne Fire Department, the fireworks show starts a little after dark and can be viewed from many places around Boerne, but the best place is Boerne City Park. Bring chairs and picnics. *Boerne City Park, 106 City Park Road. 830-249-3644; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: July 6 Concert in the Cave A return performance by Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines in the Throne Room—two Texan stars plus cave acoustics—promises to be a memorable evening of entertainment. *Cave Without A Name, 325 Kreuzberg Road. 830-537-4212; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: July 6, 13, 20, 27 Farmers Market at The Cibolo Shop fresh local produce, farm fresh eggs, breads, jams, jellies, local honey, and Texas Hill Country arts and crafts. *Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road. 830-249-4616; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: July 6, 20 Hot Rod Night With live music and classic cars, this event is reminiscent of old-fashioned Americana street parties—a gathering place for old and new friends. The Derringer Band performs classic rock. *Soda Pops, 103 N. Main. 830-331-8799; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: July 13-14 Boerne Market Days Hundreds of festive booths display everything from collectibles and remembrances of the past to modern innovations that will bring a smile of wonder to those who stroll past. *Boerne Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. 210-844-8193; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: July 13 Kuhlmann-King Museum Tour Located behind Boerne City Hall, the Kuhlmann-King house gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historic Boerne home looked like "way back when." Open every Second Saturday of each month. *Kuhlmann-King House, 402 E. Blanco Road. 830-331-1033; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: July 13 Moondance Concert Series Bring drinks, chairs, and a picnic for a concert beneath the Texas stars. *Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road. 830-249-4616; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: July 13 Second Saturday Art Beat Boerne shops and art galleries are teaming up to bring you a heart-racing fine art experience. Take a walk on the art side every second Saturday of the month. *Hill Country Mile, 100 N. Main. 210-954-6659; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: July 16, 30 Abendkonzert The Boerne Village Band is the longest continuously playing German band in the world outside of Germany. Concert regulars come early to grab their favorite spot at the Plaza, to hear the oom-pah-pah of their favorite tunes, and watch the kids do the chicken dance. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnics. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. 830-248-1635; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: July 18 Thirst for Nature Every third Thursday of the month, the Cibolo Nature Center hosts a specially themed event where visitors can learn about the different plant and wildlife of Boerne and the Hill Country's surrounding areas. Sip on an adult beverage made to match the theme for that month for those who are of age, or choose the non-alcoholic version for the kids. *Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road. 830-249-4616; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: July 19 Star Party This astronomy-filled event will feature star experts with their telescopes for dazzling night-sky experiences. Bring blankets, chairs, and bug spray. *Boerne City Lake Park, 1 City Lake Road. 830-248-1635; visitboerne.org*

BULVERDE: July 6, 13, 20, 27 Saturday Night Rodeo This rodeo features all types of Texas entertainment, from live music and dancing to mechanical bulls, mut-ton bustin, and calf scrambles. Enjoy beer, wine, and soft drinks coupled with barbecue, tacos, steak, burgers, and more. *Tejas Rodeo Company, 401 Obst Road. 830-980-2226; tejasrodeo.com*

COMFORT: July 9 Music in the Park Held the second Tuesday of May through October, these free concerts also include free drinks provided by Gaddis Methodist Church, the co-sponsor of the event with the Chamber of Commerce. Bring a lawn chair, enjoy the music, and dance, too. *Comfort City Park, SH 27 and Broadway. 830-995-3813*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 4 Fourth of July Celebrations A community parade down Main Street is followed by a patriotic program at Marktplatz, chili cookoff at Becker Vineyards in Stonewall, live music in Luckenbach, and a concert and fireworks at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. *Various locations. 830-997-6523; visitfredericksburgtx.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 5 First Friday Art Walk Fredericksburg Tour fine art galleries offering special exhibits, demonstrations, refreshments, and extended viewing hours the first Friday of every month. *Various locations. 830-997-6523*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 6-7, 20-21 Live Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing There's fun for the whole family at this event featuring a full slate of live quarter horse and thoroughbred races. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. 830-997-2359; gillespiefair.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 6-7 Pacific Combat Living History Re-enactment See equipment and weapons used during WWII and a battle re-enactment set on an island in the Pacific with flamethrower, tanks, uniformed actors, and more. *National Museum of the Pacific War Pacific Combat Zone, 508 E. Austin. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 19-21 Fredericksburg Trade Days Shop more than 400 vendors or relax in the biergarten while listening to live music. *355 Sunday Farms Lane. 830-990-4900; fbgradedays.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 20 Night in Old Fredericksburg Celebrate the heritage of the Texas Hill Country with a barbecue and chili cookoff, live music, food, drinks, and more. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. 830-997-2359; gillespiefair.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 21 PCAA Concert in the Park Enjoy a free Sunday evening concert. Bring your chairs, eats, and drinks. *Marktplatz, 126 W. Main St. 830-997-8515; fredericksburgfestivals.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 25-28 "Disney's Frozen Jr." Fredericksburg Youth Theater presents this performance featuring the emotional relationship and journey between princess sisters with a cast of beloved characters—a show loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor. *Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 S. US 87. 830-997-3588; fredericksburgtheater.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 26-28 Hill Country Auto Swap Meet The 42nd annual auto swap meet, car corral, and flea market provides free parking, free shuttle service on Saturday, and a variety of concessions. *Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, SH 16 S. 254-751-7958; earhartproductions.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: June 29 Food Truck Festival Enjoy a full day of food trucks, wine from local wineries, and live music. *Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. 830-997-3224; luckenbachtexas.com*

GRUENE: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Two Ton Tuesdays It wouldn't be summertime without popular rockabilly band Two Tons of Steel holding court in Gruene Hall every Tuesday evening—now in its 24th year. If you haven't caught Two Ton fever yet, grab

your dancing shoes and get ready. The band takes the stage at 8:30 p.m. Come early for swing dance lessons from 6 to 7 p.m. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-629-5077; gruenehall.com*

GRUENE: July 5, 12, 19, 26 Friday Afternoon Club at Gruene Hall A Gruene Hall tradition, now in its 21st 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. There's even a very special guest interview each week. Past guests include Ray Benson, Steve

by The Grapevine staff. The complimentary tastings are held on the patio and garden of this popular tasting room. Samples of food that are offered for sale are provided, and each event features live music and three prize giveaways. *The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-629-5077; grapevineingruene.com*

GRUENE: July 20-21 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods. *Gruene Historic District, 1601 Hunter Road. 830-629-5077; gruenemarketdays.com*

HUTTO: July 4 Fourth of July Celebration The second annual celebration features live music every hour, food trucks, kids activities, and fireworks. This event is free to attend. *Hutto Park at Brushy Creek, 1001 CR 137. 512-759-4003*

INGRAM: July 19-20, 26-27; Aug 2-3 "Mamma Mia!" In this musical featuring songs by the Swedish pop group ABBA, a young woman wants to invite the father she's never known to her wedding—only to discover that there are three possible choices. *Hill Country Arts Foundation The Point Outdoor Theatre, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcfa.com*

JOHNSON CITY: July 27-28 Market Days Local artisans sell handmade items, jewelry, and plants. Food and beverages are available. *City Park, US 290 at Avenue G. 830-868-7684; johnsoncitytexas.info*

JOHNSON CITY: July 28 Art Walk All galleries are open for new exhibits and are serving adult beverages and snacks. *North Nugent and Main streets. 830-868-7684; johnsoncitytexas.info*

KERRVILLE: June 1-July 6 Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show The nation's finest gourd artists compete in a variety of categories in this popular annual show. *Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

KERRVILLE: July 4 Robert Earl Keen's Fourth on the River Enjoy food, vendor booths, family fun, river fun, a splashpad, live bands, a free concert featuring Robert Earl Keen, and a fireworks show. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-8233; robertearlkeens4th.com*

KERRVILLE: July 5 Dive-In Movie at the Pool Attendees can swim, float, or just dip their toes while a family-friendly movie plays on a large poolside screen. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov*

KERRVILLE: July 6 Open Car and Motorcycle Show The 21st annual open car and bike show awards trophies for all categories.

The event includes veteran recognitions, food trucks, vendors, and live music. *Kerr County Courthouse, 700 Main St. 830-792-4044; dietertcenter.org*

KERRVILLE: July 11-Aug. 10 PhotoQuest View the 19th annual judged competition and exhibition of photographs by the Hill Country Camera Club. *Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

KERRVILLE: July 12-13 Hill Country Gun and Knife Show Vendors sell guns, knives, coins, cutting boards, ammo, and more. *Hill Country Veterans Center, 411 Meadowview. 830-315-3101; doehill6679@gmail.com*

KERRVILLE: July 12-13 Kerrville Open Pro Rodeo This full rodeo includes bareback and saddle bronc riding, calf roping, team roping, ladies barrel racing, bull riding, a calf scramble, and mutton busting for the kids. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-997-1864; lmrodeo.com*

KERRVILLE: July 13-14 Kerrville Summer Market Vendors from all over the state and beyond come to present their art, jewelry, clothing, accessories, gourmet food, gift items, and more. *Inn of the Hills Hotel & Conference Center, 1001 Junction Highway. 888-225-3427; texasmarketguide.com*


KERRVILLE: July 19 Summer Concerts in the Park Enjoy some summer jams at this free event. Bring your lawn chairs. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov*

KERRVILLE: July 20-21 Texas Gun and Knife Show Vendors sell new and used guns, knives, gold and silver coins, jewelry, camping gear, military supplies, and more under one roof. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-285-0575; texasgunandknifeshows.com*

KERRVILLE: July 21 Painting with Pizzazz Enjoy a glass of wine and chocolate treats while creating a personalized wine glass. *Kerrville Hills Winery, 3600 Fredericksburg Road. 830-895-4233; kerrvillehillswinery.com*

KERRVILLE: July 23-26 Heart of the Hills Golf Tournament Golfers from around the country and state compete in the 74th annual 72-hole tournament. *Scott Schreiner Municipal Golf Course, 1 Country Club Lane. 830-895-1027; hohkerr.com*

KERRVILLE: July 26-28 "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." Playhouse 2000 Summer Musical Camp presents the stage adaptation of this classic Disney story of transformation and tolerance. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393 caillouxtheater.com*



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Earle, Delbert McClinton, Radney Foster, Hayes Carll, and Ray Wylie Hubbard. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-606-1281; gruenehall.com*

GRUENE: July 14 Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist in Gruene Hall In the tradition of a New Orleans-style gospel brunch, enjoy awe-inspiring gospel music coupled with a mouth-watering buffet, catered by Gristmill River Restaurant and Bar. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-629-5077; gruenehall.com*

GRUENE: July 18 Come and Taste It—Meet Texas' Best Winemakers Sample Texas' best wines and craft brews on the third Thursday of each month throughout the year (except January). A featured winemaker showcases three of their newest releases, top-selling, or hardest-to-find wines, alongside a craft brew hand-picked

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KYLE: July 4 Independence Day Fireworks Show Join in the celebration of Independence Day as the city of Kyle once again has planned a spectacular fireworks show. Many say that this is the biggest and best fireworks show in the area. *Plum Creek Golf Course, 4301 Benner Road. 512-262-3939; cityofkyle.com/recreation*

KYLE: July 13 Market Days Enjoy local vendors, live music, and family fun under the shade of the oak trees. *City Square Park, 101 S. Burlison St. 512-262-3939; cityofkyle.com/recreation*

LAGO VISTA: July 4 July Fourth Festivities Participate in a 5K race, parade, and a fireworks display. *Bar K Park, 6608 Bar K Clubhouse Court. 512-267-7952; lagovistajuly4.org*

LLANO: July 4 Fireworks Over the Llano River Enjoy a fireworks display over the Llano River. *Badu Park, 300 Legion Drive. 325-247-5354*

LLANO: July 6 Rock'N Riverfest Bring the lawn chairs and grab your sunscreen. This festival is full of jet ski races, vendors, music, children's activities, and rat rod cars. *Badu Park, 300 Legion Drive. 325-247-5354; llanorocknriverfest.com*

NEW BRAUNFELS: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesday Night Swing with Dirty River Dixie Band Dance the night away with New Braunfels' favorite sons of swing. *Krause's Cafe and Biergarten, 148 S. Castell Ave. 830-625-2807; krausescafe.com/events*

NEW BRAUNFELS: July 4 Fourth of July Patriotic Parade and Program All are welcome to walk or ride along in this parade. The parade begins with the Comal Community Band performing, and after the parade the patriotic program includes the presentation of the colors, a welcome, an invocation, special music, remarks by New Braunfels city officials, a benediction, retiring of the colors, and playing of the bells. The parade begins in the Saints Peter and Paul Church parking lot. *Main Plaza, Downtown New Braunfels. 830-629-1572; sophienburg.com*


NEW BRAUNFELS: July 12 John Conlee in Concert Country superstar John Conlee performs a show filled with many of his classic hits. *Freiheit Country Store, 2157 FM 1101. 830-625-9400; ticketfly.com*

NEW BRAUNFELS: July 12 Turnpike Troubadours and Robert Earl Keen in Concert Join in for a special night with country artists Turnpike Troubadours and Robert Earl Keen. *Whitewater Amphitheater, 11860 FM 306. ticketfly.com*

NEW BRAUNFELS: July 13 Moe Bandy in Concert Enjoy an intimate evening with one of country music's favorite legends. *Riley's Tavern, 8894 FM 1102. outhousetickets.com*

NEW BRAUNFELS: July 19-21 North American Jewelry and Gift Show Shop this show for beads, jewelry, gold, silver, gemstones, clothing, handbags, accessories, gift items, and vintage jewelry. There is free wine, free parking, and free hourly prizes. *Civic and Convention Center, 375 S. Castell Ave. 210-410-0737; nashows.com*

OZONA: July 4 Fourth of July Celebrations Join the Ozona Knights of Columbus as they celebrate Independence Day. Food booths, games, and entertainment keep visitors busy until the Patriotic Parade. This



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exciting parade ends at the baseball fields north of town. There is a fireworks display at the fields after sunset. *Ozona's Historic Town Square, Avenue E and 11th Street. 325-392-2827; ozona.com/eventscalendar*

SAN MARCOS: June 4-July 30 Movies in Your Park Bring your blanket and chairs and pick the perfect spot to enjoy a movie and festivities. Come early for pre-movie games an hour before sunset. Admission is free and concessions are available for purchase. *Plaza Park, 206 N. CM Allen Parkway. 512-393-8400; toursanmarcos.com*

SAN MARCOS: June 6-Aug. 29 Summer in the Park Concert Series This year marks 30 years of the summer concert series. Different bands of various genres play

every Thursday night. Bring friends, family, lawn chairs, blankets, and an ice chest of your favorite beverages—no glass or Styrofoam containers/coolers. *Plaza Park, 206 N. CM Allen Parkway. 512-393-8400; toursanmarcos.com*

SAN MARCOS: July 4 SummerFest The city's annual Fourth of July celebration features live music, children's activities, food vendors, and of course fireworks. *Plaza Park, 206 N. CM Allen Parkway. 512-393-5930; summerfestsmtx.com*

SAN MARCOS: July 14 Don't Tread on My Tri This classic Texas Hill Country triathlon gives participants the unique opportunity to swim in Spring Lake, normally closed to the public and a federally funded wetland and headwater. Only 300 swimmers per year experience this. Bike with the epic views of the Texas Hill Country. Run the hilly, shady surrounding neighborhood. There is a massive Scallywompus-style party at the finish. The triathlon is a 500-meter swim, 12-mile bike, and 5K run. *Meadows Center, 201 San Marcos Springs Drive. 210-849-8275; toursanmarcos.com*

SPRING BRANCH: July 3 Hill Country Fun Fest Have fun while watching fireworks, listening to live music, and enjoying activities for kids. Food and drink booths are provided. Entrance is \$10 per car and then activities thereafter are free. *Jumbo Evans Sports Park, 101 Jumbo Evans Blvd. 210-488-8063; springbranchtennis.com/hill-country-fun-fest*

UVALDE: July 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27 Sahawe Summer Ceremonials The Sahawe Dancers are a unique performing group from Uvalde. These ceremonials feature a 90-minute performance of dances from the Plains and Pueblo tribes and tribes from Mexico. This is where visitors can see the Sahawes at their best as some of the dances can't be taken on the road because the elaborate props and costumes don't travel well. Dances from the Kiowa, Sioux, Crow, Apache, Hopi, Santa Clara, Taos, Aztec, and Yaqui tribes may be seen at the Summer Ceremonials. *Sahawe Outdoor Theater, Corner of South Wood and West Garden streets. 830-261-9568; sahawe.com*

WIMBERLEY: July 13 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 the galleries in and around the Wimberley square. *Various locations, 13811 RR 12. 260-290-5001; gallerytrail.com*

WIMBERLEY: July 18 Susanna's Kitchen Coffee House Concert Series Every third Thursday, talented and well-known musi-

cians perform in an intimate venue. Texas Pie Company's famous pies, tamales, pizza, coffee, and soft drinks are available. Concerts are held in the Fellowship Hall at Wimberley United Methodist Church. *Wimberley United Methodist Church, 1200 CR 1492. 512-847-3109; wimberleyumc.org/susannas-kitchen*

WIMBERLEY: June 28-July 21 "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" Based on a real-life brothel, the "Chicken Ranch" thrived for more than 130 years in La Grange. The destination of football teams, politicians, and others, it enjoyed the cozy protection of the town's sheriff until a crusading reporter sets out to expose the operation. A rollicking hootenanny of a musical with memorable music, dance, and characters, it stars small-town Texas in all of its glory. *The Wimberley Playhouse, 450 Old Kyle Road. 512-847-0575; wimberleyplayers.org*

WIMBERLEY: July 6 Market Day More than 450 outdoor booths are filled with art, furniture, collectibles, and treasures of all kinds. Live music and food and drink make for a shopper's delight. *Lions Field, 601 FM 2325. 512-847-2201; shopmarketdays.com*

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AMARILLO: July 5 First Friday Art Walk Join local artists when they open their galleries to share the art they create every day at Arts in the Sunset. Food trucks and entertainment are on site. *Arts in the Sunset, 3701 Plains Blvd., Suite 72D. 806-310-2600; artsinthesunset.org*

AMARILLO: July 6, 13, 20, 27 Amarillo Community Market The Market hosts live music and a diverse mix of everything the Panhandle has to offer: herbs and veggies, baked goods, live plants, cut flowers, jellies, jams and pickles, and arts and crafts. *Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Grounds, 1000 S. Polk St. 806-335-6360*

AMARILLO: July 27 National Day of the Cowboy Enjoy a day of family fun including craft projects, roping demonstrations, cowboy poetry, cowboy music, Charro heritage, and horseback rides. Celebrate the Western lifestyle and the American Quarter Horse. *American Quarter Horse Museum, 2601 I-40 E. 806-376-4811; aqha.com/museum*

CANADIAN: June 24-July 31 Texas Humanities Traveling Photo Exhibit: Rural Texas Women at Work 1930-1960 This photo exhibit highlights rural Texas women who were industrious and enterprising. These women performed the common tasks of housewives everywhere—cooking,

housekeeping, and doing laundry. In addition, they raised large gardens, tended flocks of poultry, canned and preserved foods for their families, made and repaired furnishings, picked cotton, drove tractors, and took over the men's work during World War II. This exhibit uses photographs and explanatory texts to convey a sense of the lives of rural Texas women. *River Valley Pioneer Museum, 118 N. Second St. 806-323-6548; rivervalleymuseum.org*

CANADIAN: July 4-6 Fourth of July Celebration Celebrate Independence Day with rodeos, a parade, turtle races, arts and crafts, dancing, art shows, and a free watermelon feed. *Downtown Canadian, 119 N. Second St. 806-323-6234; canadiantx.com*

CANADIAN: July 11-25 Screen on the Green Enjoy movies on the lawn on Thursday nights. *Canadian Visitor's Center Lawn, 119 N. Second St. 806-323-6234; canadiantx.com*

CLAUDE: July 11-13 Caprock Roundup For the 88th annual event, this year's theme is Big Top on Caprock. Celebrate pioneer history on the courthouse square. Past events have included a parade, rodeo, craft show, fiddlers contest, Miss Armstrong County contest, and a chicken chase. *Courthouse Square, Trice Street and US 287. 806-676-5420; claudetx.org*

COLORADO CITY: July 4 J.O. Dockrey Fly-In and Breakfast Starting at 7 a.m., planes start landing and the smell of bacon is in the air. Before 9 a.m., more than 50 planes have landed and more than 500 people have been fed breakfast. There is an awards program and then everyone takes off by 10 a.m. *Colorado City Airport, 4309 FM 1808. 325-728-3404; coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com*

COLORADO CITY: July 4 July Fourth in the Park Let freedom ring with washer pitching and horseshoe tournaments. Take part in the hot dot eating contest or enjoy a swim at the pool. At dark, enjoy a fireworks show. *Ruddick Park, 1205 E. Eighth St. 325-728-3403; coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com*

DALHART: July 4 Fourth of July Fireworks Enjoy a fireworks show to celebrate the nation's independence. *Rita Blanca Lake, 1219 FM 281. dalhart.org*

DALHART: July 13, 27 The Purpose Market An open-air market, with farmers, artisans, chefs, and vendors sharing their passions and purposes, including fresh produce, quality handmade goods, delicious foods and treats, and mission-driven products from around the world. *Purpose Coffee Co., 324 Rock Island. facebook.com/purposemarket*

DALHART: July 27-28 XIT Junior Rodeo Rodeo for ages up to 16. Events are organized according to age. *XIT Rodeo Arena, 2050 E. John Todd Road. xitrodeoreunion.com*

DENVER CITY: July 4 July Fourth Celebration Enjoy food, games, a car show, and fireworks. *Stuffy Moorhead Park, 300 W. 15th St. 806-592-5424; denvercitychamber.com*

DUMAS: July 4 Fourth of July World Championship Mud Volleyball Tournament Like to play in the mud? Join teams from all across the Texas Panhandle and beyond as they play for the mud volleyball world championship. This all day, elimination-style tournament goes until the top team is crowned. Cash prizes are awarded to the top four teams. There are non-profit vendors selling food and drinks throughout the day. Cap the day off with a dazzling fireworks display (weather permitting). *McDade Park, East 14th and Durrett streets. 806-935-2123; dumaschamber.com*

DUMAS: July 19-20 D'Town Barbecue Cookoff This annual cookoff features teams from across the Texas Panhandle and beyond. Averaging 35-40 teams, this cookoff is recognized by the state of Texas and the International Barbeque Cookers Association and has a variety of meats including brisket, ribs, pork shoulder/butt, and chicken. There is usually a Cookers Choice category as well. On Saturday, there is a Peoples Choice fundraiser and cooks who participate take a \$1.00 donation for samples and a chance to win an award for this category. Monies collected goes to a local non-profit organization. There is also a Kids Q for children to participate too. Cash prizes and trophies are awarded at the end of the cookoff on Saturday. *McDade Park, East 14th and Durrett streets. 806-935-2123; dumaschamber.com*

FRIONA: July 21 Cheeseburger Festival The Cheeseburger Capital of Texas hosts the 14th annual Cheeseburger Festival that includes a competition cookoff for the best cheeseburger. There are lots of arts, crafts, and fun for the entire family. Anyone is welcome to participate in the cookoff, and 20 teams is the limit. First place receives \$1,000. *Friona City Park, 700 Main St. 806-250-3491; friona-chamber.com*

LEVELLAND: July 2-7 Babe Ruth Softball Southwest Regional Tournament Approximately 50 teams from 6 states compete in this regional softball tournament. *Oxy Sports Complex, 1201 Equalizer Road. 806-928-8235; brlswregion.com*

LEVELLAND: July 19-20 National Rope Horse Development Program Futurity and Team Roping This event has futurities

for rope and ranch horses and a slide team roping. *Mallet Event Center and Arena, 2320 US 385. 806-632-0979; caprockranchers.com*

LEWELLAND: July 24-27 Junior Rodeo Cowboy Association Finals Members of the Junior Rodeo Cowboys Association compete in rodeo events for the finals. *Mallet Event Center and Arena, 2320 US 385. 806-205-0350; jrcarodeo.com*

LUBBOCK: July 1-4 Fourth on Broadway For 29 years, this has been an event that Lubbock and the entire region look forward to. This year's theme is "Celebrate Heroes." Pre-Fourth evening concerts begin July 1, and the festival culminates in a full day of parade, daytime concerts, eating contests, a fishing tournament, a picnic in the park, an evening concert, and fireworks. Most events are free. This year's exciting new attraction is the 40-plus-foot ferris wheel. The kids area has free activities such as kids yoga, water slides, a mechanical bull, an obstacle course, a petting zoo, and pony rides. *Mackenzie Park and Downtown, 301 I-27. 806-749-2929; broadwayfestivals.com*

LUBBOCK: July 5-27 West Texas Watercolor Society Summer Show Member artists exhibit and sell their beautiful water media artworks. This exhibit is supported in part through a grant from the City of Lubbock, as recommended by Civic Lubbock Inc. *Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, 511 Avenue K. 806-794-4655; wtws.org*

POST: July 12-14 Old Mill Trade Days Shop for arts, crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing, home decor, homemade candy, candles, goat milk soap, antiques, gifts, and more, plus enjoy live entertainment and food. *318 S. Avenue F. oldmilltrade days.com*

POST: July 12-13 Smokin' in the Park The ninth annual barbecue cookoff—sponsored by the Post Rotary—is a Lone Star Barbecue Society-sanctioned event. *Post City Park.*

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

SAN ANGELO: June 27-Aug. 4 American Plains Artists Summer Show Five members of the American Plains Artists Association (APA) are participating in a special show. Guests who attended last year's APA juried show cast their ballots for their favorite art pieces, and those artists were in-

vited to feature a dozen of their works during this summer's show. *Fort Concho, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-657-4444; fortconcho.com*

SAN ANGELO: July 3 July Third Pops Concert The concert draws more than 35,000 people and features live music, children's activities, and a fireworks extravaganza. The concert includes a selection of patriotic music along with a military march-in and Fort Concho cannons firing. General admission is free but reserved seating is available. *Bill Aylor Sr. Memorial Riverstage, 401 Orient St. 325-655-4136; sanangelosymphony.org*

SAN ANGELO: July 4 Holiday Artillery Salutes Celebrate Independence Day with hourly salutes by the Fort Concho Artillery to honor our nation's 243rd birthday. *Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 South Oakes St. 325-481-2730; fortconcho.com*



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SAN ANGELO: July 11-Sept. 8 "Frontiers: An Artistic Exploration of Space Travel, Technology, the Age of Discovery, and More" Artwork related to exploration is exhibited in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org*

SAN ANGELO: July 11-Sept. 8 "Highlights from the Permanent Collection" Selections from the art museum's permanent collection are on display. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org*

SAN ANGELO: July 27 National Cowboy Day Celebrate Western culture with a light

breakfast and talk on Western art followed by a skit by the Concho Cowboy Company. *Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 South Oakes St. 325-481-2730; fortconcho.com*

STAMFORD: July 3-7 Texas Cowboy Reunion Rodeo This is the 89th annual world's largest amateur rodeo. The event kicks off with a parade on Wednesday. Enjoy nightly rodeos, concerts, dances, matched horse races, barbecue and chuckwagon cookoffs, a daily tradeshow, a Western art show, a fiddler's contest, and more. *Texas Cowboy Reunion, US-277. 325-773-3138; texascowboyreunion.com*

SWEETWATER: July 4 Sparks in the Park and Lions Club Fourth of July Parade Celebrate Independence Day with an evening of fireworks, food trucks, and a parade. Parking is available at Newman Park. *Nolan County Coliseum/Newman Park, 220 Coliseum Drive. 325-235-5488; sweetwatertexas.org*

SWEETWATER: July 11 Big Country Dance This monthly country dance features different bands performing and a potluck dinner. *Sweetwater VFW, 217 Avenger Field Road. 325-235-5488; sweetwatertexas.org*

SWEETWATER: July 19-21 West Texas Rodeo Association Finals Finalists compete in rodeo events. *Nolan County Coliseum, 220 Coliseum Drive. 432-413-0976; westtexasrodeo.org/schedule*

SWEETWATER: July 24-28 American Junior Rodeo Association Finals (AJRA) Finalists compete in rodeo events. *Nolan County Coliseum, 220 Coliseum Drive. 325-235-3484; ajra.org*

VEGA: July 4 Fourth of July Flag Celebration Join in and show your patriotic pride. Bring a flag (some flags provided) in the morning to show those passing through our county how we celebrate the U.S.'s birthday. Wear your red, white, and blue and wave as travelers go west on the interstate. Also, visit downtown Vega for the Avenue of American Flags throughout town. *West Overpass of Vega, Exit 35 off I-40 W. 806-267-2828; oldhamcofc.org*

VEGA: July 19-20 Comancheros City-Wide Garage Sales Shop garage sales throughout town and the surrounding area. There are maps with listings of sale items and addresses of sales placed at local businesses. *Various locations, 904 Main St. 806-267-2828; oldhamcofc.org*

WICHITA FALLS: June 22-Aug. 11 Artzeum Interactive Kids' Exhibit This year's exhibit, "Small Wonders: Insects and Art,"

combines interactive play areas and large-scale photos of insects to create a one-of-a-kind art experience for kids and adults. *Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar St. 940-767-2787; artscouncilwf.org/artzeum*

WICHITA FALLS: July 4 Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Parade and Celebration Step back in time this Fourth of July. The festivities begin with a patriotic parade, ending at the Kell House Museum, which hosts an old-fashioned salute to America followed by a cake walk, face painting, yard games, and more. *Kell House Museum, 900 Bluff St. 940-723-2712; wichita-heritage.org*

WICHITA FALLS: July 12-13 Texas Six Man All-Star Games The best six-man football and basketball players in Texas converge in Wichita Falls for this annual event. *MSU DL Ligon Coliseum & Memorial Stadium. 940-761-6820; wichitafalls.org*

WICHITA FALLS: July 27 Watermelon Fest Head to the Downtown Wichita Falls Farmers Market for a slice of ice-cold watermelon. Downtown Wichita Falls Development board of directors and staff will be slicing and serving watermelon slices until they run out. *Downtown Wichita Falls Farmers Market, 713 Ohio Ave. 940-322-4525; downtownwf.com*

PINEY WOODS

GRAPELAND: July 4-6 East Texas Country Music Festival Jam along at this three-day music festival with the best of Texas country artists. There is nonstop entertainment and food, and campers can enjoy the campground with more than 400 RV spots. *East Texas Country Music Festival, 247 Salm-on Lake Road. 214-897-3604; etcmf.com*

HENDERSON: July 4 July Fourth Parade, Fun in the Park, and Fireworks The city celebrates with a parade, children's inflatables, food, musical entertainment, and fireworks. *Lake Forest Park, 1500 Lake Forest Parkway. 903-646-5440; visithendersontx.com*

HUNTSVILLE: July 4 July Fourth Celebration The Fourth of July celebration is a fun and safe event for the entire family. The fireworks show begins at dark, weather permitting. *Kate Barr Ross Park, 486 SH 75. 936-291-9726; huntstvilletexas.com*

JACKSONVILLE: July 13 Cherokee Craft and Trade Fair Enjoy free admission to a show featuring a variety of arts and crafts vendors, some new and many returning. Each event assists a local charity. *Norman Activity Center, 526 E. Commerce St. jacksonvilletexas.com*



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JEFFERSON: July 4-6 July Fourth Weekend The Historic Jefferson Railway offers a special holiday weekend aboard an antique gas-powered locomotive, where the history of Independence Day unfolds in one of the railway's narrated historical day tours. View the Support Our Troops display that honors the United States Military. The ride includes a stop at Diamond Don Gator Pit for feeding live alligators. *Historic Jefferson Railway, 400 E. Austin St. 866-398-2038; jeffersonrailway.com or diamonddonempire.com*

KILGORE: July 4 Fourth of July Extravaganza This popular Independence Day event features a 20-minute explosively entertaining fireworks display. Bring the family for a festival-style atmosphere with food vendors, market stalls, and live music at the amphitheater. *Kilgore City Park. 903-988-4117; cityofkilgore.com*

KILGORE: July 13 Patriotic Street Party East Texans come together to show their patriotism with a gigantic street party on Main Street. *Historic Downtown Kilgore. kilgoremaintstreet.com/patriotic-street-party*

KILGORE: June 27-July 28 Texas Shakespeare Festival For the 34th summer season, East Texas' only professional theatre produces "As You Like It," "Born Yesterday," "Othello," "Into The Woods," and "The Girl Who Cried Throgmonster." The performances historically sell out fast. *Van Cliburn Auditorium, 1000-1198 Brook Drive. 903-983-8119; texasshakespeare.com*

LONGVIEW: July 4 Fireworks and Freedom Celebration This festival includes an air-conditioned vendor hall, concessions, free outdoor concerts, carnival rides, a motorcycle procession, a car show, a historic fly-over, and a water foam area. Don't miss the Patriotic Pup Fashion Show, Family Feud contest, and fireworks show. Admission and parking are free. *Maude Cobb Convention Center, 100 Grand Blvd. 903-237-1000; longviewtexas.gov/2394/Fireworks-and-Freedom-Celebration*

LONGVIEW: July 26-28 AKC Dog Show The Longview Kennel Club holds their AKC-licensed, all-breed dog shows. The Tyler Obedience Training Club conducts all-breed obedience trials on both days. At the shows, up to 190 AKC-recognized breeds can compete for the dog that most closely matches the standard for each breed exhibited. At the obedience trials, activities range from basic obedience to the more advanced classes that involve retrieving scented objects and performing jumps. Vendors are on site selling pet supplies and accessories. *Maude Cobb Con-*

vention Center, 100 Grand Blvd. 903-237-1000; longviewkennelclub.org/show

LONGVIEW: July 26-28 Great Texas Balloon Race Enjoy a world-class event attracting the very best competitive pilots from across the United States and the world. The event earned Longview the official designation as "The Balloon Capital of Texas" by the Governor of Texas in 1985. In 2013, Gregg County was proclaimed "The Balloon Race Capital of Texas" by the 83rd Texas Legislature. Visitors at the race can see balloon flights over the city each day, and balloon glows at night entertain crowds with an awesome display of color and excitement. It's one of the most popular things to do at the event as the public is able to get up close and watch how balloons are inflated and operate. There are live concerts on Friday and Saturday nights as well, and Kids Land offers a safe area for children with activities and attractions. Vendors have arts, crafts, and merchandise in booths lined up along an improvised midway. Food vendors are on site, too. *Gregg County Regional Airport, 269 Terminal Circle. 903-237-3281; greattexasballoonrace.com*

MAGNOLIA: July 4 Fourth of July in Magnolia This free event celebrates the Fourth of July with music, hot dogs, watermelon, and a fireworks display. *Unity Park, 19450 Nichols Sawmill Road. 281-615-5697; cityofmagnolia.com*

MINEOLA: Jan. 7-Dec. 30 Square Dancing Join in on square dancing every Monday night with national caller Tim Tyl. *American Legion Hall, 2015 US 80 E. 903-312-3713; mineolarailers.com*

NAPLES: July 25-27 Watermelon Festival This 80th annual event includes a parade, street dance, an antique car show, music, arts-and-crafts vendors, games, and free ice-cold watermelon. *The Melon Patch on Front Street. 903-563-9713*

PALESTINE: July 13 Dog Daze of Summer Concert Series Gather in the shade with friends and move to the groove of live music while enjoying expertly paired snack boards and beverages in an environment to escape the dog days of summer. Bands performing are Chris Oliver and Company, The Magills, and The Tuxedo Cats. *Oxbow Hollow, 215 E. Crawford St. 903-729-6066; palestinechamber.org/festivals*

PALESTINE: July 26 "My Son Pinocchio: Geppetto's Musical Tale" The classic tale of toymaker Geppetto's little wooden puppet is given new life. This musical, which retells the classic Disney story from Geppetto's perspective, features the beloved classic songs, "When You Wish upon a

Star" and "I've Got No Strings," alongside a host of new songs by Oscar- and Grammy Award-winner and master melodist, Stephen Schwartz, tackling timely issues about what it means to be "the perfect child" and what it means to be "a real father." *Texas Theatre, 213 W. Crawford St. 903-922-1126; thetexasheater.com*

THE WOODLANDS: July 3 Houston Symphony: Star-Spangled Salute The Independence Eve tradition is back. Enjoy patriotic hits from across the decades while remembering our veterans. *The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Drive. 281-364-3010; woodlandscenter.org*

TYLER: July 8-11 Brunson Equestrian Center Summer Camp Session 4 This is a horse-riding camp designed for the beginner to advanced rider. Camp is open to all ages from 6 to 99. These summer camps are a great experience, whether you're looking for a fun activity for yourself or your horse-crazy child. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

TYLER: July 13-14 Hunter Jumper Scholarship Circuit and Horse Show This non-profit organization provides competition for horse and rider from cross rails to hunter derbies and jumper classics. This is a fun, outdoor family activity. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

TYLER: July 15-18 Brunson Equestrian Center Summer Camp Session 5 This is a horse-riding camp designed for the beginner to advanced rider. Camp is open to all ages from 6 to 99. These summer camps are a great experience, whether you're looking for a fun activity for yourself or your horse-crazy child. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

TYLER: July 22-25 Brunson Equestrian Center Summer Camp Session 6 This is a horse-riding camp designed for the beginner to advanced rider. Camp is open to all ages from 6 to 99. These summer camps are a great experience, whether you're looking for a fun activity for yourself or your horse-crazy child. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*


PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ADDISON: June 13-Aug. 8 Vitruvian Nights Live Enjoy live music and gourmet food trucks every other Thursday in June, July, and August. Admission and parking are free. *Vitruvian Park Amphitheater, 3875*

Ponte Ave. 972-450-2800; visitaddison.com/specialevents

ADDISON: July 3 Kaboom Town! This fireworks show features fireworks choreographed to music and simulcast on the radio. Visitors can enjoy food and live entertainment as well. There is also an air show by the Cavanaugh Flight Museum. This fireworks show can be seen across the entire town. *Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle Drive. 972-450-2800; addisonkaboomtown.com*

ADDISON: July 20 Addison After Dark Join in on outdoor entertainment on the third Saturday of every month from May to November. This event features live music, movies, and food trucks. With different themes each month, the entertainment options are forever changing, giving fans a unique experience. This month enjoy Luau



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on the Lawn. Meet on the lawn for a summer tiki party featuring a fire-twirling show, island music, hula dancing, and complimentary leis. *Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle Drive. 972-450-2800; visitaddison.com/specialevents*

ARLINGTON: June 1-2, 9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-29; July 3, 5-6, 14, 19, 21 Free Music Under the Stars Enjoy free outdoor concerts on select evenings throughout the summer by performers, including Shotgun Rider, BB King Blues Band, The Bright Light Social Hour, Nakia & the Blues Grifters, and Blue Water Highway. *Levitt Pavilion Arlington, 100 W. Abram St. 817-543-4301 or 817-543-4308; levittpavilionarlington.org*

BASTROP: July 6 Red, White, and You—Dancing Through the Decades Continue the Independence Day fun with this dance celebration. Enjoy dance lessons, live music, food and drink concessions, and historical exhibits. Vintage dress is encouraged, as there is a prize for best dressed. The featured band performing is The Tony Harrison Band. *Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center, 1408 Chestnut St. 512-332-8984; redwhiteyoudance.com*

BASTROP: July 12-27 "Newsies" Set in turn-of-the-century New York City, "Newsies" is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right. Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, "Newsies" features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken ("Little Shop of Horrors," "Sister Act") and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award-winner Harvey Fierstein. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St. 512-517-6422; visitbastrop.com/event/newsies-the-broadway-musical/321*

BASTROP: July 19-21 Corvette Invasion The largest Corvette car show in Texas comes to Bastrop. Check out hundreds of Corvettes before they caravan out on Sunday to the Circuit of the Americas Race Track—the only F1 track in America. The show also features car show awards, and auto, food, and lifestyle vendors, as well as other special events. *Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center, 1408 Chestnut St. 512-373-5544; corvetteinvasion.com*

BEDFORD: July 4 Fourth Fest Enjoy children's activities, live music, the annual salute to our soldiers, and fireworks at this Independence Day event. *Bedford Boys Ranch Park, 2801 Forest Ridge Drive. 817-952-2317; bedfordtx.gov*

BELTON: June 29-July 6 Fourth of July Celebration and PRCA Rodeo Since the 1850s, folks from all over Texas have come to celebrate the Fourth of July in Belton. This weeklong celebration draws more than 50,000 people and features one of USA Today's top 10 parades in the country, the Festival on Nolan Creek, live music, a carnival, a patriotic program, and a kickoff barbecue, with the PRCA Rodeo being the highlight of the celebration. *Downtown Belton. rodeobelton.com*

BONHAM: July 25-27 Kueckelhan Rodeo This rodeo has taken place for more than 60 years and is one of the most entertaining and exciting events that takes place in

Fannin County each year. Thousands of people of all ages and walks of life look forward to attending this annual event, and the experience seems to get better each and every year. Rodeo activities include bareback, saddle bronc, ranch bronc, steer wrestling, tiedown, breakaway, team roping, barrel racing, and bull riding. *Kueckelhan Ranch, 7036 SH 78 N. 903-583-5337; kueckelhanrodeo.com*

BONHAM: July 26-27 Quilt Hop Nine different historical locations have over 300 quilts on display. This year, space quilts are on display from many different states and countries. In addition, there are always vendors, demonstrations, fat quarter bingo, and a chance to drive the longest Barn Quilt Trail in Texas. There are guided house tours on the half hour with special quilt displays. *Various locations, 327 N. Main St. 903-583-9830; visitbonham.com*

BOWIE: July 5 Outdoor Movie Night Enjoy a free outdoor movie. Fundraising concessions are served. *Bowie Community Development, 101 E. Pecan St. 940-872-6246; cityofbowietx.com*

BOWIE: July 13 Reds, Whites, and Brews—And Food Trucks Too This inaugural event features vendors from across the area with a focus on local wineries and breweries. The evening has an indoor concert series with local artist Monty Dawson, opener Jamie Richards, and leading artist Phil Hamilton. The Lone Star Garden Tractor Pullers Association is hosting a lawn mower pull contest, and there is also a fun cornhole tournament. *Bowie Community Center, 413 Pelham St. 940-872-6246; cityofbowietx.com*

BOWIE: July 27 July Jam Enjoy an evening of fiddle playing, an auction, live entertainment, and chicken and bread with Bowie Community Development. *Bowie Community Center, 413 Pelham St. 940-872-6246; cityofbowietx.com*


BRENHAM: July 6-Sept. 1 Harvest Grape Stomp Come out and enjoy creating happy memories with your family, friends, or co-workers. Start in the vineyard to pick grapes off the vine. Return to the tasting patio where you'll squeeze and squish your grapes to music, which makes all the stress in your life fade away. As an added memento, step out with your purple feet on to your keepsake t-shirt. *Windy Winery, 4232 Clover Road. 979-836-3252; windywinery.com*

BRENHAM: July 7-28 Hot Nights, Cool Tunes Concert Series Bring your lawn chair to the courthouse square, and enjoy great live music with the community. Also,

enjoy the Classic Car Cruise-In as well as food and beverage vendors. This event is free to the public. *Downtown Brenham, 115 W. Main St. 979-337-7580; downtownbrenham.com*

BRENHAM: July 20-21, 27-28; Aug. 10-11 Crush for Fun at Pleasant Hill Winery Stomp grapes and personalize a T-shirt with your purple feet to remember the fun at Pleasant Hill Winery. After, enjoy wine tasting on the deck. *Pleasant Hill Winery, 1441 Salem Road. 979-830-8463; pleasanthillwinery.com*

BRYAN: July 26; Aug. 10 Moonlit Harvest Festival The festival kicks off with a blessing of the vines followed by an evening of grape picking and stomping in the Messina



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BRYAN: July 27; Aug. 3, 10, 17, 31 Daytime Harvest Festival Bring the family out for a fun-filled day of picking and stomping the very grapes that go into making Messina Hof's award-winning ports. Stay for a tour and tasting with a lunch buffet. Round out your afternoon with a food and wine pairing class. Attendees also receive a souvenir "Harvest Crew" T-shirt, which you can sign with your very own purple stomping feet. *Messina Hof Estate Winery, 4545 Old Reliance Road. 979-778-9463; messinahof.com*

CHAPPELL HILL: July 4 Fourth of July Parade and Cowboy Round-Up Come celebrate the Fourth at the annual Biggest Small Town Parade in Texas. The parade features the world famous Marching Kazoo Band, and the Chappell Hill Historical Society once again hosts the summer cowboy event. The Rocking T chuckwagon, Cowboy Bob, pony rides, petting zoo, oxen demonstrations, and a food and beverage vendor are featured this year. All activities and exhibits are free. *Downtown Chappell Hill, 5060 Main St. 979-337-7580; chappellhilltx.com*

CLEBURNE: June 21-July 27 "Always... Patsy Cline" The Plaza Theatre Company presents this retrospective musical based on the true story of Patsy Cline's friendship with Houston housewife Louise Seger. Seger supplies a narrative while Patsy floats in and out of the set singing tunes that made her famous. Classics like "Anytime," "Walkin' After Midnight," and "Crazy" make this evening with Patsy Cline one not to be forgotten. *Plaza Theatre Company, 305 S. Anglin St. 817-202-0600; plaza-theatre.com*

CLEBURNE: June 21-July 7 "Mamma Mia" Cleburne Carnegie Players present "Mamma Mia," the hit musical that tells the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds in a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The storytelling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. *Performing Arts Center, 1501 W. Henderson St. 682-317-3644; carnegieplayers.org*

CLEBURNE: July 4 Fourth of July Celebration The Fourth of July festivities feature activities and a fabulous fireworks display in the evening. *Lake Pat Cleburne, Lakeshore Drive. 817-645-2455; cleburnechamber.com*

CLEBURNE: July 27 Tour de Goatneck Bike Ride The annual event has more than 2,500 riders from across the country. The Goatneck bike ride is a rolling hill course that averages around 35-feet per mile of climbing, which includes a 69.5-mile, 41-mile, 27-mile, and 10-mile bike race. *Cleburne High School, 1501 Harlin Drive. 817-645-2455; thegoatneck.us*

COLUMBUS: July 4 Fourth of July Celebration This annual holiday celebration has a children's and pet parade, music, vendors, water slides, inflatables, food,

and a fireworks display. *Columbus Golf Course, 141 Veterans Drive. 979-732-8385; columbus-texas.org*

CORSICANA: June 1-July 31 Hotter Than Blue Blazes: Summer in the West Exhibit Featuring artwork from the Pearce's permanent collection, this exhibit contrasts the recent show, "The West in Winter," and communicates the ferocious heat of the Wild West. See the lives of ranchers depicted in art during the hottest part of the year, or catch a moment of respite as a cowboy naps in the shade. This is a show that hits the reset button on what we may think is an uncomfortable season. Pearce Museum at Navarro College, 3100 W. Collin St. 903-875-7642; pearcemuseum.com

CORSICANA: July 4 July Fourth Freedom Festival This annual festival features live entertainment, children's activities, patriotic demonstrations, and a fireworks show. *IOOF Park, 1301 N. 45th St. 903-654-4874; visitcorsicana.com*

CORSICANA: July 11-20 "The Sugar Bean Sisters" The absurd Southern gothic comedy of "The Sugar Bean Sisters" is set in the fictional swamp town of Sugar Bean, Florida. Three women are desperate to escape the drudgery of their lives. Playwright Nathan Sanders' belly laughing lines fill the script. *Warehouse Living Arts Center, 119 W. Sixth Ave. 903-872-5421; warehouselivingartscenter.com*

CORSICANA: July 13 Mimosas at the Market: Christmas in July A sip, shop, and stroll event on the second Saturday of each month. This month, stores throughout downtown are serving holiday themed mimosas and featuring some spectacular summer promotions. Downtown Historic Corsicana, Beaton and Collin streets. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com

DALLAS: Through-Aug. 4 "55 Years" In remembrance of the 55th anniversary of the death of President John F. Kennedy, The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza presents this new temporary exhibit. Featuring a broad representation of popular magazine covers from the last five decades, this captivating visual timeline of President Kennedy's image reflects his lasting imprint on the nation's consciousness and pays tribute to his life and legacy. *The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, 411 Elm St. 214-747-6660; jfk.org*

DALLAS: June 1-Aug. 31 Dallas by Chocolate Tour Indulge your chocolate passions at some of the most creative chocolate, ice cream, and pastry shops around. An air-conditioned motorcoach whisks guests around town to sample treats galore while

learning about the history of chocolate, how it's made, and meeting those who make these scrumptious treats. Includes private motorcoach transportation, many dessert samples, and beverages on board (you can also BYOB). The exact meeting location is given to ticket holders. *Various locations. 972-814-5997; dallasbychocolate.com*

DALLAS: June 2-Aug. 18 Taste of Bishop Arts Food and Historical Tour Sample the fun and fare of this unique and eclectic neighborhood. On foot, learn about its colorful history, slip into galleries and shops, and stop at great eateries that may include one of Dallas' top barbecue havens and a shrine to Bonnie and Clyde (restaurants vary). Drinks beyond water are on your own. Minimum 8 people; limit 20 people. Meeting place details are given to ticket holders. *Various locations. 972-814-5997; dallasbitesfoodtours.com*

DALLAS: July 6-27 Best Tacos and Margaritas Tour Sample both gourmet and street tacos on an adventure through East Dallas, Oak Cliff, and other iconic Dallas neighborhoods. Stops include award-winning margaritas and tacos at amazing spots including hole-in-the-wall taquerias. Learn about the history of tacos and margaritas and win prizes playing taco/margarita trivia. This includes air conditioned motorcoach transportation, a tour host, food and drinks as specified at venues, and beverages on the motorcoach (you can also BYOB). Presented by Dallas Bites! Food Tours. *Desperado's Mexican Restaurant, 4818 Greenville Ave. 972-814-5997; dallasbitesfoodtours.com*

DALLAS: July 14-Aug. 24 Hidden Dallas Food and Fun Tour Cruise through secret places in Dallas that many people do not know about. Check out whimsical sculptures, waterfalls, and the last home built by one of America's most famous architects. Many venues are indoors since the weather is warm. Stop along the way for delicious snacks at insider culinary gems. Some walking is involved. Includes motorcoach transportation, a tour host, food at venues and beverages on the bus (you can also BYOB). Please note that the exact meeting location is given to ticket holders. *Various locations. 972-814-5997; dallasbychocolate.com*

ELGIN: July 3 Chalk It Up This annual children's art contest is back to decorate the city for the Fourth of July. Begin your chalk masterpieces at 5:30 p.m. in Veteran's Memorial Park, then stay for music, concessions, a raffle, and a lighted parade. *Veteran's Memorial Park.*



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ELGIN: July 11 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in historic downtown Elgin. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists, wine and beer tastings, samples, refreshments, and live music in many of the venues. *Downtown Historic Elgin. elgintx.com*

ENNIS: June 28-July 7 "Disney's Alice in Wonderland, Jr." Travel down the rabbit hole and join Alice, one of literature's most beloved heroines, in her madcap adventures. Live performance features updated songs from Disney's animated motion picture. This is a fast-paced take on the classic tale. *Ennis Public Theatre, 113 N. Dallas St. 972-878-7529; ennispublictheatre.com*

FORT WORTH: June 2-July 4 Fort Worth Symphony Concerts in the Garden Relax with evening performances by the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and special artists staged outdoors. All performances conclude with a fireworks finale. *Fort Worth Botanical Garden, 3270 Botanic Garden Blvd. 817-665-6500; fwsymphony.org*

FORT WORTH: July 4 Fort Worth's Fourth live music, and then watch the region's longest fireworks show. Admission is free along with all activities in the kid zone and tubing. *Panther Island Pavilion, 345 Purcey St. 817-698-0700; pantherislandpavilion.com*

FORT WORTH: July 6-Aug. 10 Rockin' the River—Live on the Trinity Enjoy a free, weekly summer concert series with a cool twist: the stage is right on the Trinity River in the shadow of downtown Fort Worth. Watch a concert while floating in the river, or bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a great view from the shore. *Panther Island Pavilion, 395 Purcey St. 817-336-8791; rockintheriverfw.com*

FORT WORTH: July 28 National Day of the American Cowboy Saddle up for National Day of the American Cowboy, hosted in the Stockyards National Historic District. Activities and events take place within Stockyards Station and include cow milking, quick draw, and a fiddle contest. Past events have had chuckwagon poetry, live Western music, face painting, a rib-eating contest, mustache contest, gunfight shows, parades, cattle drives, rodeos, and boot contests. *Stockyards Station, 130 E. Exchange St. 817-625-9715; fortworthstockyards.com*

FRISCO: July 3-4 Freedom Fest Enjoy great food, music, and fireworks during one of North Texas' biggest Independence Day celebrations. *Frisco Square, 8874 Coleman Blvd. 972-292-5000; friscofreedomfest.org*

GARLAND: July 12 Sounds of Summer Concert Series Spend a summer evening under the stars at Garland's annual concert series. This free, family-friendly series incorporates various avenues of the arts all into one fun-filled series. *Historic Downtown Garland Square, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2750; facebook.com/playgarland or garlandparks.com*

GARLAND: July 18-20 Rachel Hollis Rise Weekend This two-day personal growth conference invites women from every walk of life to come together to be inspired, supported, and enveloped in a community. The first day is about owning your past. The second day is about owning your future. The weekend is hosted by Rachel Hollis, author of the national best-selling book "Girl Wash Your Face." *Curtis Culwell Center, 4999 Naaman Forest Blvd. thehollisco.com/rise-weekend-dallas*

GARLAND: July 19-28 "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" When eldest brother Adam gets himself a bride, his backwoods brothers set out to capture their own. It takes a long, hard winter for these rough and rowdy boys to win over their brides with flowers and romance. *Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. 972-205-2790; garlandsummermusicals.org*

GIDDINGS: July 4 Firemen's July Fourth Celebration The Lee County Sheriff's Posse and Giddings Volunteer Fire Department team up for a big Fourth of July celebration. It starts with music in the park, barbecue, and an auction to benefit the fire department. The rodeo is usually held on the weekend nearest the Fourth. *Fireman's Park, 2495 US 290 W. 979-542-3455; giddingstx.com*

GIDDINGS: July 4 Lee County Sheriff's Posse Fury on the Fourth The Lee County Sheriff's Posse hosts championship bull riding, including bull fighting and mutton bustin', followed by fireworks and a dance with live music by Snake River Red. *Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena, 2495 US 290 W. 979-542-3455; giddingstx.com*

GLEN ROSE: July 9 Homeschool Class and Guided Tour: Composting and Keyhole Gardening Students explore a pollinator garden, examine a keyhole garden, and learn about the importance and beauty of plants. Students also practice skills for their own home and yard. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GLEN ROSE: July 12 Discovery After Dark Program and Tour Enjoy a guided sunset wildlife tour using spotlights to see exotic and native species. An after-dark hike caps off the event that lasts approximately three

hours. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GLEN ROSE: July 13, 27 Photo Tour This tour lets the photographer catch the dusk light, which is the best light possible for afternoon photos. Tours go through the park's 1,800 acres, and the tour driver caters to photographers whenever possible. There are 50-plus species of animals at Fossil Rim. Some of the animals that may be photographed include white rhinos, blackbuck, European red deer, gemsbok, zebras, addax, waterbuck, giraffes, sable, axis deer, and dama gazelle, just to name a few. Reservations are required. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GONZALES: July 20 The Real Texas Gun Show This gun show, hosted by Real Texas Gun Shows, has ample free parking available in the front and side of the building. Ammunition sales are inside the building. All federal, state, and local firearm ordinances and laws must be obeyed. *JB Wells Arena and Expo Center, 2301 CR 197. 713-724-8881; gunshowstoday.com/gun-shows/texas*

GRANBURY: July 4 Old-Fashioned 4th of July Thousands flock to Granbury to take part in the small-town festivities and celebrate all things America. There is a parade around the historic Granbury square, vendors, and a top-rated fireworks show to finish it all off. *Downtown Granbury, 201 E. Pearl St. 682-936-4550; granburysquare.com/2019-big-events*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Through July 21 Live Thoroughbred Racing Catch the fun and excitement of world-class thoroughbred horse racing. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: July 13 3 Redneck Tenors in Concert Get ready for one side-splitting ride as the 3 Redneck Tenors go on an excursion only they could—delighting audiences with their vocal prowess and a smorgasbord of songs and music ranging from gospel and country to Broadway, pop, and classical. *Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main Street. 972-237-8786; uptowntheatergp.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: July 20 Ice Cream Charity Challenge Cool down during this Texas summer than with some ice cream. Taste test and vote for your favorite ice cream at this annual event. *Grand Prairie Farmers Market, 120 W. Main Street. 972-237-4559; gptx.org/farmersmarket*

KAUFMAN: July 4 Red, White, and Boom This community event has food, rides,

clowns, music, and fireworks. *Kaufman Sports Complex, 595 Terrell Highway. 972-932-3118*

LEWISVILLE: June 4-July 30 Sounds of Lewisville Concert Series The popular and free concert series returns on Tuesday nights in June and July. The concert series includes two bands each night. Among headliners are Desperado, an Eagles tribute band; PriMadonna; Reflective Soul; a Michael Jackson '80s tribute; Bidi Bidi Banda; Blaze of Glory, a Bon Jovi tribute band; a Heart tribute; and Shameless, a Garth Brooks tribute. Food, beer, and wine are sold on site. *Wayne Ferguson Plaza, Old Town, 150 W. Church St. 972-219-3401; soundsoflewisville.com*

MCKINNEY: June 1-Dec. 31 "McKinney Then and Now" Travel back in time with this exhibit that focuses on McKinney. Various types of audio/visual aids are available along with augmented reality experiences. *Collin County History Museum, 300 E. Virginia St. 972-542-9457; collincountyhistorymuseum.org*

MCKINNEY: June 1-Sept. 30 Native Texas Butterfly House and Garden Walk among free-flying native butterflies and other pollinators in the Native Texas Butterfly House and Garden. The butterfly house includes native species, which vary by season and what is available from suppliers. The butterfly garden is filled with host plants that naturally attract these lovely creatures. You may even find a few ideas to try in your own garden. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org*

MCKINNEY: July 4 Red, White, and Boom This day of patriotic events starts in historic downtown McKinney with a hometown parade; classic car, truck, and cycle show; and a block party. The action then moves to McKinney Soccer Complex at Craig Ranch for family activities, food, a concert, and fireworks. Refreshments are available for purchase. *McKinney Soccer Complex at Craig Ranch, 6375 Collin McKinney Parkway. 972-547-7480; mckinneytexas.org*

MCKINNEY: July 12-14 Third Monday Trade Days This is the oldest and largest monthly trade days and flea market in North Texas. Shop from more than 450 vendors who offer almost anything you can imagine. Find unique gifts, delightful home decor, trendy clothing and accessories, sporting goods, antiques and collectibles, dogs, and specialty items along with many fantastic carnivalesque food concessions at this open-air market. Free admission. *4550 W. University Drive. 972-562-5466; tmtd.com*

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MCKINNEY: July 21 Killis Melton's Ice Cream Crank-Off Celebrate National Ice Cream Day by tasting freshly made ice creams created by home cooks competing for awards at this 24th annual ice cream festival. The Crank-Off, which has been featured on Food Network, includes kid's activities, music, and delicious ice cream samplings for \$1 each. Be sure and visit the Ice Cream Freezer Museum in Dixie's Store, the largest collection of vintage freezers around. *Chestnut Square Historic Village, 315 S. Chestnut St. 972-562-8790; chestnutsquare.org*

MESQUITE: July 6, 13, 20, 27 Devils Bowl Speedway Enjoy auto racing at the Southwest's most famous dirt track. *Devil's Bowl Speedway, 1711 Lawson Road. 972-222-2421; devilsbowl.com*

MESQUITE: July 6, 13, 20, 27 Mesquite Championship Rodeo Don't miss the toughest cowboys around the world as they compete with the strongest horses, steers and bulls in the country. This PRCA-sanctioned rodeo has been thrilling visitors since 1958. You'll see calf-roping, barrel racing, bronc busting, bull riding—all of the traditional rodeo events—in air-conditioned comfort. *Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. 972-285-8777; mesquiterodeo.com*

MESQUITE: July 13, 27 Mesquite Artisans and Farmers Market This European-style market features food, artisans, and crafters from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. *Heritage Square in Downtown Mesquite, 223 W. Davis. 866-242-8078; themarketplacedfw.com*

PARKER: July 20 Family Expo at the Ranch Southfork Ranch hosts interactive family activities, family services, community networking, performances, competitions, entertainment, parent pampering, and more. *Southfork Ranch, 3700 Hogge Drive. 972-442-7800; planofamilyexpo.com*

PLANO: July 3 Plano Community Band Patriotic Pops The Plano Symphony Orchestra presents an entertaining and inspiring tribute to America. *Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St. 972-814-8882; planoband.com*


PLANO: July 4 All-American Fourth Food trucks and a live DJ join this annual fireworks show, which is synchronized to music—tune into radio station 97.5 KLAK for the live simulcast. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. *Oak Point Park & Nature Preserve, 5901 Los Rios Blvd. plano.gov*

PLANO: July 4 Independence Day Party at The Texas Pool Celebrate freedom on America's birthday with a party at the historic Texas Pool. Enjoy hot dogs, traditional pool games, and fun in the sun. Coolers with food and non-alcoholic beverages

welcome. The Texas Pool, 901 Springbrook Drive. 972-881-8392; texaspool.org

PLANO: July 4 Plano Lions' Fourth of July Parade Flags, floats, marching bands, drill teams, cheer squads, and more help celebrate Independence Day at this annual holiday parade on Independence Drive. Plano ISD Admin Building, 15th and Independence. *parades.planolions.org*

PLANO: July 6 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. 972-941-5600; visitplano.com or plano.gov*



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PLANO: July 11 Historic Downtown Plano Arts District Art and Wine Walk Stroll the downtown Plano arts district, sampling different wines in shops and galleries, listening to street musicians, and checking out artists and their wares. *Downtown Plano Arts District, 1013 E. 15th St. 972-922-1292; visitplano.com or visitdowntownplano.com*

PLANO: July 11, 18, 25 Summer Fun Thursdays Families can enjoy a summer of bubble-popping, mind-stretching, floor-stomping, and clown-laughing fun every Thursday in June and July. This month's kid-oriented activities include the Julio and Kelly Clown Show, the Sci-Tech Discovery Center, and The Real Mad Hatter. *The Shops at Willow Bend, 6121 W. Park Blvd. 972-202-7110; shopwillowbend.com*

PLANO: July 15, 29 Plano Community Band—Summer Series in Haggard Park Bring a blanket or chair and a picnic dinner, and enjoy a night of live music in the park with the Plano Community Band. *Plano Community Band/Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St. 972-814-8882; planoband.com*

PLANO: July 19-20, 26-27 Dark Hour Presents: Dog Days of Summer Travelers in this Louisiana Bayou face many threats during the Dog Days of Summer. Not only must they be wary of the witches as well as the gypsies and their blades, this season the Rugarou runs rampant. As Dark Hour pulls out all the stops, decide for yourself which fate is worse when dealing with werewolves, being turned, or being eaten. *Dark Hour Haunted House, 701 Taylor Drive. 469-298-0556; darkhourhauntedhouse.com*

PLANO: July 21 Crayola Sensory Sundays This special morning is designed for kids and families who would like to experience the attraction adapted just for sensory needs. Lights are dimmed, music is turned off, and there is a quiet room/space available. *The Crayola Experience, 6121 W. Park Blvd. 469-642-2901; crayolaexperience.com/plano*

PLANO: July 25 Plano Magazine Beer Walk Sample 30-plus beers from Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma craft breweries, all in air-conditioned comfort. The family-friendly afternoon is filled with live music, prizes, pop-up vendors, and store discounts. *The Shops at Willow Bend, 6121 W. Park Blvd. 972-489-8301; planomagazine.com/beer-walk*

PLANO: July 28-Aug. 8 USA Softball GOLD National Championship Plano once again hosts the girls' 16-under and 18-under national softball championships. As the NGB for the sport of softball, USA Softball is responsible for training, equipping and promoting the six USA Softball National Teams that compete in events such as the Olympics, Pan American Games, World Championships, and other international and domestic events. *Heritage Yards, 4525 Hedgecoxe Road. visitplano.com/event/usa-girls-national-championship*

ROUND TOP: July 4 Fourth of July Parade It's the longest-running parade west of the Mississippi, and it's an awful lot of fun. Pack your lawn chairs, don your best patriotic garb, and gear up for an old-fashioned celebration of our great nation. This town goes all out. *Round Top Square, 110 Schumann Lane. 979-249-4042; exploreroundtop.com/events*

SALADO: Through-October 25 Fourth Friday On the fourth Friday of the month, experience downtown Salado's Sip 'n Shop with more than 25 boutiques, art galleries, wineries, and more. Complimentary drinks and snacks will be available at some locations. *Historic Downtown Salado, Main Street. 254-947-0888; facebook.com/salado4thfriday*

SALADO: July 10-Aug. 10 Summer Glass Fusion This summer, experience something beyond glassblowing in the shop. Persons ages 5 and up may choose to make either five pendants or one 8x8 glass mosaic. Assistance with crafting pendants or arranging mosaics is utilized, then participants help fire their creations in the kilns to fuse it into its unique form. Mosaics can be free formed or use one of the pre-made patterns. *Salado Glassworks, No. 2 Peddlers Alley. 254-947-0339; saladoglassworks.com/upcoming-events*

SALADO: July 20, 27; Aug. 3 "Salado Legends" Central Texas' favorite outdoor musical drama depicts life in Texas in the 1850s. *Tablerock Amphitheater, 409 Royal St. 254-947-9205; tablerock.org*

SEALY: July 12-13 Sealybration Enjoy a fun-filled weekend with lots of great activities, including the 5-Alarm 5-K, a barbecue cookoff, a bean bag tournament, a kid's zone, the Stars & Strikes Softball Tournament, vendors, a VIP experience, and main stage entertainment. *B & PW Park, 1008 Main St. 979-877-7249; sealycommunityfoundation.org*

SHERMAN: July 3 Lights on the Lake The 10th annual Independence Day celebration includes a free concert, food vendors, the family-friendly Kids Alley, and a fireworks show. *Pecan Grove Park—West, 3200 Canyon Creek Drive. 903-892-7230; shermantx.org or facebook.com/shermantx*

SHERMAN: July 11, 18, 25 Hot Summer Nights Grab a lawn chair, cooler, blanket, and friend, and enjoy live music on the Municipal Lawn every Thursday night in June and July (with the exception of July Fourth). *Lucy Kidd-Key Park, 405 N. Rusk St. 903-892-7230; shermantx.org or facebook.com/shermantx*

SHERMAN: July 13 Christmas in July Sherman Main Street's Christmas in July returns to historic downtown Sherman with more kid-friendly activities than ever. This children's festival is fun for all ages, but best for kiddos 12 and under. The morning kicks off with a bicycle parade around the Grayson County Courthouse Square, and later includes free craft and activity booths, live entertainment, and Santa on vacation

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SHINER: July 5-6 Half Moon Holidays Celebration Celebrate Independence Day with live music, dancing, a food cookoff, kids zone, arts and crafts, and family activities. Fireworks start at dusk. *Green Dickson Park, 2086 CR 351. 361-594-4180; shinertx.com*

STEPHENVILLE: July 4 Fourth of July Celebration Join in for an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration with a downtown parade, fun activities in the city park for all ages, food vendors, live music at the amphitheater, and an epic fireworks display. *Stephenville City Park, 709 Riverside Drive. 254-918-1295; visitstephenville.com*

TEMPLE: July 4 H-E-B All American Fourth of July Family Fun Fest This celebration has long been a summertime tradition for citizens of Temple and other surrounding communities. Since 1998, friends and neighbors have brought their lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets to the park to enjoy a day of music, fireworks, and relaxation free of charge. *Miller Park, 1919 N. First St. 254-298-5900; templetx.gov/199/Fourth-of-July-Fun-Fest*

TEMPLE: July 5 First Friday On the first Friday of every month, Historic Downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Enjoy street music and performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. *Downtown Temple, Main Street. 254-298-5378; discoverdowntowntempletx.com*

TEMPLE: July 6 Family Day—Rock and Roll Blues Explore the world of sound with this Family Day event. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Avenue B. 254-298-5172; templerrhm.org*

TEMPLE: July 19-20 Star Light, Star Bright Quilt Show Enjoy a display of more than 100 quilts, vendors, a boutique, demonstrations, door prizes, quilt turning, and a raffle quilt. *Frank W. Mayborn Convention Center, 3303 N. Third St. wildflowerquiltguild.com*

WACO: May 25-Sept. 8 “Be the Astronaut” This exhibit premiered at Space Center Houston to record-breaking crowds and teaches STEM-based content via a fusion of state-of-the-art video game technology and traditional exhibitry. The focus of the exhibit is on the concepts common to all space flight, so it uses the narrative of a possible future space mission—as opposed to any particular historic mission—as the framework to communicate these ideas. In the exhibit, visitors learn about

the challenges and excitement of space-flight, then apply that knowledge as they fly the spaceships, pilot the landers, and drive the rovers in a thrilling narrative adventure to orbit Earth, the Moon, Mars, Ceres, and Jupiter. *Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Drive. 254-710-6558; maybornmuseum.com*

WACO: July 4 Fourth on the Brazos People come together year after year for this local tradition. Enjoy food, music, and fireworks. There are plenty of food trucks, a Kids Zone, interactive booths, and entertainment along the Brazos River. The Waco Corndog Eating Competition takes place



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on the main stage. *Touchdown Alley, McLane Stadium, 1001 S. M.L.K. Jr. Blvd. 254-750-5980; brazosnightswaco.com/fourth-on-the-brazos*

WACO: July 14 TriWaco The annual TriWaco triathlon features both sprint and olympic tri courses and begins with an open-water swim in the Brazos River transitioning to a fast and flat bike course and ending with a beautiful run along the Brazos. *Indian Spring Park, 101 N. University Parks Drive. 254-757-5611; triwaco.org*

WALLIS: July 13-14 Arts and Craft Show Check out the wide variety of items offered at the 16th annual craft show by the Wallis American Legion Post 200. Previous years have seen items such as baked goods, natural skincare products, hand-sewn clothing, pickles and preserves, and wood crafts. *American Legion Post 200, 330 Legion Road. 281-743-3678*

WAXAHACHIE: July 3-4 Crape Myrtle Festival Enjoy a concert and fireworks. *Lumpkins Stadium, 300 Stadium Drive. 469-309-4045; waxahachiecvb.com*

WEATHERFORD: July 13 Parker County Peach Festival The Peach Capital of Texas is celebrating the 35th annual Parker County Peach Festival. Join in and visit with more than 200 arts, craft, food, and activity vendors. Get your fill of homemade peach ice cream, peach cobbler, peach pie, peach juleps, peach tea, peach smoothies, or just plain ol’ juicy peaches. There are two stages with nonstop entertainment, and you don’t want to miss the food competition, which has quickly become a local favorite. Many antique and specialty shops have specials throughout the day, and the children’s area has train rides, face painting, and bounce houses. Avid cyclists can start the day early with the Peach Pedal bike ride with more than 2,200 participants. There is free parking at Weatherford College or the Weatherford Ninth Grade Center. Visitors can ride to the festival in the air-conditioned, luxury shuttle. There is a \$5 entry fee and children 12 and under are free. *Historic Downtown Weatherford, 1 Courthouse Square. 817-596-3801; peachfestivaltx.com*

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EAGLE PASS: July 4 Fourth of July Celebration Includes live music, food, and children’s activities before a fireworks extravaganza after dark. *Shelby Park, Main and Ryan streets. 830-773-4343; eaglepasstexas.com*

EDINBURG: July 6 Texas Cook’Em: High Steaks in Edinburg Competitors battle on the grill to cook the best chicken, ribs, brisket, and rib-eye for money and a year’s worth of bragging rights. The event is one of Texas’ biggest barbecue purses, awarding \$30,000 to the winners. It’s also the first and only IBCA and SCA-sanctioned steak cookoff in South Texas. Enjoy fireworks, live music, family fun, barbecue, and more. *H-E-B Park, 1616 S. Raul Longoria Road. 956-383-4974; edinburg.com*

EDINBURG: July 12-13 FridaFest Celebrate the life and legacy of the iconic, feminist Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. The focus of this year’s festival is, of course, Frida Kahlo, and the empowerment of women in all aspects. The festival showcases women artists, musicians, dancers, and more. Guests are invited to enjoy Frida look-a-like contests, food, music, dance, refreshments, and Frida-themed hand-crafted merchandise available throughout

the evening’s festivities. *Edinburg City Hall Courtyard, 415 W. University Drive. 956-383-6246; cityofedinburg.com*

GOLIAD: July 13 Goliad Market Days This open-air, outdoor market has vendors placed around the beautiful courthouse square. The vendors and variety change each month, but typically there are 100 or more vendors in attendance. Local shops and restaurants are open with unique clothing, arts, and home decor. *Downtown Goliad, 231 S. Market St. 361-645-3563; goliadcc.org*

GOLIAD: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Wayback Wednesdays The history of Presidio La Bahia, Texas’s only fully restored Spanish presidio, is brought to life every Wednesday during the months of June and July. Visit with living historians as they bring the past to life and explore little known stories from the Presidio’s early days. Learn about the daily life of a presidial trooper stationed on the frontier of Spanish Texas. Explore the stone walls and battlements of the old presidio and duck inside for a look at the museum and collection of artifacts from the 1700 and 1800s. *Presidio La Bahia, 217 Loop 71. 361-645-3752; goliadtx.net*

GOLIAD: July 4 Hometown Freedom Fest Enjoy live music, food trucks, a car show, and water activities for the whole family. *Downtown Goliad. 361-645-3454; goliadtx.net*

LAREDO: July 12-14 International Sister Cities Festival Close to 200 vendors from more than 13 Mexican states showcase and sell their artisan products in this Mexican market. Browse and buy from Mexican exhibitors under one roof. Enjoy a weekend of shopping, live cultural performances, and authentic Mexican food. *Sames Auto Arena, 6700 Arena Blvd. 956-795-2200; visitlaredo.com*

SAN ANTONIO: July 12, 19, 26; Aug. 2 Balcones Heights Jazz Festival The 26th annual free summer concert series—held for four consecutive Friday evenings—features an all-female lineup for 2019. This year’s This year’s headliners and opening acts are widely recognized jazz musicians: Wednesday Ball, Ragan Whiteside, Michelle Carey, Jessy J, Elizabeth Mis, Jeanette Harris, Kayla Waters and Lindsey Webster. The festival’s laid back and family-friendly atmosphere welcomes an estimated 4,000 jazz fans from in and around Texas. *Wonderland of the Americas Amphitheatre, 4522 Fredericksburg Road, Balcones Heights. 210-323-6356; sanantoniocentral.org*



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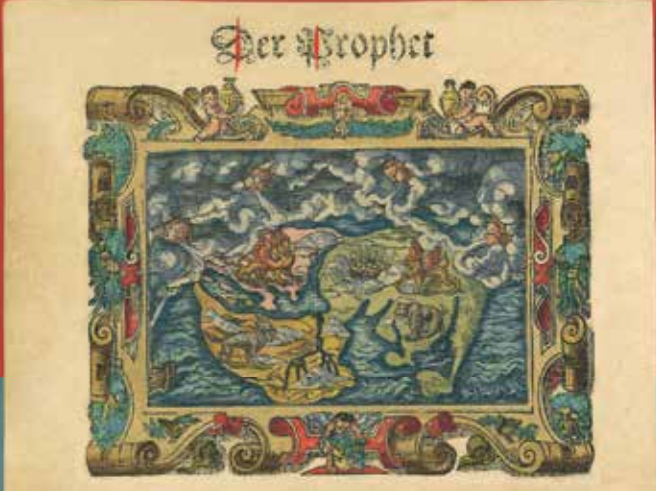
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If a certain creamy breakfast food really floats your oat, the **Oatmeal Festival** is right up your alley. Texans flock to Bertram and its neighboring town of Oatmeal for this free annual event, celebrating its 42nd year Aug. 30-31. Festivities kick off in Oatmeal with a “Miss Oatmeal” pageant, artisans, vendors, music, and more, and continue all day Saturday. Notable events include a pet and grand parade, multiple vendors, food, games, arts and crafts, an oatmeal baking competition, and—because a Texas food festival can’t exist without one—a barbecue cookoff. The festivities conclude with a street dance at sundown featuring a live band. Those who really want an excuse to carb-load can join the Run for your Oats 3.3-mile race, taking place in downtown Bertram before the festivities begin on Saturday. oatmealfestival.org

OH MY GOURD

With a bit of ingenuity, time, and craftsmanship, a simple gourd can come alive in the form of a mythical creature, delicate dollhouse, or decorative bowl. Every year, the Texas Gourd Society hosts the **Lone Star Gourd Festival and Art Show** in New Braunfels to showcase the creativity of local gourd artists and celebrate this ancient art—a pastime that yields gorgeously intricate designs. This year’s event, Aug. 2-4, features a gourd art competition, gourd art sales, gourd supplies, technique classes, and a raffle to raise funds for gourd art educational outreach. Children can get their gourd fill at the kids’ corner, which offers the opportunity to learn the craft. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 17 and younger. texasgourdsociety.org

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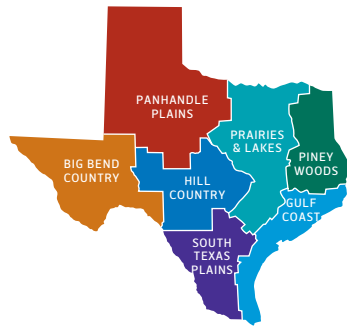
A qualifying tournament for the **Offshore World Championship, the Texas Women Anglers Tournament** in Port Aransas benefits the Purple Door, an organization that provides services throughout South Texas to victims and survivors of family violence and sexual assault. Known affectionately by its acronym, the women-only tournament started in 1989 with 18 boats and

more than 50 female anglers. In recent years, more than 70 boats and 400 anglers have registered to compete and raise money for the non-profit. With three days of festivities Aug. 23-25 including a Captain’s Meeting, dinner, and brunch, the actual fishing takes place all day Saturday, from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with women of all ages angling for a big win. gofishtx.com



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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: July 12-14, 19-21, 26-28; Aug 2-4 "Nonsense" Theatre of the Big Bend presents an outdoor production of this hilarious spoof about the misadventures of the Little Sisters of Hoboken Nunnery as they try to raise money to bury sisters who were accidentally poisoned by the convent cook. *Kokernot Outdoor Theatre*. 432-837-8218; sulross.edu/theatre

ALPINE: July 31-Aug. 2 West Texas Rural Philanthropy Days This event is designed, organized, funded, and planned by community leaders from West Texas. It provides rural nonprofits with access to funding sources, opportunities for collaboration, and capacity-building services to more effectively meet the needs of rural West Texas communities. Grant seekers, grant makers, representatives of public agencies, and elected officials can explore new partnerships that lead to mutual understanding, successful grant proposals, and more financial resources for rural West Texas. *Sul Ross State University, East US 90*. 432-837-8011; wtxrp.org

ALPINE: Aug. 9-10 Big Bend Ranch Rodeo Watch rodeo performances by real working cowboys, and enjoy a chuckwagon cookoff and evening dances. The event is sanctioned by the Working Ranch Cowboy Association. *Sul Ross S.A.L.E. Rodeo Arena*. 432-364-2696; bigbendranchrodeo.com

ALPINE: Aug. 30-Sept. 2 En Plein Air: The Act of Painting Outdoors Partake in workshops of plein air (outdoor) painting at several locations around the Alpine area, and enjoy an exhibit of the work produced as well as examples of plein air and portrait painting by established artists from state and national painting organizations. *Various locations*. 432-294-1313; bigbendartscouncil.org

EL PASO: June 15-Aug. 24 The Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Show At America's largest interactive-comedy, murder-mystery dinner show, you'll tackle a challenging crime while feasting on a fantastic dinner. Just beware! The criminal is lurking somewhere in the room, and you may find yourself as a prime suspect before you know it. *Holiday Inn El Paso West-Sunland Park, 900 Sunland Park Drive*. 866-496-0535; thedinnerdetective.com/el-paso/tickets-showtimes

FORT DAVIS: Aug. 9-11 Open Weekend at Davis Mountains Preserve The Nature Conservancy's Davis Mountains Preserve opens for hiking, biking, equestrian activities, picnics, photography, birding, and other outdoor pursuits on select days. *Davis Mountains Preserve, 25 miles northwest of Fort Davis on SH 118 (about 10 miles past McDonald Observatory)*. nature.org

FORT DAVIS: Aug. 22-25 Davis Mountains Hummingbird Celebration Celebrate the wide variety of hummingbirds that pass through the Davis Mountains in the Hummingbird Capital of Texas. Past events have included silent auctions, hummingbird talks, door prizes, and numerous field trips for hummingbird spotting. *Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce, 100 Memorial Square No. 4*. 432-426-3015; fordavis.com

VAN HORN: Aug. 17-18 Mountain View Golf Tournament This golf tournament is a two-man, two-day tournament with barbecue on Saturday night. *Van Horn Mountain View Golf Course, 1000 Golf Course Drive*. 432-283-2628; vanhorn-texas.org

GULF COAST

BROWNSVILLE: Aug. 3 Kids Appreciation Day This day dedicated to kids has giveaways, games, and activities throughout the zoo. The first 1,000 kids to make a passport receive a goodie bag filled with H-E-Buddy school supplies. Once a passport is full, they can enter the raffle to win awesome prizes like tickets to Schlitterbahn, bikes, and backpacks. *Gladys Porter Zoo, 500 Ringgold St*. 956-546-9453; gpz.org

CLUTE: Aug. 6, 13, 20, 23 Planetarium Show The show features a 30-foot dome equipped with a 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*. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org or visitbrazosport.com

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 1-Aug. 31 Bay Jammin' Concert and Cinema Series Every Thursday and Friday evening during the months of summer, Cole Park Amphitheater turns into a mecca of fun for the whole family. On Thursday nights enjoy free music in the amphitheater while kids play in the park, then on Friday nights enjoy a free children's movie under the stars. *Cole Park, 2600 Ocean Drive*. 361-826-3460; cctexas.com/departments/parks-recreation-department

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 1-Aug. 31 Hatching Releases of Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles Every year, thousands of the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtles are nested and hatched in Corpus Christi, then released into the Gulf of Mexico. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience to watch the baby sea turtles make their way into the ocean for the first time. *Padre Island National Seashore, 20420 Park Road 22*. 361-949-8068; nps.gov/pais/learn/nature/hatchingreleases.htm

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 1-Aug. 18 Kent Ullberg: Celebrating the Wild and Wonderful The newest featured exhibit showcases works from Corpus Christi's own Kent Ullberg, one of the world's most distinguished wildlife artists. Ullberg is best known for iconic public sculptures, and the museum is filled with over 50 sculptures depicting detailed fish, sea mammals, turtles, native birds, and majestic land animals. The world of Kent Ullberg is brought to museum goers through interactive technology. *Art Museum of South Texas, 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd*. 361-825-3500; artmuseumofsouthtexas.org

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 8-Aug. 2 First Friday ArtWalk Watch downtown Corpus Christi come to life every first Friday of the month. Find artists, live music, and all things creative. Shop for local arts and crafts, see art exhibits in galleries, and enjoy mouthwatering food and drinks as you pop in and out of the many restaurants and local bars. *Artesian Park, 524 Twigg St*. 361-882-2363; marinaarts.com

CORPUS CHRISTI: July 19-Aug. 11 "Gypsy" Harbor Playhouse presents one of the greatest musicals ever created. It is the ul-

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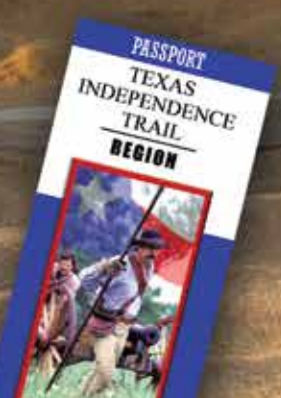
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FREEPORT: Aug. 11 Freeport Market Square Local vendors showcase home-made goods and farm fresh items. *Down-town Freeport, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; freeport.tx.us or visitbrazosport.com*

FREEPORT: Aug. 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; visitbrazosport.com*

GALVESTON: Aug. 3, 10 Jaston Williams: "Don't Blame the Car!" Jaston Williams returns to The Grand for his annual summer outing. Known nationally as the co-author, co-star, and producer of the four award-winning plays in the Greater Tuna cycle, Williams is a writer, performer, and Grand favorite who will leave you in stitches. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-8194 or 409-765-1894; thegrand.com*

HARLINGEN: Aug. 24 Blues on the Hill: Back to School Blues Edition This concert series features local and interstate blues talent. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome, and food and business vendors are on site. *McKelvey Park, 1325 S. 77 Sunshine Strip. 956-622-5053*

HOUSTON: June 1-Aug. 25 "All You Can Eat" This solo exhibition by mixed-media artist Justin Favela features larger-than-life piñatas depicting a visual feast of Tex-Mex cuisine, from "nachos supreme" to "chili con carne." This site-specific installation, which is both playful and challenging, is intended to generate conversation about popular culture, the politics of food, and the Latino experience in the U.S. *Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. 713-529-4848; visithoustontexas.com*

HOUSTON: Aug. 23 Clay Walker in Concert Clay Walker has the kind of dedicated work ethic combined with talent that has made him one of the most successful country acts of the past decade. His smooth, evocative voice and energetic

stage presence established him as the latest Texas export to find national acclaim with a lengthy string of hits. He first topped the Billboard country singles chart in 1993 with "What's It to You" and followed with his second consecutive No. 1 hit, "Live Until I Die," and 31 more Billboard hits. *Arena Theatre, 7326 Southwest Freeway. 713-772-5900; turntoproductions.com/events/upcoming-events/clay-walker-arena-theatre-aug-23-2019*

LAKE JACKSON: Aug. 3 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historic archeological site of Major Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston. Discover the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. *Abner Jackson Plantation Site, FM 2004 near SH 332. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org or visitbrazosport.com*

LAKE JACKSON: Aug. 17 Bird Banding Volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station is an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn all the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 W. SH 332. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org or visitbrazosport.com*

PALACIOS: Aug. 3-4 St. Anthony's Golf Tournament and Shrimporee Seafood Dinner Enjoy a golf tournament on Saturday and the Shrimporee on Sunday, including a live auction, seafood dinner, booths, and games. *Palacios Golf Course, 289 R.B. Trull Blvd. 361-972-2443; stanthonypalacios.org*

PALACIOS: Aug. 9-10 Fish Fest Tournament The 37th annual tournament features a shrimp boil and hot dogs for the kids on Friday and the fish festival on Saturday. There are also individual and youth fishing tournaments. Cash prizes and trophies are awarded. *East Bay Park, East Bay Boulevard. 361-972-2615; palacioschamber.com*

PALACIOS: Aug. 17-18 Cannonball Run Regatta—Youth Sailing Palacios Yacht Club is hosting the annual Cannonball Run Regatta which is focused on sailors under 20 years old sailing optimist and laser fleets and 420 sailboats. The Regatta is part of the Texas Sailing Association's 2019 Youth Circuit. *Palacios Yacht Club, 454B Main St. 512-335-7645; txsail.org/youth-sailing/tsa-youth-circuit-2019*

PORT ARANSAS: Aug. 7-11 Texas Legends Billfish Tournament This fishing tournament was created from a previous tournament called the Bob Byrd Memorial Marlin Tournament, which was originally

held in Galveston and Freeport, Texas. Bob Byrd Sr. was an innovator and was one of the first Texas fishermen to try trolling artificial lures for billfish instead of traditional natural bait. He also pioneered using Hawaiian-style live baiting techniques around the offshore oil platforms and buoys with great success. "Live baiting" for blue marlin at the rigs is very popular now and has been responsible for many tournament wins. Bob promoted good sportsmanship and the releasing of non-tournament billfish. The memorial tournament was originally founded by his son Bobby Byrd and Capt. John Cochrane in 1999. They had a concept for a big-money tournament that promotes releasing billfish, verifying the release by video camera. *Weigh Station—Virginia's Dock, 815 Trout St. 403-739-4817; txlegends.com*

PORT ARANSAS: Aug. 23-25 Texas Women's Angler Tournament This is a women's-only fishing tournament benefiting The Purple Door, formerly The Women's Shelter of South Texas. An average of seventy boats and over 400 women anglers gather to fish the tournament. Each boat can choose its own theme and awards are given for best-dressed boat and best-dressed captain. *Port Aransas Civic Center, 710 W. Avenue A. 361-779-8025; gofishtx.com*

RICHMOND: Aug. 31 Labor Day Backyard Barbecue Celebrate Labor Day weekend with traditional games and an old-fashioned 1930s barbecue at the historic George Ranch House. *George Ranch Historical Park, 10215 FM 762 Road. 281-343-0218; georgeranch.org*

ROCKPORT: Aug. 10 Art Center Market Second Saturday Member artists exhibit and sell their unique and one-of-a-kind fine art, photography, jewelry, pottery, wood carving, yard art, fiber art, and more. Live music and food truck on site. *Downtown Rockport, Austin Street. 361-729-5519; rockportartcenter.com*

ROCKPORT-FULTON: Aug. 17 Rockport-Fulton Market Days More than 100 vendors and live music add extra fun during the third weekend of the month. The pet-friendly market offers more than a dozen food trucks and food vendors, with seating in the shade. *Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 100 Seabreeze. 361-463-0125*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: July 31-Aug. 4 Texas International Fishing Tournament (TIFT) Surrounded by the sparkling waters of the Laguna Madre Bay and Gulf of Mexico, Port Isabel and South Padre Island play host to Texas' largest saltwater fishing tournament. Fishers young and old com-

pete in one of three divisions: bay, tarpon, and offshore. Docksider, spectators turn out to view impressive catches of blue marlin, white marlin, and sailfish brought in by the big boats offshore. Bay anglers weigh in mouthwatering catches of speckled trout, redfish, and flounder during the two days of fishing. *South Padre Island Convention Centre, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Aug. 9-11 Ladies Kingfish Tournament (LKT) The first all-ladies tournament in Texas is divided into two divisions, Bay and Offshore. Anglers fishing in the Bay Division will vie for trophies in the categories of Redfish, Trout, and Flounder, while anglers in the Offshore Division complete in the categories of King, Bonito, Blackfin Tuna, and Dolphin. *SPI Convention Centre, South Padre; Sea Ranch Marina II at South Point, Port Isabel, 7355 Padre Blvd. and 500 S. Point Ave. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

SUGAR LAND: July 19-21, 26-28; Aug. 2-4 "Mamma Mia!" ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. *Sugar Land Auditorium, 226 Lakeview Drive. 713-302-5329; inspirationstage.com*

SUGAR LAND: Aug. 2 Butterfly Paint and Plant Fun Day Spread your creative wings as you paint your own butterfly garden pot and start a special plant with the guidance of butterfly garden experts. Learn all about butterflies, their plant preferences, habitats, and fall migration as you munch on some treats and dabble in other crafts. *Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, 13016 University Blvd. 281-313-2277; hmns.org/hmns-at-sugar-land*

SUGAR LAND: Aug. 10 Sugar Land Heritage Hike This historic walking tour takes attendees back to the time when Sugar Land was a company town, with virtually all enterprises managed by the Imperial Sugar Company or its affiliate, Sugarland Industries. *Sugar Land Heritage Museum & Visitor Center, 198 Kempner St., Building B, second floor. 281-275-2045; slheritage.org*

SUGAR LAND: Aug. 17 Sugar Land Superstar Finale Bring your lawn chairs to the Plaza and enjoy Sugar Land's "American Idol"-like competition as finalists belt out their strongest tunes. The competition is in its 14th year. *Sugar Land Town Square, 2711 Plaza Drive. 281-276-6000; sugarlandtownsquare.com*

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- ▶ Jul 12, 19, 26 - Music on Main - Heritage Park
- ▶ Jul 27 - Movies on Main - Heritage Park
- ▶ Aug 31 - Movies on Main - Heritage Park

TOMBALL: Aug. 2 Tomball Night Shop local and enjoy a fun night with friends and family. There are vendor booths, retail sales, a night parade, and fireworks. *Downtown Tomball, 100 Market St. 281-351-7222; tomballchamber.org*

VICTORIA: July 26–Aug. 4 “Mamma Mia!” Theatre Victoria presents the stage adaptation of the hit musical. *Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. 361-570-8587; theatrevictoria.org*

VICTORIA: Aug. 10–11 Victoria Faire Shop till you drop with a huge number of vendors selling unique items. *Victoria Community Center, 2905 E. North St. 888-225-3427; texasmarketguide.com*

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: April 13, 2019–Jan. 26, 2020 Motown: The Sound of Young America

This exhibit celebrates the 60th anniversary of the birth of Motown Records. The exhibit traces the evolution of the label, focusing on its major artists and musical achievements, and explores how the sound of Motown continues to influence some of pop music’s most important artists today. With support from the Motown Museum in Detroit, and personal artifacts from some of the music’s biggest recording artists, *Motown: The Sound of Young America* is the first major museum exhibition to embrace all facets of the biggest sound in soul in the ‘60s: musically, culturally, and politically. *LBJ Presidential Library, 2313 Red River St. 512-721-0200; lbjlibrary.org*

AUSTIN: June 3–Aug. 2 Professional Art Academy Teen Summer Camps Art studio Atelier Dojo offers a rigorous training to young, dedicated artists between 13–18 years old. The Summer Teen Intensive Classes are designed to offer a sampling of the Dojo’s yearly courses in drawing and oil painting, specifically tailored to teens. Students should come prepared to learn, grow, and have fun. Classes include figure, cast, and still-life drawing; still-life painting; and self-portrait drawing. *Atelier Dojo, 916 Springdale Road, Building 2, Suite 106B. 281-793-4209; atelierdojo.com*

AUSTIN: Aug. 22–24 Sizzlin’ Summer Shop Hop For three days in August, receive a 20% discount on regular-priced fabrics. There is a chance to win a gift basket, gift certificate, or a retreat for you and five friends. There are six participating stores across Hill Country in Austin, Salado, Buda, New Braunfels, Round Rock, and Luling. *Various locations, 8213 Brodie Lane No. 100. 254-947-5423; sizzlinsummershophop.com*

BANDERA: Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters Experience gunfight re-enactments. Shows are at noon and 2 p.m. *Bandera Visitors Center, 126 SH 16 S. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: Aug. 3 Bandera Market Days Shop arts and crafts vendors in downtown Bandera. *Bandera County Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: Aug. 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 Main Street. *Main Street. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: Aug. 3 The Old Timers Trading Post Meet local artists and artisans. *The Old Timer, 14178 SH 16 N. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: Aug. 6 Cowboy Capital Opry See some Grand Ole Opry-style entertainment, hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne, and enjoy refreshments and door prizes. *Silver Sage Community Center, 803 Buck Creek. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: Aug. 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. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: Aug. 18–24 Buck Sloan’s Musician Reunion Bring chairs, camping supplies, snacks, and fans if you have one—or a church fan would be ok. Enjoy a community dinner every evening around 5 p.m. Come prepared to have lots of fun listening to music, playing music, or dancing. *Mansfield Park, 300 Seventh St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: Aug. 25 Frontier Times Jam-boree On the fourth Sunday of every month, the Frontier Times Museum offers live music, storytelling, and more free fun for all ages. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: Aug. 31 Experience Bandera Bandera honors its cowboy and Western heritage with a Longhorn Cattle Drive Parade on Saturday, arts and crafts, music, gunfight re-enactments, and a ranch rodeo. *Bandera County Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: Aug. 31 Experience Bandera-Ranch Rodeo Activities include bucking broncs, steer tying, calf scramble,

trailer loading, wild cow milking, and stampede race. *Mansfield Park Rodeo Arena, 2886 SH 16 N. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BERTRAM: Aug. 30–31 Oatmeal Festival Experience an “oatrageous” weekend of fun in the towns of Oatmeal on Friday night and Bertram on Saturday. There is a morning trail ride, a pet and grand parade, multiple vendors, food, music, games, arts and crafts, a baking competition, a barbecue cookoff, and a street dance. Runners from across Texas are expected to take part in the legendary 3.3-mile Run for Your Oats in downtown Bertram Saturday morning. *Various locations. 512-244-6357; oatmealfestival.org*

BOERNE: Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Farmers Market at The Cibolo Shop fresh local produce, farm fresh eggs, breads, jams, jellies, local honey, and Texas Hill Country arts and crafts. *Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road. 830-249-4616; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: Aug. 3, 17 Hot Rod Night With live music and classic cars, this event is reminiscent of old-fashioned Americana street parties—a gathering place for old and new friends. The Derringer Band performs classic rock. *Soda Pops, 103 N. Main. 830-331-8799; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: Aug. 10–11 Boerne Market Days Hundreds of festive booths display everything from collectibles and remembrances of the past to modern innovations that will bring a smile of wonder to those who stroll past. *Boerne Main Plaza, 100 N. Main. 210-844-8193; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: Aug. 10 Kuhlmann-King Museum Tour Located behind Boerne City Hall, the Kuhlmann-King house gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historic Boerne home looked like “way back when.” Open every Second Saturday of each month. *Kuhlmann-King House, 402 E. Blanco Road. 830-331-1033; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: Aug. 10 Second Saturday Art Beat Boerne shops and art galleries are teaming up to bring you a heart-racing fine art experience. Take a walk on the art side every second Saturday of the month. *Hill Country Mile, 100 N. Main. 210-954-6659; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: Aug. 15 Thirst for Nature Every third Thursday of the month, the Cibolo Nature Center hosts a specially themed event where visitors can learn about the different plant and wildlife of Boerne and the Hill Country’s surrounding areas. Sip on an adult beverage made to match the theme for that month for those who are of age,

or choose the non-alcoholic version for the kids. *Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road. 830-249-4616; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: Aug. 17 Moondance Concert Series Bring drinks, chairs, and a picnic for a concert beneath the Texas stars. *Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road. 830-249-4616; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: Aug. 29–Sept. 1 Kendall County Fair and Rodeo For more than 100 years, the Kendall County Fair Association has maintained its agricultural mission for the region. This annual festival includes vendors selling food, jewelry, and handcrafted items; a pageant; a rodeo and livestock show; and a parade on Main Street on Saturday morning. *Kendall County Fairgrounds, 1307 River Road. 830-249-2839; visitboerne.org*

BOERNE: Aug. 31 Concert in the Cave As the Marbriago Trio, Mark Landson (viola), Brent Buemi (clarinet), and Thiago Nascimento (piano) have bonded musically over the years, creating their own hyper-romantic interpretations of the trio repertoire for viola, clarinet, and piano. *Cave Without A Name, 325 Kreuzberg Road. 830-537-4212; visitboerne.org*

BULVERDE: Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Saturday Night Rodeo This rodeo features all types of Texas entertainment, from live music and dancing to mechanical bulls, mutton bustin, and calf scrambles. Enjoy beer, wine, and soft drinks coupled with barbecue, tacos, steak, burgers, and more. *Tejas Rodeo Company, 401 Obst Road. 830-980-2226; tejasrodeo.com*

COMFORT: Aug. 13 Music in the Park Held the second Tuesday of May through October, these free concerts also include free drinks provided by Gaddis Methodist Church, the co-sponsor of the event with the Chamber of Commerce. Bring a lawn chair, enjoy the music, and dance too. *Comfort City Park, SH 27 and Broadway. 830-995-3813*

DOSS: Aug. 31 Doss VFD Benefit Fish Fry The 36th annual volunteer fire department fundraiser includes golden fried catfish with all the trimmings, prize drawings, and live entertainment. *Doss VFD Fire Station, 14500 Ranch Road 783. 830-669-2220; dossvfd.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 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. 830-997-6523*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 3 Texas Ranger Day The Texas Rangers Heritage Center

honors those who have served and those still commissioned with a two-part event featuring historians and educational programs, including Ranger Camp re-enactments and a cannon firing. *Texas Rangers Heritage Center, 1618 E. Main. 830-990-1192; trhc.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 9–11, 16–18 “Nonsense” Join the Little Sisters of Hoboken for a haphazard variety show to raise emergency funds for the convent. *Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 S. US 87. 830-997-3588; fredericksburgtheater.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 10–11, 24–25 Live Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing There’s fun for the whole family at this event featuring a full slate of live quarter horse and thoroughbred races. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. 830-997-2359; gillespiefair.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 16–18 Fredericksburg Trade Days Shop more than 400 vendors or relax in the biergarten while listening to live music. *355 Sunday Farms Lane. 830-990-4900; fbgradadays.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 22–25 Gillespie County Fair and Parade The 131st annual fair includes agricultural, livestock, and home skills displays. Enjoy horse racing, concerts, dances, a carnival, and midway—all at the oldest continuously running fair in Texas. A parade starts at 10 a.m. on Friday on Main Street. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. 830-997-2359; gillespiefair.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 25 PCAA Concert in the Park Bring your chairs, eats, and drinks to this free Sunday evening concert. *Marktplatz, 126 W. Main St. 830-997-8515; fredericksburgfestivals.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 30 Hill Country Sunset Harvest Messina Hof Hill Country Winery hosts its annual harvest festival. The evening begins with a Blessing of the Vines followed by grape picking in the vineyard. Attendees also receive a souvenir “Harvest Crew” T-shirt, which you can sign with your very own purple stomping feet. Stay for dinner featuring a vertical port wine tasting. *Messina Hof Hill Country Winery, 9996 US 290 E. 830-990-4653; messinahof.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 31 Grape Stomp at Chisholm Trail Winery Stomp grapes and enjoy live music and award-winning wines. *Chisholm Trail Winery, 2367 Usener Road. 830-990-2675; chisholmtrailwinery.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 31–Sept. 1 Pacific Combat Living History Re-enactment See equipment and weapons used

during WWII and a battle re-enactment set on an island in the Pacific with flame-thrower, tanks, uniformed actors, and more. *National Museum of the Pacific War Pacific Combat Zone, 508 E. Austin. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org*

GRUENE: Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Friday Afternoon Club at Gruene Hall A Gruene Hall tradition, now in its 21st 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. There's even a very special guest interview each week. Past guests include Ray Benson, Steve Earle, Delbert McClinton, Radney Foster, Hayes Carll, and Ray Wylie Hubbard. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-606-1281; gruenehall.com*

GRUENE: Aug. 6, 13, 20 Two Ton Tuesdays It wouldn't be summertime without popular rockabilly band Two Tons of Steel holding court in Gruene Hall every Tuesday evening—now in its 24th year. If you haven't caught Two Ton fever yet, grab your dancing shoes and get ready. The band takes the stage at 8:30 p.m. Come early for swing dance lessons from 6 to 7 p.m. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-629-5077; gruenehall.com*

GRUENE: Aug. 11 Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist in Gruene Hall In the tradition of a New Orleans-style gospel brunch, enjoy gospel music coupled with a buffet, catered by Gristmill River Restaurant and Bar. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-629-5077; gruenehall.com*

GRUENE: Aug. 15 Come and Taste It—Meet Texas' Best Winemakers Sample Texas' best wines and craft brews on the third Thursday of each month throughout the year (except January). A featured winemaker showcases three of their newest releases, 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 of this popular tasting room. Samples of food that are offered for sale are provided, and each event features live music and three prize giveaways. *The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-629-5077; grapevinegruene.com*

GRUENE: Aug. 17-18 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods. *Gruene Historic District, 1601 Hunter Road. 830-629-5077; gruenemarketdays.com*

INGRAM: July 19-20, 26-27; Aug 2-3 "Mamma Mia!" In this musical featuring

songs by the Swedish pop group ABBA, a young woman wants to invite the father she's never known to her wedding—only to discover that there are three possible choices. *Hill Country Arts Foundation The Point Outdoor Theatre, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

INGRAM: Aug. 16-Sept. 20 Flight: HCAF Annual Juried Show This exhibit applauds flights of fantasy and cheers for the use of imagination. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

JOHNSON CITY: Aug. 24-25 Market Days Local artisans sell handmade items, jewelry, and plants. Food and beverages are available. *City Park, US 290 at Avenue G.. 830-868-7684; johnsoncitytexas.info*

JOHNSON CITY: Aug. 25 Art Walk All galleries are open for new exhibits and are serving adult beverages and snacks. *North Nugent and Main streets. 830-868-7684; johnsoncitytexas.info*

KERRVILLE: July 11-Aug. 10 PhotoQuest View the 19th annual judged competition and exhibition of photographs by the Hill Country Camera Club. *Kerr Arts & Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

KERRVILLE: Aug. 9-25 "Southern Fried Funerals" In this new comedy by Osborne & Eppler, Dewey Frye is dead and the rest of his family is left to pick up the pieces—that is, if they don't kill each other first. Funerals bring out the worst, the best, and the funniest in people, and the Fries are no exception. *Playhouse 2000 VK Garage Theater, 305 Washington St. 830-896-9393; playhouse2000.com*

KERRVILLE: Aug. 30 Summer Concerts in the Park Enjoy some summer jams at this free event. Bring your lawn chairs. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov*

KYLE: Aug. 10 Market Days Enjoy local vendors, live music, and family fun under the shade of the oak trees. *City Square Park, 101 S. Burlison St. 512-262-3939; cityofkyle.com/recreation*

NEW BRAUNFELS: Aug. 1-4 Lone Star Gourd Festival The Texas Gourd Society hosts this quirky festival featuring a gourd art competition, gourd art sales, gourd supplies, and technique classes. You'll be amazed at the art people can create from gourds. *New Braunfels Convention Center, 375 S. Castell Ave. 337-376-9690; texasgourdsociety.org*

NEW BRAUNFELS: Aug. 2 Sublime with Rome in Concert Since 2009, Sublime with Rome has been one of the leading

reggae acts in the U.S. Originally comprising Sublime founding members Eric Wilson and Bud Gaugh with vocalist Rome Ramirez, this band began by performing Sublime favorites like "What I Got" and "Santeria." In later years, Sublime with Rome has collaborated to create original albums, like 2011's "Yours Truly" and 2015's "Sirens." Today in concert, the band mixes up its setlist with Sublime standards and fresh hits like "Panic" and "Wherever You Go." *Whitewater Amphitheater, 11860 FM 306. 830-964-3800; ticketfly.com*

NEW BRAUNFELS: Aug. 3 Dog Days 5K This 5K is a fun and challenging course to celebrate the dog days of summer and benefit local charities. *Fischer Park, 1820 Old McQueeney Road. 877-806-3987; athleteguild.com/running/new-braunfels-tx/2019-dog-days-5k*

SAN MARCOS: June 6-Aug. 29 Summer in the Park Concert Series This year marks 30 years of the summer concert series. Different bands of various genres play every Thursday night. Bring friends, family, lawn chairs, blankets, and an ice chest of your favorite beverages—no glass or Styrofoam containers/coolers. *Plaza Park, 206 N. CM Allen Parkway. 512-393-8400; toursanmarcos.com*

SAN MARCOS: Aug. 10 Bubble Fest It's bubble fun for the whole family. From a ball pit and bubble dance floor to Art Squared Arts Market and the farmers market, there is plenty of entertainment to go around. This is a free event with activities for children of all ages. *Downtown San Marcos, 111 E. San Antonio St. 512-393-8430; downtownsmx.com*

SONORA: Aug. 9-10 Outlaw Rodeo and Sutton County Days Take in a rodeo on Friday and Saturday nights and a dance on Saturday featuring Two Tons of Steel, Jason Boland and the Stragglers, and Fuerzzo. There is also a parade, arts and crafts, food vendors, the Little Mr. and Little Miss Sutton County contest, and the crowning of the new Miss Sutton County. *Sutton County Civic Center, 1700 N. Crockett Ave. 888-387-2880; sonorataxas.org*

STONEWALL: Aug. 17-18, 24-25 Grape Stomp at Pedernales Cellars Celebrate the grape harvest by stomping grapes, listening to live music, and enjoying award-winning wines. *Pedernales Cellars, 2916 Upper Albert Road. 830-644-2037; pedernalescellars.com*

STONEWALL: Aug. 24-25, 31; Sept. 1 Grape Stomp at Becker Vineyards Celebrating the end of grape harvest, barrels will be cut in half and filled with grapes to stomp at this 23rd annual event. Becker

Vineyards, 464 Becker Farms Road. 830-644-2681; becker Vineyards.com

STONEWALL: Aug. 27 President Lyndon B. Johnson's 111th Birthday The public is invited to participate in this free event commemorating LBJ's birthday. Check in at the Visitor Center first for information on the day's activities. *Lyndon B. Johnson State & National Parks. 830-644-2252; tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/lyndon-b-johnson*

UVALDE: Aug. 9 Four Square Friday Enjoy late-night shopping, food, live music, and art. *Historic Downtown Uvalde, North Getty Street. 830-278-4115; visituvalde.com*

UVALDE: Aug. 29-Sept. 1 PalominoFest and Pro Rodeo Labor Day Weekend Celebration This celebration started in 1996 as a dream by a local group of musicians who, as young brothers from a small town, dared to pursue their musical goals. The event has live music, a carnival, rodeo events, and a parade. *Uvalde County Fairplex, 215 Veterans Lane. 830-591-9040; palominofest.com*

WIMBERLEY: June 8-Dec. 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 the galleries in and around the Wimberley square. Various locations, 13811 RR 12. 260-290-5001; gallerytrail.com

WIMBERLEY: June 20-Dec. 19 Susanna's Kitchen Coffee House Concert Series Every third Thursday, talented and well-known musicians perform in an intimate venue. Texas Pie Company's famous pies, tamales, pizza, coffee, and soft drinks are available. Concerts are held in the Fellowship Hall at Wimberley United Methodist Church. *Wimberley United Methodist Church, 1200 CR 1492. 512-847-3109; wimberleyumc.org/susannas-kitchen*

WIMBERLEY: Aug. 1-10 Antony and Cleopatra A love that changed history. One fateful meeting reshapes the ancient world when the great Roman warrior Mark Antony, like Caesar before him, falls in love with the incomparable Cleopatra, Queen of the Nile. His devotion to desire rather than duty is the beginning of a downward spiral for him, the Republic, and Cleopatra, the last in her bloodline. Shakespeare's tragedy presents history as a breathtaking pageant full of passion, intrigue, exotic locales, and the larger-than-life characters that brought about the death of an Egyptian dynasty and the birth of the Roman Empire. This production is designed, built, and performed by a highly trained and talented cast of high school students, after being



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WIMBERLEY: Aug. 3 Market Day More than 450 outdoor booths are filled with art, furniture, collectibles, and treasures of all kinds. Live music and food and drink make for a shopper's delight. Lions Field, 601 FM 2325. 512-847-2201; *shopmarketdays.com*

WIMBERLEY: Aug. 30-Sept. 22 "Picnic" This play takes place on Labor Day weekend in the joint backyards of two middle-aged widows. It's a classic drama of longing, romance, and the rites of passage. *The Wimberley Playhouse, 450 Old Kyle Road. 512-847-0575; wimberleyplayers.org*

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ALBANY: Aug. 2 Cultural Connections Camp—Ghana Open to students in grades first through sixth, this camp focuses on the music, food, and art of Ghana. This is a free event limited to 20 students. *Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. 325-762-2269; theojac.org*

ALBANY: Aug. 6-7 Things on a String Camp Open to students in grades first through sixth, this camp lets students create and take home their own kinetic artwork. This is the most popular camp and it fills quickly. The camp is always free but limited to 20 students. *Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. 325-762-2269; theojac.org*

ALBANY: Aug. 9 Re-Create Camp Open to students in grades fourth through seventh, this workshop explores a variety of ways to recreate with recycled and repurposed materials. The camp is always free but limited to 20 students. *Old Jail Art Center, 201 S. Second St. 325-762-2269; theojac.org*

AMARILLO: Aug. 2 First Friday Art Walk Join local artists when they open their galleries to share the art they create every day at Arts in the Sunset. Food trucks and entertainment are on site. *Arts in the Sunset, 3701 Plains Blvd., Suite 72D. 806-310-2600; artsinthesunset.org*

AMARILLO: Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Amarillo Community Market The Market hosts live music and a diverse mix of everything the Panhandle has to offer: herbs and veggies, baked goods, live plants, cut flowers, jellies, jams and pickles, and arts and crafts. *Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Grounds, 1000 S. Polk St. 806-335-6360*

AMARILLO: Aug. 31 Yellow City Sounds Music Festival Enjoy a daylong concert featuring a variety of bands, vendors, and

food trucks. *Memorial Park, 2501 S. Washington St. 806-371-5222*

BOYS RANCH: Aug. 31 Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo Where cattle still outnumber people and at the site of the old ghost town of Tascosa, Texas, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch is hosting its 75th annual rodeo. The day starts with a 5K Rodeo Run, followed by a 1-mile fun run. After, adventureFEST is in full swing just outside the rodeo arena. A barbecue luncheon is served. The rodeo begins in the afternoon. *Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 8 Julian Bivins Blvd. 806-533-1200; calfarley.org*

BROWNFIELD: Aug. 3-4 The Grape Capital of Texas Vineyard Festival Mark your calendars for this food and wine event. There are food and wine pairings and tastings on Friday, and Saturday has vineyard tours and wine competition awards. *Texas Red Wines Event Barn, 2149 Tahoka Road. 806-637-2564; brownfieldchamber.com*

CHANNING: Aug. 24 Panhandle Children's Foundation Annual Fundraiser This annual event benefits the disabled and disadvantaged children within 100 miles of Dumas. The event features The Hoggs at the Point barbecue cookoff; a Kids Q cookoff; bounce houses; a fun run for automobiles and motorcycles; various raffles including trips, cookers, and electronics; and an evening dinner and dance. *Talon Point, 5145 FM 722. 806-935-5598; talonpoint.org*

DALHART: Aug. 1-3 La Rita Theatre Melodrama Nightly performances are held in conjunction with the XIT Rodeo and Reunion. *La Rita Theatre, 311 Denrock. larita.org*

DALHART: Aug. 1-3 XIT Rodeo and Reunion Celebrate the cowhands who worked and farmed the 3-million-acre XIT Ranch at the 83rd annual event. Enjoy nightly rodeos, dances, and free feeds: chicken wings on Thursday, pork chops on Friday, and the world's largest free barbecue on Saturday. Activities throughout the weekend include a street parade, Queen's contest, tractor pulls, a 5K run, craft show, melodrama, wild cow milking contest, nickel scramble, and fiddlers contest. *XIT Rodeo Arena, 2050 E. John Todd Road. xitrodeoreunion.com or dalhart.org*

DALHART: Aug. 3 Fiddler's Contest The 24th annual old-time fiddling contest is sponsored by the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce. Open to public; free admission. *Rita Blanca Pavilion, 1219 FM 281. dalhart.org*

DALHART: Aug. 3 XIT Art and Craft Show This annual show features booths with arts and crafts, jewelry, home decor, and unique food items. Free admission; open to

public. *Veterans Memorial Park, US 54 W. DALHART: Aug. 3 XIT Parade* Enjoy this annual rodeo parade. *Denrock Avenue.*

DALHART: Aug. 10 The Purpose Market An open-air market, with farmers, artisans, chefs, and vendors sharing their passions and purposes, including fresh produce, quality handmade goods, delicious foods and treats, and mission-driven products from around the world. *Purpose Coffee Co., 324 Rock Island. xitrodeoreunion.com*

DUMAS: Aug. 16-17 Cowboy Classic Rodeo The 13th annual rodeo has professional riders competing for two nights. The rodeo also has events for kids, a queen contest, and hilarious rodeo clowns. *Moore County Rodeo Grounds, 1600 S. Maddox. 806-935-2123; dumaschamber.com*

LEVELLAND: Aug. 2-3 Kicker Arenacross Catch a thrilling display of talent as motorcycle racers compete on a dirt track. *Mallet Event Center and Arena, 2320 US 385. 806-894-3157; kickerarenacross.com*

LEVELLAND: Aug. 2-4 Texas Best Show Series—Lamb Show This organization promotes the junior market lamb exhibitors of Texas in a lawful, ethical, and practical means through a series of jackpot shows managed under the direction of the Texas Best Show Series culminating with an end-of-the-year award system based on exhibitor age, breed of animal exhibited, and overall performance in the show ring while making the whole experience educational and economically feasible for the participating exhibitors and families. *Mallet Event Center and Arena, 2320 US 385. 806-441-3009; texasbestshowseries.com*

LEVELLAND: Aug. 7-11 S.P.O.T.C. Dog Agility Trials See dogs in competition at these agility trials. Founded in 1970, the South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock is a nonprofit organization that promotes the sport of training dogs and responsible dog ownership through donations to canine causes, public education projects, pet therapy, and year-round obedience training. *Mallet Event Center and Arena, 2320 US 385. 806-793-7708; spotc.org*

POST: Aug. 8-10 Stampede Rodeo This 75th annual event offers visitors a view of the Old West in true cowboy style, with a nightly rodeo and a parade Saturday on Main Street. *Post Stampede Rodeo Arena.*

POST: Aug. 9-11 Old Mill Trade Days Shop for arts, crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing, home decor, homemade candy, candles, goat milk soap, antiques, gifts, and more, plus live entertainment and food. *318 S. Avenue F. oldmilltradedays.com*

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

SAN ANGELO: June 27-Aug. 4 American Plains Artists Summer Show Five members of the American Plains Artists Association (APA) are participating in a special show. Guests who attended last year's APA juried show cast their ballots for their favorite art pieces, and those artists were invited to feature a dozen of their works during this summer's show. *Fort Concho, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-657-4444; fortconcho.com*

SAN ANGELO: July 11-Sept. 8 "Frontiers: An Artistic Exploration of Space Travel, Technology, the Age of Discovery, and More" Artwork related to exploration is exhibited in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org*

SAN ANGELO: July 11-Sept. 8 "Highlights from the Permanent Collection" Selections from the art museum's permanent collection are on display. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org*

SEMINOLE: Aug. 10 DC Hotshot Sporting Clay Shoot This sporting clay target event in an outdoor setting is a smaller, more relaxed event, but still offers raffles, door prizes, food, and great competition. *Gaines County Shooting Range, NW CR 216. 806-592-5424; denvercitychamber.com*

SUNRAY: Aug. 17 Sunray Funday This annual event begins with a parade down Main Street, then the celebration continues with barbecue, music, and vendors selling various items. All proceeds from the event help the Sunray Lions Club with their contributions to many local charities. For every barbecue ticket purchased, you'll be entered for a chance to win a prize donated by local merchants. *Sunray Community Park, East Seventh Street. 806-948-4111; dumaschamber.com*

SWEETWATER: Aug. 8 Big Country Dance This monthly country dance features different bands performing and a potluck dinner. *Sweetwater VFW Post 2479, 217 Avenger Field Road. 325-235-5488; sweetwatertexas.org*

VEGA: Aug. 10 Oldham County Roudup and 5K Color Run Color yourself happy at the 5K Color Run that takes place the morning of the Oldham County Roudup celebration. The parade and free Barbecue Feed takes place later that morning. The

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WICHITA FALLS: June 22-Aug. 11 Artzeum Interactive Kids' Exhibit This year's exhibit, "Small Wonders: Insects and Art," combines interactive play areas and large-scale photos of insects to create a one-of-a-kind art experience for kids and adults alike. *Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar St. 940-767-2787; artscouncilwf.org/artzeum*

WICHITA FALLS: Aug. 16-17 Texas Ranch Roundup The original Ranch Rodeo celebrates 39 years of showcasing historic ranches, the hard work of true cowboys, and every facet of ranch life. Ranches will compete in chuckwagon cooking, cowboy art, and of course, real ranch events. A tradeshow including bits, spurs, western collectibles, and other items will take place all day, both days. *Kay Yeager Coliseum, 1000 Fifth St. 940-716-5555; wfmpec.com*

WICHITA FALLS: Aug. 22-25 Hotter'n Hell Hundred At one of the oldest and largest cycling events in the nation, more than 13,000 riders from across the globe come to Wichita Falls for four days of challenging and inspiring activities. *MPEC, 1000 Fifth St. 940-322-3223; hh100.org*

PINEY WOODS

GLADEWATER: Aug. 10 Main Street Art and Wine Stroll Join in the fun with paintings, sculptures, pottery, drawings, and wineries gathering together for a day of art and wine. *Antique District, Main Street. 903-845-5501*

HENDERSON: Aug. 10-11 Sacred Harp Singing National Convention The 164th annual event celebrates a historic form of folk-christian music with a cappella sing-

ing and a four part harmony. *Henderson Civic Center, 1500 Lake Forest Parkway. 903-863-5379; visithenderson.tx.com*

JEFFERSON: Aug. 31 Labor Day Celebration Celebrate Labor Day aboard an antique gas-powered locomotive. The ride includes a stop at Diamond Don Gator Pit for feeding live alligators. View the Support Our Troops display that honors the United States Military. *Historic Jefferson Railway, 400 E. Austin St. 866-398-2038; jeffersonrailway.com or diamonddonempire.com*

MINEOLA: Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 Square Dancing Join in on square dancing every Monday night with national caller Tim Tyl. *American Legion Hall, 2015 US 80 E. 903-312-3713; mineolarailers.com*

PALESTINE: Aug. 10 Dog Daze of Summer Concert Series Gather in the shade with friends and move to the groove of live music while enjoying expertly paired snack boards and beverages in an environment to escape the dog days of summer. Bands performing are Chris Oliver and Company, The Magills, and The Tuxedo Cats. *Oxbow Hollow, 215 E. Crawford St. 903-729-6066; palestinechamber.org/festivals*

PALESTINE: Aug. 10 Dogwood Jamboree "The Golden Age of Country" This Bran-son-style music show is filled with family fun, laughter, and great classic country music from some of the best artists anywhere. Listen to some of the golden hits in country music performed live on stage. *Palestine High School Auditorium, SH 19 S. and Loop 256. 903-729-7080; visitpalestine.com*

THE WOODLANDS: Aug. 28 Houston Symphony: Raiders of the Lost Ark The film that gave the world one of its greatest movie heroes, Indiana Jones, is back and better than ever before. Relive the magic on the silver screen and the original great adventure of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" with John Williams' epic score performed live to picture by a full symphony orchestra. The year is 1936, and professor of archeology and "obtainer of rare antiquities" Indiana Jones is tasked by U.S. Army Intelligence to recover the legendary Ark of the Covenant before it falls into the hands of the Nazis. Indy's quest takes him to Nepal and Egypt, reuniting him with an old friend, an old foe, and an ex-flame who falls somewhere in between. Armed with his hat, whip, and wits, our intrepid hero must face formidable enemies—and impossible odds—to save the day and the world. *The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, 2005 Lake Robbins Drive. 281-364-3010; woodlandscenter.org*

TYLER: Aug. 23-25 Texas Rose Breed Show—All-Breed Horse Show This all-breed horse show features Andalusian, Lusitano, Welsh, and Friesian breeds to name a few. There is in-hand classes, carriage driving, and jumping. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

TYLER: Aug. 25 Texas Rose Western Dressage Show Western dressage integrates the historically validated principles of Western stock horse tradition. It is a systematic and progressive system of training for the Western horse and rider in traditional stock tack with the purpose of enjoying a safe, pleasurable, versatile, and useful working horse. Western dressage tests provide the opportunity for horse and rider to demonstrate growth through a series of progressive elements by advancing from test to test and level to level as they develop in physical skill, mental maturity, and partnership. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ADDISON: June 13-Aug. 8 Vitruvian Nights Live Enjoy live music and gourmet food trucks every other Thursday in June, July, and August. Admission and parking are free. *Vitruvian Park Amphitheater, 3875 Ponte Ave. 972-450-2800; visitaddison.com/specialevents*

ADDISON: Aug. 3-24 Vitruvian Salsa Festival Bring your dancing shoes every Saturday in August. Enjoy live bands, DJs, salsa lessons, and gourmet food trucks. Admission is free. *Vitruvian Park Amphitheater, 3875 Ponte Ave. 972-450-2800; visitaddison.com/specialevents*

ADDISON: Aug. 17 Addison After Dark Join in on outdoor entertainment on the third Saturday of every month from May to November. This event features live music, movies, and food trucks. With different themes each month, the entertainment options are forever changing, giving fans a unique experience. This month has Pints and Pups. Enjoy local brews and classic rock tunes with your favorite furry friend as multiple bands take the stage. Sample area beers and participate in the fun pet contests. *Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle Drive. 972-450-2800; visitaddison.com/specialevents*

ARLINGTON: Aug. 9-31 "Brighton Beach Memoirs" Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene must cope with the mundane existence of his family life in Brooklyn: formidable mother, overworked father, and his worldly older brother Stanley. Throw into the

mix his widowed Aunt Blanche and her two young (but rapidly aging) daughters and you have a recipe for hilarity, served up Neil Simon-style. *Theatre Arlington, 305 W. Main St. 817-275-7661; theatrearlington.org*

BASTROP: Aug. 23-24 Boogie Back to Bastrop—Country and Western Swing Festival This two-day cultural event celebrates and preserves Texas Western swing music and dance. Food and alcohol concessions are available, and retail and craft vendors are on site offering specialty goods. Bands this year include Jeff Woolsey and the Dancehall Kings, the Rocky King Band, and Frank Cavitt and the Honky Tonk Doctors. *Bastrop Convention and Exhibit Center, 1408 Chestnut St. 512-332-8984; boogiebacktobastrop.com*

BOWIE: Aug. 9 Outdoor Movie Night Enjoy a free outdoor movie. Fundraising concessions are served. *Bowie Community Development, 101 E. Pecan St. 940-872-6246; cityofbowietx.com*

BRENHAM: July 6-Sept. 1 Harvest Grape Stomp Come out and enjoy creating happy memories with your family, friends, or co-workers. Start in the vineyard to pick grapes off the vine. Return to the tasting patio where you'll squeeze and squish your grapes to music which makes all the stress in your life fade away. As an added memento, step out with your purple feet on to your keepsake t-shirt. *Windy Winery, 4232 Clover Road. 979-836-3252; windywinery.com*

BRENHAM: July 20-21, 27-28; Aug. 10-11 Crush for Fun at Pleasant Hill Winery Stomp grapes and personalize a T-shirt with your purple feet to remember the fun at Pleasant Hill Winery. After, enjoy wine tasting on the deck. *Pleasant Hill Winery, 1441 Salem Road. 979-830-8463; pleasanthillwinery.com*

BRENHAM: Aug. 10 Chappell Hill Wine and Lavender Festival This one-day festival has craft vendors, live music, lavender cuisine, plants for sale, miniature animals, and demonstrations. *Chappell Hill Lavender Farm, 2250 Dillard Road. 979-251-8114; chappellhilllavender.com*

BRYAN: July 26; Aug. 10 Moonlit Harvest Festival The festival kicks off with a blessing of the vines followed by an evening of grape picking and stomping in the Messina Hof Estate vineyard. Dinner features a Vineyard Cuisine buffet and a wide selection of complimentary wines for guests to enjoy. *Messina Hof Estate Winery, 4545 Old Reliance Road. 979-778-9463; messinahof.com*

BRYAN: July 27; Aug. 3, 10, 17, 31 Daytime Harvest Festival Bring the family out for a

fun-filled day of picking and stomping the very grapes that go into making Messina Hof's award-winning ports. Stay for a tour and tasting with a lunch buffet. Round out your afternoon with a food and wine pairing class. Attendees also receive a souvenir "Harvest Crew" T-shirt, which you can sign with your very own purple stomping feet. *Messina Hof Estate Winery, 4545 Old Reliance Road. 979-778-9463; messinahof.com*

BRYAN: Aug. 2 Harvest: Outdoor Gourmet Barbeque Enjoy a fun evening of barbecue, games, and wine on the vineyard. *Messina Hof Estate Winery, 4545 Old Reliance Road. 979-778-9463; messinahof.com*

BRYAN: Aug. 17 Harvest Grand Finale Gala Join Messina Hof for an elegant evening of new wine releases, gourmet Vineyard Cuisine, and more. This elegant evening event raises a toast to a successful harvest. *Messina Hof Estate Winery, 4545 Old Reliance Road. 979-778-9463; messinahof.com*

CORSICANA: Aug. 1-31 Music and Musicians in the Civil War The first time this exhibit has been displayed, this Pearce Museum-produced program and body of work features information and visual aids about the role of music in the Civil War. It is composed of banners and artifacts illustrating how music influenced both the North and South, and served as recreation and inspiration for soldiers. *Pearce Museum of American Civil War and the American West, 3100 W. Collin St. on the campus of Navarro College. 903-875-7642; pearcemuseum.com*

CORSICANA: Aug. 9-10 "Faces and Places of the Chihuahuan Desert" This exhibition explores the topography and natural beauty of the Chihuahuan Desert and considers the human impact upon it over a period of thirty years. The show is composed of 31 photographs from the work of University of Texas at El Paso professor Dr. Robert H. Schmidt. *Pearce Museum of American Civil War and the American West, 3100 W. Collin St. on the campus of Navarro College. 903-875-7642; pearcemuseum.com*

CORSICANA: Aug. 10 Mimosas at the Market—Tax Free Weekend A sip, shop, and stroll event on the second Saturday of each month. Hospitable shop owners pour unique mimosas while new friends and old meet up and enjoy the historic downtown shopping vibe. For this month's market, enjoy the benefits of Tax Free Weekend. *Downtown Historic Corsicana, Beaton and Collin streets. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com*

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the death of President John F. Kennedy, The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza presents this new temporary exhibit. Featuring a broad representation of popular magazine covers from the last five decades, this captivating visual timeline of President Kennedy's image reflects his lasting imprint on the nation's consciousness and pays tribute to his life and legacy. *The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, 411 Elm St. 214-747-6660; jfk.org*

DALLAS: June 1–Aug. 31 Dallas by Chocolate Tour Indulge your chocolate passions at some of the most creative chocolate, ice cream, and pastry shops around. An air-conditioned motorcoach whisks guests around town to sample treats galore while learning about the history of chocolate, how it's made, and meeting those who make these scrumptious treats. Includes private motorcoach transportation, many dessert samples, and beverages on board (you can also BYOB). The exact meeting location is given to ticket holders. *Various locations. 972-814-5997; dallasbychocolate.com*

DALLAS: June 2–Aug. 18 Taste of Bishop Arts Food and Historical Tour Sample the fun and fare of this unique neighborhood on a tour of the eclectic Bishop Arts District. On foot, learn about its colorful history, slip into galleries and shops, and stop at great eateries that may include one of Dallas' top barbecue havens and a shrine to Bonnie and Clyde (restaurants vary). Drinks beyond water are on your own. Minimum 8 people; limit 20 people. Meeting place details are given to ticket holders. *Various locations. 972-814-5997; dallasbitesfoodtours.com*

DALLAS: July 14–Aug. 24 Hidden Dallas Food and Fun Tour Cruise through secret places in Dallas that many people do not know about. Check out whimsical sculptures, waterfalls, and the last home built by one of America's most famous architects. Many venues are indoors since the weather is warm. Stop along the way for delicious snacks at insider culinary gems. Some walking is involved. Includes motor coach transportation, a tour host, food at venues and beverages on the bus (you can also BYOB). Please note that the exact meeting location is given to ticket holders. *Various locations. 972-814-5997; dallasbychocolate.com*

DALLAS: Aug. 3–31 Best Tacos and Margaritas Tour Sample both gourmet and street tacos on an adventure through East Dallas, Oak Cliff, and other iconic Dallas neighborhoods. Stops include award-winning margaritas and tacos at amazing spots including hole-in-the-wall taquerias. Learn about the history of tacos and margaritas and win prizes playing taco/mar-

garita trivia. This includes air conditioned motorcoach transportation, a tour host, food and drinks as specified at venues, and beverages on the motorcoach (you can also BYOB). *Desperado's Mexican Restaurant, 4818 Greenville Ave. 972-814-5997; dallasbitesfoodtours.com*

DENTON: Aug. 16–26 North Texas Fair and Rodeo The annual nine-day fair and rodeo offers activities for all ages including live concerts, horse and livestock shows, contests, cookoffs, food, and games. *North Texas Fairgrounds, 2217 N. Carroll Blvd. 940-387-2632; ntfair.com*

ELGIN: Aug. 15–16 Escape Room—Haunted Hospital Participate in Elgin's first ever escape room in the historic Fleming Hospital turned community center. Learn about its past while working through puzzles and challenges to figure out the hidden secret buried in its history. *Fleming Community Center, 802 N. Avenue C. 512-285-6434; elgintx.com*

ELGIN: Aug. 26–31 Trash Art Week and Contest Learn how to make recycled crafts and compete against others in the community to turn trash in to treasure. There are three crafting nights before turning in all trash art pieces to the Elgin Rec Center by August 31st. *Fleming Community Center, 802 N. Avenue C. 512-285-6434; elgintx.com/239/Parks-Recreation*

ELGIN: Aug. 8 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in historic downtown Elgin. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists, wine and beer tastings, samples, refreshments, and live music in many of the venues. *Downtown Historic Elgin. elgintx.com*

FORT WORTH: July 6–Aug. 10 Rockin' the River—Live on the Trinity Enjoy a free, weekly summer concert series with a cool twist: the stage is right on the Trinity River in the shadow of downtown Fort Worth. Watch a concert while floating in the river, or bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a great view from the shore. *Panther Island Pavilion, 395 Purcey St. 817-336-8791; rockintheriverfw.com*

GLEN ROSE: Aug. 5–6 Homeschool Class and Guided Tour: What Does The Doc Say? Fossil Rim's homeschool coordinator plays the role of doctor to answer key questions during a sweeping survey of the Fossil Rim biosphere. This activity is recommended as a two-day package, but can be enjoyed either day as a standalone event. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GLEN ROSE: Aug. 10 Photo Tour This tour lets the photographer catch the dusk light,

which is the best light possible for afternoon photos. Tours go through the park's 1,800 acres, and the tour driver caters to photographers whenever possible. There are 50-plus species of animals at Fossil Rim. Some of the animals that may be photographed include white rhinos, blackbuck, European red deer, gemsbok, zebras, addax, waterbuck, giraffes, sable, axis deer, and dama gazelle, just to name a few. Reservations are required. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GLEN ROSE: Aug. 23 Discovery After Dark Program and Tour Enjoy a guided sunset wildlife tour using spotlights to see exotic and native species. An after-dark hike caps off the event that lasts approximately three hours. *Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, 1789 CR 2009. 254-897-2960; fossilrim.org*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Aug. 3 Ladies Night Out Don't miss this comedy tour hosted by Nene Leakes featuring Loni Love, Sherri Shepard, Adele Givens, Jess Hilarious, Kym Whitley, and Janelle James. *The Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Parkway. 972-854-5050; theatregp.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Aug. 10 The Drifters in Concert One of rock 'n' roll's founding vocal groups comes to Texas on their U.S. tour. *Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main Street. 972-237-8786; uptowntheatergp.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Aug. 24 Lost '80s Live! Bring back the '80s with 100.3 Jack FM's live event. *The Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Performance Parkway. 972-854-5050; theatregp.com*

GRAPEVINE: Aug. 10 A Night at the Monte Carlo Casino Guests should come dressed to impress for a night of casino fun at the Messina Hof Grapevine winery. Enjoy a three-course dinner paired with award-winning Texas wines; following dinner, let the games begin. *Messina Hof Grapevine Winery, 201 S. Main St. 817-442-8463; messinahof.com*

LA GRANGE: Aug. 29–Sept. 1 Fayette County Fair Enjoy a true Texas county fair with a Queens pageant, Little Miss and Mister contest, carnival, parade, Senior Citizens Day, a country store, creative arts, livestock shows, 4-H exhibits, a horse show, agricultural exhibits, a flower house, horseshoe and washer pitching, a fun run, barbecue cookoff, food, indoor and outdoor vendors, music, the Ag Adventure for Kids, and loads of entertainment. Country music star Josh Turner headlines this year. *Fayette County Fair Grounds, 400 Fair Grounds Road. 979-702-2426; fayettecountyfair.org*

LEWISVILLE: Aug. 30–Sept. 1 Labor Day Rodeo The 55th annual Labor Day Rodeo has a Cattle Drive Parade and family-friendly activities. *Lewisville Rodeo Arena, 101 Parkway Drive. 214-929-3447; visitlewisville.com*

MCKINNEY: June 1–Dec. 31 "McKinney Then and Now" Travel back in time with this exhibit that focuses on McKinney. Various types of audio/visual aids are available along with augmented reality experiences. *Collin County History Museum, 300 E. Virginia St. 972-542-9457; collincountyhistorymuseum.org*

MCKINNEY: June 1–Sept. 30 Native Texas Butterfly House and Garden Walk among free-flying native butterflies and other pollinators in the Native Texas Butterfly House and Garden. The butterfly house includes native species, which vary by season and what is available from suppliers. The butterfly garden is filled with host plants that naturally attract these lovely creatures. You may even find a few ideas to try in your own garden. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org*

MCKINNEY: Aug. 16–18 Third Monday Trade Days This is the oldest and largest monthly trade days and flea market in North Texas. Shop from more than 450 vendors who offer almost anything you can imagine. Find unique gifts, delightful home decor, trendy clothing and accessories, sporting goods, antiques and collectibles, dogs, and specialty items along with many fantastic carnivalesque food concessions at this open-air market. Free admission. *4550 W. University Drive. 972-562-5466; tmt.com*

MCKINNEY: Aug. 31–Feb. 17 Dinosaurs Live! Encounter the 46-foot tall T-Rex and nine new life-size animatronic dinosaurs along the nature trails at the 14th annual exhibit. The exhibit always gives families and friends a fun, educational activity to enjoy together. See the dinosaurs move and hear them roar. A photo op and play-area dinosaurs are available as well. This year, the exhibit also features an outdoor fossil dig. The dinosaur trail is jogging stroller friendly (it is not suitable for strollers with small wheels or wheelchairs). *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org*

MESQUITE: Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Devils Bowl Speedway Enjoy auto racing at the Southwest's most famous dirt track. *Devil's Bowl Speedway, 1711 Lawson Road. 972-222-2421; devilsbowl.com*

MESQUITE: Aug. 9–11, 16–18, 23–25 "Elephant Man" John Merrick is a horribly de-

formed young man—a victim of rare skin and bone diseases. Seen as a freak by society, his life changes when a young physician agrees to care for him. *Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Gallo-way. 972-216-8126; mesquitecommunitytheatre.com*

MESQUITE: Aug. 10 Doggie Splash Day All dogs and their owners are invited to this annual event at Vanston Pool to cool off, compete for prizes, or just play at the pool. All dogs will be required to show proof of current vaccinations and must be accompanied by a responsible person 16 and older. *Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive. 972-216-6260; cityofmesquite.com/pard*

MESQUITE: Aug. 10, 24 Mesquite Artisans and Farmers Market This European-style market features food, artisans, and crafters from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. *Heritage Square in Downtown Mesquite, 223 W. Davis. 866-242-8078; themarketplacedfw.com*

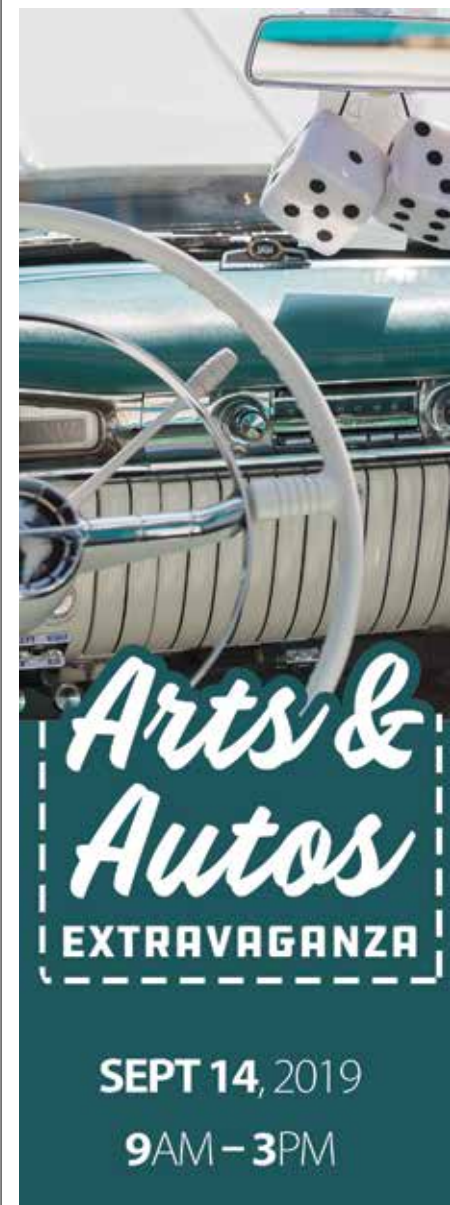
MESQUITE: Aug. 24 Mesquite Championship Rodeo Don't miss the toughest cowboys around the world as they compete with the strongest horses, steers and bulls in the country. This PRCA-sanctioned rodeo has been thrilling visitors since 1958. You'll see calf-roping, barrel racing, bronc busting, bull riding—all of the traditional rodeo events—in air-conditioned comfort. *Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. 972-285-8777; mesquiterodeo.com*

MESQUITE: Aug. 24 Preservation Primer Learn basic best practices to protect and care for your family heirlooms. *Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. 972-216-6468; historicmesquite.org*

PLANO: July 28–Aug. 8 USA Softball GOLD National Championship Plano once again hosts the girls' 16-under and 18-under national softball championships. As the NGB for the sport of softball, USA Softball is responsible for training, equipping and promoting the six USA Softball National Teams that compete in events such as the Olympics, Pan American Games, World Championships and other international and domestic events. *Heritage Yards, 4525 Hedgecoxe Road. visitplano.com*

PLANO: Aug. 1 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. 972-941-5600; visitplano.com or plano.gov*

PLANO: Aug. 8 Historic Downtown Plano Arts District Art and Wine Walk Stroll the downtown Plano arts district, sam-



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PLANO: Aug. 9-10 Quilt Show Enjoy a mini quilt auction, skills demonstrations, appraisals, exhibits, and kids activities. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. qgplano.org*

PLANO: Aug. 18 Crayola Sensory Sundays This special morning is designed for kids and families who would like to experience the attraction adapted just for sensory needs. Lights are dimmed, music is turned off, and there is a quiet room/ space available. *The Crayola Experience, 6121 W. Park Blvd. 469-642-2901; crayolaexperience.com/plano*

SALADO: Aug. 23 Fourth Friday On the fourth Friday of the month, experience downtown Salado's Sip 'n Shop with more than 25 boutiques, art galleries, wineries, and more. Complimentary drinks and snacks will be available at some locations. *Historic Downtown Salado, Main Street. 254-947-0888; facebook.com/salado4thfriday*

SALADO: Aug. 10 Summer Glass Fusion This summer, experience something beyond glassblowing in the shop. Persons ages 5 and up may choose to make either five pendants or one 8x8 glass mosaic. Assistance with crafting pendants or arranging mosaics is utilized, then participants help fire their creations in the kilns to fuse it into its unique form. Mosaics can be free formed or use one of the pre-made patterns. *Salado Glassworks, No. 2 Peddlers Alley. 254-947-0339; saladoglassworks.com/upcoming-events*

SALADO: July 20, 27; Aug. 3 "Salado Legends" Central Texas' favorite outdoor musical drama depicts life in Texas in the 1850s. *Tablerock Amphitheater, 409 Royal St. 254-947-9205; tablerock.org*

SHERMAN: Aug. 10 Blue Sky Songtellers' Gathering with Doug Moreland and Friends This benefit concert has live music from Doug Moreland and Friends. *Kidd-Key Auditorium, 405 N. Rusk St. 903-892-7230; shermantx.org*

TEMPLE: Aug. 2 First Friday On the first Friday of every month, Historic Downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Enjoy street music and performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. *Downtown Temple, Main Street. 254-298-5378; discoverdowntowntempletx.com*

TEMPLE: Aug. 3 Dig it! Archaeology Day Always dreamed of being Indiana Jones?

Check out what real archaeologists do when they aren't making movies in Hollywood. Learn about how archaeology differs from paleontology, what cool things archaeologists do both in and out of the field, and explore the way people made things thousands of years ago. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Avenue B. 254-298-5172; templerrhm.org*

TEMPLE: Aug. 17 Summer's Night of Art and Jazz The second annual evening has various jazz musicians, food trucks, and a great group of talented artists. Don't miss the live-art performance during the Fast Art contest while listening to soothing jazz music under the stars. *Downtown Temple, Main Street. 254-298-5378; discoverdowntowntempletx.com*


coolest, and hottest party of the summer. The 24th annual festival is one of the larger music events on the Waco calendar featuring local bands and top country favorites. Aside from music, the event also has the margarita and salsa contest. Restaurants can compete in both the margarita and salsa divisions and individuals can compete in the margarita division. All proceeds benefit the scholarship program at the Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo. *Extraco Events Center, 4601 Bosque Blvd. 254-776-1660; extracoeventscenter.com*

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

GOLIAD: Aug. 10 Goliad Market Days This open-air, outdoor market has vendors placed around the beautiful courthouse square. The vendors and variety change each month, but typically there are 100 or more vendors in attendance. Local shops and restaurants are open with unique clothing, arts, and home decor. *Downtown Goliad, 231 S. Market St. 361-645-3563; goliadcc.org*

LEMING: Aug. 17 Battle of Medina Commemorative Ceremony and History Symposium This free, annual event honors those who died in the bloodiest battle for Texas independence 23 years before the battle of the Alamo. The commemorative ceremony is held under oak trees with re-enactors presenting colors, a Native American prayer, wreath laying ceremonies, and finally, a volley fired using black-powdered rifles by period-dressed re-enactors. The afternoon event includes several university history professors, archaeologists, and archivists giving talks on the battle, the events preceding it, the aftermath, and biographical sketches of those who fought. There is an exhibit hall with all sorts of interesting things to look at and books sold. Lunch is also offered by the local volunteer fire department. *Atascosa County "Lonnie Gillespie" Memorial Annex, 25 E. Fifth St. 830-570-3289; atascosacounty.texas.gov*

SAN ANTONIO: July 12, 19, 26; Aug. 2 Balcones Heights Jazz Festival The 26th annual free summer concert series—held for four consecutive Friday evenings—features an all-female lineup for 2019. This year's headliners and opening acts are widely recognized jazz musicians: Wednesday Ball, Ragan Whiteside, Michelle Carey, Jessie J, Elizabeth Mis, Jeanette Harris, Kayla Waters and Lindsey Webster. *Wonderland of the Americas Amphitheatre, 4522 Fredericksburg Road, Balcones Heights. 210-323-6356; sanantoniocentral.org*



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WACO: May 25–Sept. 8 "Be the Astronaut" This exhibit premiered at Space Center Houston to record-breaking crowds and teaches STEM-based content via a fusion of state-of-the-art video game technology and traditional exhibitry. The focus of the exhibit is on the concepts common to all space flight, so it uses the narrative of a possible future space mission—as opposed to any particular historic mission—as the framework to communicate these ideas. In the exhibit, visitors learn about the challenges and excitement of spaceflight, then apply that knowledge as they fly the spaceships, pilot the landers, and drive the rovers in a thrilling narrative adventure to orbit Earth, the Moon, Mars, Ceres, and Jupiter. *Mayborn Museum Complex, 1300 S. University Parks Drive. 254-710-6558; maybornmuseum.com*

WACO: Aug. 24 Margarita and Salsa Festival Make plans to attend the biggest,



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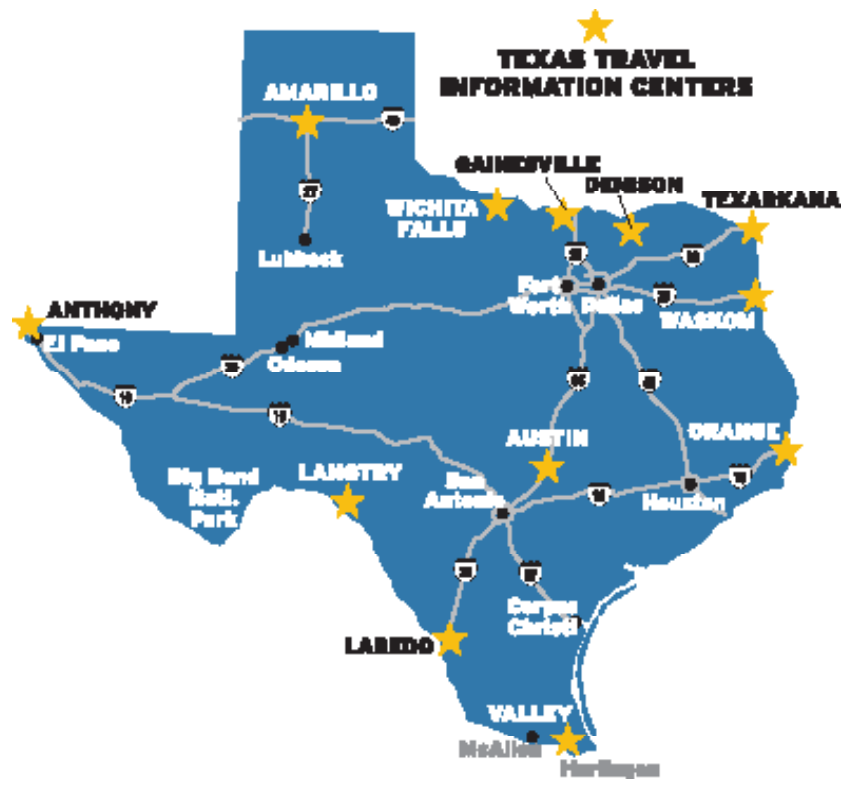
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